Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish July 13, 2025



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." *Luke 10:36-37*

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Good Shepherd Parish strives to be a vibrant, welcoming community where every person can experience the Father's love. Through the Gospel proclamation, prayer, and joyous sacramental celebration, Good Shepherd Parish will inspire parishioners to discern and live out their vocations and to actively evangelize the world. As we bear witness to the Risen Christ, Our Lord and Savior, we aspire to serve our parish community. We will seek to welcome home the new, the lost, and the disheartened by using the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Roman Catholic community of Good Shepherd Parish, strive to be a living sign of Christ's love in and for the world.

In response to our Baptismal call, nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the values of the Second Vatican Council, we seek to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by welcoming, supporting and guiding all through prayer, sacramental celebration, service and education.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 12 4:00 PM CHERYL KANE & RICHARD KANE, JR.

SUNDAY, JULY 13 8:30 AM PEOPLE OF GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

FRIDAY, JULY 18 9:00 AM MILLIE CHOINSKI & RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES <u>Mass Times</u> Saturday, 4:00 PM St. Ann Sunday, 8:30 AM St. Zepherin Sunday, 10:30 AM St. Ann

<u>Confession</u> Saturday, 3:00 –3:45 PM St. Ann (or by appointment)

Weekday Masses Monday—Tuesday 9:00 AM St. Ann Wednesday—Friday 9:00 AM St. Zepherin

Parish Calendar

ST. ZEPHERIN CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 AM—3 PM FRIDAY 9 AM—12 NOON

FRIDAY, JULY 18 9 AM-12 NOON PARISH OFFICE OPEN

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Urbi et Orbi ("To the City and to the World")...

One of the first things the media latched on to as they started speculating on what kind of pope Leo XIV would be was his choice of name. Historically, that choice reveals what the man's priorities are, particularly as it relates to the legacy of previous popes who'd taken the same name. The pundits supposed—rightly, as it turns out—that Cardinal Prevost chose his papal appellation in homage to Pope Leo XIII: a pope whose most impactful contribution to the Church was his vison on the right order of the socialeconomic systems of the modern world. (At some point I might work on a series of articles about his insights, but that's not my purpose here.)

The question arises: How did the bishop of Rome become such an influential voice in the world that he feels emboldened to give his views on political and economic issues? How did he become such a captivating figure in the global public eye that he even scores the cover of Time Magazine?

Originally, the pope's role was as a guarantor of communion among the many local churches (or "sees"), which in these early centuries were concentrated along the Mediterranean. The earliest texts we have that give us a glimpse into the bishop of Rome's function in the larger Church all suggest this. The First Letter of Clement, that I touched upon two weeks ago, is an appeal to the Christians in Corinth to submit to their properly ordained bishop and the priests associated with him: the motif that runs through the entire letter is a reminder for concord and communion. Far from a magisterial dictate, the tack Clement takes is pastoral, almost avuncular in tone. It's a distinct possibility that the bishop of Rome saw himself as custodian of the trust that Christ gave to Peter when (as recorded in the Gospel of Luke) He said "Satan has asked to sift all of you like wheat. When you've turned again strengthen your brothers."

Other writers in the first two centuries also attest to the exceptional care that the church at Rome showed to other sees—in financial and material support, as well as through consolation, counsel, and pious example. St. Ignatius of Antioch, for instance, writing around 110, praises the church of Rome as being "preeminent in love." Eighty years later, St. Irenaeus would urge other churches to remain in communion with Rome because that see was "preeminent in authority." The two "preeminences" probably go hand-in -hand: the great generosity—of spiritual concern no less than of money—and her fidelity to the traditions of the

apostles is what gives Rome her authority. Authority not in terms of power, but in terms of a prestige and admiration that was earned by her great example of what it means to be a community animated by the Christian lifestyle.

What seems to have begun the transition to administrative authority was the new role Christianity would have in the Byzantine Empire. After Constantine had secured his control over the entire empire in 315 AD, he gradually started to increase the social status of the Christian Church, making it the preferred religion of the Empire. But not long after this, a new controversial teaching about the Person of Jesus Christ began to take hold of the Church (I might deal with this controversy in a later bulletin column, too, but not now). The controversy took on political dimensions, and soon started to get out of hand, with bishops excommunicating each other, and one synod (a small council of bishops from a concentrated region) overturning the ruling of an earlier synod. So which synod is right, and which is wrong? The solution was to refer the conflicting decisions to the bishop of Rome, who would decide whether the matter needed to be referred to a third synod for clarification.

