

Zeal and Determination

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. [Mark 6:34](#)

Both Jesus and the Twelve Apostles had been working very hard. The Twelve had been out on mission to many of the neighboring towns preaching, healing the sick and casting out demons. Upon the completion of their mission, they returned to Jesus and reported all that they had done. Jesus, in turn, invited them to “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” But the crowds heard about their departure by boat and quickly went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee so that they would arrive before Jesus and the Twelve.

The passage quoted above reveals the internal reaction that Jesus had toward the crowds as He and the Twelve disembarked from the boat. Though they had attempted to go away together to a quiet place for rest, the crowds were intent on being with them. Jesus, of course, was not upset that the crowds had spoiled His attempt to find some quiet time with the Twelve. Instead, His heart was moved with compassion. He could see that the people were hungry for more and were “like sheep without a shepherd.” For that reason, Jesus immediately began to feed them with His teachings.

A helpful point to ponder in this passage is that the people who gathered were described as a “vast crowd.” From the subsequent passage in Mark’s Gospel, we learn that when Jesus finished teaching them many things, He performed the miracle of the multiplication of fish and bread and fed 5,000 men, not counting the women and children. Given the fact that the estimated ratio at that time of adult men to women and children was at least 5:1, the crowd could have been as large as 25,000 people. For a spontaneous gathering of people in a remote area by the Sea of Galilee, that is a huge number. This is especially the case, since it is estimated that there were only about 1,500 people living in Capernaum at that time. People had flocked to our Lord from very far away.

This vast and spontaneous gathering reveals to us the hunger that Jesus instilled in the hearts of very many people. Some of these people had already heard Jesus speak and had witnessed His miracles. Others were those to whom the Twelve had just preached in the surrounding villages. The Twelve had spoken clearly and convincingly by the power of the Holy Spirit about Jesus, and many people responded, wanting to know more about our Lord.

As you ponder the enthusiasm of so many people, try to compare that with your own enthusiasm for Jesus. Are you driven to seek Him out with the same passion and zeal that consumed these first followers? Or do you find that your zeal and enthusiasm are lacking at times? This vast crowd, with their zeal and determination to seek out our Lord, should be a source of inspiration and self-examination for us all.

Reflect, today, upon this vast crowd. Try to see yourself joining them. Ponder yourself being so moved by the preaching of the Apostles that you become single-focused in your determination to be fed by Jesus’ holy teaching. If it is hard to imagine yourself acting this way, then humbly acknowledge that you may need more zeal for Jesus in your life. Pray that these holy desires become stirred up within you, and do all that you can to foster such zeal.

My compassionate Lord, the vast crowds sought You out to listen to You and to be fed by Your holy Word. They burned with a desire to be with You, and You responded to them with great mercy. Please fill my heart with the same zeal and desire for You. Teach me, Lord, feed me and draw me close to You. Jesus, I trust in You.

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

July 21, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
12:30 pm English Mass

Reconciliation: Sundays at 10:00 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony:

The family should be registered and active at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick:

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welcome

to our parish

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Lectionary #107 Liturgical color: green

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1 – 6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23:1 – 3, 3 – 4, 5, 6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13 – 18

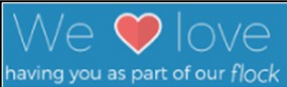
Gospel: Mark 6:30 – 34

Gloria

Creed

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high. Together with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



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SCAN TO SIGN UP




Binding Prayer for Fair and Moral Elections by Father Chad Ripperger

By the Power of the Precious Blood, with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I petition Our Lord Jesus Christ, to bind any spirit that interferes with fair and moral elections in the United States, to go to the foot of the Cross and receive their sentence. Amen

The formation of our future priests

is a critical responsibility for our diocese, and we rely heavily on the support of generous donors like you to make this possible. The cost of educating and training a seminarian for the priesthood on average costs \$50,000 annually, and it is becoming increasingly challenging to meet these expenses without additional assistance from our faithful community. **We need your help** to ensure that our seminarians receive the resources and guidance necessary to become dedicated and faithful priests who will serve our communities for many years to come.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY

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| 14 | Sunday | Pro Populo |
| 15 | Monday | |
| 16 | Tuesday | |
| 17 | Wednesday | Dennis Kennedy † |
| 18 | Thursday | |
| 19 | Friday | |
| 20 | Saturday | |
| 21 | Sunday | Pro Populo |

Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!
St. Anne ... Pray for us!



Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule:

During Lent: Low Mass Saturdays @ 7:00 am
Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am
12:30 pm



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That our prayers may find the heart of every priest and bishop.

A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

Please contact Linda Pearson if you are interested in joining her at 509-879-0753 or email sookiesue@msn.com

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"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus."

St. John Vianney



Pray the Rosary for Eucharistic Revival With Mary, draw closer to her Son as you ponder these mysteries.

Mary, Jesus' first tabernacle, leads us to adore and follow him in all the joys, lights, and sorrows of this earth to the unending glory of reigning with him in heaven.

Pray all 20 mysteries focusing on the renewed Eucharistic fervor.

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AUGUST 11-16, 2024

01 LOCATION

Shoshone Mountain Retreat
29216 Coeur d'Alene River Rd.
Wallace, Idaho 83873

02 REGISTRATION

For current 6th-8th grade students.
Registration Opens via Eventbrite on
May 1, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.



REGISTER HERE

03 COST

Total cost is \$400. A \$50 deposit will be collected via Eventbrite (scan QR code). The remaining balance will be payable to the Diocese of Spokane by August 1, 2024

04 ACTIVITIES

Prayers, sacraments, camp fire, singing, archery, zip lining, rock climbing, hiking, swimming, slip 'n slide, giant swing, holy mass, high ropes, adoration, catechesis and more



Questions?

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