



Adoration of the Trinity
Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528)

**From the treatise On the Mysteries
by Saint Ambrose, bishop**

All this was a sign of what was to come

The Apostle teaches you that our fathers were all covered by the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. Further, Moses in his canticle says: You sent your spirit, and the sea overwhelmed them. You observe that in this crossing by the Hebrews there was already a symbol of holy baptism. The Egyptian perished; the Hebrew escaped. What else is the daily lesson of this sacrament than that guilt is drowned, and error destroyed, while goodness and innocence pass over unharmed?

You are taught that our fathers were covered by the cloud, a cloud of blessing that cooled the fire of bodily passions. A cloud of blessing: it is with a cloud of blessing that the Holy Spirit overshadows those whom he comes to visit. The Holy Spirit came at last upon the Virgin Mary, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her, when she conceived for all mankind him who is redemption. This great miracle was prefigured through Moses. If then the Spirit was prefigured, is he not now present in truth, for Scripture tells you that the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ?

Marah was a spring of bitter water. When Moses threw wood into it, its water became sweet. Water, you see, is of no avail for future salvation without the proclamation of the Lord's cross. But when it has been consecrated through the saving mystery of the cross, it is then ready for use in the laver of the Spirit and in the cup of salvation. Therefore, as Moses in his role of prophet threw wood into the spring of Marah, so also the priest sends out into the fountain of baptism the proclamation of the Lord's cross and the water becomes sweet, ready for the giving of grace.

Do not then believe only what the eyes of your body tell you. What is not seen is here more truly seen, for what is seen belongs to time but what is not seen belongs to eternity. What is not comprehended by the eyes but is seen by the mind and the soul is seen in a truer and deeper sense.

Finally, learn from the readings we have gone through from the books of the Kings. Naaman was a Syrian; he was a leper,

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 July 2023

Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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This week's office hours:

OUT OF THE OFFICE (Katie's on vacation)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 9:00 am

Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am

Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am

Wednesday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

Bishop Vetter's Annual Pastoral Visit

- ◆ Visitation of St. Joseph Mission in Charlo, Friday, July 28th at 2:00 pm
- ◆ Followed by Mass at Sacred Heart in Ronan at 3:00 pm
- ◆ Mass at Immaculate Conception in Polson, Sunday, August 6th at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon



Needed:

A couple more substitute volunteers for the flower watering team!

If you can help, please contact Marilyn at:
406-696-9293

Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.



ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital
Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm
Friday at 9:00 am

DIVINE MERCY RADIO

90.7 FM
*DMR is a locally
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All homilies are
available on YouTube
and can be found by
searching the full name
Fr. Kevin Christofferson.

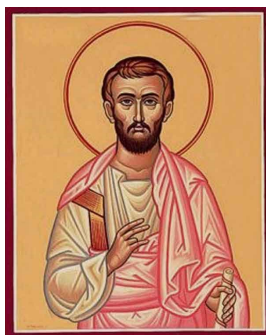
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and could not be healed by anyone. Then a girl from among the captives said that there was a prophet in Israel who could cleanse him from the disease of leprosy. Taking gold and silver, we are told, he went to see the king of Israel. The king, on learning the reason for his coming, rent his garments, saying that it was really to find an excuse against him, for what he was being asked was beyond the power of a king.

Elisha, however, told the king to send the Syrian to him, and he would learn that there was a God in Israel. When he came, Elisha ordered him to bathe seven times in the river Jordan. Then Naaman began to reflect that the rivers of his own country had better waters, and that he had often bathed in them, and never been cleansed of his leprosy. This gave him pause, and he refused to obey the prophet's instructions. But on the advice and persuasion of his servants he yielded and bathed, and was instantly made clean. He realized then that it is not waters that make clean but grace.

Here was a man who doubted before being made whole. You are already made whole, and so ought not to have any doubt.

St. James the Greater,
Apostle
Feast Day July 25th



Sts. Martha, Mary,
and Lazarus
Feast Day July 29th

St. Joachim & St. Anne
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Feast Day July 26th



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Readings:

FIRST READING: Wis 12:13,16-19

RESPONSORIAL: Ps. 86:(5a)5-6,9-10,15-16;

R. *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

SECOND READING: Rom 8:26-27

ALLELUIA: *Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.* - Cf. Mt 11:23

GOSPEL: Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The truth that God is at work in all the actions of his creatures is inseparable from faith in God the Creator. God is the first cause who operates in and through secondary causes: "For God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." Far from diminishing the creature's dignity, this truth enhances it. Drawn from nothingness by God's power, wisdom and goodness, it can do nothing if it is cut off from its origin, for "without a Creator the creature vanishes." Still less can a creature attain its ultimate end without the help of God's grace. (CCC 308)

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 22nd

Vigil of the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Repose of the Soul of Mike McCloud rb Teri Daigneault

Sunday, July 23rd

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Repose of the Soul of Julie Jackson, rb Rita Rehbein/

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Wednesday, July 26th

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM

Repose of the Soul of Don Smith, rb Teri Daigneault

Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception

\$11,001 of \$175,000 (6%)

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph

\$2,193 of \$44,500 (7%)

I.C. Building Fund Progress:

\$1,400 of \$20,000 (5%)



Thank you for your generosity!

Humbly asking for your prayers

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Vicki Weiss, Jason Avison, Floyd Smith, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Donna Radtke, Bill Rueth, Frank Delgado, Jan Irwin, Monte Jenkins, Brady Hout.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for July

For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Alex Olmes, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Matt Keck, Anthony Olmes, Jack Peed, James Semling, and Kaleb Mitchell.

