

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 21, 2019

It is [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.— *Colossians 1:28b*

A MINDSET OF SERVICE

There's a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting going on in our readings today. In Genesis Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost like a delivery service: he, God's steward, brings the word of God to their community. Finally, Luke's Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this coming and going, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, *How am I present to God and others in my life?*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

Remember In Prayer

Michaëlle Box, Fr Robert Ponticello ,
Emanuel Milligan, Charley Therrell,
Leonard Humble , Louis Humble Sr. ,
Martha Jo Neuenschwander , Harold and Joyce
Brown , Tracey Johnson, Judy Hendricks

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham shows hospitality to three visitors (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel — Jesus converses with Martha and Mary about service and contemplation (Luke 10:38-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17;
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14;
Lk 11:1-13

HOSPITALITY

Christians should offer their brethren simple and unpretentious hospitality

September 22nd Bishop David Talley will be saying Mass here at St Regina. We will have a covered dish after Mass.

Mass Intention

Rene and Alfredo Frutis , Basilio Frutis,
Antonio Garcia, Esperanza Yanes



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Mary Magdalene

Tuesday: St. Bridget

Wednesday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf

Thursday: St. James

Friday: Ss. Joachim and Anne

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

FORGIVENESS

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner is *me*.

Pre will start soon if you need to register your child please get a form from the office .

July 28th

Lector **Maurisio**

E/M **Jim/Florencia**

USHERS **Peach/Marina**

Server **Francisco**

Offertory 7/21/2019
BUDGET \$1351.00
ACTUAL \$1151.00

-\$-200.00

B&M

\$40.00