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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

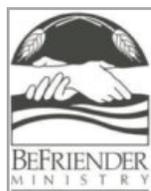
Although state capacity restrictions have been lifted and masks are not currently required, we encourage everyone to participate in ways that are safe and appropriate for them. If you wish to maintain physical distancing, the noon mass has the lightest attendance. We are gradually returning elements that have been missing during the pandemic. We recently reinstated congregational singing and ushers and are working towards the return of lectors and servers.

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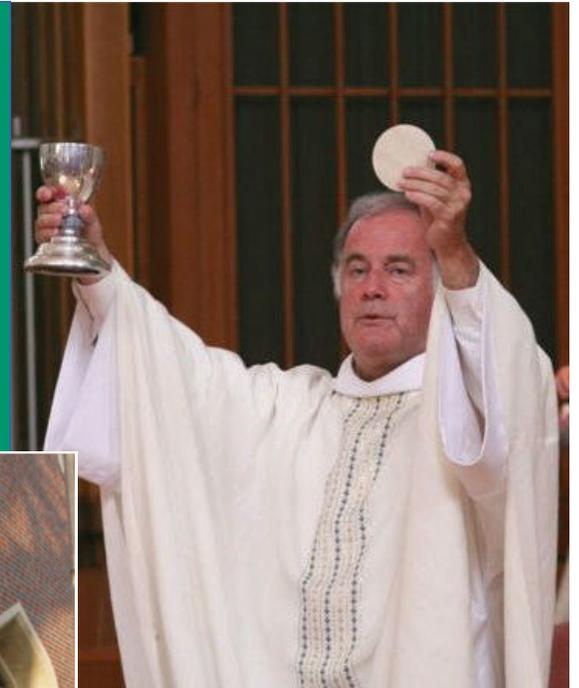
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*"Do justice, love
kindness and walk
humbly with your
God."*

Micah 6:8



*Say YES to
love and peace.
Amen! Alleluia!*



This week at St. Albert's(masses and intentions are in **BOLD** type)**Saturday, October 16****DONUT SALE BEFORE & AFTER MASSES**

5:00 pm mass John Roban † Irene Cummings †

Sunday, October 17**DONUT SALE BEFORE & AFTER MASSES**

9:30 am mass Brittany Bogel †

Joe Messenbrink †, Irene Cummings †

11:00 am Faith Formation classes begin

11:00 to 1 Synod groups #4

12:00 pm mass Fern & Jill Barta ††

Monday, October 18

8:15 am Felix Fettig †, Raymond Fettig †

Tuesday, October 19

8:15 am Olivia Gilbertson †, Stella Drwall †

9:30 am Staff meeting

Wednesday, October 20**Thursday, October 21**

8:15 am Steve Rompa †

12:00 to 2:30 pm Potluck lunch, crafting and conversation in the Social Hall

Friday, October 22

8:15 am mass Steve Rompa †

Saturday, October 23

5:00 pm mass Chuck Baker † Clayton Miller †

Sunday, October 24

9:30 am mass Ray Enz † Michael Enz

11:00 am Faith Formation classes

11:00 to 1 Synod groups #5

12:00 pm mass Our Parish Family

- * 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 illness 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 have resumed at 8:15 am, with the rosary at 8:00 am. 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.
- * Use of the front center church doors continues to be encouraged for weekend masses, along with the elevator entrance.
- * There are no seating restrictions. Please respect the desires of those who wish to maintain some physical separation. Hand sanitizer is available. The Sunday 12 noon mass offers the most spaced seating.
- ★ Masks are strongly encouraged for all people over the age of two. The CDC recommends that all people wear masks indoors in areas with high transmission rates of covid-19. Currently Hennepin County significantly exceeds the threshold for high transmission. Masks should cover both nose and mouth. We have disposable and cloth masks available near the entrance to the church.
- * We invite you to join us in song. The hymnals are in the pews.
- * Give the Sign of Peace to those near you in ways others appear comfortable with.

In our prayers

We remember those who need healing, including Michael Callaghan, Judy Trenka, Joan Ellison, Jo and Dennis Neal, Nancy and Greg Mullen, Rodney Rondo, Jason Higgins, Ronnie Block, Alyssa Raiola, Bev Vasseur and Mary Gustafson.

Please add a prayer for those who have died, including victims of gun and domestic violence, and for the hundreds of thousands around the world affected by natural and man-made disasters.

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.

Would you like someone included in our prayers, or have the Sacrament of the Sick, or communion brought to them? Please let the office know at 612-724-3643. Call Fr. Joe at 612-245-3345 or Jim Curran at 612-483-1546 if you would like the Eucharist brought safely to you at home.

Financial Support**Week of October 10, 2021**

Weekly & Feast Day Stewardship envelopes	\$5,805
Loose cash	435
Legacy envelopes	65
"We Care" Outreach Ministry envelopes	100
Donation to Hospitality/ Prayer Shawl Ministry	30
Beef Dinner donations	2,770

Electronic Contributions for September

Regular Stewardship	\$6,124
Legacy	140
We Care	105
Church Projects	25

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“And what does the Lord require of us? Only this: to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”

One of the most popular biblical verses among both Jewish and Christian groups promoting social justice is found in the Prophet Micah 6:8. It reads: *“And what does the Lord require of us: Only this: to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”*

Micah was a contemporary of the Major Prophets Isaiah, Amos and Hosea and is considered one of the twelve minor prophets of the Old Testament. While he prophesied both the future destruction of Jerusalem and the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem, Micah is better known for his forthright critique of the Israelites’ obsessive need for ritualistic sacrifices to try to appease God. Acting as a spokesperson for God, Micah preached that without a change of heart (*metanoia*), Israel’s strict conformity to the Law was nothing more than hypocrisy.

