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Good News!

July 22, 2012

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30-34

One of the newest trends in my city is the mobile food truck. What distinguishes these trucks from the old-fashioned food truck is that the new ones aren't always parked in the same place. Locations are announced through social media, and often a line of people is waiting at the designated street corner before the trucks even arrive. The food is fast, fresh, and unique, satisfying the hungry masses who follow these trucks.

The scene in today's Gospel isn't unlike the mobile food-truck phenomenon. It's hard to believe the crowds in Jesus' day could find him and his apostles without the aid of electronic social media—but find them they did, even in the “deserted place” where Jesus took his closest companions.

But instead of getting angry or frustrated with the crowds pressing in on him, Jesus was moved with compassion, and he fed them with his teachings. Next week, we'll see that he also physically fed them—so in many ways, the comparison with the food truck isn't that much of a stretch.

Do we hunger for Jesus' teaching with the passion of those crowds? Would we follow him with fervor and our technology like we follow celebrity sightings, criminal trials, and food trucks? Or have his words become outdated to us—too familiar or just plain dull?

If so, it might be time to reread the challenging things—and the profoundly comforting words—Jesus has to say to us. He never tires of us and always seeks to feed us with his wisdom and love.

What is our response to him today?

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If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

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THIS WEEK

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 21 – July 22, 2012

USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, JULY 21

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Paul R. Gidius Sr. request of Rich, Gail & Terri Gidius

SUNDAY, JULY 22

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Marion & +Bill Miller request of The Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Frances Treschuk request of son, Walter Treschuk

5:30 P.M. *LITURGY OF THE HOURS*

MONDAY, JULY 23 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for + Steven Gaumond request of Elaine Gaumond

5:00 P.M. Parish **BINGO** – Food available from 5 P.M. **GAMES** begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 24 – No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Adam Mancino request of Lynn Mancino

NO Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, JULY 26 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 27 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 28

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory July 15 \$2,691.86

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"...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile," (Mark 6:31)

Do you spend time listening to the Lord? Most of the time, He speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. You can give generously when you trust the Lord will provide all that you need.

NEXT WEEK

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 28 – July 29, 2012

USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, JULY 28

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Frank Delany request of The Delany Family

Altar Servers: Kyle Toce, Josh Meyers

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, JULY 29

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond request of Elaine Gaumond

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino request of Samuel Guglielmino

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

5:30 P.M. *LITURGY OF THE HOURS*

MONDAY, JULY 30 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for + Henry Leonard

5:00 P.M. Parish **BINGO** – Food available from 5 P.M. **GAMES** begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 31 – No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUG 1 -

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

9:00A.M. – Noon - Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, AUG 2 – No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG 3 – No Mass

SATURDAY, AUG 4

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of July 22, 2012

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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 197 Broadway
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Defending Our Religious Liberty

There are 22 federal court cases filed by 43 individuals and Catholic organizations against the federal health care mandate that will require religious organizations to pay for surgical sterilizations, contraception and prescriptions that will induce abortions. In addition, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) continues to speak out against the mandate.

If you haven't already, please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate. For addresses and phone numbers, please visit: www.ctcatholic.org or www.norwichdiocese.org.

DIocese OF NORWICH OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you are likely aware, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision upholding the provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that requires individuals to purchase a health plan—the so-called “individual mandate.” The Conference of Bishops has issued a press release (<http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-119.cfm>) with a renewed plea to Congress and the Administration to fix the moral problems that prompted the Conference of Bishops to oppose the ACA.

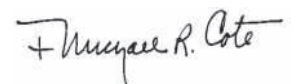
These problems include, among others, the lack of adequate conscience protection, which has found expression in HHS's mandate to cover sterilization and contraception, including abortion-inducing drugs. Because this mandate remains in place after the court's ruling, our struggle against it continues unabated. That means, among other things, that the various lawsuits against the mandate will continue and, indeed, take on even greater importance.

It is also all the more important that we all become engaged to the greatest extent possible in this cause. To this end, the Conference of Bishops recently began a text message campaign. Supporters of religious liberty can text “Freedom” (for English) or “Libertad” (for Spanish) to 377377 on their cell phones to receive updates on religious liberty. I encourage you to make use of this vehicle and to continue your prayer and action for religious liberty.

With every best wish, I am

Christ,

Sincerely yours in



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