

Welcome to **OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH**



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Baptisms—Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony*

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Visits to the Sick—Please call the Parish Office

Religious Education—Sundays, Sept.-May from 9:30 to 11 am. Pre-K through secondary grades

RCIA— (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Please contact the Pastor for more information

New Parishioners—Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

Bereavement Support Group—No meetings scheduled at this time

***Registered parishioners only**

MASS SCHEDULE

- ♦ **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
- ♦ **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
- ♦ **Sunday Masses**
 - **September through May** 8:30 am & 10:30 am
 - **June through August** 9:30 am
- ♦ **Spanish Mass** 5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
- ♦ **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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- ♦ **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
- ♦ **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass. Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
- ♦ **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
- ♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
- ♦ **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration

JULY 22, 2018—SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Mon. July 23 **Brendan & Barb Grimm**
8:30 am *Requested by Steve & Barb Vadas*
Tues. July 24 **+Hannah Bresnahan**
8:30 am *Requested by Vin & Joan Bresnahan*
Weds. July 25 **Members of the Parish**
8:30 am
Thrs. July 26 **+Edmund & Carrie Sikorski**
8:30 am *Requested by Fred & Mary Sikorski*
Fri. July 27 **+Dave Clark**
8:30 am *Requested by John & Nancy Clark*
Sat. July 28 **+Ron Erpenbeck**
4:30 pm *Requested by John & Nancy Clark*
Sun. July 29 **+James Lewellyn**
9:30 am *Requested by Marylea Lewellyn*



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Monday, July 23, 2018

- **St. Bridget**
- Tuesday, July 24, 2018**
- **St. Sharbel Makhluf**
- Wednesday, July 25, 2018**
- **St. James, Apostle**
- Thursday, July 26, 2018**
- **Sts. Joachim and Anne**
- Friday, July 27, 2018**
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Saturday, July 28, 2018

- **Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**
- Sunday, July 29, 2018**
- **Mass at 9:30 am**
and 5:00 pm (Spanish)
- Monday, July 30, 2018**
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"Let a man fear, above all, me, his God, and so much the gentler will he become toward my creatures and animals, on whom, on account of me, their Creator, he ought to have compassion." -St. Bridget

PARISH CALENDAR

August 15-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 23-Active Shooter Training 6:30 pm PLC
September 3-Labor Day
September 9-Religious Education Classes Begin
October 2-Ladies' Guild-First Gathering of the Season
October 8-Columbus Day
October 25-Fr. Jacek's 17th Ordination Anniversary
October 31-Halloween
November 1-All Saints' Day
November 2-All Souls' Day
November 3-Ladies' Guild Christmas Bazaar

Weekly Collections

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WEEKEND OF JULY 7-8, 2018
ATTENDANCE -350
OFFERTORY-\$2,500.00
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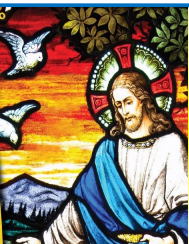
MUCH-NEEDED PRAYER

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour. -St. Francis de Sales

???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

What is it that moves me to feel a visceral form of compassion toward others? What, then, do I do?

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal



OLMM 2018 CFA STATUS

Parish Goal \$ 85,000.00
Pledged \$ 77,125.95
Total Paid \$ 66,429.99
Balance Due \$ 18,570.01
a/o 07/11/18
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†SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES†

July 23-St. Bridget-A married mother of 8, St. Bridget had visions of Christ crucified from an early age. She founded a monastery for men and women which eventually became the Order of Bridgettines.

July 24-St. Sharbel Makhluf-A Maronite priest, monk, mystic and hermit, St. Sharbel Makhluf is known for his holiness and working miracles during his life and after his death, with Pope Paul VI, who canonized him, referring to him as an "admirable flower of sanctity blooming on the stem of the ancient monastic traditions of the East."

July 25-St. James, Apostle-One of the twelve Apostles, St. James is considered to be the first Apostle to be martyred and is the patron saint of Spain and of pilgrims.

July 26-Sts. Joachim and Anne-Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sts. Joachim and Anne are the patron saints of Grandparents and are to be honored for the devotion to God and Mary.

Calling All Young Adults - The Diocese of Venice offers many opportunities for young adults to build community. Through programs like Theology on Tap, intramural sports teams, and Parish-organized social events, there is something available for everyone throughout the Diocese. Young Adults (18-39) are encouraged to participate in these opportunities to enrich their faith and make friends! If you have any Young Adult activities planned or would like to learn about them in your area please contact Joshua Mazrin at: mazrin@dioceseofvenice.org.



ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPAREDNESS

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

We see it in the news almost weekly Someone opens fire at a school, a concert, a restaurant, a mall and a church. It is unfortunate that we live in such times, but we must inform ourselves on how to act and protect ourselves and our loved ones in a terrifying situation. Please join us on Thursday, August 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center for an Active Shooter training session presented by Staff Officer Griffith from the Lee County Sheriff's Office. **ALL parishioners-young and old**-are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP the Parish Office by August 20th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Roger Bolduc, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Ed Hughes, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Betty Licari, Dr. Lou Mauney, Kathryn McGuineas, Leo Miller, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Muriel Urrico, Victor Zawadski

"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."

Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.

The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control:

the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. **Amen.**

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]

TELEVISED MASS TO THE HOMEBOUND

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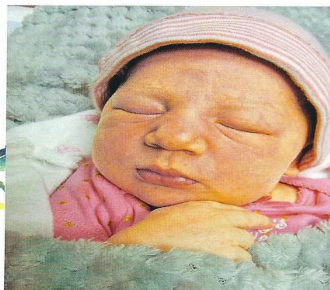
PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Fr. Piotr from St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Cape Coral will be leading a ten day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Ft. Myers on August 31, 2018. This pilgrimage will walk in the footsteps of Jesus, from Mt. Tabor to the Mount of Olives. From Bethlehem to Jerusalem and everywhere in between, including Nazareth, Caesarea, Tiberias, Jericho and Bethany. We will travel from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea. We will also visit the Western Wall, as we bring our petitions of prayer and place them in the cracked stone. We will pray the Stations of the Cross as we walk the Via Dolorosa to the Holy Sepulchre. In addition, married couples will receive a special blessing as we celebrate Mass in Cana!

Your price for this private pilgrimage is \$4499, inclusive of all airfare, breakfast, lunch and dinner with wine daily. Private tour guide and daily Mass. For more information or a brochure, please call Judy at (239) 283-9501.

Vada Lyn Currie

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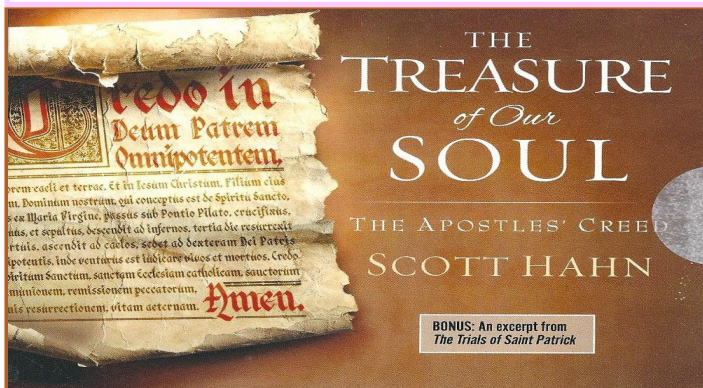
FOR PINE ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DEADLINE: JULY 28TH

THANK YOU!

The Matlacha Hookers are sponsoring their annual **School Supply Drive** to benefit Pine Island Elementary School. This is an important drive to help our Island's children and their teachers be prepared for the upcoming school year. **FYI-Last year, OLM was their BEST DONOR!** They are very grateful and impressed with all your generosity!

This year's supply list includes, but is not limited to: NEW-Backpacks (no wheels); school/pencil boxes; scissors (blunt tips or Fiskars sharp tips); #2 pencils; erasers (large pink rectangular); Expo whiteboard markers, fine and chisel tip; Ziplock baggies-all sizes, especially sandwich and quart sizes; pens-blue, black and **RED**; Elmer's glue; loose leaf paper-wide ruled; marbled composition books-wide ruled; spiral notebooks-one subject; rulers with English and metric; Crayola markers-washable; crayons; Handiwipes/Lysol disinfectant; paper towels; Scotch tape; **FUN** stickers; yellow highlighters; plastic pocket folders-3 prong-green, yellow and blue colors; Kleenex; 3-ring binders-1/2 and 1 inch; protractors; ear buds.



BONUS: An excerpt from *The Trials of Saint Patrick*



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Dr. Scott Hahn, internationally known theologian and author, explains the inestimable value of the Creed as a sure means of communicating the life-giving faith of the Apostles and as an indispensable source of unity for the Church. Dr. Hahn also brings to light how the Creed has served as a time-tested wellspring of meditation by which a believer can deepen his or her relationship with Christ, making it, in the words of St. Ambrose, "the treasure of our soul."

