

Follow the Leader

This is not simply the name of a childhood game.

It is actually an essential directive for living. We learn so many things in life because we followed someone. That is how we learned to read, to play a musical instrument, to speak another language, or to understand social behavior.

Many nations at the time of Jeremiah represented their kings as shepherds, leading the people to verdant pastures and restful waters. We see this in the art they left behind. However, many of the kings of Jeremiah's day were not good leaders—not attentive shepherds, nor faithful to God, who had entrusted the people to their care. Consequently, God stepped in to be their shepherd. This is the image of the divine shepherd found in the responsorial psalm. Jesus also characterized religious leaders as shepherds. He was distraught that the people were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34).

Is this situation different today? Many are eager to follow a leader, but which one? Ours is a multicultural, pluralistic, international society with innumerable viewpoints. Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed? Which worldly leaders should we follow? It's apparent that our leaders, both civic and religious, disagree on certain matters. What are we to do? The issue is not “with whom do I agree?” but rather “whose point of view makes me a better person? More compassionate? More understanding? More selfless? More *Christlike*?” Are we following the right leader?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

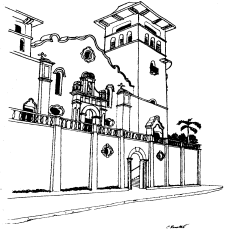
FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Our Shepherd never pits us against each other but brings us together. Is this reflected in the way we live in society?*
- ★ *Our Shepherd cares for all, not just those whom society has privileged. Do we?*

I will raise up shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear or be terrified; none shall be missing.

JEREMIAH 23:4





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Confessions: By appointment only – Social distancing of 3' if a mask is worn or 6' if no mask is worn.

Baptisms: By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Lenten Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or elsewhere

Facebook: Our Catholic Diocese is on Facebook. Visit our page & "LIKE" us and join our on-line community.

DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR
Sat. Jul 17	6:30 pm	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Maiato & Family
Sun. Jul 18	8:30 am	+ In Thanksgiving – Anthony Galea + Jose F. Pimentel, Antonio Pimentel, Angelo Botelho, Antonio Mansinho + Dennis Seymour In Thanksgiving – Besalo Family & St. Theresa's Parish Family
	10:00 am	
	11:30 am	
	6:00 pm	
Mon. Jul 19	7:30 am	+ Luz Padila Arga
Tues. Jul 20	7:30 am	+ Adelino de Sa Medeiros
Wed. Jul 21	7:30 am	Intentions of Sierra Pacheco
Thurs. Jul 22	7:30 am	Aileen & Anthony Galea – In Thanksgiving
Fri. Jul 23	7:30 am	+ Dionisio Aguila
Sat. Jul 24	6:30 pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun. Jul 25 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	+ Intentions of Bishop Robert Kurtz, C.R. Matilde David St. Theresa's Parish Family
	10:00 am	
	11:30 am	
	6:00 pm	

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: 24th/25th July, 2019

	6:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Proclaimers:	Analia Machado	K. Scarth	N. Puhekker	M. Castellanes
Communion	Anna Machado	O. Scarth	N/A	N/A
Ministers:				
Song Leaders:	K. Judd	M. Pastor	M. Gravito	

SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES

Please make direct payments to the Bank of Butterfield Acct #20-006-060-482732-100 and include "Sunday Offering" or "Special Collection" in the memo field. Also, the parish encourages the use of Sunday Offering Envelopes to promote the concept of stewardship of treasure. Thank you for your continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral during this difficult time due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: 9am – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration - 10:00 am - Benediction

STEWARDSHIP SUMMER READING LIST

The summer months are made for family vacations, summer camp, strolls on the beach, retreats and recreation. There are also some energizing and in-spiring books you can read to keep the fire of stewardship alive in your hearts. Here are some great titles:

- *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* by Matthew Kelly, published by Beacon
- *Everyday Stewardship* by Tracy Earl Welliver, published by LPi
- *Making Stewardship a Way of Life* by Andrew Kemberling and Mila Glodava, published by Our Sunday Visitor
- *What Do I Own and What Owns Me* by Dan Conway, published by St. Catherine of Siena Press

"Those who give generously will be made spiritually rich."

