



# July 21 – Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



- Saturday 5:00 PM (July 20):** Mendes family by daughter Teresa and family
- Sunday 9:30 AM (July 21):** Murielle and Corky Andress by Andress family
- Monday 8:30 AM (July 22):** Marc Carazo by mom, dad and Amy
- Wednesday 8:30 AM (July 24):** Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Thursday 8:30 AM (July 25):** Robert Parsons by wife and son
- Friday 8:30 AM (July 26):** Michael O'Leary by a loved one
- Saturday 5:00 PM (July 27):** Anthony Rezeli by wife Nancy
- Sunday 9:30 AM (July 28):** Joaquim G. Dias by Jose and Lurdres Amorim

## Sacrament of Penance Schedule

**Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM**  
**Before weekday Mass: 7:00-8:00 AM**  
**First Friday of the Month: 6:00-7:00 PM**  
**Confessions also by appointment, please call the Rectory Office.**



*Let us continue to remember and pray for all our deceased relatives, friends, benefactors, and parishioners, those serving in the military, those struggling with addictions, the homebound and those who are sick and have asked for our prayers. Individual names will be added to the list of Prayers for the Sick upon request from the individual or from the sick person's Power of Attorney.*

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



**First Friday, August 2**  
**4:00-7:00 PM**  
**Confession: 6:00-7:00 PM.**



If you are new to our Parish and would like to Register, please call the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335. New Parishioners are always welcome!

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

The "bad shepherds," namely the last kings of Judah, all met tragic ends. The true heir of David is coming, Our Lord Jesus, is God's justice.

### Reading II: Ephesians 2: 13-18

In Christ, peace and unity come to both Jews and Gentiles, as well as that between God and all humanity.

### The Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34

"The stage is set," so to speak, for the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Meanwhile, we see the temporary popularity of Jesus and His wonderful compassion for the people who have followed Him.



- Monday:** Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday:** Jer 1:1, 4-10 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17 Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 20:20-28
- Friday:** Jer 3:14-17 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday:** Jer 7:1-11 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday:** Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15



### Sanctuary Candle

Marc Carazo by mom, dad and Amy.

### St. Joseph Altar (2)

Health of Terry O'Neil by wife.



Remember God doesn't take a Summer vacation! So, you shouldn't forget Him on your Summer vacation. He will be home in every Parish and any Parish can be your home away from home for weekend Mass. Visit [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) for a Church near you.

7/27-28	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	T. Matsko/James	Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	L. Matsko
9:30 AM	K. Erickson	Fr. Mullins/L. Koons/James (choir)	J/J Scarpati/C. Tubbs



This weekend the Eucharistic Congress will end their five days of transformation, prayer and community in Indianapolis; there will be 200 bishops, 1,000 priests, and 50,000 lay people coming together to celebrate the wonders of the Holy Eucharist. There will be talks by national and international speakers on the Holy Eucharist, adoration and processions with the Blessed Sacrament, various concerts and drama plays, vendors, and of course the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Hopefully, you'll be able to watch some of it, whether on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) or to see various clips on the U.S. Bishop's website: [www.USCCB.org](http://www.USCCB.org) or at: [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org). The Holy Eucharist is the highest form of worship; it offers to our heavenly Father the perfect sacrifice of His beloved Son in an unbloody manner. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1324-1327), states that, "*The Eucharist is the source and summit*" of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it.

**On Saturday, 10 August 2024 at 9:00 AM** in our church, there will be a training for new Extraordinary Ministers (EMs) of Holy Communion. Adult parishioners in good standing who have all their sacraments and have a devotion to our Lord in the Holy Eucharist are encouraged to participate. Call the rectory office to register at: (610) 826-2335.

**Farewell to James Ngô**, our summer seminarian! Sunday, 28 July 2024 after the morning Mass in the Parish Hall. James helped serve for the past two months as a Lector or as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Masses, he led a Catechism series on the virtues, and he led a Bible Study. He also assisted Father Mullins with visiting the sick in their homes and in hospitals. We pray for him and his continued studies and discernment at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Please join us for some cake and coffee in thanksgiving for the service James provided and wish him farewell. Also, winners in our **Christmas in July Raffle** will be selected by James. Be sure that your tickets are submitted beforehand so that he can pick your ticket!

**Gospel Reflection by James:** As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings emphasize the authority and mission of the Church.

In the First Reading, Jeremiah criticizes Israel's leaders for misleading and scattering God's people through their godlessness and fanciful teachings. He assures that God will send a shepherd, a king, and a descendant of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint new shepherds for them. The crowd gathering on the green grass in today's Gospel represents the beginning of the remnant Jeremiah promised would return to Israel's meadow. The people appear to recognize Jesus as the Lord, the good shepherd, and the awaited king.

Jesus, seeing the people as sheep without a shepherd, is moved with compassion. Moses used this phrase to describe Israel's need for a successor. Just as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth.

In God's plan, the Church is to first seek out the lost sheep of Israel and then bring all nations into the fold. In today's Epistle, Paul sees the Church as a new creation, where those nations once distant from God are united with the children of Israel as "one new person."

As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, continues to lead people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom and the restful waters of baptism. He still anoints with the oil of confirmation and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing.

***Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark  
Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 PM  
Parish Center***

Please join James, as he continues our Bible Study series on the Gospel of Mark. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there and growing together in faith. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Parish Office.

**Word of the Week: Asceticism** - The practice of penance, mortification, and self-denial to promote greater self-mastery and to foster the way of perfection by embracing the way of the cross.



