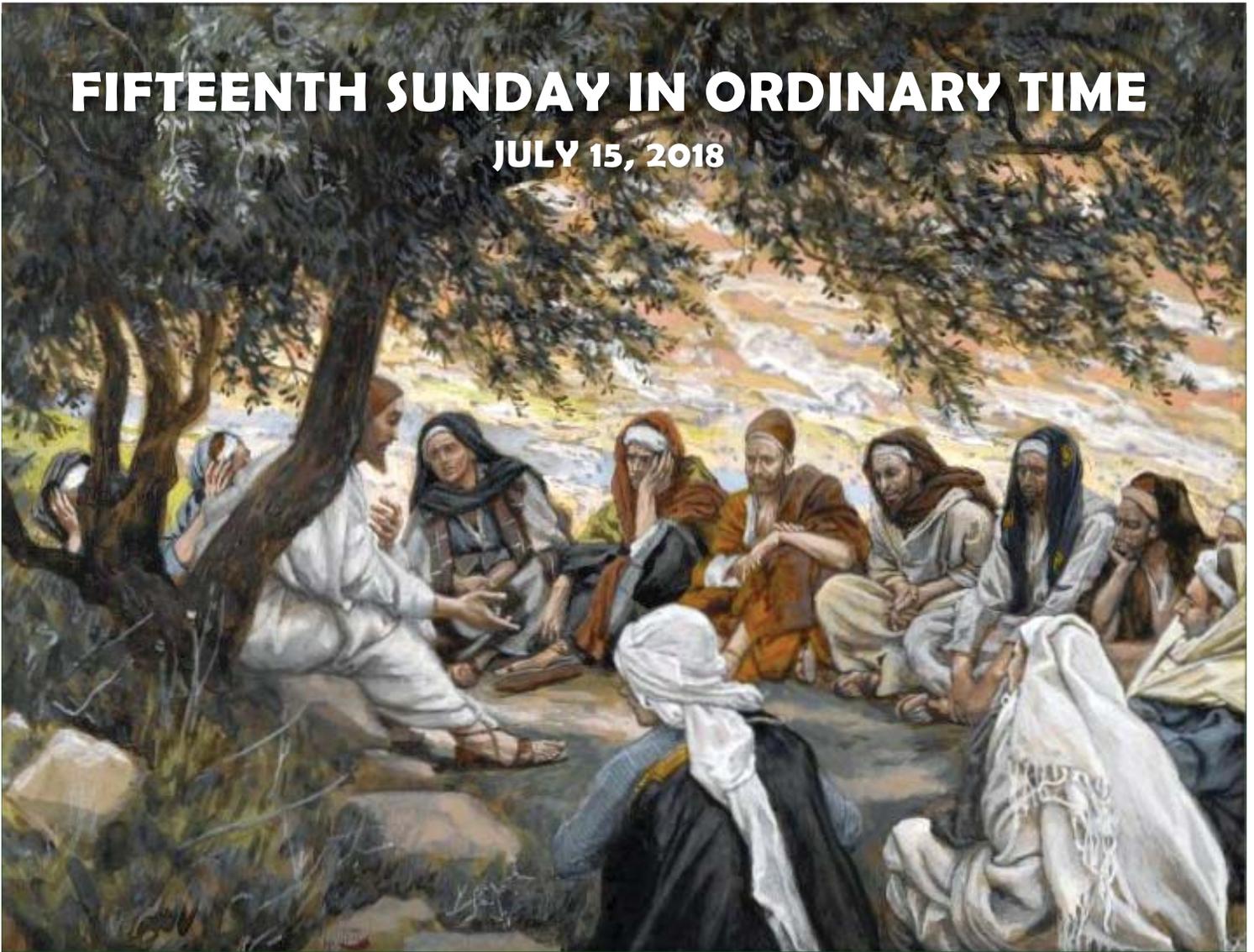


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 15, 2018



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.

He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.”

