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August 29, 2021

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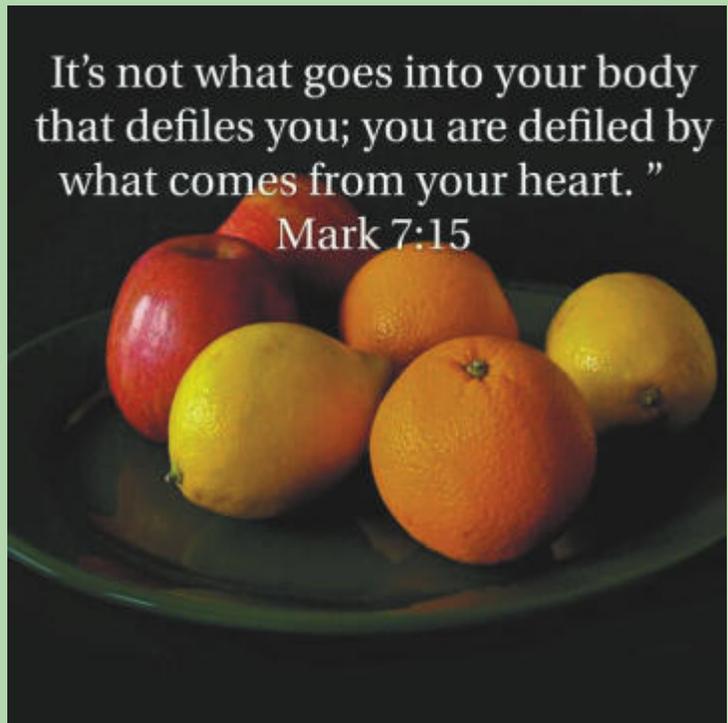
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It's not what goes into your body
that defiles you; you are defiled by
what comes from your heart. "

Mark 7:15



Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

August 29, 2021

God cares more about what happens on the *inside* of our lives than what happens on the *outside*: he wants our *hearts*. In this weekend's Gospel, that's what Jesus is trying to explain to the Pharisees, and to all his disciples, and to us, too. It is possible for us to appear perfectly Christian on the outside while being perfectly selfish on the inside. We can go to Mass regularly, avoid obviously lewd or sinful behavior in public, say our prayers so that others will notice - we can do all those things exteriorly while constantly entertaining evil thoughts and self-centered desires in our hearts. That kind of divided life, which is called hypocrisy, can't last. As the old saying goes, unless we live according to what we believe, we will soon start believing in accordance with what we live. Or, as Jesus puts it elsewhere in the Gospels: where our hearts are, there our treasure is.

True followers of Jesus Christ can never be satisfied with merely exterior piety; we can never consider ourselves superior to others just because our sins are less visible. That's what the Pharisees did, and it blinded them to God's love; in fact, it tragically turned them into enemies of God. And while true religion has exterior manifestations, they are meant to flow from and give expression to the experience of the heart. The heart is the place where we decide for or against our conscience, for or against God's will. Our friendship with Christ, and the purpose and strength that flows out of that friendship, depend on our inner allegiance to him; looking like goody-two-shoes on the outside can never substitute for that. Jesus doesn't care what we look like to others; he cares about who we really are. That's what we should care about too. And so, as we claim to be a parish with a heart, let us truly care for one another in word and deed.

See you at Mass!

Fr. Paul Joseph



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 30-Weekday

5:30pm †Mary Frances McShane by James & Paula Moore

TUESDAY, August 31-Weekday

7:00am †Peter Tran by The Hoang Family

WEDNESDAY, September 1-Weekday

7:00am †John Joseph by Philomena Padavil

5:30pm †Eileen Rogers by Family

THURSDAY, September 2-Weekday

7:00am †Glenn Roberson by Nickie Roberson

10:00am **School Mass:** †Elaine Pemberton by Joann Murphy

FRIDAY, September 3-St. Gregory the Great

7:00am †Juliana Szentes by Family

5:30pm †Youssef Alwan by Chris & Dianna Russick

SATURDAY, September 4-BVM on Saturday

8:00am Intentions of Barb Buoy by Lisa Sanderson

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, September 4

5:00pm †Raimund & Madalena Steurer by Steurer,
Reading and Boehle Families

SUNDAY, September 5

8:00am Our Parish Community

10:30am ††Bill & Agnes Sollberger by Family

The Sanctuary Lamp intention for the week

August 28-September 3, 2021:

We remember in our daily prayers

†John Salanitro, Jr.

by Joyce Salanitro.



