

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2015

1st Reading: *Exodus 16:2-4,12-15*

2nd Reading: *Ephesians 4:17,20-24*

Gospel: *John 6:24-35*



Jesus said to them, “Very truly ^{is} given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Numbers 11:4b-15, Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13, Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday: Numbers 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a, 34-35,
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14, 2 Peter 1:16-19,
Mark 9:2-10

Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40, Mathew 16:24-28

Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13, Mathew 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kings 19:4-8, Ephesians 4:30-5:2, John 6:41-51

Stewardship

Totals as of Sunday - July 26, 2015

Sunday Offering	\$1,894.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$2,612.00
Short	\$718.00

LAST WEEKEND ATTENDANCES

July 25-26 115

LAY MINISTRIES

Saturday August 8

Sunday August 9

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4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

7:00 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

Lector:

Diane Begic

Denise Gelinaz

Richardean Paige

Minister of the Cup: Mary Rose

Roger Gelinaz

Jeanette Coleman

Saturday August 15

Sunday August 16

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4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

7:00 a.m. Mass

11:15a.m. Mass

Lector:

David Didimamoff

Mary Kay L'Esperance

Sheila Wagner

Minister of the Cup: Pam Ziomek

Gerard L'Esperance

Mary Rose



Refreshments

August 9th Open

Counters

*August 9th Nancy Durden
Tony DiStefano*

Promoting Parish Stewardship

Stewardship  A Way of Life

Stewards hope and strive to be a strong witnesses of faith to others. We realize we are sent forth in love and service to walk with those in need.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday

August 11th at 6:30 PM you are welcome to be a guest.

The second collection this weekend is for Dennis Perea's Church beautification project. This is his Eagle Scout project and the first part was this Saturday that involved gardening and the second part is new a sign for the church and office. Please be generous. Thank you.

**Fr. Emmanuel's birthday is Thursday the 6th of August.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Father!!**

*Father Don address is Carter May Home/St. Joseph Residence, Room 201, 1660 Ingram Rd.,
Charleston, SC 29407 Cell # 843 599-1620.*

Father Emmanuel's **EMERGENCY ONLY NUMBER** is 803-637-2027

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to all those who are visiting or are here for the first time. If you attend St. Gerard regularly and consider this your Parish, please take the time to register by stopping by the church office or fill out a registration form found on the folder in the basket in the entrance in the hall.

Hospital Visits: If you or a loved one is in **Aiken Regional Hospital (ARMC)**. Please let St Gerards know. Remember - ARMC does not inform us of Catholic patients, even if you register as a Catholic; it is up to the patient or family to do so. You can: **ask the ARMC Chaplain to call the Catholic church, ask your nurse to inform the Catholic church (name & room number), call-St. Gerard at 649-3203 and leave a message or email St Gerard at: stgerardscatholi@Atlanticbbn.net.**

Our Sick: Please remember: **Gary Gilbault, Leonard Saunders, Shirley Paige, Williams (Bill) Cobbs, Jackie Cobbs, Woody Alexander, Lena Mickens, Frank and Shirley Acosta, Rosa Johnson, Brenda Ligon, Meg Schaeffer, Joe Fulmer and Patricia Bailey.**

Gracious Healer, I entrust my loved ones into your care. Ease the burdens that this illness brings. relieve the sharp edges of pain. Stir up hope amid adversity. Give them spiritual strength to cope with the difficulties of this situation. Encourage them to lean on you and to find comfort in your presence. Hold them close with your love as you gather them under your wing. Amen.

In Harms' Way: Please remember in your prayers our Nation and loved ones of our parishioners Currently serving in harms' way: **James Ligon, Robert McHugh, Jacob Hershey, and James Rossini.** Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

We are in the process of up dating the bulletin and making a brochure. Part of growing and getting our church out there is appearance and advertising our selves. We now have a Facebook page. Facebook@stgerardaiken. Every one please log on and like our page. Also we need ideas for the page and the brochure. Pictures also. Please contribute to the effort and let us know what you love about St. Gerard. Email all info to stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net



*August 1st 4:00 PM Rick and Annie Luck for a safe return
to The Philippines*



**Shepard Community
Blood Center**

**Shepard Community Blood Center and
The Knights of Columbus will conduct a Blood Drive
At the New Saint Mary Help of Christian Church
On Fairfield Street.**

Saturday August 8th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

Sunday August 9th from 7:45 am to 2pm.

**A mothers tears cannot save her child's life
but a pint of your blood can. Please consider becom-
ing a blood donor, and save someone's life perhaps
even your own.**

**One out of every Seven hospital patients are in need of
blood.**

Will you Choose to Give?

Thank You.

**Each donor will receive a free T-Shirt and free Lipid
Profile**

After your 3rd donation in a calendar year.

Bring a picture ID, Drivers license or donor card!

**Donors should drink plenty of water prior to
donating.**