

PRESENT NORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

We have begun the process of returning to a pre-pandemic celebration of the Liturgy. We will continue to follow the established guidelines we have been using, which are enumerated below. The remainder will be introduced gradually.

1. Masks: **Fully Vaccinated.** Effective May 15, 2021, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting.  
**Unvaccinated.** From ages 5 and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration.
2. Hand sanitizer: All entering the Church are asked to use hand sanitizer placed at the entrance.
3. Music Ministry: Choir may resume.
4. Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace: We are to continue the practice of refraining from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (bow or verbal gesture is appropriate).
5. Distribution of the cup: The distribution of the cup remains suppressed for deacons and the lay faithful until further notice.
6. Ushers: resume their normal procedures/functions as it was pre-Covid-19 except for collections. We will continue to use the baskets placed in the entrance.
7. Bulletins: We will continue to distribute them electronically until further notice.

*God's blessings upon you all.*

*Father Gerry*

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*16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*July 18, 2021 Year B*

In Today's Gospel reading St. Mark presents Jesus as the good shepherd fulfilling God's promise given through His prophet Jeremiah in the first reading. Here we see Jesus attending the weary apostles, who have just returned, jubilant, from their first preaching mission, while at the same time expressing concern for the people who, like "sheep without a shepherd," have gathered at their landing place in the wilderness.

Two important lessons from this Gospel passage:

- 1) We need some time to be with the Lord. 'Only me and the Lord'. A time of reflection, but also a time of renewal, re-energizing our ourselves spiritually.
- 2) To be ready to change our plans. The needs of the people sometimes will disrupt our well planned routines, will challenge our held opinions, will take us in a different direction.

We have read in our Gospel today that, Jesus took His tired Apostles for a well-deserved rest after coming back from where he had sent them. They came back happy of all they had done, their mission was a success, they wanted to tell Jesus all that had happened. But Jesus saw that they needed a rest, and it was impossible because of so many people who were coming to them, he suggested to go to deserted place where they can be by themselves. Only the Apostles and the Lord.

But when they arrived at the deserted place, they found that it was not deserted any more. The crowds from around had gone there before them. These people were hungry for food of all kinds, but especially for healings and teachings. And maybe some of them may not have even known what they were looking for; they were just looking.

When Jesus and His Disciples disembarked, He looked at the crowd and his heart was moved with pity. "For they were like sheep without a shepherd". He received them and began to teach them. He changed his initial plan. He was deeply touched, because He knew that these people are looking for something, something he alone can give.

These people had different reasons for being there. Each one of them had a hunger for something. Some just followed the crowd, they just went a long not knowing exactly what they are looking for. Others, maybe, were there to find out what Jesus was saying, they doubted his authority, they are there to find out who this man really is. Not to forget those who came because of the miracles Jesus performed. They heard about Him, he feeds people, cures the sick, so why not go and see!

And still others were looking for something in their lives. Looking for healing, for hope, for assurance. They are looking for something better than what they have and thought that maybe Jesus can give this. When Jesus arrives, He does not begin questioning each person of the reasons why they are there. He seems to understand deeply that, no matter why they all came, He will receive them personally with deep-down humanly-felt openness. Jesus accepted them all without separating, excluding, or judging. The human condition in all its forms was united in the one basic hunger. Each was hungry for completion. They represent "longing." They had not found satisfaction in fulfilling themselves. Jesus will miraculously feed their bodies. But he taught them before feeding them. He spoke to their deeper longings, their true hungers. He preached to them the good news of a new life in God.

Jesus knew that each would return to their lives again, but just maybe each was comforted in the awareness that this Person Who could teach and do wonderful things, loved them personally and collectively. Perhaps the sceptics, the arguers, the self-isolators were moved to be a little more tender and accepting of their own human insufficiency of all kinds. Perhaps they were able to live more honestly with their doubts, fears, questions, and self-poverty. And maybe others went back home determined to put into practice what they heard, seen and experienced: Love, acceptance, welcoming others, looking out for those in need.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

### TODAY'S MASS

#### First Reading:

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

#### Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

#### Second Reading:

*Ephesians 2:13-18*

#### Gospel:

*Mark 6:30-34*

### MUSIC

Entrance: Gather Us In #303

Responsorial: page 190

Offertory: Bread Life #362

Communion: Seeds Scattered & Sown #352

Meditation: You Are Mine #457

Recessional: Tell The Good News #374

### TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS

Community Leader: Gary Richardson

Altar Server: Joe Sychterz

Cantor: Cindy Powers

Eucharist Minister: Eileen O'Brien

Lectors: Ray Kostaskey/Mary Ellen Sherwood

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Barbara Vajda, Marguerite Hock & Thomas Webb*



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*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office by email or phone.*

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: July 11, 2021

Collection: \$ 2,637  
Second Collection:  
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 5,318  
Total Budget Projection: \$ 4,871



Our second collection today is for Parish Beautification.

