### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

Sing to our God, a new song!



 Sun 21
 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 08:00 am
 +Maria Liñan (Armando & Nena Colchado)

 +Eusebio Rodriguez, Jr. (Esperanza Martinez)

Thr 25 St James, Apostle

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

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The Lord's promise through Jeremiah—"I myself will gather my flock"—is fulfilled in Christ who beckons, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." "Beside restful waters he leads me;" the waters are Jesus himself. When others "came to know about" this retreat, "they hastened there on foot," eager to come "near by the blood of Christ"—whose heart is always moved with pity for the poor and needy. We are members of that "vast crowd" who realize that Jesus himself "is our peace," the one who enables us to "dwell in security."



# Good News!

July 21, 2024 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Jeremiah 23:1-6 / Ephesians 2:13-18 / Mark 6:30-34

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In 1931, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz collaborated to write the song "Dancing in the Dark." It's said that the lyrics are primarily about how we feel our way through life, not sure where life is leading us and wondering why we're here. There are many who feel they are "dancing in the dark."

The Scriptures this week promise that God will shepherd us through difficult times, particularly when we feel lost amid uncertain choices we must make. Consequently, we are tempted to look for signs about what to do—paying attention to billboards, hoping a tune on the radio will give an answer, opening the Bible at random and pointing to a verse, multiplying prayers in hope of a sudden revelation.

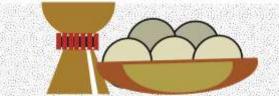
The reality is that God does speak to us, but usually in the silence, in the quiet moments of a busy day. At times, it may be when we begin to second-guess ourselves and realize we are becoming the sort of person we do not want to become. God's voice may be camouflaged in our emotions, helping us recognize how our fears may be calling us to trust in him, or in our anxieties that move us to face the futility of a relationship. He might be calling us through friends who offer advice contrary to what we think, yet persistently insisting we face what we do not wish to see. It is in the silence that we begin to move from dancing in the dark to marching in sync with a divine rhythm.

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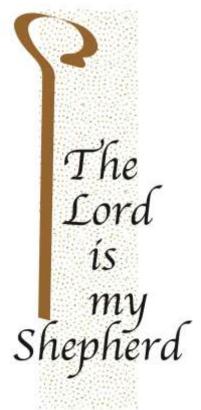


### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, and Armando Colchado.



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Though I may walk in the valley of darkness no evil will I fear for you are at my will with your rod and staff that give me courage Last Sunday's Collection Envelopes: \$ 525.00 Loose: \$ 30.00 Children's Envelopes: \$ 1.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 556.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 2,384.17

## Dear Padre

July 21, 2024

#### What does it mean to call the pope infallible?

Jesus established the Church, gave Peter a special place in it, and promised that the powers of evil would never overcome the Church (see Matthew 16:13–19). This promise indicates that Jesus would not allow the Church to be misled in essential matters of faith or morals. In these matters, Jesus grants the gift of infallibility... not only to the pope, but to the bishops and the faithful in union with the pope.

The pope speaks infallibly when he teaches ex cathedra ("from the chair") as the leader of the whole Church, expressly defining doctrine as a matter of faith or morals (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 891). The pope has done this only once in the past one hundred years, when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

The Church's understanding of infallibility reflects our Catholic belief that God will not allow evil to lead the Church astray. It helps us to distinguish what is essential from what is not. A clear understanding of infallibility and its limits may be seen as a safeguard against the misuse of authority. Understood in this manner, infallibility is another gift the Lord gave to the Church.

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