So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

(MARK 6:7-13)



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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Second Collection Today: Peter's Pence

The purpose of the **Peter's Pence Collection** is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

The Next Chapter



You're invited to "The Next Chapter" for fellowship and lunch! "The Next Chapter" is a ministry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for widows and widowers for social and support. All are welcome! *We also welcome men and women whose spouses are alive yet find their lives will never be the same, due to illness.* Please contact Sandy James for details: 661-871-0752.

When: July 23, 2018 at 11:30 AM

Place: Loma Linda Restaurant, 3611 Mount Vernon Avenue

Vocation Discernment Retreat

Men between 17 and 45 years of age who are discerning a call to the priesthood are invited to a Vocation Discernment Retreat on Friday, July 27th - Sunday, July 29th at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Three Rivers, California.

Contact the parish office for more details. Registration deadline is July 20.



New to our parish? Welcome!

We are grateful you've joined us! Please complete this form and place it in the collection basket so we can better serve you. Please call or stop by the church office to share the ways we can help you and your family!

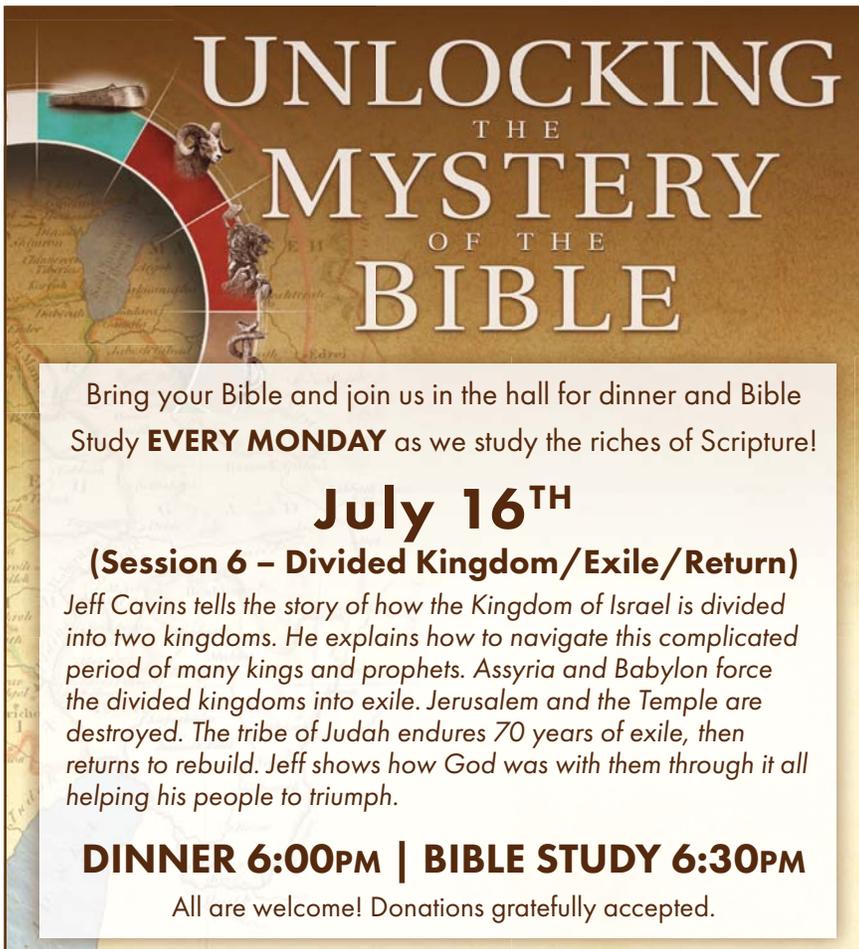
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YES!

Would you like a phone call to discuss Sacraments needed for you or a family member? Would you like to learn more about our religious education programs for your children?



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Bring your Bible and join us in the hall for dinner and Bible Study **EVERY MONDAY** as we study the riches of Scripture!