Scripture Union - USA



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we accept the challenge of putting God first in our time and treasure, our attitudes, priorities and spiritual lives will definitely change.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collection:	10 th /11 th July:	\$ 3,633.00
	To Date: Week 28	\$ 99,402.00
Peter's Pence Collection:		\$ 1,372.00

Your Support is Very Much Appreciated!

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



18th – 24th July, 2021

Donation Given for 2 Votive Candles & 2 Roses
"In Memory of Dennis Seymour"

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

In order that Roses and/or 7-Day votive candles are always present in St. Theresa's Chapel, we request your assistance through your monetary donations to purchase these. To date, we have openings for your intentions for the months of August to December 2021.

Therefore, if you would like to make a donation of 2 roses or 2 seven-day candles or both for St. Theresa's Chapel, please call 292-0607 Ext. 2 or email: stheresas@northrock.bm for further information.

INTRODUCTION:

Today's readings highlight the glory of Christ's ministry, which was foretold by the prophets and inclusive of all people. The crowds followed Jesus, seeking his teaching and his healing. We, too, are members of this body whom he shepherds; we are taught, fed, and healed. How can we pass on this joyful message of comfort to those around us?



CONFIRMATION: We congratulate Rory Lucas, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at 1:00pm. May the Holy Spirit continue to fill your heart with love and joy and guide and support you in your journey of faith.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE:

The Society thanks everyone who participated in the Summer Food Drive to assist the Salvation Army food pantry and the St. Patrick's Food Program for seniors and the destitute. Your food contributions will greatly assist those in our community most in need. For more information or to make a monetary donation, please contact Karen at svdp@northrock.bm.



SUMMER MONTHS:

As summer vacation time rolls around, we wish each of you a great, safe and enjoyable vacation. Make daily prayer and especially Sunday Eucharist an essential part of your summer and remember to continue to support your parish during these months.

POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex (Twitter Page) – July 14th:

I thank those who have been close to me with prayer and affection during my hospital stay. Let us not forget to pray for the sick and for those who assist them.

BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Pope Francis has decided to institute a church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year it will be celebrated this coming Sunday, the 25th of July.

Recalling the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, when the elderly Simeon and Anna encountered the child Jesus and recognized Him as the Messiah, Pope Francis said, "The Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly. The voice of the elderly is "precious" because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples. The elderly remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generations, to pass on to the young the experience of life."

The Pope decided to institute the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly because grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget their wealth of preserving roots and passing on what the elderly have received. He emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, because as the prophet Joel says, "grandparents seeing their grandchildren dream while young people, drawing strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy."

A special message of Pope Francis for this First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly has been also prepared and its official text can be found on:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2021/6/22/messaggio-giornata-nonni.html>

Enjoy your Sunday and have a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



Dear Padre,

I read this is the liturgical year of Mark, that next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year, Luke. Then it starts over with Mark again. Why doesn't John have a year?

The purpose in a three-year cycle of readings at Mass was primarily a pastoral one. "The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 51).

All of Scripture is the word of God, but "Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 29). Moreover, Christ reveals himself to us from four different Gospel perspectives. For some people, John's version—often deeply symbolic and theological—can be pastorally challenging.

The semicontinuous reading of the three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) "provides a presentation of each Gospel's distinctive doctrine as well as a development of the Lord's life and preaching" (*Lectionary for Mass*, 1970; 16,1). Nevertheless, John's Gospel appears in all three cycles. For example, five readings from chapter six on the bread of life are inserted in Year B, when Mark's short Gospel is proclaimed. John's Gospel is also read during Easter and scattered throughout the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Lent.

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ADAM JAN FIGEL / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



For leadership there is only one road: service. There is no other way. If you have many qualities—the ability to communicate, etc.—but you are not a servant, your leadership will fail, it is useless, it has not power to gather [people] together.

ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL COLLEGES
AND RESIDENCES OF ROME, MAY 12, 2014

Calendar

Monday

JULY 19

Weekday

Ex 14:5–18

Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday

JULY 20

Weekday

Ex 14:21–15:1

Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday

JULY 21

Weekday

Ex 16:1–5, 9–15

Mt 13:1–9

Thursday

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1–4b or

2 Cor 5:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Friday

JULY 23

Weekday

Ex 20:1–17

Mt 13:18–23

Saturday

JULY 24

Weekday

Ex 24:3–8

Mt 13:24–30

Sunday

JULY 25

Seventeenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42–44

Eph 4:1–6

Jn 6:1–15

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question for
the Padre?**

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