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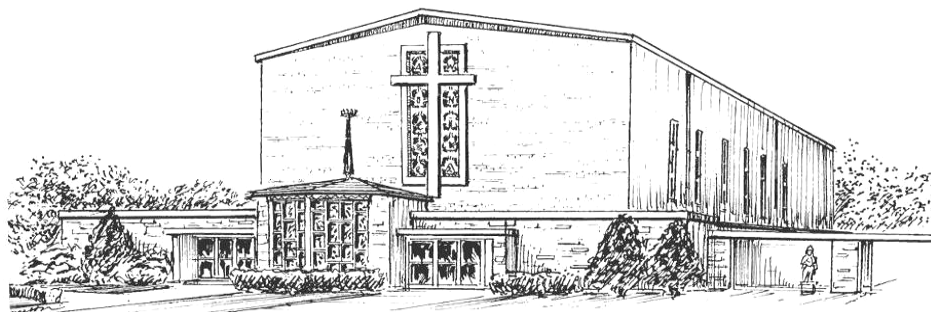
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Sunday, July 21, 2013

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

**Children's Chapel available for the young and the restless
in the rear of the church.**

Mass Intentions for the Week of July 22 – July 28, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Michael Hulme
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Ann Baker
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	John Keating
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Rev. Robert J. Shannon, Leyla Zavislak Barry
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Chester Wojcik
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory Georgia Popp, Edward Hrozenjak, Patricia Halm, Peter Vukosovich, Lorraine Peck, Art Jostes, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Jack McLaughlin
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Albert & Agnes Hinton, Frank Skrip, Sr., John Karch, Julia & Stanley Nykiel John & Dolores Slowiak, Mary Jane Manley Dick Radom, Adam Minchuk, Revaca Becerril, John G. Murphy, Leyla Zavislak Barry Michael Kosinski, Adele Vizgirda Souls in Purgatory



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Christine Anderson Rita, Michael Carroll, Shellye Bolton, Emily Devine, Gerda Dorso, Betty Niwa, Karen Stoltman, Judy Duque, Mark Bergnach, Joan Curtin, Phil Hodak, Nancy Ptak, Jennie Boerste, Bill Jaworski, John Duda, George Duda, Steven Onusaitis, Lorraine Walter, Pam Wilson, Marian Zykan Zimmerman, Loretta Harwood, Marilyn Matesevac, Joe Butkus, Elizabeth Dougherty, Barbara Stamm, Teddy Kowalski, Karla Koskinen-Swindall, and Frances Klimcke. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and are unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for the sick and the dying.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
 Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13



*St. Cletus Parish
Welcomes...*

Angélica Noemí Velázquez,
daughter of David Velázquez and María José Martínez

Candy Calderón,
daughter of Tomas Calderón and Sandra Vergara

Karina Calderón,
daughter of Tomas Calderón and Sandra Vergara

*to the Catholic Faith through the
Sacrament of Baptism.*



Wedding Banns

Danielle Jellish & Donald Nash

Taryn Heín & Ryan Battistoni

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...***SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2013***

In today's gospel, Martha is so intent on doing everything that any real personal experience of our Lord is missed. At first glance, our sympathies lie with poor Martha as she runs around trying to make sure that the sacred duty of hospitality is fulfilled. So why is Martha criticized, while the apparently selfish, even lazy Mary, is praised by Jesus? Surely Martha is doing no more than Abraham and Sarah in hurrying around to prepare food and drink for the guests? They received a blessing as their reward, and yet the Lord criticizes Martha.

When Abraham's guests visit him, he acts as a servant, bowing to the ground in greeting. And rather than join them in the meal, he remains standing nearby – as a servant would – ready to see to their needs. And in that, it is Mary, rather than Martha, who is following Abraham's example. What are Jesus' needs? To be waited on, to be served? Far from it – Jesus himself came not to be served, but to serve. And part of his mission was to make disciples, who would learn from him and so spread his gospel among the nations. In sitting at the Lord's feet, Mary is in fact serving the Lord. She is doing precisely what he wants – listening to his message, letting it sink into her heart. She is assuming – literally and figuratively – the position of a disciple. Martha on the other hand, is too busy with her own ideas, her desire to be the perfect hostess – and she puts this first.

