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Dear Padre

AUGUST 20, 2017

What are the gnostic gospels and apocryphal books? Is it OK to read them?

In the two earliest manuscripts of the Bible, both of which are in the Vatican Library, one contains the seven apocryphal books of the Old Testament and the other does not. The Catholic Church includes these apocryphal books and considers them to be the inspired word of God, as is everything included in Catholic translations of the Bible. Selections from these books are included in our *Lectionary* and proclaimed during Mass.

When Martin Luther left the Catholic Church, he used the Bible manuscript that did not contain the seven apocryphal books, but then he placed these books in a section between the Old and New Testaments, calling them Deutero-canonicals. He did not discard these books entirely but considered them of lesser importance than the other books. Some Protestant translations of the Bible exclude these books altogether.

The gnostic gospels, however, are entirely separate from these apocryphal books. Gnosticism is a heresy condemned by the Catholic Church. As part of their false proclamation, gnostics produced stories of Jesus' life that supported their belief, and these "gospels" contain teachings that are contrary to our Catholic faith. While the gnostic gospels could be read out of interest in their historical or philosophical context, they are not the inspired word of God and should not be read in that light.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

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Monday
AUGUST 21
St. Pius X, Pope
Jgs 2:11-19
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday
AUGUST 22
Queenhip of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jgs 6:11-24a
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday
AUGUST 23
Weekday
Jgs 9:6-15
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday
AUGUST 24
St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Friday
AUGUST 25
Weekday
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday
AUGUST 26
Weekday
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday
AUGUST 27
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

Good News!

August 20, 2017

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
 Is 56:1, 6-7, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32, Mt 15:21-28

All of today's readings have a common theme: how Jesus' words to his Jewish brothers and sisters influence our faith. The Catholic Church's relationship with our Jewish brothers and sisters has been strengthened dramatically over the last years. This is thanks in large part to Vatican II's Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (*Nostra Aetate*), particularly Judaism.

Our deep connection with Judaism is rooted in the fact it was to these Chosen People God offered the Old Covenant. We are also indebted to them because their history and culture formed the lives of the people of God and the Holy Family, from which the early Church sprung.

Christianity's firm belief that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah is the reason our Church is like a shoot sprung from the root of Jesse. This difference was something Paul's Letter to the Romans dealt with directly—the need for all, both Jews and Gentiles, to accept Jesus.

The key element to this acceptance is the faith shown in the Gospels. Jesus reaches out to his fellow members of the house of Judah yet also recognizes that a Canaanite (Gentile) woman has faith that leads to salvation. This has key implications for both insiders and outsiders: One can no longer claim salvation by a bloodline or nationality but only by one's acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God and active participation in his body, the Church. Jesus broadens the welcome and opens God's house to all people.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Aug 20, 2017 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



REGULAR MASS TIMES: Saturday 6:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. **Confessions:** Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 p.m., or by Appointment **Daily Masses:** Tue. – Fri. 7:30 a.m. (Monday is Father's day off.)
The Prayer Garden is available 24/7/365



Free

Mass Intention Symbols
† - In honor of deceased
♥ - Anniversary/Marriage
🎵 - Birthday/Thanksgiving
SI - Special Intentions

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Tues. – Debbie Kutchler (†) Elvira Garvel
- Wed. a.m. – (SI)
- Wed. 6:30 p.m. – All CCD Students & Teachers (SI)
- Thurs. – Connie Ivy (†) Randy & Kathy Davis
- Fri. – James Maraggia (†) Margie McMullen
- Sat. 6:00 p.m. – Ethel Fikac (†) David Barthels
- Sun. 7:30 a.m. – Sissie Charbula (†) Ronald & Barbara Charbula
- Sun. 9:00 a.m. – Leroy Repka (†) Bessie Repka

Free Rosaries in Narthex

Please inform the office if you know of a St. Joseph parishioner in the hospital or that is homebound for Father Barnabas to visit.
Remember to write your prayer requests on the note cards in the corner of the Narthex and place them in the slot of the corner table.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

- Sat. Noah & Lila Perry, Volunteer
- Sun. 7:30 A & J Koehl, S Kolodziejczyk
- Sun: 9:00 Aidan & Avery Baker, Melea Price

CANTOR: C Baker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(The Minister listed first serves the body of Christ)

- Sat. K Franz, D Martin, D Zuck
- Sun. 7:30: L Groth, D Martin, K Bednorz
- Sun. 9:00: J Charbula, P Kovar, J Baker

