



Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
A Stewardship Parish

July 18, 2021  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastor: Fr. Michel Dalton, OFM Capuchin  
Deacons: Steve Kula and Fernando Ona

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Mass Schedule

Saturdays:	4:30 pm	Sundays:	8:00 am / 10:30 am
Mondays:	5:00 pm	Tuesdays:	9:00 am
Wednesdays:	5:00 pm	Fridays	10:00 am

Our vision: To be a welcoming parish committed to serving others.

Our mission: To make Christ known to the world through Word, Sacrament, Prayer and Service

## Scripture Readings

### July 18, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

**Jeremiah 23:1-6** Woe to the shepherds who do not shepherd!

**Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6** When God is our shepherd, we want for nothing.

**Ephesians 2:13-18** Christ is the peace of those near and far from the original covenant.

**Mark 6:30-34** Jesus views the crowds like sheep without a shepherd.

### July 25, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

**2 Kings 4:42-44** Elisha feeds a hundred with 20 loaves of barley.

**Psalms 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18** God satisfies the desire of every living thing with open hands.

**Ephesians 4:1-6** All are united under one Lord, in one faith, by one Baptism.

**John 6:1-15** The crowds seek to make Jesus king, for he alone can feed the multitudes.



When the wolves come,  
stay close to the shepherd.

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Prayer  
Requests

Please advise the Parish Office when it is no longer necessary or appropriate to keep names on the list, so we may use the space for future entries.

## What Does God Want from Us?



This weekend's gospel is a retelling of what happened after the Apostles returned from their first mission, which we heard about last weekend. It was then that Jesus sent them forth with the important ministry of teaching. Yes, He gave them the power and authority over unclean spirits and the capability to heal the sick. But before doing this they had to teach about their Master, explain about the Kingdom of God, and inform them that they were part of God's plan for salvation. If I can summarize what their "Lesson Plan" might have contained perhaps it was something like this:

God is waiting for Us: Whenever the Good News is taught and preached it must state, from the very beginning, that God is waiting for us to respond to His invitation. Faith is always made available and is never forced because God gives us freewill, and faith must be a decision on our part. I guess you could say, "freely offered and freely received" and the Lord wouldn't have it any other way. **That's Lesson #1.**

God is ready for Us: Did you ever think that God is ready for us, not only go to Him in times of need but also to respond to Him when needed? Sure, there are many things that occupy our time but making ourselves available for Him must be high up on our list of things 'to do'! We aren't asked to do the impossible... but the possible, and He allows it to happen. **That's Lesson #2.**

God is Blessing Us: This sounds almost too obvious to say but some people, both in the days of the Apostles as well as today, need to be told about this. We take for granted that God loves us, Jesus came to save us, and the Holy Spirit continues to guide our lives. Can you imagine the learning curve that the crowds Jesus' followers taught and preached to had to navigate? At least in today's world most people know about Christianity even if they are not believers. **That's Lesson #3.**

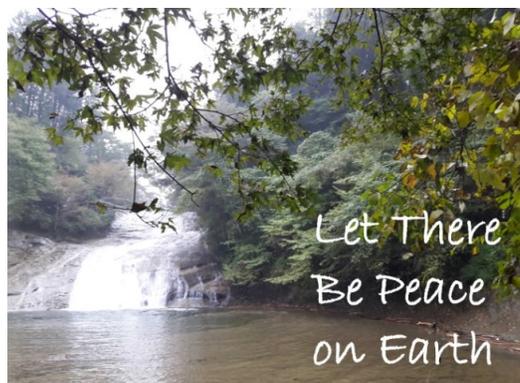
God is sending us: Today's Gospel is not just an anecdote from 2,000 years ago...it still is the 'plan' that we follow. As the Apostles were sent out to do their ministry and missionary work, so too are we. Our destination is usually closer to our residences or places of work than theirs was. They had to hit the 'dusty trail' and leave home, family, and friends, and seek out people and places to bring their message of peace and blessings to. Considering what they were challenged with, we probably have it much easier. **That's Lesson #4.**

God is Here: A particularly important detail in our Gospel is that after the Apostles returned and reported to Jesus about their successes, they probably spent a great deal of time bragging about themselves. I'm sure that Jesus patiently listened to them, but He then offers them an invitation to something that was just as important as the activities they performed in His name. He tells them they must go with Him '...to a deserted place and rest.' Although the implication is that they were probably very tired and need a break, it was more than that. Jesus wanted them to rest with Him...to spend time with the Son of God...to be in God's presence and take in some quiet blessings. Isn't this still an important part of our Christian calling, to spend daily time in God's presence? Of course, it is! Recognizing that God is available to us should remind us that we must return the favor and take time for and with Him. **That's Lesson #5.**