"This talk really encouraged me to ponder the richness of our Faith. I also discovered a great Marian truth that I will always be thankful for!"
 Daniel - Vancouver, BC

"After listening to this talk, I can no longer merely recite the Creed, but feel compelled to pray it with heartfelt gratitude."
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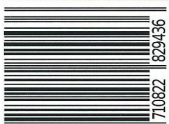


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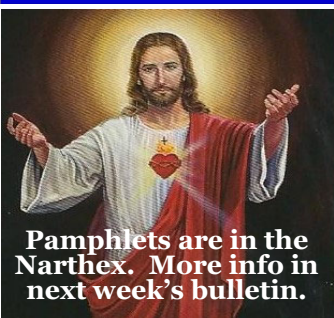
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SOLITUDE

Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon God in yourself. —St. Teresa



Love one another as I have loved you.
 John 15:12

Statewide Florida Respect Life Conference

September 28-29, 2018
Punta Gorda

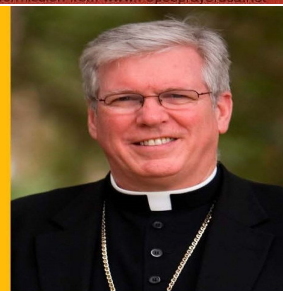
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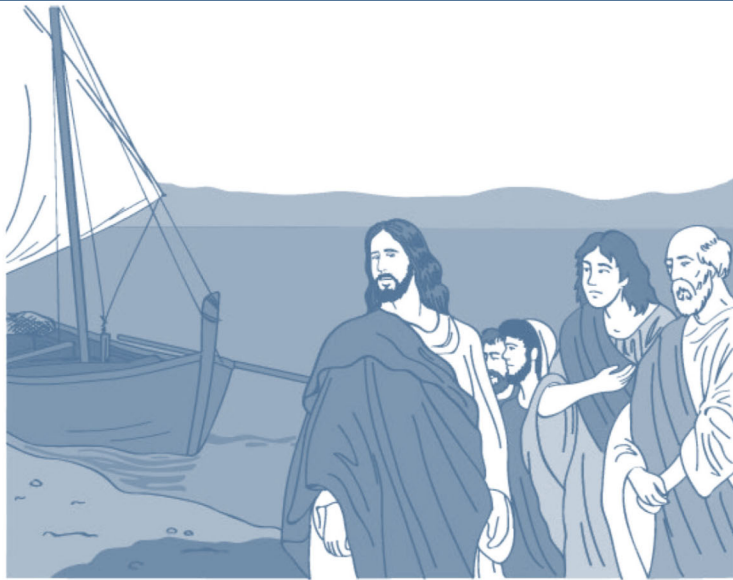
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DEL DÍA DE DESCANSO AL RESTO DE LA SEMANA

El descanso sabatino. Escuchamos esas palabras y muchas personas piensan en la obligación de ir a la Misa dominical. Hoy, escuchamos a Jesús que dice a sus discípulos: "Vengan a un lugar solitario a descansar por un rato". Este es el verdadero espíritu del descanso sabatino, dedicar un tiempo para alabar a Dios, participar en la Eucaristía, para refrescar el cuerpo, la mente y el espíritu. Pensando de esta manera, el descanso sabatino no es una obligación sino un privilegio, un don en lugar de una carga. Hacer el descanso sabatino comienza con un compromiso puesto primero en Dios. Eso es lo que los pastores que Jeremías llamó fueron a hacer, guiar al pueblo para ser el pueblo de y para Dios. Esto es lo que Jesús, el Buen Pastor, nos guía a hacer, y él nos muestra cómo hacerlo. No solamente Jesús dedica un tiempo para la oración y "descanso por un rato", él también dedica tiempo a las personas que lo necesitan. En el día de descanso, dedicamos tiempo con Dios, la familia, nuestra comunidad de fe y amigos. Y este tiempo dedicado "con" nos ayuda a reorientar nuestras vidas hacia lo que es más importante.