Religious rites, no matter how extravagant, can never compensate for a lack of genuine love. External compliance to sacrifice and rigid rules is not as valuable in God’s eyes as a humble heart that does justice, loves kindness and walks humbly before the Lord. Indeed, the message of Micah is pertinent in today’s Church and Pope Francis is humble enough to understand Micah’s message. Avoiding the trappings of institutionalized religion and clericalism, Francis preaches and lives a gospel that promotes justice with loving kindness, rejoices in mercy and demands a humble vocation of service rather than entitlement. In the preface of his new book, *Fraternita Segni Dei Tempa*, Francis said the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) shaped his theological and pastoral vision: “It is necessary to make more explicit the key concepts of Vatican II, the foundations of its arguments, its theological and pastoral horizon, the arguments and method used.” compels him “to make more explicit the key concepts of Vatican II. Francis has never wavered in his belief that Jesus was serious when he said: “I have come not to be served, but to serve.”

Our gospel reading for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 10:35-45) renews the paradoxical insight of Jesus: *“You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their leaders lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But is not so among you; whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the servant of all. For the Son of God came not to be served but to serve.”* Repeatedly, Jesus tells his closest followers that if they are to be his disciples, then they must learn to be servants. Being a disciple of Jesus is not about prestige, wearing expensive liturgical costumes, living in opulent palaces or driving luxurious automobiles. Pope Francis has set a tone reflecting the model of servanthood with his unwillingness to be co-opted by traditional clerical privileges. Like Jesus, Francis is willing to surrender power in favor of love, control in favor of justice and revenge in favor of mercy.

The disciples’ repeated failure to hear Jesus’ message to become “suffering servants” must have been a source of great frustration. Wanting his disciples to aspire to greatness through service to others, Jesus warns them of the toxicity of narcissistic behavior. Both James and John wanted “to sit at the right and left hand of Jesus” as a reward (entitlement) for their willingness to follow him. When the other disciples heard their request, they were angry with James and John. This narcissistic demand provide the ideal opportunity for Jesus to launch into a model of servant ministry that would be reflective of Micah’s insight: *“Do justly, love mercy and walk humbly before the Lord.”*

Any hint of “lording it over others” was repugnant to Jesus. In subsequent confrontations with the Pharisees and Scribes, Jesus would demonstrate

in unequivocal words his loathing of their pretentious behaviors. While “politically correct ears” might be aghast at Jesus’ language (hypocrites, whitewashed tombs, liars), the truth of his observations would prove to be the reason the Pharisees plotted the death of Jesus. In both the gospels of Matthew (23:1-39) and Luke (11:37-54), Jesus was unrelenting in his critique of hypocritical behavior.

Our reading from the Prophet Isaiah (53:10-11) helps to capture the fulfillment of Jesus’ role as the Suffering Servant: *“Out of his anguish he shall see the light and the righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous and he shall bear their iniquities.”* In the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:14-16), the suffering servant model is complemented when Jesus is recognized as: *“The great priest who has passed through the heavens and as the one who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses and has been in every way tested, yet is without sin.”* Rediscovering our invitations to become “suffering servants” is no easy task. Jesus has summarized his own identity as a “suffering servant” and invited his disciples to do the same. To serve the needs of others, even at the cost of one’s own death, demands an act of ultimate faith. To follow in the footsteps of Jesus is to risk everything in a life of service.

The emphasis of the “suffering servant” as a fundamental metaphor for understanding the risk of discipleship finds its roots in all three of the Synoptic gospels. In Mark (10:35-40) as well as in Matthew (20:20-28) and Luke (22:24-27), the paradox of leadership couched in servant terminology emerges as the true invitation of discipleship. Standing aside from all of the temptations of power, wealth and control that come with positions of leadership, the task of finding ways of making good things happen demands that good people make good things happen. The goodness of Jesus’s invitation presumes that all of us are willing to make good things happen.

In a modern image of “suffering servant”, the theologian Henri Nouwen, who died in 1996, wrote a book entitled, *The Wounded Healer* (1979). Developing the premise that modern day ministers must be conscious of their own wounds before taking on the wounds of the surrounding institutions found in society, all disciples must admit to and identify the personal flaws that inhibit them from becoming true servant leaders. Jesus would predict the betrayal of his own disciples but assured them of forgiveness and the grace to persevere.

Perhaps a simple, but effective litmus test for all leadership positions (Pope, included) might be the memorization of the simple insight of the Prophet Micah (6:8): *“And what does the Lord require of you? Only this: to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”* Are you up to “walking the talk?” No need to walk the El Camino in Santiago, Spain or to go shrine hopping to Lourdes or Medjugorje to prove your faith. Rather, a simple walk in your local neighborhood might be a good place to start. Whenever I am talking my walk, I often think of a statement Mother Teresa said as I was preparing to leave Calcutta: “Promise me this, wherever you go, you must find your own Calcutta.” I must admit, my life has never been the same.

Peace, Fr. Joe Gillespie, O.P.

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