This story follows on immediately from the parable of the Good Samaritan, and in fact acts as a kind of commentary on it. The priest and the Levite, like Martha, were too busy with their own projects to be able to see what was really asked of them. Like the Samaritan, who put aside his own plans to help the injured man, Mary is able to see what is essential, what the moment demands. In so doing, she welcomed the Lord and was obedient – she sat and listened. Martha never heard. She was so preoccupied with what she thought was important, that she missed out on the experience herself of sitting at the Lord's feet, of being a disciple.

It is easy for us to berate ourselves for being busy Marthas rather than contemplative Marys. That would be a simplistic understanding of the readings. Superficially, what Martha did was exactly what Abraham did. The difference between them is not what they did, but their underlying intention. Martha was totally unable to set aside her own plans and ideas. Mary, on the other hand, was able to resist society's expectations of her role as a woman (serving, carrying, fetching), as well as Martha's complaints, because she was able to see that this was a moment of grace. Whether our lives are superficially more like Martha's or Mary's, what is important is our inner attitude. We need to learn to detach ourselves from our own preconceived ideas, our own plans and intentions – and the expectations of those around us too – in order to be free to do what the Lord wants. The heart of this story is obedience – meaning listening. We need an open heart, which is able to make space and time to hear the Lord – all the more so if this challenges us or goes against what we expect. It is that openness, that ability to listen, for which Mary is praised. She encounters the Lord at first hand. It is real, personal relationship. It is a lesson for us all.

Blessings of Discipleship,

Father Bob
Pastor

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Welcome



Two spiritual practices that many parents are already familiar with are welcoming and letting go. This week let's look at welcoming. We welcome our children even before their birth by preparing a space in our homes and in our lives for them. We practice the virtue of welcoming as our children grow and reveal they have individual personalities and wills of their own. Our behavior as parents influences what our children come to believe about God. When we welcome our children with love, care, and delight, they learn that God also loves, cares for, and delights in them. You welcome your child when you look him or her in the eye, listen deeply, and simply appreciate who this unique child of God is and is becoming. And that becomes especially true when they become teenagers! —Tom McGrath

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LISTEN

The first reading tells of the “annunciation” of the birth of Isaac. It is profoundly mysterious, beginning with the appearance of the “three men.” This reading illustrates God’s active role in our history.

The second reading treats a universal experience—suffering. Paul sees suffering as the mark of discipleship. He finds joy in the suffering he endures because it is for the sake of the church. Through his preaching he hopes all people will come to accept Christ.

The Gospel paints a lovely picture of Jesus at rest among his friends. Luke has placed the incident right after the parable of the Good Samaritan. But lest “activism” be seen as the only path, we now hear Jesus’ call to sit quietly and listen to the word of God. We have to be like both of the sisters. Even in our harried and noisy world, there is an insistent call to sit back quietly and listen to Jesus.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

VOCATIONS

Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living Word. (Luke 10:38-42)

If you have ever considered a vocation to the priesthood, contact Fr. Francis Bitterman, fbitterman@archchicago.org or (312) 534-8298 or go to www.ChicagoPriest.com. For information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at (312) 534-5240 or eramirez@archchicago.org and for the Permant Diaconate program contact Deacon Bob Puhala at (847) 837-4562 or bpuhala@usml.edu.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Tuesday:	St. Bridget
Wednesday:	St. Sharbel Makhluf
Thursday:	St. James
Friday:	Ss. Joachim and Anne
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There’s a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. during the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God’s deep desire for us to know divine love.

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Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: We are continuing to experience locally what pantries across the country are finding...a rise in the number of new faces of people, who find they need our services. Your donations, along with those from various area churches and organizations, are what keep us going. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

It's not necessary to bring every item we need each week (although we will graciously and gratefully accept them!), but if everyone could just bring one or two items, it would help us greatly. Our shelves are very low after our July 11 distribution.