Tomar el día de descanso de corazón tiene un significado importante en la forma en la cual vivimos nuestras vidas, práctica y espiritualmente. La parte práctica es evidente superficialmente. Dedicar un tiempo para la Misa dominical, tranquilo y el tiempo para estar con otras personas requiere planificación y compromiso. Hay una dimensión práctica de los beneficios físicos y emocionales de ese tiempo puesto aparte y alejado del estrés y la ocupación de nuestras vidas del diario también. El impacto espiritual del día de descanso puede tomarse algo de tiempo para empezar a percibirse. Cuando ponemos a Dios en primer lugar en nuestras vidas, todo lo demás se acomoda de una manera más santa. Empezamos a ver la gracia de Dios en las circunstancias diarias de nuestras vidas, y a crecer en entendimiento de lo que estamos haciendo y cómo estamos llamados a actuar. Sabemos quiénes somos ante la vista de Dios, y quienes somos como hijos de Dios.

"El mundo tendría paz si solo los hombres de la política siguieran los Evangelios." - *St. Bridget*

Lecturas de hoy: Jer 23:1-6; Sal 23 (22):1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Ef 2:13-18; Mc 6:30-34

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Love Your Neighbor



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The Diocese of Venice continues to promote **Share the Journey**, a worldwide two-year initiative of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Diocese will continue to run a series designed to answer questions focusing more specifically on Refugee Resettlement. This will serve as an aide to build bridges of reconciliation, understanding and hospitality, in keeping with the spirit of **Share the Journey**. The topics covered include: "What Does the Gospel Say About Refugees?", "What is the Economic Impact?" and "Are Refugees a Burden?", etc.

The following is the seventh and last topic of the series:

Are Refugees a Burden?

1. The primary goal of the U.S. refugee resettlement program is to help provide protection to refugees and help them become self-sufficient. (Sources: U.S. Refugee Act, Code of Federal Regulations 45 400.1)

2. Within a period of 2-4 months, most refugees manage to find a stable job, send their children to school and pay taxes. One study in Cleveland found that in 2016, refugees generated a total economic impact of \$88.2 million in spending that supported 1,220 jobs in the region. In addition, refugees and refugee service organizations contributed \$4.5 million in taxes to the state, county, and municipal governments. (Sources: Chmura Economics & Analytics; MPI)

3. Likewise, between 2002 and 2012 refugees started 38 businesses that employed 141 locals in the Cleveland area. In addition to contributing economically, refugees culturally enrich communities and parishes with new perspectives, histories and cultures. (Sources: Chmura Economics & Analytics; MPI)

JULY 22, 2018 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Behold, the days are
coming, says the
LORD,

when I will raise
up a righteous shoot
to David.

— *Jeremiah 23:5a*

He aquí, vienen días,
dice el Señor,
cuando

voy a levantar
una sesión justa
a David

- *Jeremías 23: 5a*

REST IN THE LORD

For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those he had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue, says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2018 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind, and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectioary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

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

Thurs: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18;

Eph 1:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

NOT ME! Harsh words from Jeremiah today. Or more precisely, harsh words from the Lord, spoken through the prophetic mouth of Jeremiah. Lucky for us that these words are directed at somebody else, those "shepherds" who are misleading the sheep of God's pasture. The shepherds, after all, are those who are in official positions, who hold hierarchical status, or who, at the very least, get paid a salary by the diocese or parish. It is easy enough to point a finger and say that, come to think of it, those shepherds have been misleading the flock lately. But it is perilous to ignore the voice of the Lord on the prophets' lips. The divine will of which they speak applies to everybody, and contains some truth about all of our lives. No matter what we might think our role or place is within the fold, each of us has some responsibility to be a shepherd in daily living. In the smallest acts of justice, charity, or compassion we are living out the call of our covenant with the Lord: to be God's voice, God's presence, God's caring and guiding hand in the world.

YES, YOU! The apostle Paul tells us that in Christ we all have access in one Spirit to the Father. With this tremendous and wonderful gift comes the responsibility to make it a gift again for the life of the world. As Christ made peace through the blood of his cross, as he reconciled earth with heaven, we are called to continue that peace-making, reconciling work day by day. Each week we gather with Jesus Christ as the apostles do in today's Gospel. We pray in the Eucharistic Prayer: "May this sacrifice, which has made our peace with you, advance the peace and salvation of all the world." Each of us, baptized into the one Body of Christ, saved by the blood of his cross that we share in one cup, are chosen and called for the mission of shepherding in his name. If we take but a moment to look around, we can easily see that there are many places where people are like sheep without a shepherd. Are our hearts, filled with the presence of the Good Shepherd, moved with pity for them? More important, are our lives moved to action? Copyright (c) 2005, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

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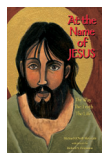
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