LECTORS

- Sat. E Zuck
- Sun. 7:30: Kolodziejczyk
- Sun: 9:00 R Kovar

USHERS

- Sat. Hairell, Moorman, Stuart, Volunteer
- Sun. 7:30: Koch, Horelka, Zacek, Maraggia
- Sun. 9:00: S Griffin, V & F Bueno

Church Giving Report	
Father's Cake any/all donations accepted	\$409.00
CCD Program	\$0.00
Prayer Garden	\$25.00
2017 Picnic Fund	\$392.50
Picnic Raffle	\$183.00
Picnic Placemat Ads	\$100.00
Picnic Bucket Drawing	\$300.00
Scholarship	\$15.00
Pledges - Building & Parking Lot	\$125.00
Weekly Building Fund	\$50.00
Weekly Offering	\$1,561.50
Weekly Loose/Restricted	\$1,292.50
Total	\$4,044.50
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	\$829.60
Received of 2017 Picnic \$12K Goal	\$8,783.50
2017 DSA St. Joseph Goal	\$30,093.00
2017 DSA 2nd Collection (total)	(\$3,261.43)
2017 DSA St. Joseph Goal balance	\$26,831.57

Upcoming Second Collections –
Sept 10 – Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Communications & Catholic Univ. of America
Sept 24 – Goes towards St. Joseph's obligation to the Diocesan Service Appeal

New this year at 2017 144th Annual Picnic

We are taking any & all donations towards Father Barnabas' Cake. No donation is too small. You may donate PRIOR to picnic day by making a note on your giving envelope or on memo of a check OR on picnic day. Once an individual and/or business has made a donation, their name will be entered in the drawing to **WIN Fr. BARNABAS' CAKE and a 'Surprise' gift!** Each name will be entered once regardless of the monetary donation made. The drawing for the **cake & "Surprise" gift** will take place at **2:00 p.m.** Winner must be present or have a designated picker-upper that can pick up the cake after the drawing. **The goal is \$5,000.00! Let's get'er started!**

See dark pink flyer in Narthex for Picnic Action Items, Chairmen, & Timeline.

The Parish will be conducting a **school supply drive** to benefit Inez Community students in need. Look for the box in the Narthex to place donated school supply items. Deadline: Aug. 31st



We still need helpers in elementary & high school classes. CCD Opening Mass this Wed., Aug 23rd 6:30 p.m. for ALL Students, Parents & teachers followed by a meet and greet with the teachers in the CCD Hall. Attendance will be taken. *Parents/guardians MUST ATTEND MASS with students younger than 6th grade.

Reagan Gasch	Donald & Teresa Otto	Alexia Warzecha	Jon Harris
Colton Budd	Worth Bowers	Emily Fric	Frank Maraggia
Ryan Mikulec	Wyatt Kurtz	Aidan Janis	
Lila Perry	Stella Kolle	Charles Nelson Sr.	
Pedro Sanchez	Reagan Stuart	Bettie Garrison	
🎵 Happy Birthday & Anniversary ♥			

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Aug 20 – St. Andrew Parish Festival** – Hillje, BBQ, homemade sausage 11:00 a.m. Auction, etc...
- Aug 23 – CCD Opening Mass – 6:30 p.m.**
- Aug 31 – School Supply Drive Deadline**
- Sept 3 – St. John Bosco's Festival** 5508 FM 616 Vanderbilt – Pork Steak & Sausage plates \$10, 11 a.m.
- Sept 3 – Sacred Heart Parish Picnic** – Hallettsville, Country Fried Chicken & Stew, Auction 1 pm

Holy Family is having a **Women's ACTS Retreat Sept. 28-Oct.1st**. Registration forms for the retreat are in the Narthex. For questions contact Melissa Roessler at 361-550-8725 or email me at missy@tisd.net.

"Finding Christ in the World," 12-week Ignatian Retreat @ Amor Meus Spirituality Center, Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N.E. Water St. Victoria, a prayer experience to help you see where God breaks into your daily life. A small group of 6 to 10 persons will meet at Incarnate Word Convent Amor Meus Prayer Room each Wed. beginning Sept. 6th - Nov. 29th, 2017 from 9 – 10:00 a.m. to share & explore their experience of prayer. The fee is \$10 per week for the 12 weeks, which includes a workbook for the entire retreat. An **Introduction Session** to answer questions is Aug. 30th 9:00-10 a.m. at Incarnate Word Convent Amor Meus Prayer Room. **To register: Call (361) 575- 7111; For questions call: Sister Digna at (361) 485-0866.** The group is limited to 10 persons. Call early to secure a space.

Message of the Week: Don't be impressed by: 1 money 2 followers 3 degrees 4 titles. Do be impressed by: 1 generosity 2 integrity 3 humility 4 kindness. <http://www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in/>