

CYCLE 'A' SUNDAY PB SUGGESTIONS (JULY)

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” Mt 10: 40

This verse invites us to speak about the precious blood spirituality value of hospitality and inclusion. It challenges us all to foster a welcoming atmosphere and welcoming ministers for all who visit us and who come to us for ministry. Do we know the names of those who worship with us? Do they feel comfortable inviting others to worship in our community? What needs are still being unmet?

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” Mt 11: 28

This verse invites us to welcome all, but most especially those that are heavily burdened by sickness, hardships of any kind, and those who feel like giving up. The Precious Blood of Christ invites us to help carry one another's burdens and to enter into solidarity with those who are feeling that the weight of the world is upon them.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The entire first reading from Isaiah today stresses the efficacy and power of the Word of God to accomplish God's will in those ready to embrace it. PB spirituality challenges us to preach the Word with boldness and integrity and to inspire our parishioners to delve more fully into the Word of God as a daily spiritual practice, in order to discern the will of God for our times.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Various image of the Kingdom of God are included in today's gospel. Like Jesus' blood which was poured out on the cross to forgive our sins, these verses challenge us to be creative and energetic in our work of expanding God's reign to include all segments of society. Who are those who still feel excluded from God's reign? These verses challenge us to build communities who include the stranger, the outcast and the judged. They challenge us to witness to the values of the Kingdom in our every day lives. What values of the Kingdom do our parishes need to develop more fully?

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8: 28

Love of God for us is what motivated Jesus' passion and death on the cross. What does our love for God motivate us to do? How are we called by God's love to make a return to the Lord for all that the Lord has done for us? Do we collaborate with others in bringing about 'good' in the world?