

QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

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SUMMER MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Fr. Duster. He will speak on behalf of the Columban Fathers at all the Masses. There will be a second collection for this summer mission appeal. Please be generous. The Columban Fathers are a missionary society who work in eleven countries of Asia and Latin America. Founded in 1918 they reach out in service to our brothers and sisters in other lands and cultures. Their call is to work with people who have not yet fully heard the gospel message, especially the poor. Their U.S. headquarters is in St. Columbans, Nebraska 68056.

In the USA the Columbans assist the Church at home in understanding the missionary dimension of our call to faith. They strive to promote an awareness of modern day missionary activity through their Mission Education programs.

These Mission Education Programs are aimed at parishes and schools on the elementary, secondary, and adult levels. The programs are available on loan and include videotapes, texts, and their magazines, COLUMBAN MISSION.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for new members. We are in need of a Recording Secretary and general members to fill vacant terms. We also are in the process of reforming our Four Parish Commissions. The Commissions are Parish Life, Human Concerns, Spiritual Life, and Education. By serving on the PPC, and/or the Commissions we are able to spread the Gospel to our sisters and brothers in the parish community. If you are interested in serving on the PPC and/or one of the Commissions, please call Rosa at the parish office 1-847-473-4079. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 27 at 6:30pm.

RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, August 17, 9am-5pm

Friday, August 18, 9am-6pm

Saturday, August 19, 9am-1pm

Items for the sale may be left before and after Mass times the weekends of **July 22/23, 29/30 and August 4/5. Drop off hours: Saturdays 3-5:30pm Sundays 8am-12:30pm in the parish hall.**

If you're unable to bring your items to church or if you have a large item (sofa, dresser, desk, etc) and do not have a way to get it to church, you may call John Kremptotic at 1-847-650-3671 and he will make arrangements to have your item(s) picked up. We will not be accepting any clothing with holes, stains, missing bottoms or anything broken

HELP CAN BE AS NEAR AS CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Having difficulty just dealing with our complex world? Holbrook Counseling Center, a part of Catholic Charities, can help! Whether you're having problems with personal relationships, work situations, or are just feeling unhappy or unfulfilled, we're here for you. We have reasonable rates, and are located in Mundelein and Highland Park. Daytime and evening hours are available and our professional counselors keep your business completely private and confidential. For your free telephone consultation, call Michael at 1-312-655-7725.

MASS REMEMBRANCES - YEAR 2007

We are ready to accept Mass requests for 2007. If there are particular dates and requests you wish to reserve, please place the request and stipend (\$10) in the Sunday Offertory **in a separate envelope marked "Mass Requests 2007."** Include your name, address and phone number. You may also place your requests for the Sanctuary Lamp and Candle Memorials (\$10) and the monthly Collective Mass Remembrances at this time. Make sure you indicate that these requests are for 2007. **Please print all requests. We ask that you do not call the Rectory to schedule Masses or candles. If you wish to receive written confirmation, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.**