PRAY FOR FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS

Deb Rinne will have the Franciscan vocation picture and say the prayers for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province.

Please sign up for this important ministry opportunity in the vestibule.

Questions, please call: the parish office 688-3720.



Readings:
Week of August 30-September 5

Monday: 1Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 6:00pm.
 Guest speakers: Fr. Paul Joseph and Mrs. Gianessi.

Welcome

All ladies are invited to attend the Mary and Martha Society first meeting of the 2021 – 2022 year. This is our organizational meeting to share in fellowship and information for the coming year. It will be held on **Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:30 AM at Trailside (above Trefzger's)**. Social time and treats begin at 9:30 and the meeting will begin at 10:15. Dues are \$10 per year, payable by 12/31/2021. We will also be preparing for our October 14th Day of Reflection / Service Day. Come join friends, bring a friend or make a new friend! You do not have to be a member to attend any of our meetings.
 Hope to see you there!

FINANCE CORNER

If you would like to make contributions electronically, please contact our business office at (309) 688-3427 x 201.

Anyone interest in a convenient method to make their regular Sunday contributions can use the link below. Here at Holy Family, we have implemented a secure website to accept your donations. The website for online donations is:

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Thank you and God Bless you.

Aug-21

First Sunday	\$16,532.75
Second Sunday	\$8,026.30
Third Sunday	\$12,055.55
Fourth Sunday	\$6,295.25
Fifth Sunday	

Monthly Total	\$42,909.85
Monthly Budget	\$59,700.00
Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(16,790.15)

Fiscal Year Total	\$82,416.35
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$109,400.00
Fiscal Year Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(26,983.65)

DIOCESAN 25TH & 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2021, notify the parish office at 688-3427. Each couple will receive a personal invitation this summer from the Bishop to attend a Mass on September 26th at 3:30pm in your honor.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

WHEN: Monday, September 6, 2021
 7:00pm.

WHERE: St. Mark's Church
 1113 W. Bradley Avenue
 Peoria, IL

Facial mask are not required if you have received the vaccine.

Please join us in praying for the protection of these innocent lives and the restoration of their Constitutional rights.

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” Mk. 7:6

I’m a hypocrite.

The meaning of that word comes from what the ancient Greeks called a stage actor. A hypocrite, then, is a person who pretends to be what her or she is not.

In that sense, we’re all hypocrites at one time or other, in one way or other. We pretend to possess virtues and we proudly proclaim religious beliefs that we often don’t live out. Instead, way too frequently, our actions are vastly different from what we publicly state to be our convictions.

Our politicians – regardless of party affiliation – are best known for being accused of hypocrisy. But much of that is possibly since they are so public, so easily viewed and examined.

Next in line for being accused of hypocrisy are church goers, those of us – like you and me – who claim to follow the teachings and moral example of Jesus Christ. This task, of course, we all fail to do, in one way or another. In fact, one renowned church minister named William Sloane Coffin used to say: “Those who would not join a church full of hypocrites should take heart. There’s always room for one more.”

Let’s face it. We’re all hypocrites – to one degree or another.

And it’s to us, then, not just the Scribes and Pharisees of today’s gospel, that Jesus’ words are addressed: *“This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”*

What Jesus is trying to say in our gospel reading for today is that what is most valuable, what is most endearing is not any public display of affection, or any pious posturing we can so easily exhibit.

Instead, it’s what is going on genuinely *inside* each of our hearts that really matters.

It’s the *inside*, not the outside that ultimately counts.

Perhaps the most compelling example of this – one that makes us all squirm a little – is the challenging and uncomfortable story that Jesus tells in the gospel of Luke in which *“two men went up into the Temple to pray.”* One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee proudly thanks God that he is *“not like other people ... even like this tax collector.”*

“But the tax collector ... was beating his breast, saying, ‘Be merciful to me, a sinner.’”

What matters most, Jesus is consistently reminding each of us is: what is the true intention of your heart? What do we see when we look deep into the mirror of our soul – as the tax collector did?

Ultimately our goal is to get the interior and the exterior of our lives to match up.

