Our Lady Of Victory

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SUNDAY LITURGY
  Saturday at 5:00 P.M.
  Sunday at 9:30 A.M.

DAILY MASS
  Monday - Friday at 8:00 A.M.

ADORATION - IN THE CHURCH
  Wednesday from 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
  Last Weekend of the Month
  Pre-arrangement Necessary

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
  Saturday at 4:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
  Arrangements to be
  made at least 4 months
  prior to marriage.

NEW PARISHIONERS
  Call Parish Office

OFFICE HOURS
  Monday - Thursday
  9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Bulletin Deadline:
  Noon Monday
Everyday Stewardship

If you feel strongly about something, you might want to share your thoughts and feelings with others. When that something has to do with things such as food, art, or travel, others might show an interest, so the conversation is enjoyable. However, when that something is politics or religion, watch out! The conversation can quickly turn to debate and then to anger. That can be anything but enjoyable.

The Gospel does not always lead to joy when initially presented. Sometimes, it convicts us and makes us see the error of our ways. Other times, it seems what is asked of us is too hard and requires us to step out of our comfort zone. When Jesus spoke the truth about the Kingdom of God, not everyone cheered. That was never a reason to be silent.

Stewardship living allows us to give witness to the Gospel with few words. Our actions speak very loudly. However, no one should ever be left to wonder why you and I would choose to do the things we do. What a shame it would be if you passed away and at your funeral people commented on how great a person you were, but they had no idea you were a Christian. People need to understand the “why” of what we do. The truth is that there is great joy in being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Don’t rob others of the chance to know that joy for themselves.

(-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS)

Today’s Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus’ earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. “All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, ‘Isn’t this the son of Joseph?’”

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites’ rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. “They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong.”

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we’ll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

Questions of the Week

Whom do I ignore without even considering that they may be speaking the truth? How can I be more open and attentive to other people’s voices?
To all of you who sent get well wishes and offered prayers for me during my surgery and recovery. I really appreciated your support. God Bless You All!!

Richard Braun

With the change in tax laws, some taxpayers won't be itemizing their deductions. However, if you would like a copy of your 2019 contribution information, you can call the Rectory Office (612-529-7788) and make arrangements to have a copy mailed to you.