So, this is what I think the 'faith plan' was for those first Apostles. What do you think? Are you aware of something that might have been omitted on their "to-do" list? Before you critique my list, make sure that you can say that these things are part of your own experience with God. If they are, then you are more than ready to take the Gospel out to those who are needing to hear it. Be encouraged because we are better prepared for this mission than they probably were. Like them, we are to teach what we believe and not be too concerned with the 'Lesson Plan'...you should already know it by heart. We follow in their footsteps, pick up where they left off, have already begun the mission, and now it's time to report back to the Lord about our successes. School may on summer break for our children... but for the children of God there is no such recess!

Summer blessings,

Fr. Mike





Weekly Donation for 3-4 July and 10-11 July 2021	
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$29,486</b>
<b>Major Maintenance &amp; Repair</b>	<b>3,789</b>
<b>Pew Fund</b>	<b>13,500</b>
<b>Seminarian Education</b>	<b>585</b>
<b>Thrift Shop</b>	<b>325</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,685</b>

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Attendance				
	3-4 July		10-11 June	
	Adults	Children	Adults	Children
<b>Sat 4:30PM</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Sun 8:00AM</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Sun 10:30AM</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>31</b>

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / CCD

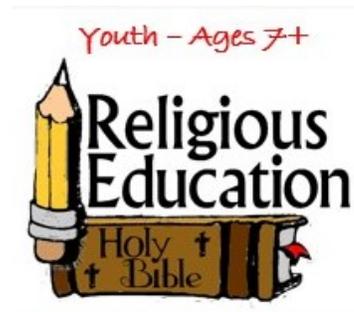
***"Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it."***  
***Proverbs 22:6***

Religious Education / CCD will start on September 18, 2021, Saturday at 3:15 pm

Registration forms may be downloaded from the website or picked up at the gym after MASS.

The following documents may be downloaded from the Holy Trinity website then completed and submitted via RE box in the gym or USPS to the Church's office no later than 08/17/2021

1. RE Registration Form
2. Safety Environment Form
3. Photo Consent Form
4. Copy of Baptism Certificate (please provide)
5. Sacrament Requirement Agreement
6. Payment \$50 Fee, checks payable to Holy Trinity



### **Thrift Shop is Open (Limited days and hours)**

Our Parish Thrift Shop is now open every Thursday from 9 am until noon. Our volunteers feel safe and ready to open the Thrift Shop but only on Thursdays from 9am to 12 Noon. We are still not taking donations. Only cash or check sales are available now. No credit card sales.

**At this time, we are not accepting any donations.**



### Aloha Sr. Gio

Sr. Giovanna Marie Marcoccia, a long-time principal at Holy Trinity School, died peacefully in Honolulu on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 after a brief illness. Born in Syracuse, New York, on May 24, 1934, Sr Gio attended schools there and in Albany, New York, and was received into the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1953.

Sr. Gio served at Holy Trinity School as principal from 1985-1996, and will be remembered for her love of telling jokes, her struggle to keep an access open to the school from Kalaniana'ole Highway and her often repeated words to all the students: that they were "**wonderful, lovable, and capable.**" God Bless you, Sr Gio and may you forever rest in peace.

### **Respect Life Corner – Weekend of July 17**



As Catholics, we are called to contribute to the common good. In *Rejoice and Be Glad [Gaudete et Exultate]*, Pope Francis writes:

Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. ... You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavor.

Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm, and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.

As Catholics, we can bring our faith and consistent moral framework to important work in our communities, our nation, and the world. Let us respond in prayer and action to the call to faithful citizenship and live out the call to holiness as we work with Christ to build his kingdom of love.

Merciful Father,

Thank you for inviting each of us to join in your work of building the kingdom of love, justice, and peace.

Draw us close to you in prayer as we discern your call in our families and communities.

Send us forth to encounter all whom you love: those not yet born, those in poverty, those in need of welcome.

Inspire us to respond to the call to faithful citizenship, during election season and beyond.

Help us to imitate your charity and compassion and to serve as models of loving dialogue.