Gradually, this came to confer on the pope a "preeminence" that was more than just as mediator of communion among the sees, but more administrative. This was cemented all the more firmly when that controversy, which had ravaged Christianity so terribly, was finally resolved and it turned out that the church at Rome held the orthodox position all along. When yet another controversy about the Person of Christ flared up in the fifth century (they thought A LOT about Jesus in those days!) (I wish we paid half as much attention to Him today!)—anyhow, when this next controversy appeared, it was a masterful letter written by the bishop of Rome and read at the Council of Chalcedon that resolved the dispute. That pope was the first one to bear the name of our current holy father: Pope Leo the Great. When his letter was read at the council, people reportedly cheered "Peter has spoken through Leo!" You can well imagine how much this did for the pope's prestige.

This same Pope Leo also began to assume more of a political role in the civil society of western Europe at this time. Since the empire was too vast for the emperor to be able to effectively manage all by himself, Constantine had appointed a vice emperor to attend to western Europe, and his successors retained this office. But the

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emperor was shrewd and cautious: Constantine had gained the imperial seat during a power struggle among four regents, Constantine himself being the weakest of the four. But his experience taught him not to allow too equal a distribution of power between himself and the vice regent; so historically the person who held this office was something of a "weak sister." Consequently, when the barbarians began pillaging western Europe, the people had no one they could rely on for assistance. Appeals to the emperor himself went unaddressed, because he had other matters to attend to in his own region of Asia Minor; and the vice regent was too feckless to be of help.

When Attila the Hun arrived at the gates of Rome, ready to sack that city as he had so many other metropolises in the west, it was Pope Leo the Great who went out to negotiate with him. The bishop ultimately convinced Attila not to invade; the marauder and his horde left Rome untouched, and Leo once more proved the hero of the day. Two centuries later, another "great" pope—Gregory the Great would have similar success when the Lombards came storming the gates. Although Gregory's success was far more modest than Leo's—the Lombards did pillage Rome, he nonetheless did succeed to convince the raiding party not to raze the city to the ground as had been their wont to do. Rome was left intact to rebuild again.

Consequently, the prestige of the pope increased among the people of western Europe, as he proved himself a far more capable leader than the imperial vice regent. Tension between east and west grew, and finally a division occurred between these two spheres of the empire—radically different in terms of culture, social situation, economic livelihood, and just about all other respects. By the year 800, western Europe decided they needed an empire of their own, and the perfect choice was the Christian descendant of the king of the Franks; on Christmas Day, in St. Peter's Basilica, Charlemagne was crowned emperor by none other than . . . Pope Leo III. The alliance—and the tension—between the pope and the political rulers of western Europe had begun.

And that's why, when you're in line at the supermarket, you'll see the pope on the cover of People Magazine.

~ Fr. Ren



PARISH OFFICE

We are expanding our office hours during the summer You may still find us here on Mondays - Thursdays 9 AM - 3 PM but beginning on July 11th, the office will be open Fridays 9 AM - 12 noon

IF YOU WISH TO SEE A SPECIFIC PERSON, THEN YOU WILL NEED TO CALL IN ADVANCE TO COORDINATE WITH HIS/HER SCHEDULE (508) 650 - 3545



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"I am the Light of the world." John 8:12

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15 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Jul 13	Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37/Lk 10:25-37
MONDAY Jul 14	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
TUESDAY Jul 15	Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
WEDNESDAY Jul 16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
THURSDAY Jul 17	Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1+5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
FRIDAY Jul 18	Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15+16bc, 17-18/ Mt 12:1-8
SATURDAY Jul 19	Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1+23-24, 10-12, 13-15/ Mt 12:14-21
16 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Jul 20	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5/Col 1:24-28/ Lk 10:38-42

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Week of JULY 14 - 18 ON VACATION Monday, July 21 10 AM - 2 PM Thursday, July 24 10 AM - 2 PM 1 PM walk! meet on the plaza Monday, July 28 10 AM - 2 PM Thursday, July 31 10 AM - 2 PM 1 PM walk! meet on the plaza

Nurse Jean may be found in our Parish Center when she is on the St. Zepherin campus COMPLIMENTARY SERVICE FOR YOU, OUR PARISH, & OUR COMMUNITY

- Blood Pressure checks
- Prescription medication review
- Monthly medical presentations
- Referrals
- Remembrance ministry
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Parish event coming up?

