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We continue to offer three masses each week to enable people to attend while maintaining appropriate social distancing. The Sunday 9:30 am mass continues to be live streamed on our Facebook page. We are also offering a Saturday 5:00 pm mass and a Sunday 12:00 pm (noon) mass.

Although state capacity restrictions have been lifted, we must still maintain six feet of physical distancing between groups, which means that our attendance is still limited. The 9:30 mass is the most popular. When your schedule allows, please consider attending one of the other two services.

Attendance at mass is still NOT required. Please make choices that keep you and the community safe.

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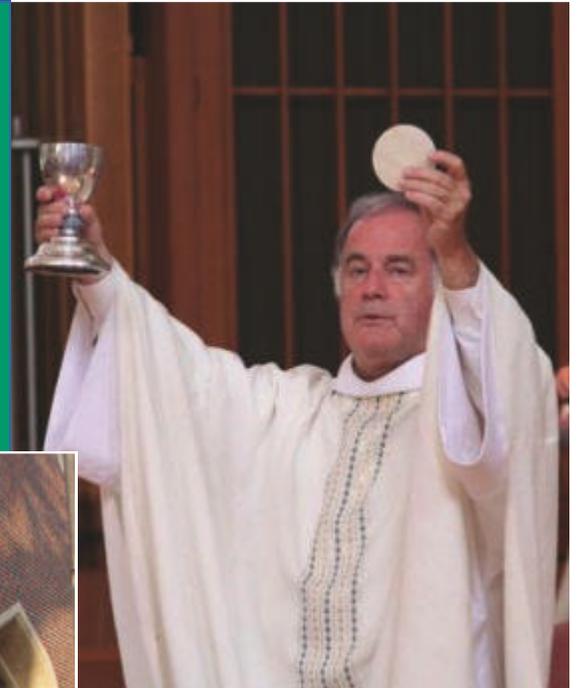
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preach by  
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from the Franciscan Rule



Say YES to  
love and peace.  
Amen! Alleluia!



**This week at St. Albert's**(masses and intentions are in **BOLD** type)

Saturday, July 10 –

5:00 pm mass **David Zeta †**

Sunday, July 11

9:30 am mass **Joe Messenbrink †**

Coffee &amp; cookies by the Gazebo between masses

12:00 pm mass **Mary Brown †**

Monday, July 12

8:15 am **Sr. Mary Virginia Schmidt VHM †**Tuesday, July 13 – **Bill Brown †**

Thursday, July 15

8:15 am mass – **Ray Lenzmeier †**

12:00 to 3:00 pm Crafters in the Social Hall

Friday, July 16

8:15 am mass **Sr. Avis Allmaras †**

Saturday, July 17

5:00 pm mass **Patrick Walsh †**

Sunday, July 18

9:30 am mass **Felix and Robert Fettig ††**12:00 pm mass **Edward Bohaty †****In our prayers**

We remember those who need healing, including Michael Callaghan, Mary Iffert, Jessica Arvold Bainbridge, Joan Ellison, Curt Huovie, Ann-Marie Christiansen, and Kira & Baby Girl Walstrom.

Please add a prayer for those who have died, including David Zeta and Christopher Tye.

*Due to HIPAA privacy standards, hospitals and care centers cannot notify us of your need for our prayers or visits unless you direct them to call.*

*If you or someone you know would like to be included in our prayers, or have the Sacrament of the Sick, or communion brought to you, please let the office know at 612-724-3643. Messages are checked regularly.*

To request that the Eucharist be brought to you at your home, please contact  
Fr. Joe at 612-245-3345,  
or Jim Curran at 612-483-1546.  
Volunteers will mask and safely deliver communion to you.