Teach us to treat others with respect, even when we disagree, and seek to share your love and mercy.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

At Holy Trinity we support and sustain a culture of LIFE. Join us on each First Friday, after the 10:00 AM Mass as we pray the rosary while in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We appreciate the support of your prayers. If you are interested in joining our Respect Life Committee, please contact Debbie at [dkula@rchwaii.org](mailto:dkula@rchwaii.org)



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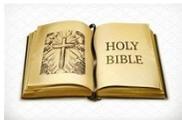
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### **Jesus Is Always in Our Boat**

***"Who shut the sea behind the doors when it burst forth..."*** (Job 38:8)

Every summer we see magnificent sand sculptures built on the beach by engineering and architectural students. One can only imagine the planning and talent it takes to accomplish such an edifice. Then we have the productions of children...rushing with a pail of damp sand to build "their castle." They're so proud of their work! Then the tide comes and takes everything back. So too with our lives; they sometimes seem out of control...we wonder where the 'good times' went; that is until we read Mark's gospel reliving the story of Jesus calming the sea. He calms our life as well. When things seem beyond our control, recall this gospel lesson and keep the faith...Jesus will calm the sea...sometimes He must first calm us...just remember...He's always in our boat.

**"You Can't Out Do God's Generosity!"**



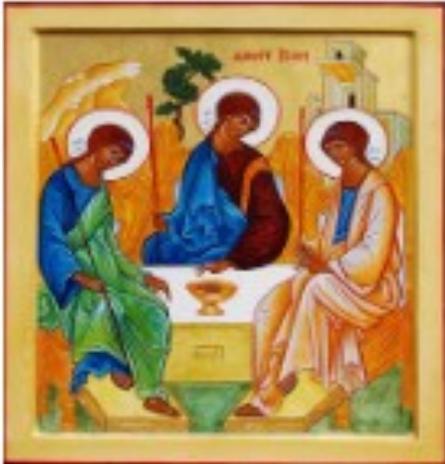
### **Good News to the Parishioners of Holy Trinity Church**

**July 18, 2021**

1. Kristin Kay tested positive for Covid and spent 84 days on a ventilator. She missed her 5 yr old son, Parker and when the doctors said it was safe, he ran to her to give her a hug and a big kiss...not noticing the tubes and medical devices at her bedside.
2. The 'Covid Bandit' strikes again. At least that's how this anonymous but generous patron signed the credit card after leaving a \$6,400 tip...\$200 for every employee in the Guard and Grace restaurant in Colorado.
3. David Williams had a 1% chance of surviving "...they even planned my funeral!" he said. After 7 weeks of excellent care in a Kansas City, MO hospital, he was ready to go home...they called him the 'miracle patient.'
4. Think hard. Did something good happen this week? I'm sure it did. Then cherish that memory. Hold it in your heart/or in your mind; then when, things are challenging...recall that memory.
5. Remember our gifts from God...continue to take care of one another.
6. When it comes to Coronavirus...common sense is not so common...choose common sense anyway.
7. Wear your mask, maintain distance and wash your hands.
8. Keeping current with Holy Trinity...**easy**. Check our website for the latest news and updates at [www.holytrinitychurchhi.org](http://www.holytrinitychurchhi.org).

Let's remember the value of what we have when the good times return. Stay safe, wear a mask, wash your hands, looking forward to **seeing you in our gym at Mass until then.**

## **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**



At Holy Trinity, we welcome adults who want to learn more about how to become Catholic. If you are interested or know someone who would like to learn more about being a Catholic, we have a program starting up in September. Our process involves preparation for this rite for those who desire to be in full communion with the Catholic Church (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), whether baptized or not, as well as for those baptized in other Christian religions who desire to become Roman Catholic.

The program is a journey of life experiences that is shared with the team members and the candidates. We use the weekly Gospel readings, videos and a book that explains our Catholic Faith. There are no tests, we love questions, and the best part is taking this journey together as a family.

Classes start on Catechetical Sunday, September 19th from 8:30 to 9:30 AM in the RCIA room, upstairs in the Church Office Building.

Again, if you know anyone who is interested, have them call the HTC office at (808)396-0551 or Deacon Steve Kula at (808)277-7695.

## **Church Projects Update**

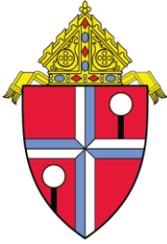
The window installation project started after the July 4th holiday. The 3 installers worked through the summer heat at a very strong pace. The window panes were heavy, but they figured out a way to get all of the windows installed. They were challenged by the air conditioners but were able to succeed. Unfortunately, there was a crack in one of the panes. They installed a temporary sheet of plywood, until a replacement pane arrives. This will not have any effect on the tile installation project, which will restart this week.



