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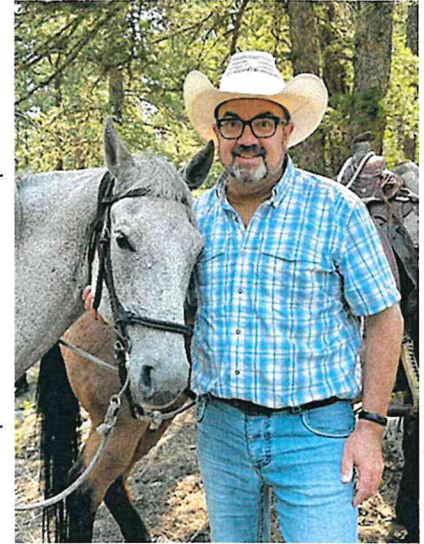
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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

“Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.”

Meet Poncho ... who had to carry my paunch! What a gift to be able to get away for a couple of weeks with Fr. Scott Surrency OFM Cap. visiting Montana and Wyoming. Brought along my cowboy boots and treated myself to a cowboy hat as we traversed around the beauty of the Bitterroot Valley in Southwest Montana and the Plains of Sheridan County in Northwest Wyoming. Never been before – hope to go back again.



I am spoiled to be able to take holidays like this – the responsibility for a priest is to make them truly “holy days”. The key to that is prayer. What a joy to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Angelic Warfare prayers and – most of all – Holy Mass as the daily “rest” of travel. Whether a vacation or a stay-cation, resting in prayer allows us to listen to the Lord who has compassion on us as we run around in so many directions, **“because they were like sheep without a shepherd.”** Letting the hurly-burly of doing things give way to the joy of being in nature we discover again how great it is to “come away to a deserted place” – and realize that prayer is always the place where our weary souls can come way to find rest.

I had never been in this part of the world. It was powerful to see a whole different relationship of First Nations and the Church, it was refreshing to be with country folks who were straightforward and welcoming, how moving to stand with a Stadium full of folks at a Rodeo beginning the event with reverential prayer. The folks we met didn't hesitate to speak of their faith and the cared-for beauty of their churches – particularly the magnificent Cathedral of St. Helena in Wyoming – renewed my commitment to see us express our faith in stone and art in our renovations. Most of all, I was oh-so-proud to tell everyone about my fantastic parish family here back home. I do think Poncho got tired of my bragging.



The first reading this Sunday speaks of the disappointed anger of the LORD at how His people are scattered and driven away by the evil doings of those who are to be shepherds. When I travel I am always struck by the real interest of people to be at peace with each other. As a shepherd, I am challenged to ask whether I am faithful in serving Jesus who alone is the source of this longed-for peace as He created, **“in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace.”** (Eph 2:15) Too many shepherds in the world and in the Church are dividing and scattering the sheep – in order to make more money and have more power. Americans and Canadians, First Peoples and New Peoples, Generations are divided by ideas crafted to increase strife that results in families and peoples being “far off” from each other. I am convicted that Jesus is the only one who **“in his flesh has... broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.”** He alone must we serve because no ideology, no party platform, no sect of those convinced they possess the truth give us what Jesus offers: **“access in one Spirit to the Father.”**

Jesus alone is the Shepherd who unites– and He calls us to come away from division and rest in Him in these beautiful summer days – so that we might be shepherds after His Heart.



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2024

The fourth annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, July 28, 2024. "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Ps 71: 9) is this year's theme.

Prairie pilgrimage season continues in July and August. Find info about upcoming Saskatchewan pilgrimages on the diocesan website at: <https://rcdos.ca/pilgrimages-2024/>.



He must increase
and I must decrease!

Help support Fr Penna in his fight to get healthy and lose 45 pounds by Christmas!



Help encourage him and **support the renovations** by pledging money per pound lost (\$1, \$5, \$10...) Register your pledge by filling out the form at the back of the church, at the parish office, or on the website at stpaulscc.com.

Summer Office Hours in July and August

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm

CLOSED in the afternoon

OFFERING for July 14, 2024

Cash Donations	\$ 825.15
Envelopes	\$ 1,317.00

MONDAY, July 22, 2024 St. Mary Magdalene (F)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Iris Kalyniuk)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, July 23, 2024 St. Bridget (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Anna Bussiere)

WEDNESDAY, July 24, 2024 St. Sharbel Makhluf (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Diane Taylor)
1:00 pm - Eucharistic **Adoration** until 5:00pm

THURSDAY, July 25, 2024 St. James (F)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Larry Taylor)
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, July 26, 2024 St. Anne & St. Joachim (F)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Iris Kalyniuk)
4:30 pm - Rehearsal
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, July 27, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Stanley Sarich)
2:00 pm - Wedding
4:00 pm - Lectio Divina **CANCELLED**

SUNDAY, July 28, 2024 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**