

Bread for the Life of the World

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 July 2018

Readings Summary

Reading 1	Jer 23:1-6	<i>The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.</i>
Psalm	Ps 22 r.2	<i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>
Reading 2	Eph 2:13-18	<i>Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 10:27	<i>The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.</i>
Gospel	Mark 6:30-34	<i>They were like sheep without a shepherd.</i>

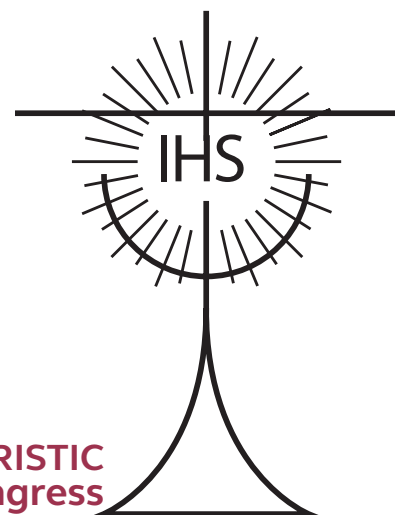
Readings & Homily Notes

- This week's Gospel sets up the readings from John 6 where Jesus will 'teach at some length'.
- It follows on from the previous week as the 12 apostles come back and tell Jesus of all they have done and taught.
- This is one of the passages where Jesus' desire to 'rest for a while' is thwarted by the people's desire to follow him.
 - (For many people this will be holiday time when they hope to rest but sometimes circumstances do not allow this to happen.)
- Like the 4th Sunday of Easter this is a 'Good Shepherd Sunday' where the first reading, psalm and gospel each give an image of the shepherd. A shepherd who:
 - brings all back together,
 - looks after and feeds the flock so that it is fruitful and increases
 - who provides rest and guidance
 - who looks with pity and gives of himself
- Though not directly connected with the other texts the second reading the image of Christ as peace who brings all people together provides an echo of the first reading.
- the metaphor linking food and wisdom, (e.g. being fed, being hungry for knowledge) will be explored in the coming weeks. Looking forward it suggests the following:
 - what do we hunger for ?
 - how do we wish to be fed?

Homiletic Directory

CCC 2302-2306: Christ our peace

CCC 2437-2442: witnesses and workers for peace and justice



Liturgical Material

Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you bring the good news of peace.

Lord Jesus, you break down the barriers which divide us.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who cares for your sheep.

Intercessions

For all who seek God in their hearts,
may they come to know the true shepherd.

For all who preach the Gospel,
may they look after and nurture their flock.

Bulletin material

One day St. Teresa of Avila heard someone say: “If only I had lived at the time of Jesus...
If only I had seen Jesus... If only I had talked with Jesus...”

To this she responded: “But do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true and real
Jesus present before us? Why look for more?”

Invitation to Personal Prayer & Reflection

The Gospel Acclamation verse assigned to this Sunday could be adapted as a prayer for the coming weeks.

The sheep that being to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me. (John 10:27)

As we listen to the words of Jesus in the coming weeks may we seek to hear his voice so that we might know him more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly.