



Holy Spirit

OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH

XV Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 July 2024

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Welcome!

Are you seeking...

To belong to a community of faith
to provide you with something deeper?

A place to be oneself, warts and all?

A place to taste diversity?

A place to weep?

A place to sing?

A place to weep while singing?

A place to feel the depth of life? A place to know God?

We now welcome you home. Christ's peace be with you!



EPHESIANS 1:11

Celebrating Life and Love...

Please, be sure to stop in the parish center
to sign and send your love in our Greeting Cards!

Happy Birthday to: Terry Z. 07/16, Maria A. 07/17, Pam C. 07/23, Debbie R. 07/23, Vera R. 07/30, Bro. Will 08/08, Sarah P. 08/11, Rich J. 08/20, and Ann-Lis W. 08/29.

Happy Anniversary to: Dick and Ann-Lis 07/21, Bob and Mark 08/18.

When We Gather Next...

Sunday, 21 July 2024, 10:30am

XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Presider: **Bp. Steven**

Greeters: **Eric B. & volunteer**

Acolyte: **Bro. David**

Lectors: (1) **Wayne C.** (2) **Mary M.**

Ministers of the Cup: **Fr. Daniel, Bro. David & volunteer**

Coffee Social Hosts: **Parishioner Last Names A-D**

Homilist: **Bp. Steven**

Welcome: **Mary Jo G.**

Intercessions: **Mary M.**

Altar Bread Baker: **Fr. Daniel**

Thank YOU for your faithful and loving service at the altar of the Lord in community. You bless us!

Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

“Always pray in the Spirit, with all your prayers and petitions.

Pray constantly and attentively for all God’s holy people.” (Ephesians 6:18)

•Daryl, aggressive prostate cancer, friend of Bro. David. •Greg, aggressive cancer, friend of Bro. David. †Hannah Caron, R.I.P. 05/07/2024, lifelong friend of Deb. S. †Ralph Carte, R.I.P. 04/12/2024, father of Carter •Bro. Tom, cardiac health •For peace in Palestine, Ukraine and throughout our world •For our parish community: *our growth and faith* •Ken S., healing •For all who struggle with mental health in our community and families •For those deeply impacted by severe weather •For vocations to ministry and consecrated life from among us. †All victims of war. †For our deceased clergy and parishioners. †For the victims of gun violence.

The Road Ahead Together...

TWELVE STEP MEETING at Holy Spirit:

-Alcoholics Anonymous, Thursdays, 7pm, social hall.

MUSIC MINISTRY PRACTICE -temporarily cancelled as Gordon heals from his shoulder injury.

HURRICANE SEASON! -June 1st thru November 30th
Please note well: Anytime a **Tropical Storm Warning** or **Hurricane Warning** has been issued for Pinellas County **ALL** previously scheduled events and gatherings are automatically cancelled and will not resume until the all-clear is given by Pinellas County Emergency Management. Please, prepare now! Have a plan! Be ready!

AUGUST SHARING SUNDAY, -Sunday, August 4th
Hard to believe but school bells resume August 12th! Our care turns toward the young children whom the *Pinellas County Sheriff's Dept* is aware of their need. We seek **back packs and school supplies** to help these young people be ready for a very good school year. Thank you for your thoughtful and generous consideration for our children.

OPENING BELL for the NEW SCHOOL YEAR

-Monday, August 12th, Pinellas County Schools. Drive safely!

HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS for the ASSUMPTION of the BVM
Wednesday, August 14th, 7pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, Wednesday, August 21st, 7pm
(The Council does not gather in July)

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, Monday, September 2nd

Pastoral Perpenderings

to perpender, verb. *"to weigh carefully in the mind."*

Good morning, dearest Community and Friends!

Today we celebrate the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time...the season of green vestments in most liturgical sacramental churches like our own Holy Spirit Old Catholic Church. So what's with the green?

Green is primarily used to symbolize the themes of hope and life. It is associated with the growth and vitality of life in nature, reflecting spiritual growth and life in the Church.