Please submit bulletin announcements to kholmstrom@goodshepherdwayland.org by Fridays at noon two weeks prior to when you would like it advertised!

P.S. Please make sure there are no conflicts on our parish calendars! Vina will be glad to assist you with this.





As a faith community, we're here to share in each others' experiences and to lift each other in prayer. Whatever you're facing – whether it's a cause for joy, a challenge weighing you down, or a particular intention you're holding close to your heart – we want to join you in prayer.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION B When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a gain, un - til you come a - gain.

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Welcome to Our Parish

We are always pleased to welcome new members to our Good Shepherd Parish family. If you would like to become a registered member, please fill out the information below and drop in the offertory box.

Should you have questions, please call the office at 508-650-3545.

Name: _____

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We will contact you shortly to complete your registration or you may visit our website for an online registration form: www.GoodShepherdWayland.org.



Good Shepherd Parish All are Welcome!





Monthly meetings normally take place on the 3rd Sunday of the month in St. Ann's Hall and are open to visitors at any time.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 20th.

It is helpful if you do notify the group in advance if you will be attending. Direct inquiries to: Visit boston3op.com for information or email Mrs. Mikayla Dalton, O.P. (fraternity president) at mikayla.v.dalton@gmail.com.

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COMMUNITY OF TRUST

How does Moses holding "this book of the Law" up before the people support an appeal to "return to the Lord, your God, with all your heart and soul" (Deut 30:10-14)? For some Jews in Jesus' day, it inspired the efforts of Pharisees and other Torah scholars to get all the details of observance correct. Walking through Ultra-orthodox sections of old Jerusalem today, tourists see a dizzying variation of black hats and hair styles signaling which rabbi a family followed. Getting all the minutiae down, divides rather than unites God's people.

The lawyer who pops up to "test" Jesus in today's gospel hoped to expose Jesus as ignorant of Torah. But Jesus sides with Moses telling the people that "the command is not too mysterious and remote." The lawyer admits to knowing that the whole Law is summed up in the commands to "love the Lord your God" (Deut 6:5) and "your neighbor as yourself," (Lev 19:18). Then the lawyer tries to save face by asking what the law means by "neighbor"? Instead of legal analysis, Jesus tells a story. When Galileans travelled through Samaria to Jerusalem for festivals, they went in groups (Lk 2:41-44) to protect against robbers.

Galileans might conclude that Temple officials had to avoid religious impurity associated with corpses. Given the tensions between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus surprises his listeners with a Samaritan merchant as hero. His compassion sees only a human being in danger of dying. the Samaritan cannot achieve that by himself. He enlists the innkeeper to continue caring for the victim whatever the extra costs. Equally surprising. Innkeepers had a shady reputation. Someone scrawled on a wall in Pompeii, "may you swindling innkeeper soon feel the anger divine". Here both men must trust each other in caring for the victim. The innkeeper is to spend the money on deposit and more for healing; the Samaritan to cover all costs. To love God and neighbor creates a community of trust.

Pheme Perkins, Ph.D. Joseph Professor Of Catholic Spirituality Boston College



Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us. God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Blood of Christ, onlybegotten Son of the eternal Father, save us. Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word or God, save us. Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament, save us.

Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in Agony, save us. Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging, save us. Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns, save us. Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross, save us. Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, save us.

Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness, save us. Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls, save us. Blood of Christ, stream of mercy, save us. Blood of Christ, victor over demons, save us.

Blood of Christ, courage of Martyrs, save us. Blood of Christ, strength of Confessors, save us. Blood of Christ, bringing forth Virgins, save us.

Blood of Christ, help of those in peril, save us.

Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened, save us. Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow, save us.

Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent, save us. Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying, save us. Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts, save us.

Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life, save us. Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory, save us. Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor, save us.

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord. Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord. Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Lord. V. Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood. R. And made us, for our God, a kingdom.

Almighty and eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his blood. Grant, we beg of Thee, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. *This Litany was drawn up by the Sacred Congregation of Rites and promulgated by Pope John XXIII on February 24, 1960. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who recite this litany.*

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