We signed the following principal checks this week: \$135 Printer usage & service fee: \$275 Lawn Care; \$1,371 Diocesan Assessments; \$120 Religious Goods.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY



2nd, Kathy Kauffman, 4th-Lisa Forte & Eileen Wagner, 5th-Leisa DeCollibus,  
6th-Colinm Walsh, 9th-John Charbeneau, 11th-Brendan O'Brien, 13th-Tessa Stowell,  
15th-John Weidner & Serena Beckett, 16th-Jim Brown, 17th-Sal Messina,  
20th-Bettie Hodge & Andrew Bury, 21st-Kathy Swinehart, 24th-Laurie Mears,  
27th-Ingrid Borden & Jo Brown, 29th-Christine Tutak, 30th-Bill Harris.

ANNIVERSARY'S FOR JULY

7th-Bill & Georgia Campbell, 14th-Jerry & Clara Suyes, 16th-Tom & Bea Foley



GOOD BYE

Last week we said goodbye to Ron and Georgia Beville, dedicated parishioners for 16 years. Georgia was a member of the choir all that time and produced some fine liturgical crafts. They will reside at

19030 Millman Circle  
Culpeper, VA 22701



**PECANS IN THE CEMETERY**

**On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence.**

One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began Dividing the nuts.

'One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me,' said one boy. **Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.**

**Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, 'One for you, one for me, one for you, One for me...'**

**He just knew what it was.** He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along.

'Come here quick,' said the boy, 'you won't believe what I heard! **Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls"**

The man said, 'Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk.' When the boy insisted though, **the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery.**

Standing by the fence they heard, 'One for you, one for me. One for you, One for me.'

The old man whispered, 'Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord.

**Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.**

At last they heard, 'One for you, one for me. That's all.. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done....

**They say the old man had the lead for a good half-mile before the kid on the bike passed him**



On this day Michael will be Baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

We are pleased to announce the upcoming baptism on July 24, 2021

### Michael William Michalski

Born November 24, 2020

Parents:

Daniel & Adrian Michalski

Godparents: Matthew Michalski & Jennifer Miller

Grandparents: Bill & Johnna Harris



### JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee asked that we reiterate the individuals and/or programs that are eligible for grants in support of parishioner education endeavors. We did not receive any applications last year and want to ensure that everyone is aware of the opportunities. In order of priority, the following entities can apply for educational support:

- \*Graduating High School Seniors.
- \*College Students.
- \*Graduate Level Education.
- \*Parish Programs including, but not limited to, Faith Formation for Children, Adult Education, Bible Study, and Guest Speaker Seminars.
- \*Grants to St. Noa School in Uganda.
- \*Continuing Education and Workforce Development.

Any questions please call the office.



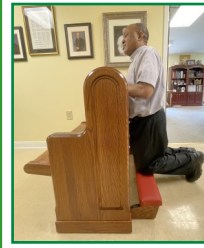
### OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS-DIOCESES OF RICHMOND



The premier of a new film, Santiago: The Camino Within, will be available to parishes for free on July 25. The film features pilgrims from around the world as they travel "The Way of St. James."

Sign up for a free pass to the film at [santiago-camino.com](http://santiago-camino.com)

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS



Remaining Memorials for now:

Pews and Choir  
Chairs \$250

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.  
Jeremiah 29:11

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- \*Will more artifacts be made available for Memorialization?  
The memorial team has identified some additional items which will be offered shortly.
- \*When can we expect to return to full normalcy in all aspects of church life and celebration? Probably not till after summer.  
Specifically, we expect to reinstitute the collection counters' ministry on 1 September with a training session in August. We have not decided on when to distribute a paper bulletin and are considering alternatives which will rely primarily on electronic distribution of same.  
Another consideration is our method of taking up the collections. Our old practice of passing the baskets between individuals may not be feasible any longer, and our

### WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Everyone, during their lifetime, accumulates "things." Personal property such as vehicles, jewelry, real estate, and savings or other financial accounts all make up the "stuff" we gather during our lifetimes.



Potential, Purpose, Promise

But what happens to those things at our deaths? Who decides where these things go? You can, if you act to create a will or other trust document. This allows you to distribute your assets to the people and causes you select; otherwise the legal system will determine the distribution-at cost.

Through your will, you can designate a gift to our church that will bless the Christian witness forever. Including the church in your will costs you nothing now yet makes a wonderful faith witness for your family, friends and others. It is a gift anyone can make, and costs nothing during lifetime.