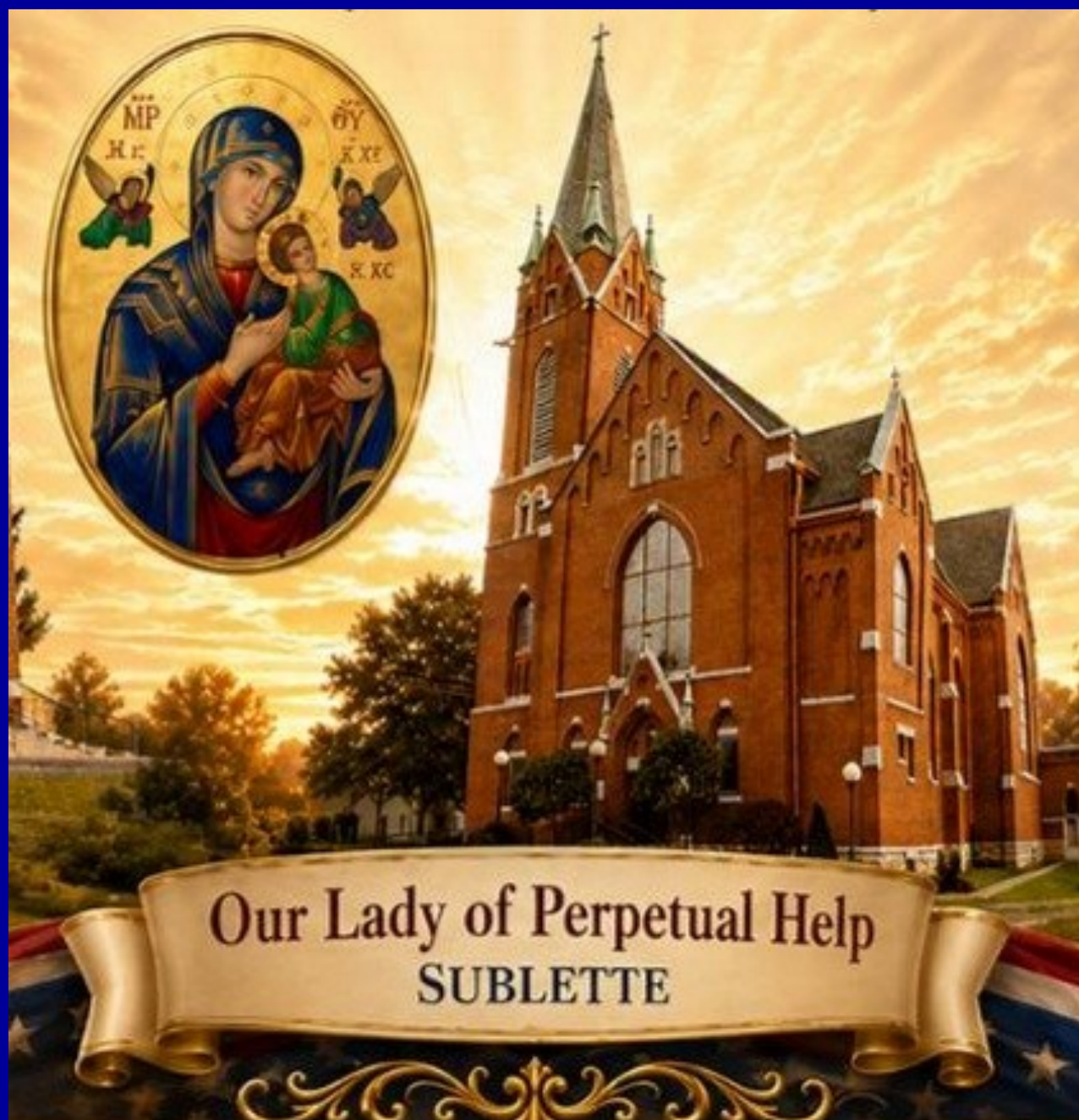


*Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 12th, 2026*

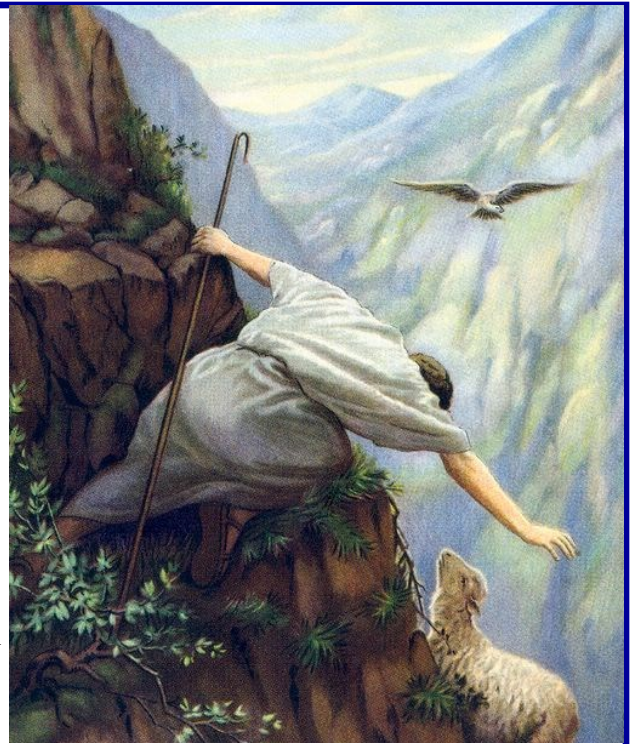


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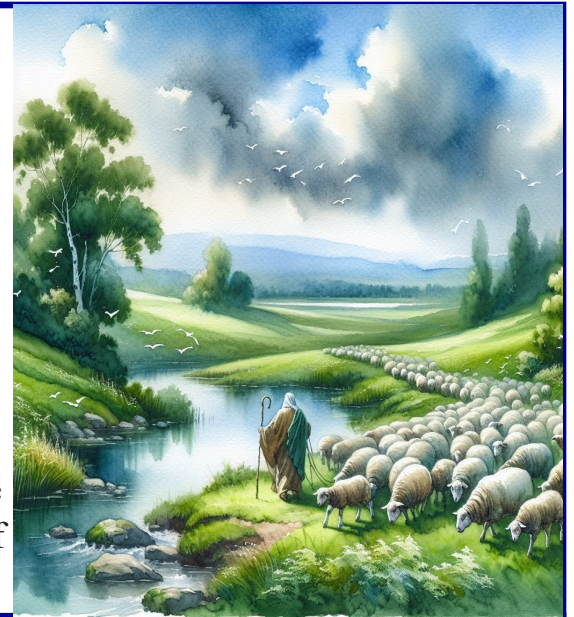
At the sight of the crowds, His Heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. (Mt 9:36)

There comes a time in every **Marriage** where our **spouse** stops thinking of how lost they would really be, if they were not **married** to us. The **Prophet Hosea** (one of **Fr. Randy's favorites**) realized that the reason the Israelites kept losing their **Faith** was because they wanted a God who was less **demanding** – a God, who was not so **Mysterious**, but more **human** – they wanted a God, who would just let them wander the earth. The Israelites sound like us, don't they? Jesus is sent to earth to be our **Shepherd** – to guide us back into **Paradise**.

You see, we, **human beings** – we are like sheep without a **shepherd** – we like to wander, and when we wander we get into trouble. The only creature that was banished from **Paradise** and made to wander the earth endlessly was **the Devil**. Remember, **Lucifer** tells God in the Book of Job, “**I have been roaming the earth and patrolling it,**” — “**prowling the world**” is what we pray in **the St. Michael Prayer**. **Human beings** are on a journey back into **Paradise**, and God sent His only Begotten Son to **Shepherd** us on this journey, this **pilgrimage**, if you will. We need a God, who is more demanding of our thoughts, words, and actions – a God, who demands that we think like He thinks, speak like He speaks, and act like He acts. We need a God, who is **Mystical** – a God, whose **wonder** elevates our **Prayer Life** to desire