



THEY WERE LIKE
SHEEP WITHOUT
A SHEPHERD.
- MK 6:34

16TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

July 18, 2021

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

- Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
- Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc, 2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
- Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

- Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Mary Magdalene
- Friday:** St. Bridget, Religious
- Saturday:** St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?



St. Lawrence
OF BRINDISI
JULY 21



*I say to the
Lord, you
are my Lord,
you are my
only good.*

— PSALM 16:2 —

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. | Convent Chapel

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.
Livestreaming available on our website,
Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except
during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months prior
to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday Mass



"Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind..."

Saturday, July 17, 2021

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Melva Williams and Deacon Everett Williams,
Elodie Gabriel, Darrell Gabriel and Bruce Gabriel

Sunday, July 18, 2021

For the People of the Parish

In Memory of: Joyce Anthony, Virginia Richardson Sims and
Geraldine Small



Please remember in your prayers: The intentions of the Holy Father and for:

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Patricia Adam, Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Diane Austin, Nathaniel Banks, Nancy Barabino, Barbara Blanchard, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Herman Cade, Augustine Cain, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Joyce Coleman, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Bonnie Easton, Elaine Ewell, Leo Francisco, Cameron Fritz, Beverly R. Gilmore, Gilda Griffin, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Olga Jackson, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Fern Kern, Ruth Kennedy, Shanna Lucien, Felicia Meyers, Arizona Moore, Germaine Nash, Keith Newton, Thomas Phillips, Audrey Pierce, Janice Picou, Osborne Picou, Sr., Bernice Pinkney, Albert Poree, Gertrude Powell, Mildred V. Prudeaux, Joyce Randolph, Nakeisha Rhea, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Angela Simon, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Alma M. Smith, Bill Starr, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, George Tillman, Mildred Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When has my compassion for someone or for
others pushed aside my own needs? How can I
put others' needs first more often?

Prayer Line

508.924.5792

Noon Prayer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Bible Study

Thursdays | 6:00 p.m.

Parish News!

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- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Today's second collection is for the Black & Indian Mission. Envelopes are provided for your convenience. Please be generous.
- **MINISTRIES:** Our Parish is seeking parishioners to serve in various parish ministries. If you are interested in serving, our Parish Ministry Roundup will be held July 24-25. Please consider serving, parish life depends on you!
- **TAKE A SHOT AT A MILLION:** Starting June 21, 2021 at noon all Louisiana residents that have received at least one COVID vaccine are eligible to register to win a million dollars. Be in that number by registering at shotatamillion.com. You may just win!
- **ROSARY:** The Recitation of the Rosary as scheduled during the quarantine has been discontinued. Thanks to the Holy Name Society for leading us in prayer during this time. Please join the Holy Name Society as they continue to pray the Rosary during the scheduled Radio Rosary. The next scheduled Radio Rosary is August 5th.
- **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please submit all bulletin entries and announcements to the parish office by close of business (4:00 pm) on Wednesdays of each week.

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