

Pope Francis' Address to Benedict for 65th Anniversary of Pope Emeritus' Priestly Ordination

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Holiness,

Today we celebrate the history of a call that began sixty-five years ago with Your Priestly Ordination, which took place in the Cathedral of Freising on June 29, 1951. But what is the underlying note that runs through this long history and that from that first beginning up to today dominates it ever more?

In one of the many beautiful pages that you dedicate to the priesthood, you underscore how, at the hour of Simon's definitive call, Jesus, looking at him, basically asks him only one thing: "Do you love me?" How beautiful and true this is! Because it is here, you tell us, it is in that "do you love me," that the Lord founded the feeding, because only if there is love for the Lord can He feed through us: "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you" (*John* 21:15-19). This is the note that dominates a whole life spent in priestly service and true theology that you have not accidentally described as "the search for the Beloved"; it is this that you have always witnessed and still witness today: that the decisive thing in our day – of sun or rain – that alone with which all the rest comes, is that the Lord be truly present, that we desire Him, that we be close to Him interiorly, that we love Him, that we truly believe profoundly in Him and believing that we truly love Him. It is this loving that truly fills our heart, this believing is what makes us walk safely and calmly on the waters, even in the midst of a storm, in fact as happened to Peter; this loving and this believing is what enables us to look to the future, not with fear and nostalgia, but with gladness, also in the now advanced years of our life.

And so, precisely by living and witnessing today, in such an intense and luminous way, this only truly decisive thing – to have our gaze and heart turned to God – you, Holiness, continue to serve the Church, do not cease to truly contribute with vigor and wisdom to her growth; and you do so from that small *Mater Ecclesiae* Convent in the Vatican, which reveals itself to be altogether something other than one of those forgotten corners in which the disposable culture of today tends to relegate individuals when, with age, their strength fails. It is altogether the opposite; and allow your Successor to say this forcefully, who chose to call himself Francis! Because Saint Francis' spiritual journey began at San Damiano, but the true place he loved, the beating heart of the Order, there where he founded it and where finally he rendered his life to God was the Porziuncola, the "small portion," the little corner near the Mother of the Church; near Mary that, because of her very firm faith and her living so entirely of love and in love with the Lord, all generations call Blessed. Thus, Providence willed that you, dear Brother arrive in a place so to speak precisely "Franciscan" from which emanates a tranquillity, a peace, a strength, a trust, a maturity, a faith, a dedication and a fidelity that do me so much good and give strength to me and to the whole Church.

The wish with which I desire to conclude is therefore a wish that I address to you and together with all of us and with the entire Church: that you, Holiness, be able to continue feeling the hand of the merciful God that supports you, that you be able to experience and witness to us the love of God; that, with Peter and Paul, you be able to continue to exult with great joy while you journey toward the goal of the faith (cf. *1 Peter* 8-9; *2 Timothy* 4)!

Show your thanks for all your blessings by giving back. ACTS is in desperate need of volunteers to serve in our Resale Store and Client Room assisting clients with their clothing vouchers. Shifts are available Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Commit to as few or as many hours and/or days as fit your schedule. It's not only rewarding but fun, as well! Just e-mail usatvolunteer@actsofaiken.org, or call 803.649.3800 for more information.

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St. Gerard Catholic Church



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The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement
Called to be a People for Others

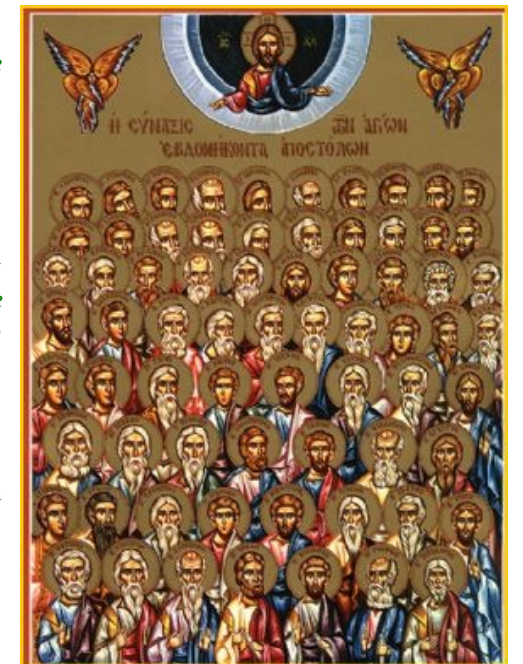
Vision Statement

Anchored by faith hope and love in Jesus Christ, we strive to be active disciples, serving each other and all God's people by welcoming and embracing the enriching diversity of our community of faith.