a more **intimate** relationship Him. We need a God, who won't put up with our being content with our **human tendencies** and characteristics, because the Almighty wants to give us His **Divinity** instead. **At the sight of the crowds, (Jesus' Sacred) Heart was moved with pity for us** – when Jesus looks out from **the Eucharist** in **the Mass**, His **Sacred Heart** is moved with **pity for us**. **Pity** is that aspect of **love** that Jesus feels for us when we have lost a sense of how truly ‘lost’ we are without Him! Every **Marriage**, even **marriages** that end in **divorce** – every **Marriage** begins with **mysticism** and **wonder** that makes every **groom** and **bride** say to themselves, “**if I don't marry this person, I will be lost – my life will not be complete – I will never make it back to Heaven.**” Every **Marriage** also encounters a time when one or both of the spouses does not realize how lost they truly would be, if they were not married to this particular person! The key to saving your **Marriage**, when this happens, is do you have **pity** on your spouse – **like Jesus has pity on the crowd** and on us. Will you continue to lead your spouse in **holiness**, so they can enter back into **Paradise** upon their death? Will you continue to receive **the grace** of God in **the Sacraments**, have **pity** on your spouse, because they don't realize how much they need you, and will you continue to demand more from your spouse – that they tap into **the graces** of **the Sacraments** of the **Catholic Church**, so that they can **mystically** rely on God for help to make you **holy**. **Fr. Randy sympathizes** with all married couples, because I know that the most unpopular **Pastor (Shepherd)** is the one who is demanding,