**The New Normal**

- \* **We will continue to offer three Masses** each weekend for as long as the Sunday noon mass remains popular/practical. We also continue to livestream the 9:30 AM liturgy.
- \* **The general dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation has been lifted.** The dispensation remains available to people at high risk of developing serious and for people who care for such individuals. Anyone with symptoms or recent exposure to COVID-19 must still remain at home for the safety of all.
- \* **Morning masses in the chapel resumed at 8:15 am as of July 1.** As in the pre-pandemic past, weekday masses will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The East door off the back parking lot will be open for weekday masses, along with the elevator entrance. Generally, a volunteer leads the Rosary at 8:00 am.
- \* **Use of the front center church doors will continue to be encouraged for weekend masses, along with the elevator entrance.**
- \* **We no longer are enforcing seating restrictions.** Please respect the desires of those who wish to maintain some physical separation. The hand sanitizer will be available for the foreseeable future, as it's good practice any time.
- \* **Masks are no longer required** although of course they are still permitted. If you want a mask, we have disposable ones available.
- \* **Go ahead and sing** all the mass acclamations and the Psalm, and songs if you know them. We're not putting the hymnals out just yet.
- \* **Give the Sign of Peace** to those near you in ways others are comfortable.
- \* **We will likely continue to have windows open** when practical, just to ensure fresh air. Please do not close or adjust the windows.

**Serving together**

In September, we'll offer training for altar servers, 4th grade and up, and we'd love to have some parent/child teams: Mom & daughter, Dad & Son, Mom & Son, Dad & Daughter. (Even Grandparents!) Give some thought to whether this sounds appealing in your family, and watch for training dates. And, of course, unrelated teams are still fine, too!

**Are you on the Friday "Blast List"?**

During the Covid-19 quarantine, we began a weekly email on Fridays with attachments of the current Bulletin and the readings for the weekend masses, along with news updates, poems, etc. We simply began by sending to everyone for whom we had an email address. If you aren't on that list, and would like to be, let Erin know at [e.sim@saintalbertthegreat.org](mailto:e.sim@saintalbertthegreat.org). This weekly "blast" will remain one of her duties/ministries as she steps back to part-time at St. Albert's.

## “Well you can do anything, but stay off my blue suede shoes.” By Fr. Joe Gillespie, O.P.

While I never owned a pair of blue suede shoes, I do remember dancing in a pair of black and white saddle shoes to Elvis Presley’s version of Carl Perkins’ smash hit, “Blue Suede Shoes.” Whether in the basements of neighborhood friends or in the Knights of Columbus Hall above Brady’s Bar in downtown Minneapolis, the rockabilly sound of the late 1950’s prompted a “whole lot of shaking going on.”

The sounds of Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, Roy Orbison, Gene Vincent or Frankie Lyman complemented the higher profile voices of Perkins and Presley and their creative cross picking techniques. A rich variety of musical chords and quaint nonsensical lyrics allowed us to fast dance whether or not we were wearing our blue suede shoes: “Well it’s one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, now go cat go. Well, you can rob my house, steal my car, drink my liquor from an old fruit jar. Do anything you wanna do, but ah ha honey lay off them shoes and don’t cha, don’t cha ever, ever step on my blue suede shoes.”

The richness of these early “dancing years” was resurrected in conversations I had a recent party of friends and classmates. Some in attendance I had met in kindergarten at Incarnation Catholic School and later at De La Salle High School. Many of us had danced at parties and still carried lingering memories of lost dreams and the sweet innocence of youth. While most of would have preferred the “slow dances” to the fast ones, the lingering melodies and lyrics of Johnny Mathis’ rendition of “Chances Are” or Etta James sultry version of “At Last” were put on hold when The Big Bopper belted out “Chantilly Lace” or Richie Valens’ version of “La Bamba” demanded frenetic action on the dance floor. Having been raised Catholic and to be polite, we were still trying to avoid stepping on one another’s “blue suede shoes.”

Age has the advantage of crafted years of reminiscing about significant changes and the wishes to hang together, stay in touch and to try to be there for one another. What was thought to be necessary in one’s youth had given way to the reality of lived experience and the acceptance of necessary losses. There is nothing quite so sacred as friendship and there is nothing so satisfying as forgiveness, especially when we have stepped upon one another’s “blue suede shoes.”

Our readings for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time force us to look at our faith from a broader perspective than just avoiding stepping on the toes of those wearing “blue suede shoes.” One of the most significant insights Jesus offered to his disciples was his reliance on them to carry on with his ministry. In other words, they were to become “Other Christs.” The underlying mission of Jesus was to rid the world of evil and his invitation to his disciples was to rid the world of as much evil as possible. Jesus would spend his time teaching the disciples and showing them how it was possible to accept the power to heal the world of evil by co-opting evil with love. While there is no verification in Scripture that Jesus taught his disciples how to dance to the “*Hava Nagilah*” at traditional Jewish celebrations, he was a master teacher and would offer his disciples practical clues how this ministry might be accomplished, even if they had to step on the sandaled toes of the Pharisees and Scribes.

In the gospel of Mark (6:7-13) Jesus sent out his twelve disciples two by two with the express intention of extending his healing ministry. Encouraged by Jesus, these new apostles (from the Greek word *apostello*, “to send out”) were empowered to preach repentance, cure the sick and to exorcise unclean spirits. In parallel passages from the gospels of Matthew (9:35; 10:1) and Luke (9:1-6), Jesus offers explicit instructions on what to wear, to bring and how to act. In the Synoptic Gospels, there is no mention of “blue suede shoes” as a part of the preaching attire, but Jesus ordered: “*Take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.*”

The apostolic “dress code” varies in the other gospels. In Mark the apostles get to wear sandals and only one tunic and carry a staff. In Matthew, they were warned not to wear sandals or carry a staff. In Luke’s account, the disciples could not take along a second tunic, much less wear it. Also, no staff was permitted. All three accounts agree that the disciples were not to bring “any bread or money” for the journey.

In effect, the disciples were to rely on God’s grace and the kindness of strangers, trusting in providence. Working for the Kingdom of God is essentially a matter of radical trust and a willingness to believe in the “survival tactics” of Jesus. One could imagine Jesus gathering his unsteady band of disciples and saying, “Listen up!” The marching orders were authenticated with Jesus’ promise that they would have the Holy Spirit with them and would possess “authority over the unclean spirits.”

The invitation to transformation would create levels of consternation in those called upon to do the work of the Lord. In the reading from the Prophet Amos (7:12-15), we see Amos protesting his call as a prophet: “*I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, but the Lord commanded me to go and prophesy to the people of Israel.*” In Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (1:3-14) we get a glimpse of “who we are” by our baptism in Christ. As Paul was called from his “evil ways” of persecuting the followers of Jesus and becoming his great preacher, so too are all of us called from our places of fear, inadequacy, cynicism and doubt into becoming disciples of hope and courage. Mustering up the spunk to respond to the invitation to preach the Good News requires a faith filled with hope. Despite our fears and ambivalence, the invitation is offered every day of our lives.

In a parallel way, conversion might be akin to getting a shy person to dance. Chances are you might initially make a fool of yourself, but if you hang in there long enough, you might get used to others stepping on your shoes. Even St. Paul talked about becoming a fool for Christ in his First Letter to the Corinthians (4:10). Indeed, Paul made it a practice to step on the toes of others. Well, if it is one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, do you think you would go onto the dance floor or into the pulpit?

The call to discipleship can come at any time and the willingness to trust in the providential care of God demands that we step out even if we must risk stepping on the toes of those who have abused authority and suppressed the Holy Spirit’s inclusive call for unity. In Maya Angelou’s poem, “Just Like Job”, she pleads with the Lord: “You said to lean on your arm and I’m leaning. You said to trust in your love, and I am trusting. You said to call on your name and I am calling. I am stepping out on your word. On your word, on the wonderful word of the Son of God. I’m stepping out on your word.”

Jesus felt free to circumvent the ludicrous restrictions of the Scribes and Pharisees and their legalistic interpretations of how to dance around the Law for their own advantage. Jesus demands his followers to be courageous truth tellers in the face of fake news, and not to dance around issues of injustice, even if it means dancing on the blue suede shoes of politicians and ecclesiastic soft-shoe artists. Taking seriously the invitation to become “Other Christs” (*alter Christus*) in confronting injustices and abuses of power. We must never tire of being compassionate and hospitable to those adults and children seeking refuge from a life of violence nor turn a blind eye to self-serving political or religious agendas.

Stepping on the blue suede shoes of those who safeguard puritanical laws of exclusivity might require risking to engage in slow as well as fast dancing. Jesus sent out his disciples to rid the world of as much evil as they could with the assurance that he would be stepping out with them wherever they would go. Trusting in Jesus’ providential promise, we must face the music, risk getting into the action and understand that there will be “a whole lot of shaking going on!”

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