Green is the color most commonly used during "Ordinary Time." This is the period in the liturgical calendar that falls outside the major liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time encompasses two periods: one between the Baptism of the Lord and Ash Wednesday, and the other between Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. This time is not "ordinary" in the sense of being commonplace, but rather it means ordered or numbered time.

During Ordinary Time, the Church focuses on the continuous growth of its members in faith and their deepening relationship with Christ. The green vestments worn by the clergy during these times are meant to remind the community of their ongoing call to spiritual renewal and growth.

Thus, green vestments serve as a visual cue for themes of renewal and growth in the life of the Church, appropriate for the reflective and growth-oriented character of Ordinary Time.

So, do you like the color green?

Today Jesus sends His disciples out to preach, teach, and heal. Jesus was wise. Jesus knew that since they were beginning preachers they would need support. He also realized that the disciples would be more effective if they had companions in this ministry. Thus, He sent them out in pairs.

Jesus instructed the disciples to take nothing with them on their journey: no food, no extra clothing, no money. This meant that His disciples would have to depend on the generosity of the people to meet their needs. I wonder how Jesus' disciples reacted to His instructions. Were they tempted to carry some food or a change of clothing along with them or did they trust that God and generous people would provide for them?

The disciples left and began preaching. Amazingly, they were able to work miracles! They drove out demons and cured people who were seriously ill. Imagine what was it like for these disciples to have the ability to perform healings and miracles, to preach and to teach. These men were not learned. They were simple fishermen and workers, yet Jesus empowered them to bring healing and give spiritual food to others.

Today Jesus also calls us to preach and teach. We are His disciples in our world. Jesus calls us to reach out and touch others with our love, care, and concern. In a world in which most everyone is too busy to slow down, we can give the gift of our interest, time, and support. This may not sound like much of a gift, but a few minutes of being present to another person may be the most precious gift he or she will receive today.

Who knows: perhaps you will be blessed when someone gifts you with their attention and care!

sermon notes:

Who is
Speaking?

Where in
the Bible?

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____

Who is
the passage
talking about?

What
happened?

my
favorite
song was:

here
you
draw
something:

I learned:

I didn't
understand:

Words
I don't know

Date: _____

A Prayer: Giving Thanks for Summer

God, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

*Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.*

*Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside
and enjoy Your creation.*

*Thank You for the increased time I have
to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.*

*Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.*

*Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.*

*As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.*



This Morning's Sacred Liturgy

Today's Intention: *For the growth of our parish.*

Prelude: **Lord of All Hopefulness** GC2 560
Welcome and Announcements Mthr. Sharon

Gathering Song: Rain Down GC2 505

Kyrie Litany Dcn. Jan

Gloria: Mass of Creation GC2 138

Opening Prayer Mthr. Sharon

Reading I: *Amos 7:12-15* Wayne C.

Response: **℟. Lord, show us Your mercy and love,
and grant us Your salvation.** Psalm 85
Wayne C.

Reading II: *Ephesians 1:3-14* Bro. Walt

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Halle GC2 261

Holy Gospel: *Mark 6:7-13* Dcn. Jan

Homily Mthr. Sharon

Profession of Faith: **Alternative Creed** (*cf. inside back cover hymnal*)

Intercessions: ℟. Christ, graciously hear us! Dcn. Jan

Kiss of Peace

Preparation of the Gifts: Hosea GC2 405

Eucharistic Prayer: Mass of Creation GC2 147-149

Lord's Prayer: Our Father plain chant

Lamb of God Litany: Mass of Creation GC2 152

Invitation to Holy Communion Dcn. Jan

Cup Ministers: Dcn. Jan, Fr. Daniel & Bro. David

Communion Procession: East This Bread GC2 806

Song of Praise: Here I Am, Lord GC2 671

Prayer after Communion Mthr. Sharon

Blessing and Sending

Sending Song: We Are Called GC2 710

Coffee Social Hosts: Parishioner Last Names S-W