mysterious, and always on his parishioner's case to go to **Mass** every Sunday and to **confess** your **sins** more often. No Church Community realizes how lost they truly would be without their **Shepherd** – that is why I have such great **pity** on you, because the Lord calls me in my **vocation** of the **priesthood**, to do the same thing as He did **at the sight of the crowd**. Your popularity – in your spouse's eyes – rarely increases as the number of years your **Marriage** goes on. Spouses are like sheep. They prefer a **Shepherd**, who is less demanding, less **mysterious** – a **Shepherd**, who will just let them wander aimlessly. Remember, only with the help of the **Good Shepherd** will we discover the **lush green pastures of Paradise!** **Yours on the Path Fr. Randy**



All of **the 4th of July** festivities may have ended for our **secular culture**, but **the U.S. Bishops** are full of **hope** that **U.S. Catholics** will be inspired to begin to storm **Heaven** with their prayers, works, **joys**, and **sufferings** for the **Country** that they **love**. When **the Bishops consecrated** our **Country** to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **June 11th** and then **consecrated** their individual Diocese to **“the Desire of Nations and Center of History” (the Sacred Heart of Jesus)** on **July 4th** – **the Bishops** gave **thanksgiving** to God for all **the blessings** the Almighty has bestowed on our **Country** in her 250 years of History and asked for even **more blessings** to come; but also, the **Bishops** pledged that they would make **reparations** for our **Country's** sins against God and against **human dignity**. These **sins** include slavery, our Civil War, legalizing abortion for almost 50 years, and evicting God from public schools (to name just a few). At the **Cemetery Mass** in **West Brooklyn**, on **the 4th of July**, I made **the spiritual suggestion** to our **three Parishes** to pray daily for our **Country**. I proposed that after your **“Morning Offering Prayer”** (where you dedicate all your prayers, works, **joys**, and **sufferings** to come that day to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**) that **a Parishioner** and **Catholic Citizen** of the United States might choose three **Presidents** and say three Prayers in **thanksgiving** for all **the blessings** God gave them in their lifetime (not just the time they were in Office) and say those three Prayers in **reparation** for any of the **sins** they committed in their lifetime. I suggested that the three **Presidents** should be our current **President**, George Washington or Abraham Lincoln (see the YouTube video on our website: <https://youtu.be/0Ubf1hbHuWk> for **the humorous reason** that I suggested our 1st President or the 16th President), and then a 3rd Commander in Chief of your own choosing (your **favorite President**). Of course, we are dedicating our Wednesday evening' **Holy Hour** to making **reparations** and **acts of thanksgiving** as a part of our **Country's** consecration to **the Sacred Heart**, but these 3 simple (but powerful) Prayers for three **Presidents** could be your **personal** way of showing **gratitude** to God for making you **a citizen** of this **Country!**