- ◆ Most needed items at this time: **dry pinto beans (2-3# bags work best for us), cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, boxed sides, meals in a can/box, peanut butter, jelly, and canned tomatoes/sauce.**
- ◆ Please mark your calendar for our "Share the Wealth" distribution of fresh garden produce, which will be at our August 8 monthly food distribution. Donations need to be dropped off in the Church narthex on that day, between 4:45-5:45 p.m. It is important to remember that we can accept such donations only at this time, because of storage and distribution limitations.

If you have any questions, you can contact me, Mary Beth Ford at (708) 215-5418, or at mford@stcletusparish.com. Again, thank you for your generous spirit as you grocery shop!

SVDP RUMMAGE SALE 2013: We received many treasures during the long, hot week of rummage sale preparation, but the greatest treasures of all were the awesome people who supported this endeavor! The list is long...but at the top is Maureen Soldat, who six years ago suggested this sale as a way to bring all ministries together for a common cause. She continues to be the tireless volunteer chair each year. Following closely are the many volunteers who gave of their time and energy to do the myriad of tasks involved in this large scale operation, some coming every day despite the heat, doing whatever needed to be done! The crew that went to pick up furniture/larger donations worked well beyond the scheduled hours. I wish space would allow me to mention each of these amazing volunteers by name!

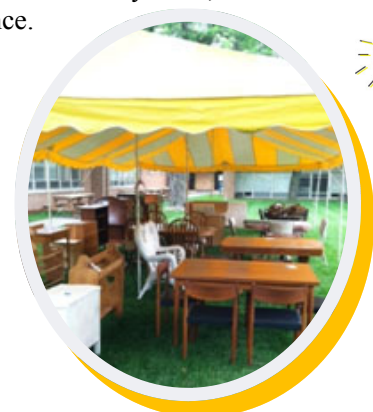
This intergenerational parish event raised \$17,000, an increase of \$3,000 from last year. We definitely had more goods to sell, and a record number of shoppers. I believe a lot of the credit goes to increased publicity of the event, with many volunteers spreading the word under the direction of Publicity Chair, Kathy Wendell, along with new signs placed in strategic spots throughout the community, provided by Pauline and Roman Szabelski. Thanks to all these volunteers, to those who generously donated items for sale, as well as to our maintenance and parish staff, who adjusted their regular schedules to accommodate our needs. Let us not forget the most important fact of all: this was no ordinary rummage sale. It was a labor of Christian love, because the proceeds will make a **real difference** in many lives, as our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers continue to visit and help people in need of our financial assistance.



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THE CROWD EAGERLY AWAITS 9:00 A.M.



BAKE SALE BENEFITTING
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
LOOKING FORWARD
TO MORE SPACE IN THE FUTURE.

“LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME...”

So says Jesus inviting God's little ones to himself. So say we in inviting God's little ones to come and learn more about this loving God by enrolling in our **Religious Education program**.

Just as each school year builds on the previous year's learned lessons so does our faith formation develop by continuing to feed our spirits in prayer, celebration of the sacraments, learning about Jesus and living our faith. It is a life-long process.

We are never “done.” Caring for our bodies and minds in order to grow requires daily nourishment and attention to our physical needs. Nurturing our spirits requires attention too. Don't miss the opportunity to grow in knowing, loving and serving our God – becoming the best version of ourselves which is why we are here.

Summer is skipping along and we are winding into July already. A change of pace is welcome after a busy school year. But with the passing of time, perhaps you have forgotten to register your child in Religious Education for the coming school year. Classes will resume September 8/9. We are looking forward to welcoming new families as well as those who have been part of our program.

Please assure your child a place in next fall's classes by registering for Religious Education. Forms are available on-line on the parish website or you may pick them up at the Religious Education office. Forms and payment may be returned by mail or dropped off at the Religious Education office. Please call (708) 352-2383 for further information..

