

JULY 18TH 2021 A.D.

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Listening to the Word of God

The 16TH SUNDAY of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6

1. “Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture,..”

Have I intentionally, or unintentionally, led or driven someone away from the Lord by my actions, words, or inaction?

2. “You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them,..”

Have we as a parish cared for people in our area? Have we attracted them to the Lord?

3. “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.”

Can I think of anyone who is missing from our Masses? Do I pray for them? Do I invite them back?

Ephesians 2:13-18

“For through Him (Jesus) we both (Gentile and Jew) have access in one Spirit to the Father.”

Do I remember to pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ name?

Mark 6:30-34

1. “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.’”

How do I feel knowing that Jesus knew that His apostles and we need rest after working in the vineyard of the Lord?

2. “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.”

How eager am I to learn wisdom from the Lord? Do I reflect on Scripture or teachings of His Church? Do I ask God in prayer for wisdom and understanding? Do I listen in prayer? Honestly, are the other things I am more eager about than the Lord?