

**NO PEACE WITHOUT JUSTICE,
NO JUSTICE WITHOUT FORGIVENESS!**

*Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*



San Ignacio de Loyola Parish

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REFLECTION ON THE WORD

The crowds in today's Gospel are relentless in pursuing Jesus and the disciples. They do not even give them time to rest. What, however, are the crowds really pursuing? And what is it that Jesus begins



to teach them? Jesus knows there is more to satisfying human needs than miracles. Physical healing is a sign of salvation, an invitation to take up a new way of thinking and living. Jesus responds to the crowd as their healer, yes, but even

more, he reveals himself to be their Shepherd and Teacher who challenges them about what they are truly to pursue. Jesus, the "Lord our justice" (First Reading) gives the crowd the unexpected good they did not pursue when he teaches them what is necessary to "be saved" (First Reading). Jesus' mission is to bring the people the full measure of salvation and goodness by directing them to be faithful to their covenantal relationship to God. He gives them what is lasting: divine teaching that leads to salvation. The ultimate gift of himself is to teach the crowd how they might find God in a lasting way.

Words to reflect upon: "Lord our justice"

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,
1 Timothy 2:1*

Let us pray together today for the chronically ill:



Sylvia Tasner, Jerry and Albert Vega, Fr. Vega, Rudy & Sonia Méndez, Maggie and Don Maziarz and Peter and Leida Fiorito. Let us join our

hearts as a community this week in praying for all those who are suffering from difficult and chronic situations that the Good Lord will help them through our prayers, support and encouragement.

PRAISED BE: On the Care of our Common Home

What is Happening to Our Common Home

Chapter One

Pollution and Climate Change

The Issue of Water

Loss of Biodiversity

Decline in the Quality of Human Life and the Breakdown of Society

Global Inequality

Weak Responses

A Variety of Opinions



(17) Theological and philosophical reflections on the situation of humanity and the world can sound tiresome and abstract, unless they are grounded in a fresh analysis of our present situation, which is in many ways unprecedented in the history of humanity. So, before considering how faith brings new incentives and requirements with regard to the world of which we are a part, I will briefly turn to what is happening to our common home.

(18) The continued acceleration of changes affecting humanity and the planet is coupled today with a more intensified pace of life and work which might be called "rapidification". Although change is part of the working of complex systems, the speed with which human activity has developed contrasts with the naturally slow pace of biological evolution. Moreover, the goals of this rapid and constant change are not necessarily geared to the common good or to integral and sustainable human development. Change is something desirable, yet it becomes a source of anxiety when it causes harm to the world and to the quality of life of much of humanity.

(19) Following a period of irrational confidence in progress and human abilities, some sectors of society are now adopting a more critical approach. We see increasing sensitivity to the environment and the need to protect nature, along with a growing concern, both genuine and distressing, for what is happening to our planet. Let us review, however cursorily, those questions which are troubling us today and which we can no longer sweep under the carpet. Our goal is not to amass information or to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it.

We will be presenting Francis' thoughts on these issues in the next several bulletins.

LIVING YOUR PASCHAL MYSTERY

"How beautiful it would be if each of you, every evening, could say: 'Today at school, at home, at work, guided by God, I showed a sign of love towards one of my friends, my parents, an older person!' How beautiful!"

— *Pope Francis*



Congratulations and many more blessings be upon you!

Krissy Ortiz, Puerto Rico Island Amateur Ladies Golf champion! and so young!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Recent research has shown that economic stress robs us of cognitive bandwidth. Worrying about bills, food or other problems leaves less capacity to think ahead or to exert self-discipline. So, poverty imposes a mental tax. These words by Nicholas Kristof in the Sunday Review of The New York Times, give us all some things to think about and pray on as well, don't they?

Mira (Mirabai c. 1498-1550) is the most renowned woman poet saint of India, her songs sung by Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs alike.

ONE'S MIND
He was too shy to sing,
but I taught
Him.
The Sky's voice is such that
one's mind must be very
quiet to hear
God
speak.

**"MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you."**

Prayer for peace is not an afterthought to the work of peace. It is of the very essence of building the peace of order, justice and freedom. To pray for peace is to open the human heart to the inroads of God's power to renew all things. With the life-giving force of his grace, God can create openings for peace where only obstacles and closures are apparent...

"No peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness"

To pray for peace is to pray for justice, for a right-ordering of relations within and among nations and peoples. It is to pray for freedom. To pray for peace is to seek God's forgiveness and to implore the courage to forgive those who have trespassed against us. —*St. John Paul II*

THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE LONG HAUL

This Wednesday, July 22nd, is the feast of St. Mary Magdalene, the apostle to the apostles. She was sent by Jesus to announce his resurrection to the apostles in a culture where women were not even permitted to give testimony in a court of law! It is women and women only—Mary of Nazareth and Mary of Magdala—who are central to the two major miracles of Christianity, the incarnation and the resurrection. And they follow Jesus to the very end, models of the spirituality of the long haul for us all.



Mary, Woman/Witness, Woman/Friend, pray for us!

Prayer for Enemies

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies, lead them and us from prejudice to truth, deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty and revenge, and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Christ our lord, Amen

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE



First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

"I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble."

Coffee workers in Guatemala/plead for fair prices. 24 million Africans fear death/from starvation, Aids, war. Hungry people/dreading empty plates. Lord, let us be shepherds like you. Help us do what is/right and just.