

July 7, 2019

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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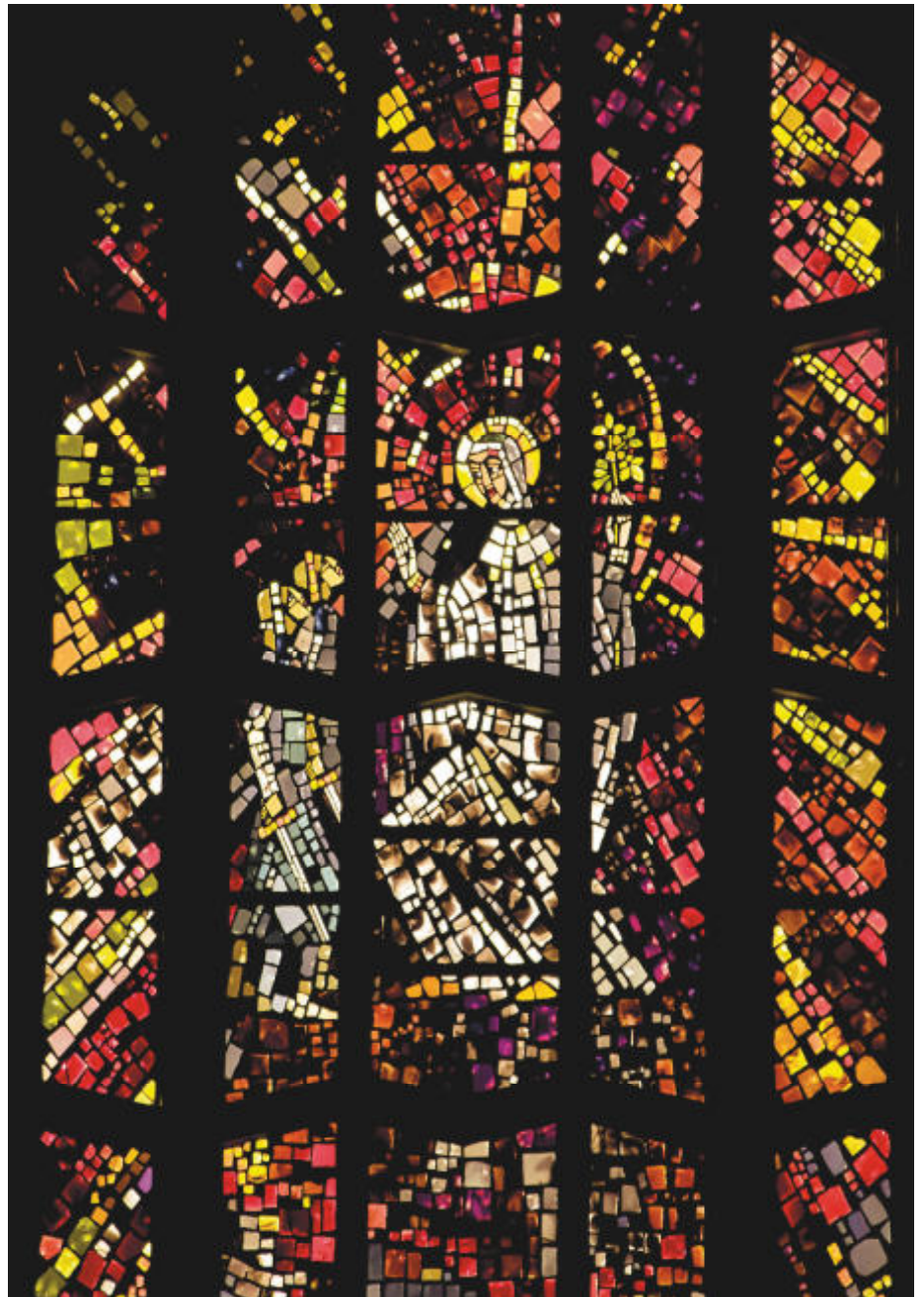
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



Rejoice in Hope

“Rejoice in Hope” at face value sounds like a smile face emoji put in words! You know the one . . . the yellow circle with facial expressions within. Yes, the communication of so many of us is just as superficial as saying, “have a nice day.” While we mean well, it can also be a means of avoiding the unpleasant elements of daily living so many of us encounter.

How will you and I address the people we encounter today? Will we spout our usual report on our health, politics and concerns about family or our pet peeves? What good will that accomplish in addressing the potential for a genuine or necessary conversation? Is a dialog about to erupt and we want to avoid, or worse yet, have we failed to recognize the need for such sharing among those we meet this day!