**Saint of the Week: Bridget of Sweden** (1303-1373) grew up the oldest of three children in a holy family. From the time she was a child, she was very dedicated to the passion of Jesus. When she was only ten years old, she records that she had a

vision of Jesus on the cross and heard him say, "Look at me, my daughter. Who treated you like this?" Little Bridget exclaimed. "Those who despise me and reject my love for them." From that moment on, Bridget tried to prevent people from offending Jesus. She married at a young age, but she and her husband set their hearts on serving God. They had eight children, one of whom was Saint Catherine of Sweden. Bridget worked as the queen's personal maid. Bridget tried to help King Magnus and Queen Blanche live a better life, however, for the most part, they didn't listen to her. All her life, Bridget had wonderful visions and received special messages from God. After her husband died, Bridget threw away her rich clothes and lived as a poor nun. Later, in 1346, she began the order of the Holy Savior, also known as the Bridgettines. She still kept her own life busy, caring for the poor and sick, traveling to do good everywhere she went. And through all this activity, Jesus continued to reveal to her many secrets, which she received without the slightest pride. Shortly before she died, the saint went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In the sanctuaries there, she had visions of what Jesus had said and done in each place. All of Saint Bridget's revelations about Jesus' sufferings were published after her death. Saint Bridget died in Rome on July 23, 1373. She was proclaimed a saint by Pope Boniface IX in 1391. Feast Day: 23 July.

**Saint Quote of the Week:** *"There is no sinner in the world who cannot recover the grace of God by turning to Mary and asking for her help."* - Saint Bridget of Sweden.



**Young Adults:** Ages 18-35 are invited to join us Saturday, August 3 after the 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass in the Parish Yard (behind the Rectory) for some outdoor yard games, s'mores and to say farewell to our Seminarian James. Questions contact Susan Cook for more information at: 610-751-8177 or [susanhyacinthcook@gmail.com](mailto:susanhyacinthcook@gmail.com).

**Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)**

**#368 "When is an act morally good?"**

An act is morally good when it assumes simultaneously the goodness of the object, of the end, and of the circumstances. A chosen object can by itself vitiate an act in its entirety, even if the intention is good. It is not licit to do evil so that good may result from it. An evil end corrupts the action, even if the object is good in itself. On the other hand, a good end does not make an act good if the object of that act is evil, since the end does not justify the means. Circumstances can increase or diminish the responsibility of the one who is acting but they cannot change the moral quality of the acts themselves. They never make good an act which is in itself evil."

**#369 "Are there acts which are always illicit?"**

There are some acts which, in and of themselves, are always illicit by reason of their object (for example, blasphemy, homicide, adultery). Choosing such acts entails a disorder of the will, that is, a moral evil which can never be justified by appealing to the good effects which could possibly result from them."



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Bishop Schlert has announced **Monday, October 21, 2024** for our Parish Confirmation. All Students who will be Confirmed and their families please mark your calendar. Also, there is a mandatory meeting scheduled for all confirmands and parents on Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00 PM in the church.



**Registration for the 2024-2025 School year for children who are entering first to eighth grade**, and not enrolled in Catholic School, are required to be registered in a parish education program. **Religious Education PREP registration packets** are available for download on the church website ([www.shcpalmerton.org](http://www.shcpalmerton.org)) under Religious Education, or you can pick one up at the Rectory. Call Steve Uhnak with questions at the Rectory Office: 610-826-2335 or email your questions to: [shccre@ptd.net](mailto:shccre@ptd.net).

**If your child**, prior to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, has not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation please contact Father Mullins to discuss appropriate steps to bring your child up-to-date. Those in high school or older should call Father Mullins for information regarding entering our RCIA Program.


## Weekly Collection

7/20-21: In Support of the Parish  
**Second Collection:** Church in Central and Eastern Europe

7/27-28: In Support of the Parish  
**Second Collection:** Education Fund

**Attendance Weekly Goal:** 450  
Actual 7/13-7/14 291

**Our Sunday Offering** is our main source of income. We thank all who have sacrificed so generously to continue to support our Parish and its ministries during this year.

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**PreK:** Children 3-4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024.

**Kindergarten:** Children age 5 by October 15, 2024.  
**New Students:** Grades 1 through 8.

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**SJNRS Summer Office Hours:**  
*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:*  
**9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

**SJNRS Summer Camp: Cooking.**  
**All invited ages 8-14.**  
**July 22-25** (Monday through Thursday)  
12 Noon – 3:00 PM.  
Details call: 610-826-2354.

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Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. We are grateful to our parishioners who have already pledged their support to the Appeal. If you have not taken the opportunity to make a gift, you may drop off your pledge form at the Rectory Office or place it in the collection basket or visit the Appeal website at: [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

**Sacred Heart's Bible Study Group** will meet Wednesday, July 24 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend. Call Peg Duell at: 610-826-8009 for details or stop by this Wednesday, July 24!



**Win up to \$1,000.** Tickets will be available to purchase (\$10/ticket) after Mass this weekend in the vestibule of the Church. Next Sunday, after 9:30 AM Mass the winners will be selected. Be sure to return your tickets to the Rectory in time! Buy or sell five tickets and you will automatically get an extra ticket free. Cash prizes: **1st prize: \$1,000, 2nd prize: \$500, 3rd Prize: \$150, 4th Prize: \$50 and 5th Prize: \$50.** *Thank you to Harold Schisler and Campton Funeral Home for sponsoring the tickets!* Good Luck to all!



**Mark your Calendar for Sunday, August 11.**  
**Bingo starts 1:00 PM.**

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