**“MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE...
LEADING THEM WHERE GOD IS CALLING THEM TO BE.”**

Such is the calling of a catechist. “Being a catechist is accepting the challenge to live faith, to do faith, to practice faith, to grow in faith.” It is saying “yes” to the adventure of discipleship.

- “But I'm not a teacher”
- “I'm not holy enough”
- “I'm not knowledgeable enough”
- “I'm not a minister”
- “I'm too young”
- “I'm too old”
- “I'm too busy”

Sound familiar? No one feels adequate enough or has enough time but we try to do the best we can with the time and the gifts God has given us.

The Apostles chosen by Jesus felt unprepared, lacking in skills, and fearful of announcing the Good News. We struggle with the same fears and reluctance. And yet, these seemingly unqualified, less than perfect band of diverse characters were exactly the messengers Jesus chose to carry out his mission of love. A theology degree or teaching credential was and is not a prerequisite for sharing our faith.

The word catechize means “to echo” – to echo the Gospel of Jesus. Catechesis is about echoing the stories of our faith, connecting them to our own lives, forming a community of faith, praying and worshipping together, offering service to one another.

Could the Lord be calling you to this ministry – being a catechist? Our Religious Education program is seeking catechists in various grade levels. Please think about it. Pray about it. Give us a call for further information, (708) 352-2383.

Paulette Bolton

Director of Parish Catechesis/Faith Formation

Youth Ministry Update!

REGISTRATION FOR 2013-2014 TEEN FAITH FORMATION- DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED

All high school teens, freshmen through seniors, are encouraged to join our 2013-2014 Teen Faith Formation program. Our program includes monthly large and small group catechetical sessions. Detailed information and forms are available on our webpage and must be returned to the rectory or school **as soon as possible** so that we can properly plan for the Fall. Please contact Kristen Maxwell at kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5419 with any questions.

WANTED: ADULT CATECHISTS FOR TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Are you interested in helping youth grow spiritually? Do you enjoy working with teens? I am looking for enthusiastic, dedicated, and faith-filled parishioners who are flexible and willing to give of their time and talent to minister to our teens as catechists in our program. As a leader, you will share your home (or partner with someone who shares theirs) and faith eight times per year with a small group of teens. You will be invited to help at a few large group sessions as well. Catechist meetings are held several times during the year to give you the support and guidance necessary to enjoy the many rewards of this ministry. This responsibility can be shared. If you are considering making this commitment, please pray over it. Contact Kristen Maxwell at (708) 215-5419 or kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com for more information.

MORE ON MISSION TRIP TO RACINE, WISCONSIN JUNE 9 – 14

Spending more time getting to know each other and God was an important part of our week. We found Jesus in our work, the people of Racine, at Mass, and in one another. Pictured are some of our large group gatherings for prayer and sunrise at Lake Michigan.

Kristen Maxwell
Youth Ministry



THE YEAR OF FAITH

THE SCANDAL OF FAITH

by Steve Weidenkopf

"To the extent that [believers] neglect their own training in the faith, or teach erroneous doctrine, or are deficient in their religious, moral or social life, they must be said to conceal rather than reveal the authentic face of God and religion." —Gaudium et Spes 15

I once scandalized one of my college professors, but I didn't know that until later. I went to a secular university to study international relations and decided to take a specified series of courses on the Medieval and Renaissance periods. I enjoyed those classes immensely.

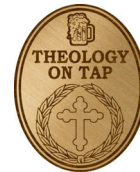
One professor looked the part of Charlemagne and was very engaging in presenting the history of the Middle Ages. When I turned in my final paper, I thanked him for his course and said his teaching helped me learn more about the Church and grow in my faith.

Later I found out from his teaching assistant that my comments horrified him, since that was not his intention at all. He apparently poured over his notes to see where he could have caused such a reaction. He was concerned because he didn't want that kind of reaction. But learning the history of the Church in an age when the Church was extremely influential in all aspects of civilization truly helped the growth of my faith.

From that experience, I learned the importance of studying the history and teachings of the Church. Our faith can only increase if we spend time in study and prayer. We cannot neglect our training in the Faith even if we spend time in study and prayer. We cannot neglect our training in the Faith even if it scandalizes college professors.