Father Emmanuel Andinam: Administrator

Start off now, but look, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Take no purse with you, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the laborer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is put before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you."

Luke 10:3-9



SUNDAY READINGS
First Reading:
Isaiah 66:10-14
Responsorial:
Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
Second Reading:
Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel:
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
Today's Missal

Lectionary Readings for the week of July 3, 2016
Monday: *Hosea 2:16,17c-18,21-22; Matthew 9:18-26*
Tuesday: *Hosea 8:4-7,11-13; Matthew 9:32-38*
Wednesday: *Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12; Matthew 10:1-7*
Thursday: *Hosea 11:1-4,8c-9; Matthew 10:7-15*
Friday: *Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23*
Saturday: *Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33*

Mass Times: Weekdays @ 8:15 AM, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ,
First Friday Benediction after Mass
Weekend Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM
Confessions: after weekday Masses and by Appointment
Office Hours: 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday
Bible Study: Fridays 10:00 AM resuming in the fall, **CCD:** Sundays Time TBD during school year,
RCIA: TBD
Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals: By Appointment, Contact the office.
Contact Us: Phone 803 649-3203, E-Mail stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net
Facebook @stgerardaiken, **Fr. Emmanuel's Emergency # 803 341-5933**



Pray for our sick:
 Judy Riley
 Gary Gilbert
 Marge Glouser
 Leonard Saunders
 Shirley Paige
 William and Jackie Cobbs
 Woody Alexander
 Lena Mickens
 Rosa Johnson
 Brenda and Ike Ligons
 Joe Fulmer

Work is part of God's plan for us. Through our work, we recognize our talents and use them to build the kingdom of God. Through our work as stewards, we live out our discipleship.



Pastoral Council:
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 Secretary
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Mass Intentions
 4:00 PM Mass, 7:00 AM Mass & 9:00 AM Mass
 are all said for your own personal intentions,

Weekend Offering
June 25-26, 2016
 Collection \$1,813.00
 Needed \$2,612.00
 Under \$799.00



The Gathering Hymn 683 H
 All Are Welcome
The Offertory Hymn is 495 H
 Amazing Grace
The Communion Hymn is CHOIR
 Te Deum Hymn of Praise
Our Song of Praise is 788 H
 America the Beautiful!



	Lay Ministers	
	Saturday July 9	Sunday July 10
Lector:	4:00 PM Vigil Mass David Didimamoff	7:00 AM Mass Mary Key L'Esperance
E E Ministers:	Jerry Schaeffer	Gerard L'Esperance
	Saturday July 16	Sunday July 17
Lector:	4:00 PM Vigil Mass Joan Hesik	7:00 AM Mass Denise Gelinas
E E Ministers:	Barbara Dixon	Roger Gelinas



Refreshments July 3	Refreshments July 10	Refreshments July 17
Richardean Paige/Marilu Alarcon	Matt Fitzpatrick/?	Janet Menefee/Joan Lacombe

Attendance June 25-26
 114
 Lets try to get some former members to come back. Pray for our church.

The Legion of Mary
 1:30 PM Fridays



Ask Cathy Ciani about membership



This is Feed The Valley Weekend
 Thank you and bless your gifts.

We are the Hands of Christ

Please pray for father and his Prison ministry.

Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Tuesdays at the 8:15 Mass

Please try to conduct any business with the office prior to July 12. I will be out of the office July 13-25. Mike

The Ministry Schedules have been edited please note.

We are still in the planning stage for the bazaar this fall. Ideas welcome and requested. Contact office or Wayman.

