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Dear Parishioners,

One of my favorite verses from Scripture is found in Psalm 46, "Be still, and know that I am God!" Seems simple enough, almost too easy. But how many of us can be still? We are taught from a young age not to waste time. There is always so much to do. But what does all this busyness betray about us, about our attitudes? I believe the second part of this verse hints at an answer. When the Lord speaks to us in Scripture telling us to know that he is God, what is being communicated is that we are not God. God causes the world to go round, we do not. Life will go on if we disengage for a while. In today's Gospel passage Jesus invites the apostles to, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." I invite you to do likewise.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:00 am

Mass for Healing: Thursday evenings 6:30 pm with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the first Thursday of the Month instead of Mass

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Lectio Divina

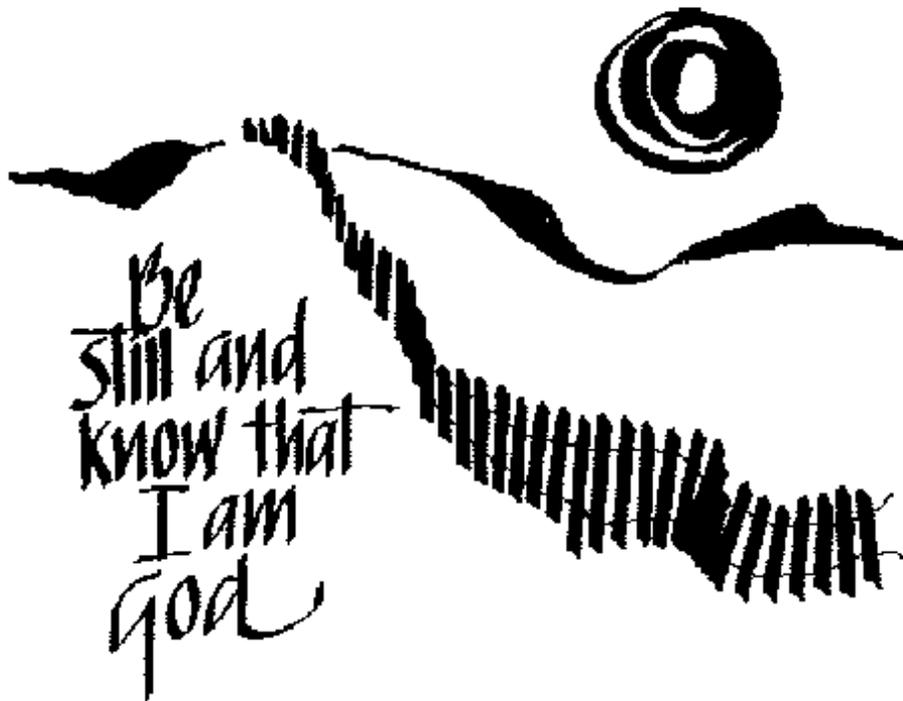
"**Lectio Divina**", a Latin term meaning "divine reading" describes a way of reading Scripture whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. Lectio Divina involves several stages. One way of practicing Lectio Divina is to read the Scripture passage, meditate on the passage, pray allowing the passage to guide your prayer, and then contemplate on the passage. I invite you to read today's Gospel passage using your senses in an imaginative way. Imagine you are there. What are you seeing? What are you hearing? What do you smell? After reflecting on the passage consider the following questions to guide your contemplation. You might want to write your thoughts in a journal for further reflection or to share with someone.

The apostles ... reported all they had done and taught. What actions have I taken or words have I spoken to share my faith?

"Come away ... and rest a while." Where can I find a place for silence in my life? How can I keep the Sabbath for rest, recreation, and prayer?

They were like sheep without a shepherd. When do I feel lost and in need of guidance? Where am I most likely to wander?

On-line sources consulted – Ignation Spirituality.com, Order of the Carmelites.org. Questions for contemplation taken from Lectio Divina for the 16th Week in Ordinary Time, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



PARISH CALENDAR

July

July 28 - Food Drive at Stop & Shop

BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm

Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm

Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact
Father Tom by Wednesday: trpwalsh@gmail.com*

READERS ROSTER

<u>July 22st</u>	<u>July 29th</u>	<u>August 5th</u>
Nancy Sirois	Ray Morrison	Nancy Anzalone



Do the right thing. It will
gratify some people and
astonish the rest.

Mark Twain

BrainyQuote

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Danika for her **Grandparents**;

Darlene for **Cooper's 3rd birthday**. Happy Birthday Cooper!

And for those intentions we hold in our hearts known to God alone.

NEWS AND EVENT

If anyone is interested in learning how to run the PC to play music during Mass when Lisa is not here please see Fr. Tom. Your service would be greatly appreciated!

Starting the first Sunday in August, August 5th, and continuing throughout the year Mass will be held at 9:30am.

Help Your Hungry Neighbors on July 28

The St. Joseph's community will again be holding a Food Drive at Stop & Shop on July 28. We need your help collecting donated food and thanking our generous supporters – please see the sign-up board in the foyer!

Saturdays are busy for all of us, but one hour of your time on the 28th will help make the food drive a success.

If you can't make it to the Dock on the 28th, please donate to the food pantry box here at St. Joseph's. Your non-perishable items are always welcome and appreciated. Also needed are seasonable clothing as well as household linens which will be brought to the "clothes closet" at Blessed Sacrament Church.

*Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.
Luke 3:11 NRSV-CE*

Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat 2018

The retreat will be held at Camp Howe in Goshen, MA from August 19-23, 2018. Please see Fr. Tom for registration and health forms, or email RobNem21@aol.com. The cost is \$150 per person.

April 29th – July 29th issues of the bulletin are sponsored by Carla Misurale. If anyone wishes to contribute to the printing cost of the bulletin, please contact Fr. Tom.

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds
who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture,
says the LORD.
Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,
against the shepherds who shepherd my people:
You have scattered my sheep and driven them away.
You have not cared for them,
but I will take care to punish your evil deeds.
I myself will gather the remnant of my flock
from all the lands to which I have driven them
and bring them back to their meadow;
there they shall increase and multiply.
I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd
them so that they need no longer fear and tremble;
and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David;
as king he shall reign and govern wisely,
he shall do what is just and right in the land.
In his days Judah shall be saved,
Israel shall dwell in security.
This is the name they give him:
"The LORD, our justice."

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:
In Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one
and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his
flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal
claims, that he might create in himself one new person in
place of the two, thus establishing peace,
and might reconcile both with God,
in one body, through the cross,
putting that enmity to death by it.
He came and preached peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near,
for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the
Father.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles gathered together with Jesus
and reported all they had done and taught.
He said to them,
"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a
while."
People were coming and going in great numbers,
and they had no opportunity even to eat.
So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted
place.
People saw them leaving and many came to know about it.
They hastened there on foot from all the towns
and arrived at the place before them.

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.

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