To do that, we must choose.

We must choose what is truly important to us. We must choose what values are most dear. We must choose what direction we want to take, what path we want to follow, what goal we want to pursue, what virtues we most prize.

Or, to put it more bluntly, we must choose what we will fall in love with.

That’s the heart of the matter. That’s what determines what is alive and pulsating within us.

The focus of everything Jesus calls us to be is found at the deepest level of ourselves – the place where true transformation can happen.

The famous prayer of Pedro Arrupe, the former Superior General of the Society of Jesus, perhaps says it best:

“Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning ... what you read ... whom you know So, fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.”

Ted Wolgamot, Psy.D.



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI

NOVENA DATES: August 31-September 8

FEAST DAY: September 8th

O Most Holy Virgin! You were chosen by the Most Adorable Trinity from all eternity to be the most pure Mother of Jesus.

O tender Mother of the afflicted! Grant us under our present necessities a special protection; relying on the infinite mercies of Your Divine Son, and penetrated with confidence in your powerful prayers. We most humbly entreat you to intercede for us. We beg you to obtain for us the favors which we petition for in this Novena, if it be the Holy Will of God to grant them; and if not, ask for us whatever graces we stand most in need:

(Specify your requests)

We beseech you, O Comforter of the Afflicted, to obtain for us the favors and graces which we have now implored through your powerful intercession. To this end we offer you the good works we do; and sufferings we endure. We most humble entreat you for the love of the Amiable Heart of Jesus, with which yours was ever so inflamed, to hear our humble prayers and obtain our requests. Amen.

O Mother of God, accept our salutations in union with the respect and veneration with which the Angle Gabriel first hailed you "full of grace".

** Hail Mary...

** Our Father...

** Glory be to the Father...

** Mary, Our Lady of Vailankanni

** Pray for us.

Repeat for 9 Days

THE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL OF NATIVITIES

The Community Festival of Nativities will return this year as a live event Dec. 2-5. Holy Family Parish will once again be one of the sponsoring churches, and we would love to have more volunteers representing our parish! If you would like to get involved, please plan to attend a kick-off planning meeting on Sept. 7th, @ 7 p.m., at the event site, 3700 W, Reservoir Blvd, or contact Beth Gilbert, bdomnickgilbert@gmail.com, 309-360-7442.



FREE YARD CLEAN UP

The Illinois Valley Fuller Center for Housing is offering FREE yard cleanups for Veterans and widows of Veterans in the Tri County area. Volunteers will provide a maximum of 2 hours of service in November (after leaves have fallen). The Fuller Center also does home repairs for Veterans with a focus on safety and security in their home.

Volunteers are also needed for repairs and yard cleanups.

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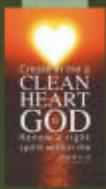
Due to the 18 hole Peoria Notre Dame Golf Classic being sold out, the school has added a 9 hole scramble on the same day, Wednesday, September 8 at the pristine Country Club of Peoria. This is a great option for those who only want to play 9 holes and for the early risers! Registration begins at 7 a.m. with the 9 hole scramble beginning at 7:30 a.m. The cost of \$150 per golfer includes 9 holes of golf, prizes, and a hot breakfast after golf. Payment is required by cash or check by September 1 to Peoria Notre Dame, 5105 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61614. Please add "Golf Outing" on the envelope. Also, please submit names of golfers along with emails, cell numbers and shirt sizes. Any questions, contact Sarah Huenefeld at s.huenefeld@pndhs.org or 253-7677.



Cursillo Weekend Renewal for Cursillistas
Fri., Sept 10 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Sat., Sept 11 8:00am – 4:30pm
Leader: Marty Urbanc
Save the Dates! More details will be available soon!

- Opportunity to Reflect on our Spiritual Journey since our Cursillo Weekend/Rekindle our relationship with God
- Learn about the changes to the Cursillo Weekend/ Team Formation and provide feedback
- Get involved in group reunions and other Cursillo efforts

You can sign up at the following link: <https://signup.com/go/LaxHodc>
Or, by contacting the Peoria Cursillo Office for more information
309/676-5587; cursillopeoria@gmail.com



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AUGUST 29, 2021**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

GIVE IT ALL BACK

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what’s owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that’s robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that’s justice.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



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