## **Seminarian Education Fund**

This weekend, July 17-18 is the annual Special Collection for the Seminarian Education Fund. The Diocese of Honolulu requires seminarians receive their undergraduate degrees prior to entry into the major seminary but does provide for Theological Educational expenses because once ordained, parish salaries are modest, imposing a burden to these men. Your generosity for their financial assistance will be appreciated. Mahalo.





ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
WITNESS TO JESUS

To: All Pastors and Parishioners

From: Covid-19 Task Force

Date: July 16, 2021

Subject: July 2021 Covid-19 Update

*For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.  
-From the USCCB's Covid-19 Prayer for Solidarity*

Dear Pastors and parishioners,

Governor Ige's July 8 updates to the State's Safe Travels Program and Reopening Hawai'i Strategy did not change any restrictions for the Catholic Church, except for the increases in limits for indoor and outdoor events. *See list below.*

All other directives expressed in past communications, especially Bishop Larry's March 5, 2021 memo are still in place. While we do not enforce these policies, we continue to rely on the integrity of our pastors and parishes to consider the safety of our faithful with continued urgency and attention. New covid-19 cases and deaths are still a reality.

Although at times frustrating, we must remain patient and understanding as we abide by national, state, city, and diocesan policies.

## **General**

- Spiritual Services (i.e., Sunday and daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer groups, Stations of the Cross, etc.): Allowed at full capacity as long as we continue to maintain 6-foot distancing between singles (when alone) and 6' between households.
- Masks must be worn by all who attend indoor functions such as Mass, other liturgical services, and meetings.
- Continue the use of hand sanitizing and washing hands as often as possible.

## **Mass**

- Social distancing and no-touch greetings and Sign of Peace remain the norms.
- Holy Communion is to be distributed only under one kind; namely, the Body of Christ.
- Singing by the entire congregation is still *discouraged*. Follow your county guidelines.
- The use of a small choir is permitted. If the parish is using a choir, choir members need to continue following the rules for indoor singing as directed by the state:  
    "Any person(s) singing shall maintain physical distancing of at least ten (10) feet from any other person(s) while singing. Members of the same performing group

singing may be closer than ten (10) feet together while performing, provided the group consists of less than ten (10) persons. To the extent reasonable and practicable, a physical barrier (e.g., plexiglass) of sufficient size to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 shall separate any person(s) singing from any other person(s), but not including members of the same performing group.”

- In addition to the Entrance, Offertory, Communion and Leavetaking hymns – the Kyrie, Gloria, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and the rest of the Mass part responses could be sung by the choir, observing the proper precautions.
- A distance of 10 feet between the cantor and the congregation needs to be observed as much as possible.
- Sanitization is to continue between Masses.
- Social loitering/gatherings after Mass are discouraged.

## **Workplace**

*With the State of Hawaii now in Tier 5, supervisors have the authority to determine in-office scheduling for their direct reports. This means that employees may be required to work from the office full-time or a hybrid of remote working and in-office work. We are monitoring County and State requirements and will be issuing updates should the situation change.*

The following directives remain in force for employees and volunteers:

- You must wear a mask indoors unless alone without others around.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet. We can now have an indoor meeting up to 25 people as long as all individuals – even those fully vaccinated – are masked and can space out 6 ft.
- Please regularly disinfect your workspace and other communal equipment and high touch items (copiers, mail machines, refrigerator door handles, doorknobs, light switches, etc.)
- No communal food, potluck, or “food tables” allowed. Be aware of spacing and sanitation in the lunch room.

## **Other**

- **[UPDATED]** Indoor events/meetings: Allowed now for up to 25 people maintaining 6-foot social distancing and masked.
- **[NEW]** Outdoor events: Allowed up to 75 people with appropriate Covid-19 mitigation efforts in place.
- No communal food, potluck, or “food tables” allowed at parish events.
- Funeral Mass at Church continues with an URN only - at full capacity - as long as we maintain proper social 6-foot distancing (no change in this area). Bodies are not allowed to be transported to Houses of Worship per the Governor's Exhibit G of his 21st Proclamation.
- Use of conference/breakrooms: Allowed – spaced 6-feet apart.
- Religious Education continues as currently directed. Please check with the Office of Religious Education (Jayne Mondoy) and the Office of the YYAM (Lisa Gomes) for more information.