July 16TH

(Session 6 – Divided Kingdom/Exile/Return)

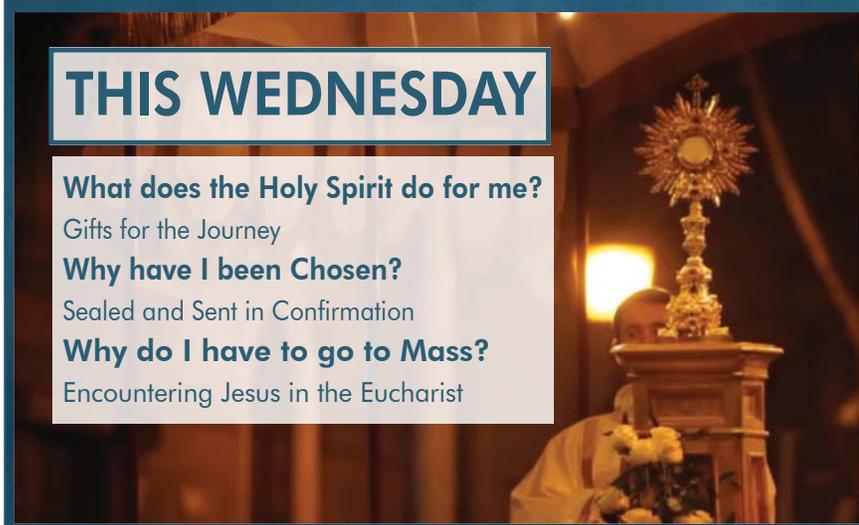
Jeff Cavins tells the story of how the Kingdom of Israel is divided into two kingdoms. He explains how to navigate this complicated period of many kings and prophets. Assyria and Babylon force the divided kingdoms into exile. Jerusalem and the Temple are destroyed. The tribe of Judah endures 70 years of exile, then returns to rebuild. Jeff shows how God was with them through it all helping his people to triumph.

DINNER 6:00PM | BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM

All are welcome! Donations gratefully accepted.

CHOSEN

JOURNEY THROUGH THE ENTIRE CATHOLIC FAITH IN ALL ITS RICHNESS AND VITALITY



THIS WEDNESDAY

What does the Holy Spirit do for me?
Gifts for the Journey

Why have I been Chosen?
Sealed and Sent in Confirmation

Why do I have to go to Mass?
Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist

DINNER 5PM • FILM 5:30PM
All ages and families are welcome! Free!

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 noon, 5:30 PM

Daily Masses:

Monday: No services

Tuesday: 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Wednesday–Thursday: 7:00 AM

Friday: 7:00 AM (during summer months) or 8:15 AM (during the school year)

Sacraments

Confessions: Thursday 5 PM (until all are heard), or by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays at 5 PM. All are welcome!

Infant Baptism (under 7 years): Celebrated in English at 10 AM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, and in Spanish at 10 AM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Contact the parish office for details.

Marriage: Contact the parish office for details.

Mass Intentions

JULY 14 5:00 PM Joseph Ducato
(*Sonja Ducato & Family*)

JULY 15 7:30 AM Sr. Kathryn Fitzpatrick
(*Ray & Helen Stamper*)

9:00 AM George Carson IV
(*Carson Family*)

10:30 AM Missa Pro Populo
(*Mass for the People*)

12:00 PM Tina Ruiz
(*Tucker Family*)

5:30 PM Jack Farrer
(*Gonzalez Family*)

JULY 16 No services.

JULY 17 6:00 PM Brent Robinson
(*Don & Gay Robinson*)

JULY 18 7:00 AM Lillian Aguillard
(*Myra & Patrick Smith*)

JULY 19 7:00 AM Mary Andre
(*Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Board*)

JULY 20 7:00 AM Thomas and Jeffries Families



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STATEMENT

ON

DETENTION OF MINORS AND SEPARATION OF IMMIGRANT CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS

MOST REVEREND ARMANDO X. OCHOA, D.D.