Volunteer Corner: Thanks
 Dennis Hoo Chung

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Ministry at the End of Life

The office of Continuing Education is offering a series of workshops on ministry at the end of life. Ministry to those near the end of life, those grieving, or those caring for the terminally ill is one of the most challenging things we are called to do as servants of Christ. These workshops will introduce us to the complex issues surrounding death including ethical issues, personal issues and ministerial issues. We will use presentations, role playing, case studies, and other learning experiences. Some readings will be suggested before attending the workshop. This is the first in a series of full day workshops on end of life care. This is a suggested prerequisite for attending subsequent workshops. The workshops are open to Priests, Religious, Deacons and Laity who serve those at the end of life and their caregivers. The workshops will run from 8:30am-3:30pm (lunch provided). Aiken Deanery, Thursday July 28, St. Mary Help of Christians Aiken. The workshop is limited to 30 participants; please register as soon as possible. To register for classes or more information contact Msgr. Ed Lofton or Helena Moniz office@ssttheresachurch.com. The cost is \$45.00, per person. Make checks payable to the Diocese of Charleston. Mail checks to Helena Moniz St. Theresa Church 11001 Dorchester Rd Summerville SC 29485

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats bring spiritual healing and strengthening of faith to individuals who have had or participated in an abortion. Join us on the journey to healing, peace and reconciliation. July 22-24, 2016 in Charleston, SC For information and registration call Christy 803 554 6088 or Kathy 803 546 6010

ACTS has a position opening that supports our Women's Enrichment Program, 'Coffee with JoJo'. If you have questions or need more information, please call Carla at ACTS, 649-3800.

"A wedding is a day, a marriage is a lifetime!" Catholic Engaged Encounter invites you to attend an in-parish weekend, (Sat. all day and Sunday till about 3pm - no overnight accommodations provided) - which is a highly effective marriage prep program designed to meet the needs of today's engaged couples. This program will be held at St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church in Clemson, SC, Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24. For more information or to register: www.cee-sc.org

MERCY CENTER - COLORADO SPRINGS
 2016 SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR PERSONAL GROWTH & HEALING

The Tour of Mid-Life Transitions
 August 8-12, 2016
 In Phase One of life each person will be guided by their chosen archetype that helps in creating a personal and professional life-style and identity. By mid-life each person will move into their second archetype and experience a second birth that can lead to wonderment and bliss or if resisted and ignored depression and darkness. How do you cross the "poison river" of mid-life so that the journey to personal and professional transformation can be completed? Learning how to navigate the deep waters of mid-life will be our shared exploration during this week of dare and adventure.

Spirituality & Recovery
 August 1-5, 2016
 All addictions are the absence of a grounded and embodied spirituality. If your drug of choice is food, alcohol, drugs, sex, pornography, money, love, gambling, power or control this week long program will take you to the core of your wounded self. Through mandala assessment you will discover what is missing and how personal and family grief and trauma can replicate itself in addictive thinking, feeling and behaving will lift the burden of guilt and shame. This program is designed for deep introspective moments, personal assessment and inner explorations while learning how to apply the power of prayer, forgiveness, serenity, achieving virtue and creating personal values that will guide you for a life time.

Mercy Center Inc., 520 W Buena Ventura St, Colorado Springs, CO 80907
 themercycenter@aol.com

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 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.

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@atlanticbnn.net.

Childcare Worker Position Opening
 The individual selected will provide care and supervision for children in a daycare-type environment. Lead games and activities for multiple children, keeping them engaged. Change diapers and/or clean children up after activities. The opening is a part time position and is available immediately. It is the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month (except Nov-Dec will be only the 2nd Thurs); 5:45 pm-8:15 pm (2.5 hrs per day). Location is Hope Center in Graniteville SC. Skills and abilities required: experience with children; a positive, friendly demeanor and ability to stand, kneel, bend, stoop and lift up to 30 lbs. This position supports a program that is an affiliation of ACTS, Christ Central, FamCo, and HUGS, LLC. Beginning pay \$8.00/hr. Submit resume to carla@actsofaiken.org. Additional application guidance will be provided.