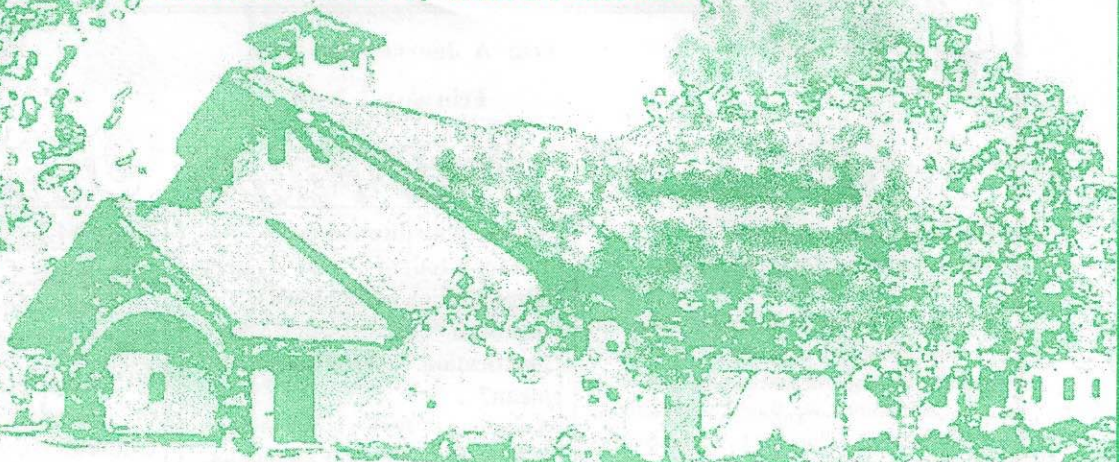


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## MASS SCHEDULE

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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July 18, 2021

### Good News

### dear Padre

### OLS News

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • Jer 23:1–6; Eph 2:13–18; Mk 6:30–34**

Follow the leader. This is not simply the name of a childhood game. It is actually an essential directive for living. We learn so many things in life because we followed someone. That is how we learned to read, to play a musical instrument, to speak another language, or to understand social behavior.

Many nations at the time of Jeremiah represented their kings as shepherds, leading the people to verdant pastures and restful waters. We see this in the art they left behind. However, many of the kings of Jeremiah's day were not good leaders—not attentive shepherds, nor faithful to God, who had entrusted the people to their care. Consequently, God stepped in to be their shepherd. This is the image of the divine shepherd found in the responsorial psalm. Jesus also characterized religious leaders as shepherds. He was distraught that the people were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34).

Is this situation different today? Many are eager to follow a leader, but which one? Ours is a multicultural, pluralistic, international society with innumerable viewpoints. Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed? Which worldly leaders should we follow? It's apparent that our leaders, both civic and religious, disagree on certain matters. What are we to do? The issue is not “with whom do I agree?” but rather “whose point of view makes me a better person? More compassionate? More understanding? More selfless? More Christlike?” Are we following the right leader? ---Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

*I read this is the liturgical year of Mark, that next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year, Luke. Then it starts over with Mark again. Why doesn't John have a year?*

The purpose in a three-year cycle of readings at Mass was primarily a pastoral one. “The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 51).

All of Scripture is the word of God, but “Christ, present in His word, proclaims the Gospel” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 29). Moreover, Christ reveals Himself to us from four different Gospel perspectives. For some people, John's version—often deeply symbolic and theological—can be pastorally challenging.

The semicontinuous reading of the three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) “provides a presentation of each Gospel's distinctive doctrine as well as a development of the Lord's life and preaching” (*Lectionary for Mass*, 1970; 16,1). Nevertheless, John's Gospel appears in all three cycles. For example, five readings from chapter six on the bread of life are inserted in Year B, when Mark's short Gospel is proclaimed. John's Gospel is also read during Easter and scattered throughout the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Lent.

---Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

#### Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM

Confessions: Saturdays 4 to 4:30 PM or by appointment

The Parish Picnic will be held at 11:30AM on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Come enjoy the fun, and get to meet and socialize with friends, visitors, and fellow parishioners!! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served, courtesy of the Altar Society. Sign-up sheet in Social Hall, so we will know how much food to prepare.

As restrictions are lifted for the pandemic, it is our wish that parishioners go back to attending mass in person. Therefore, the Liturgy Council has decided to suspend the livestreaming of masses, unless circumstances determine otherwise. Fr. Joshua's Sunday homilies will still be published at our Facebook page.

Mark your calendars: The next Bible Study Course begins on Wed. August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Social Hall. There will be 8 sessions on the Gospel of St. John. Call or email Larry and Debbie Rives at (530)941-5506, or [drives1975@hotmail.com](mailto:drives1975@hotmail.com)

If you are taking Communion to a sick person, the Pyx is to be placed on the Altar before Mass and will be given to you when you receive Communion.

From May through October, a Maintenance collection will be taken up at all weekend Masses (our 2nd collection). This Maintenance Collection helps to keep our church and grounds in perfect condition. Thank you! The only exceptions will be weekends that have a Diocesan Collection.

Please take a moment and say a prayer for all our sick parishioners.



*Pray for the Sick and Deceased  
Loved ones.  
Prayer is the best armor we have.  
It is the key which opens the  
heart of God. St. Padre Pio*

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### Weekly Mass Intentions

July 10	Saturday	5:00 pm	Mass for the Parish
July 11	Sunday	9:30 am	Charles Webb †
July 12	Monday		NO MASS
July 13	Tuesday	8:30 am	George Gibbons †
July 14	Wednesday	8:30am	Michael Eddy †
July 15	Thursday	8:30 am	Special Intention
July 16	Friday	8:30 am	Vernon Burgess

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### This Weekend's Ministry Schedule

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Holy Hour is held on the First Friday of every month from 5 PM to 6 PM, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Next Holy Hour: Friday, August 6th. "Lord, may our minds be radiant in Your Presence, with the strength of our yearning for You."

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and lessen your burden.