“Rejoice in Hope” is no emoji! We are called without exception to communicate the virtue of hopefulness in our lives, point out avenues for finding hope with others, making hope come alive wherever possible and within our power. This is more than a nicety! This is a command directly from and repeated often in the New Testament, and the early church as how to conduct ourselves today.

The first generations of believers in Jesus, the first to be called “Christians” were constantly suffering from persecution, legal restraints and the struggle with those who sought to undermine their beliefs. Yet they were among the most hopeful people of their times. Others found their hope in prosperity, wealth and success. The persecuted Christians remarkably found their hope in what they suffered and endured because it helped to clarify truth and their relationship with a just and forgiving God.

This July, as we rejoice in our freedoms, let us find room to provide hope to all who search for freedom. As we support those who defend our freedom, let us include all who seek freedom from persecution and prejudice. Freedom is not freedom if all are not free!

Yes, there are many concerns, pains, evils and threats in the world, but if we do not find a reason to have hope and work to promote it; why bother at all?

Fr. Charlie

From the desk of the Pastoral Associate...

As we celebrate another birthday, for our nation that is, let us pause and “remember” how we got here . . . in the beginning . . . what was wanted, fought for, died for, was the opportunity to live, pray, establish a community, raise our children, make a decent living and, at the end of the day, sleep in peace and safety. What happened?

We now seem to be more concerned with who went up in the polls, each “side” saying “we don’t need to work together, because “we” have all the answers.” Well, perhaps “we” should stop and listen to the questions.

Perhaps those in public office should remember how they got there. WE asked them to represent US, THEY work for US. I don’t want to pay people to fight and bicker. I want to pay people who are willing to work together, who understand that sometimes everyone needs to compromise, and know that no one can always get their way, and who think it is more important to solve problems than be a part of the problem.

My Mom always used to say, if you don’t have something nice to say about someone, don’t say anything at all. I am sure that my Mom wasn’t the only one to say that. Can’t we stop with the name calling? Can’t we realize that we are all in this together? Maybe a good place to start would be with those in office. If any law, regulation, tax hikes, etc. affected them too!

- Universal health care is good - then sign yourselves up first.
- Tax breaks to companies who raid pension funds - then cut your own pension by an equal amount.
- Allow any and all who want to enter this country - then have them move next door to you.
- Border walls are racist, immoral, illegal - then take down the walls around your home / property.

Please don’t tell the rest of us what we should do, what is good for us, that we should leave everything to you. I believe we have done that for too long.

This country was built on the values of honesty, integrity, a person’s word meant something, it was neighbor helping neighbor, and we were all “allowed” to praise God in our own way.

Maybe it is time to go back to basics,

Love of God,

Love of Family,

Love of Country!

May God Bless You, and May God Bless the USA!

Barbara

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 6

4:30 p.m. † Dorothy Usarek
For the People of St. Rita Parish

Sunday, July 7

8:00 a.m. † Debra Gorski-Ouellette
10:30 a.m. † Joseph and Marie Bugarino

Tuesday, July 9 *Word and Communion Service*

8:00 a.m. † Owen and Charmaine Warns

Saturday, July 13

4:30 p.m. † Tom Leto

Sunday, July 14

8:00 a.m. † Ellen Karrels
For the People of St. Rita Parish
10:30 a.m. † Alvin Dompke

July Tabernacle Light

In Loving Remembrance

Week 1: Charmaine Warns
Week 2: Sigmund Mischczak
and Flora Miller
Week 3: Theresa Mitchell
Week 4: Ruth Missiaen



Readings for the Week of July 7th

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,
10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/
Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37
or PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

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The Week Ahead

Monday, July 8

6:30 p.m. Festival Committee Arnold Hall



FESTIVAL IS COMING!!!
July 19 - 20 - 21

Please return your raffle tickets ASAP.

Early bird drawing is July 10th.

We are also in need of raffle donations. Bring to the office or call if you need something picked up. You can even put items under the sign-up tables in church. Games, tools, kitchen, sport items-anything! We can even use money to fill in the baskets if needed.

And we really need your time to work in the booths. The volunteer sheets are in the back of church. Without you, the festival doesn't happen.

St. Augustine Festival

68th & Rogers Street, West Allis.

July 12th, 4:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Fish Fry 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Shag Band 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

July 13th, 4:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Chicken Wings & Beef Brisket 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

76 Juliet Band 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

July 14th, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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