BISHOP OF FRESNO

"The Lord hears the cry of the poor" (Psalm 34)

In recent days, the "cry" of the children caught in the vise between government policy and fundamental human decency has been deafening and heartbreaking for the vast majority of Americans and for people all over the world. The forcible separation of children from their parents is reprehensible and immoral from its very foundation and deserves the strongest condemnation by every means possible and from every segment of our society. The Catholic Church joins in this condemnation based on our consistent and long-standing teaching and practice on the value of all human life and the protection of the most vulnerable among us.

We hear the cry of the "little ones" in our midst and we plant our stand firmly in their defense and to speak on their behalf to protect their human rights as children of God and precious gifts of the greatest value. The children and their immigrant parents must never be used by any agency, organization, or government as "pawns" in a hideous game of partisan bickering and immoral political manipulation that betrays the very soul of our Democracy. These are **HUMAN BEINGS**, not trash that can be discarded when no longer needed for the fulfillment of selfish political designs - a sad and brutal reminder of a "throw-away" mentality.

We hear the cry of the children and we see their suffering and feel their loneliness. As a loving mother, the Church longs to embrace these hurting little ones; to comfort their fears; to dry their tears, and to accompany them through the uncertain paths ahead. You and I must be the hands, and feet, and voice of Holy Mother Church in protecting and comforting all her children.

I urge every Catholic in the Diocese of Fresno and all people of good will to set aside partisan divisions and divisive rhetoric that so often cloud our vision and drown out the calling we have received as benefactors of freedom and guardian - citizens of a great country and as baptized disciples of the Lord, so we can truly listen to the clear and pain-filled cry of our most precious little ones. Their cries are their message to us all! May we hear these cries and act to answer them with love, justice, and family unity.

June 20, 2018

STATEMENT

ON

THE EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING THE SEPARATION OF FAMILIES IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION

MOST REVEREND ARMANDO X. OCHOA, D.D.

Bishop of Fresno

The Diocese of Fresno is encouraged by the Trump Administration's reversal of policy regarding the separation of families and unification of children with their parents while under federal immigration detention. We urge the Administration and Congress to work together toward immediate legislation that will usher in comprehensive and fair immigration reform that protects human rights, family unity, security, and lawful protection of the nation's borders.

June 20, 2018

THE ISSUE OF MIGRATION

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Question #s 248-250 of **DoCAT**, the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church for Youth.
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Why is migration a controversial issue?

There can be many reasons for leaving one's native land: the poverty and misery of the population, lack of freedom and democracy, political persecution as well as conflicts and wars in the native land, or simply the desire to live in another culture or place.

Besides the migrants who live legally in the countries to which they immigrated, there are also many "illegal aliens", who often stay in hiding in society because they have no residence permit.

The lives of these people are often marked by a constant fear of discovery, arrest, and deportation.

As a result, they are sometimes deprived of fundamental rights.

People without a residence permit often do not risk seeking medical care, resisting exploitative working



arrangements, or sending their children to school -- their fear of being discovered and deported is too great.

But the Church says quite clearly: Even people without residence permits have human rights, which must not be denied them.

How should migrants be treated, in keeping with the unity of the human family?