ADDITION STEP: Pick one area of your faith life, (reading the Scriptures, studying the life of a saint, learning about an event in Church history) that you can focus on this week. Maybe a commitment to study the Faith and the Church.

THEOLOGY ON TAP REMAINING SERIES TALKS



- When:** July 24 - August 7
- Where:** St. John of the Cross Parish (parish center and back lawn)
5005 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs, IL 60558
- What:** Theology on Tap is a free summer speaker series for Young Adults in their 20's and 30's (married or single). All the talks occur in a casual environment with time for socializing, learning and sharing. Light refreshments will be provided. Please join us each week to learn more about our Catholic Faith and ourselves. Bring your friends!
- Speakers:**
7/24/13: Dr. Kate DeVries
 Why bother with Church?
7/31/13: Fr. Terry Keehan
 Reconciliation & Eucharist: two fascinating fonts of God's desire to connect with us.
8/07/13: Fr. Paul Novak
 Letting go & letting God: A Catholic strategy for getting free.
- Contacts:** Michelle Gehrke, (312) 831-9393 or MGehrke@yamchicago.org
 MJ Martin, (708) 246-4404 x123

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – July 7 and July 14, 2013

Total Active Registered Families	2,727	<u>Amount Collected</u>	
<u>Collection Statistics</u>		7-7	7-14
# of envelopes used - this week	554	\$ 21,139	\$17,084
% of registered families	20%	3,125	3,484
		2,057	2,057
Weekly Collection Budget:	\$27,000	\$27,321	\$22,625
			Total

This Fiscal Year @ 7-14-13

Actual Sunday Collections \$ 49,946
Budgeted Sunday Collections 54,000
 YTD Over (Under) than budget \$ (4,054)

Thank you for your continued and generous financial support.

**God Bless,
Fr. Bob
 Pastor**

“Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” Luke 10:42

The story of Martha and Mary reminds us that God wants each of us to serve Him, just as Martha so graciously served. However, we will never know what God wants us to do unless we spend some time like Mary did, just sitting quietly at God’s feet and listening to His words.

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, July 21			
Monday, July 22	4:30 p.m.	R-DR	Tribunal Meeting
Tuesday, July 23			
Wednesday, July 24			
Thursday, July 25			
Friday, July 26			
Saturday, July 27	6:00 p.m.	S-Music	Hispanic Choir
Sunday, July 28			
C...Church Narthex...Church Vestibule (East & West) MH...Morrissey Hall			S...School (Education Building) RB...Rectory Basement

HOSPITALITY

Christians should offer their brethren simple and unpretentious hospitality.

-St Basil

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education, and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (708-352-6209).

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (708-215-5407).

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Tuesday of the month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month: 4:15-4:45pm.



"JOLIET SLAMMERS"

TICKETS FOR AUGUST 11th GAME
AVAILABLE FROM HNS...

for parishioners wanting to join the Holy Name Society members at a Joliet Slammers minor league baseball game at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 11. Block seating for fans from St. Cletus is available at the downtown Silver Cross Stadium near the Joliet railroad station.

Tickets are \$10 each and fans can contact HNS member Joe Delaloye at (708) 354-3165 to join the group. Fans buying tickets from Joe will also receive two free "Slammer Loot" coupons worth \$1 each on purchases made at the concession stand at the ball park. People attending will be able to park their cars at a free parking facility next to the stadium.

The Slammers play in the West Division of the Frontier League, an independent league founded in 1993. Their opponent on August 11 are the Lake Erie Crushers from Avon, Ohio who are in the Frontier League's East Division.

The St. Cletus baseball outing will be the Holy Name's fifth August excursion to the Joliet ball park.

The Holy Name Society traditionally meets ten times a year, on the first Friday of each month, from September through June. The parishes July 4th Veterans Mass and the baseball outing in August are both events that HNS urges its members and parishioners in general to attend.

Jim Matthews



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 21, 2013

It is [Christ] whom we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

— Colossians 1:28b0



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