## Sunday, Jul 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Help others find their way

What makes you sad? For Jesus, the ignorance that governs so many lives is the saddest sight there is. Even when he was personally exhausted, shepherd-less masses awakened in Jesus the desire to offer guidance. Today, our Jewish friends memorialize their saddest day, Tisha B'av, the day when the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed not just once, but twice in history. The despair of being without moorings is acute for any displaced people. Consider offering aid to today's refugees to help them find their way.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34 (107). *"When [Jesus] disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them."*

## Monday, Jul 19, 2021

### Read deeply

Sacred scripture is the living word of God, and the ancient monastic practice of *lectio divina* (Latin for "divine reading") is a contemplative way of "conversing" with it. It involves four basic steps: *lectio* ("reading"), *meditatio* ("meditation"), *oratio* ("prayer"), and *contemplatio* ("contemplation"). By narrowing in on certain passages, reading them slowly and repeatedly, noticing what stirs you, and reflecting prayerfully on it, you can grow closer in personal relationship with God. To learn more about *lectio divina*, read *Open Heart, Open Mind* by Trappist monk Father Thomas Keating, O.C.S.O.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42 (395). *"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."*

## Tuesday, Jul 20, 2021

### Special needs evoke special support

On this day in 1968, the first Special Olympics took place in Chicago. The brainchild of Eunice Kennedy Shriver—devout Catholic, sister of President John F. Kennedy, and tireless advocate for people with intellectual disabilities. Shriver's husband, Sargent Shriver—as a Knight of Columbus—encouraged the Knights to support the cause, not only of Special Olympics but of what's become the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise funds for people with intellectual disabilities. Visit the National Catholic Partnership on Disability to become a better advocate for people with disabilities and their families.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 14:21—15:1; Matthew 12:46-50 (396). *"Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."*

## Wednesday, Jul 21, 2021

### Choose wisely and well

Good preachers know that if they tell a story as part of a sermon, their people are more likely to remember the message. Such preachers take their lead from the master storyteller. Jesus used stories, often parables with a lesson, to help listeners then and now understand what really matters in his Father's kingdom. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "the simple images of the parables . . . confront the hearer with a radical choice (about) entering the kingdom of God." Do not get lost in the

details, but rather see the choice the stories provide. Will you be the seed that grows in good earth? Or will you die among the thorns? Choose love and bear much fruit.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9 (397). *"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit."*

## Thursday, Jul 22, 2021

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE

### Grace under pressure

Mary Magdalene is often referred to as "Apostle to the Apostles." The gospels attest to the fact that she did not abandon Christ on the cross, and in several gospel accounts she is the first witness to the Resurrection, bringing the news to the other apostles. Despite her loyalty and stature, ironically she is not mentioned in the Holy Week liturgies. However, the church in 2016 set a feast day in her honor. On that feast today, reflect on your own loyalty to Christ: Can you be unwavering even under pressure, as was Mary Magdalene?

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603). *"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord.'"*

## Friday, Jul 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS

### Love, embodied

It's great to have a deep connection with another person no matter what kind of relationship it may be. Birgitta Petersson (later known as Saint Bridget of Sweden) found this in Ulf Gudmarsson, whom she married while both were very young. Early on in their relationship they were focused on raising a family of eight with each maintaining a job outside the home. Their relationship and love grew over time with each other and with God. A major bonding experience came when together they made a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, a popular religious destination in northwestern Spain. Years later when Ulf died, Birgitta reportedly said that she had "loved him like my own body." Take time to strengthen the bonds of your own loving relationships.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23 (399). *"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit."*

## Saturday, Jul 24, 2021

MEMORIAL OF SHARBEL MAKHLÜF, PRIEST

### A quiet mystic speaks to our age

Saint Sharbel Makhlüf (1828-98) was a Maronite monk and priest in Lebanon, renowned for his quiet holiness. On the occasion of his beatification in 1965, the Eastern Catholic hermit was described by Saint Pope Paul VI as "a new, eminent member of monastic sanctity," who "through his example and his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people." In the midst of busy, noisy life, make some time to hear the still, quiet voice. Recite the Jesus Prayer revered by the Eastern Church for centuries, now gaining adherents in the West, including Saint Pope John Paul II, who compared the meditative quality of the Jesus Prayer to the Rosary: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30 (400). *"If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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