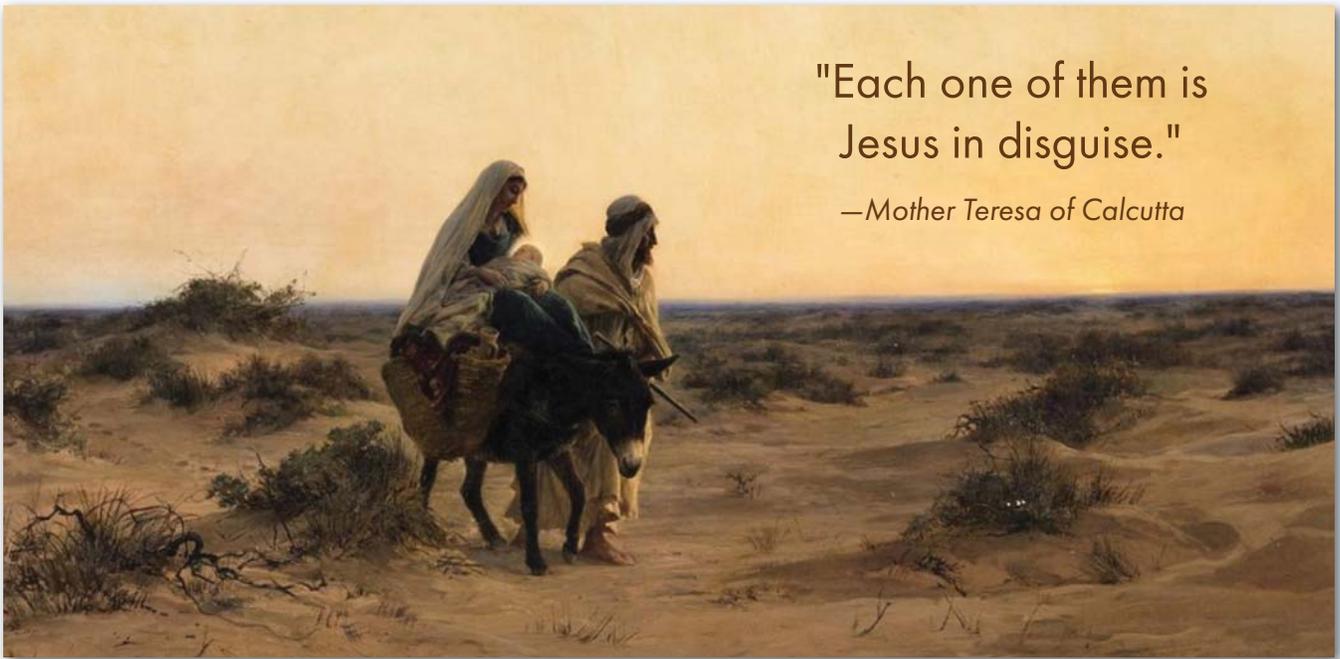
Often migrants are turned away from countries even when that means tolerating human rights violations.

Thus many people drown while traveling from Africa to Europe or, after arrival, are sent to camps with degrading conditions or else are often sent back without sufficient examination of their legal claims.

As Christians see them, however, these people are not just citizens of a country but are always members of the human family as well.

That is why it is a moral duty to provide refuge for those who in their homeland are subject to persecution or suffer from dire need.

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"Each one of them is
Jesus in disguise."

—Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The Flight into Egypt by Eugène Girardet

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People do not leave their homeland without a reason.

As long as there is no real international collaboration for the truly just development of all nations, people will seek to migrate to other countries looking for a better life.

How is the Catholic Church involved in this area?

For many years, throughout the world, the Catholic Church has been an advocate for migrants, including the group of "undocumented" or "illegal" aliens.

In doing so, she cites the preferential option for the poor

and Jesus' identification with the marginalized and the forgotten.

Catholic teaching can be summarized in a number of key points.

First, people have the right to migrate in order to support themselves and their families.

Second, nations have the right to regulate their borders.

Third, refugees and asylum seekers should be given protection.

Fourth, human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected.

Regarding this last point, as the U.S. and Mexican bishops have stated:

"Regardless of their legal status, migrants, like all persons, possess inherent human dignity that should be respected. Often they are subject to punitive laws and harsh treatment from enforcement officers from both receiving and transit countries. Government policies that respect the basic human rights of the undocumented are necessary" (*Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*).

It is not enough to help only in individual cases; it is also the Church's task to prompt legislators to pass more humane laws.

Learn more about the Catholic Church's teaching on immigration at www.usccb.org.