



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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JULY 22, 2018, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday - 5:40pm - Rosary
6:00pm - Mass

Friday - 3:00pm - Mass at QCC

Saturday - 4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Rosary
5:30pm - Mass

Sunday - 10:30 am – Mass

READERS AND EM'S FOR JULY

Saturday July 21
 5:30 Lector Tom Moran

Sunday July 22
 10:30 Lector Gretchen Froehle
 EMHC Jennifer Fast/Bernie
 Alvanna- Stimpfle

Saturday July 28
 5:30 Lector Elsa Bronson

Sunday July 29
 10:30 Lector Julie Farley
 EMHC Kitty Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Clean up around the Church
2. God's Laundry

READERS AND EM'S FOR AUGUST

Saturday August 4
 5:30 Lector Janeen Sullivan

Sunday August 5
 10:30 Lector Gretchen Froehle
 EMHC Kitty Scott / Sylvia
 Paniataaq

Saturday August 11
 5:30 Lector Elsa Bronson

Sunday August 12
 10:30 Lector Kitty Scott
 EMHC Jennifer Fast/Gretchen
 Froehle

Saturday August 18
 5:30 Lector Tom Moran

Sunday August 19
 10:30 Lector Sylvia Paniataaq
 EMHC Gretchen Froehle

Saturday August 25
 5:30 Lector Elsa Bronson

Sunday August 26
 10:30 Lector Julie Farley
 EMHC Kitty Scott / Jennifer
 Fast

PARISH STAFF

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FAMILY CONNECTION TO THE GOSPEL

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

SAINT STORIES

Saint Macrina. Feast day July 19

With charm and grace, St. Macrina ruled the roost in a family of saints. St. Basil the Elder and St. Emmelia, her parents, had ten children including the younger St. Basil, St. Gregory of Nyssa, and St. Peter of Sebaste. As the eldest child, Macrina exercised a formative influence on her more famous brothers and even on her mother.

A beautiful young woman, Macrina had been betrothed at age twelve. But when her fiancé died, she chose to remain single to devote herself to Christian service. Emmelia had given her daughter a Christian version of a classic education, training her in Scripture instead of Greek literature. In turn, Macrina conducted the early education of her younger brothers and sisters and formed them in piety.

Gregory of Nyssa, her biographer, reported that when Basil returned from Athens University all puffed up with self-importance, Macrina put him in his place—as only an older sister can. Apparently she persuaded her extremely talented brother to become a monk and subordinate his gifts to God's purposes.

When Naucratus, the handsome and athletic family favorite, died suddenly, Macrina supported Emmelia through her grief. Later she persuaded her mother to join her in renouncing their high standard of living and embracing the simpler life of their servants. Together they formed a small monastic community of nuns under the younger Basil's direction on the family estate at Annesi in Pontus in present-day Turkey.

In 379, shortly after Basil died, Macrina fell ill. Gregory came to visit her and found her in a very weakened condition, lying on two planks. Even though Macrina could barely talk, she spoke eloquently with her brother about death and the future life. Just before she died she prayed as follows:

"O Lord, you have freed us from the fear of death. You have made the end of life here the beginning of a true life for us. You who compassionately gave paradise back to the man crucified with you, remember me also in your kingdom. If I have committed sins in word, deed or thought because of the weakness of our nature, don't let your eyes discover them. You who have power on earth to forgive sins, forgive me so that I may be refreshed. May I be found before you once I have put off my body, having no fault in the form of my soul. May my soul be received into your hands, blameless and spotless, as an offering before you."

St. Gregory of Nyssa expanded his sister's deathbed reflections on the future life in his book, *On the Soul and the Resurrection*.