The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci

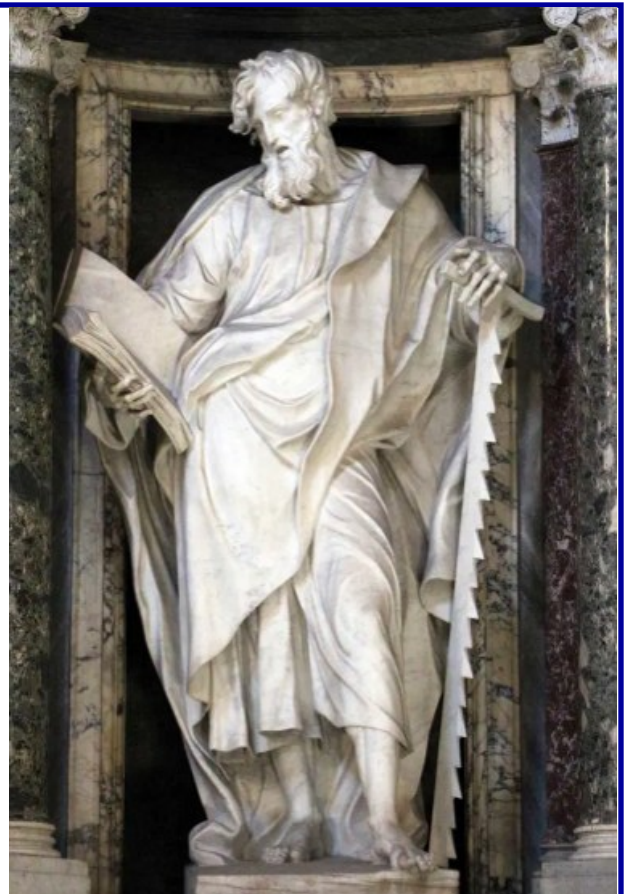
Now we come to the far-right side of the table and find **the Apostle Simon**. **Simon** is called *the Zealot* in **Luke's Gospel** and in **the Acts of the Apostles** (not surprisingly, because **St. Luke** wrote both of these works); however, in **Mark** and **Matthew's Gospel** he is referred to as **Simon the Cananean**. The word that we translating as '*Zealot*' would be the Greek word '*Kananaios*' – which could be translated: one who is deeply in **love** with another, or strong **love** or **passion**, or even intense devotion. **St. Jerome** thought that **Kananaios** could be translated as **Cananean** – meaning that **Simon** was the from the town of **Cana** in Galilee



(the site of our Lord's first miracle).

Regardless, **Simon** did have a **passionate**

love for our Lord, and was **martyred** for his **Faith** that Jesus was the Son of God. The strongest Tradition has **St. Simon** being sawn in half by one of those two-man saws in the area of **Persia**. **Leonardo** depicts him gesturing with both hands held out from the middle-point of his **body** – an indication of his future **martyrdom**. **St. Simon** shares a **Feast Day** with **St. Jude** (October 28th), and one tradition has the two traveling together in their quest to **evangelize** the world – that they traveled the farthest is the reason **da Vinci** seats them together at the farthest end of **the table**.



Marcella Dinges Scholarship Fund

College loan applications are available for the 2026-2027 College School Year. Payment terms include a nominal interest and repayment after graduation over a 5-10 year period. Applications can be picked up at NuMark Credit Union in Sublette.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11th

(+) Sister Njoku, (+) Sister Chioke, (+) Sister Nwosu, (+) Sister Offor, & (+) Sister Anselom/
Daughters of Divine Love

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Floyd Wilson/ Mr. & Mrs. Brian Wilson

Sunday, July 12th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) John Gehant/ Fr. Randy

Noon, **OLPH** (+) Paul Marley/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Henkel

Monday, July 13th Feast of Our Lady the Mystical Rose

(+) Robert Bulfer/ Mr. & Mrs. Greg Henkel

Tuesday, July 14th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Howard McInnis/ Mr. Joseph Bores

Wednesday, July 15th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Anita Vaessen/ Mr. & Mrs. Craig Conderman

Thursday, July 16th Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Darelene Gehant/ Mr. & Mrs. Terry Moyer &
Living Intentions of the DDL/ Fr. Randy

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Eileen Leffelman & (+) Floyd Wilson/ Mr. & Mrs. Pat O'Connor

Friday, July 17th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Richard & (+) Mary Ann Cardot/ Fr. Randy

Saturday, July 18th

(+) Michael Leurck & (+) Patricia Butler/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) William Guilfoyle/ Mr. & Mrs. Denny Marsili

Sunday, July 19th Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Dr. Robert Krenz/ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Cardot

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) Ronald Vaessen/ Ruth Ann Vaessen &
(+) Quin & (+) Josephine Torri/ Forri Family

Noon, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL PROGRESS REPORT:

Parish Goal for **St. Patrick's Church** is \$30,044

Total Funds Raised: \$17,200

Percent to Goal: 57.3%

Parish Goal for **St. Mary of the Assumption** is \$43,388

Total Funds Raised: \$48,764

Percent to Goal: 112.4%

Parish Goal for **OLPH** is \$115,881

Total Funds Raised: \$138,925

Percent to Goal: 119.9%



Congratulations! Two of our **Parishes** have met their **Parish Goal** set by the **Bishop**. This means that every dollar pledged will now have **60 cents** on the dollar coming back to our **Church** (until we meet our **Parish Goal**—**40 cents** of every dollar pledged comes back to the **Parish**). Remember, we have **big projects** at all of our **Churches**, and so we are **hoping** to not just meet our **Campaign Goal**; but more so, to have 100% of the **registered parishioners** make a pledge. We are (in a sense) running a **Capital Campaign** of our own in parallel with the **Diocesan Capital Campaign**.