



## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### **16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

Reading I: Jeremiah 23, 1-6;

Reading II: Ephesians 2, 13-18.

Gospel: Mark 6, 30-34.

Revised Roman Missal: 754

### **Gospel Summary**

Jesus and the Apostles tried to get away and take time to rest, but the crowds followed them. Jesus saw that the crowds were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34), and so he began to teach them.

### **Reflection for Parents**

In many ways, our children are “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34). They need strong shepherds to care for them, to guide them, to keep them from danger, to rescue them when they are lost, and to shepherd them in life and in faith. They look to you for such care and guidance. Take time to reflect on your role in your family as shepherd and guide. Think about the opportunities you have to shape your child’s life by the words you say and by the example you give.

### **Bringing the Good News Into Your Family**

In the spirit of today’s Gospel, plan a day together and away from home, school, work, and daily responsibilities. Choose a destination—a trip to a park, a local museum, a movie, or lunch at a favorite restaurant. Begin your special day with a prayer for safe travels and a good family day. End your special day by talking about your favorite memories of the day.

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1) When I get too busy and forget to take time to rest or play I . . .
- 2) My favorite place to get away from it all and to rest is . . .
- 3) One of the best shepherds in my faith life is . . . because . . .
- 4) Someone I can shepherd by my words and by my example is . . .

## “ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

### ◆ **SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection is for the upkeep of the Church and its surrounding. Thank you for your generosity and support.

### ◆ **DEDICATED HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR THE SICK**

The Holy Hour, after the daily Mass at 5:30pm, on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July is dedicated for praying for those who are sick. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time with the Lord in prayer.

### ◆ **ALTAR SERVERS GENERAL MEETING**

The SJC Altar Servers will be holding a General Meeting and recruitment session next Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July from 2-7pm, incorporating the Daily Mass and Holy Hour. It is compulsory for all current SJC Altar Servers to attend.

Male youth who have received their First Holy Communion who are interested in serving the Church and their parents are also welcome to attend. Parents are welcome to contact the Parish Office for further information.

### ◆ **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST SALE**

We will begin our Breakfast sale on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> July after the Mass. There will be a variety of food and drinks on sale. Please come and support this community building event.

### ◆ **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

The Sacrament of Confession is held half an hour before the weekend Masses.

### ◆ **INFANT BAPTISM**

Parents who wish to have their child baptized, please register at the Parish Office during office hours.

### ◆ **PARISH ID**

If you have registered for an ID, please collect it before the weekend Masses or at the Parish Office during working hours.

### **July – Joseph Most Faithful**

Fidelity connotes steadfastness. In the vicissitudes of life, one needs steadfast love, that is, fidelity, when encountering confusion, suffering, and failure. The image of Joseph finding a place in which the Child could be born was his movement in all of life. Failure simply meant one went on in fidelity and found by failure what God had intended for the fruitfulness of His will.

<b>DAY</b>	<b>MASS &amp; OTHER EVENTS</b>	<b>READINGS</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Monday 19</b>	16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Ex 14, 5-18; Mt 12, 38-42.	5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Ex 14, 21-15, 1a; Mt 12, 46-50	5:30 PM
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME <i>HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR THE SICK</i>	Ex 16, 1-5. 9-15; Mt 13, 1-9.	5:30 PM
<b>Thursday 22</b>	ST MARY MAGDALENE APOSTLE OF THE APOSTLES	Song 3, 1-4a or 2 Cor 5, 14-17; Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18.	5:30 PM
<b>Friday 23</b>	16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Ex 20, 1-17; Mt 13, 18-23.	12:15 PM
<b>Saturday 24</b>	16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Ex 24, 3-8; Mt 13, 24-30.	6:00 PM (Mass)
	<b>17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP</i>	2 Kgs 4, 42-44; Eph 4, 1-6. Jn 6, 1-15.	7:00 PM (Novena)
<b>Sunday 25</b>	<b>17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	2 Kgs 4, 42-44; Eph 4, 1-6. Jn 6, 1-15.	9:00 AM