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"What are you looking for?"
John 1:35-42

January 17th, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Daily Mass: 8:30 am Monday - Friday

Weekend Mass Schedule

(registration required)

Saturday: 8:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am

Sunday: 10:30 am

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Weekly Words from The Rock

My Catholic Life has a series of questions and answers on the Catholic Faith. It can be found at the site "Catholic Questions and Answers: Questions and Answers from My Catholic Life!" I am going to share with you some of their questions and answers in the weeks ahead.

Question: I went to my cousin's wedding a few weeks ago and noticed that the priest made an announcement before Communion about who could receive it. It made me wonder why anyone who is baptized can't take communion in any church. Can you explain?

Answer: Sure, I'd be happy to.

First of all it should be said that we, as Catholics, would love it if every baptized and believing Christian would receive Holy Communion! This is the desire of the heart of Jesus and is His greatest gift He has given us. It is the gift of His precious Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. But that desire, on our part, is not enough for us to be able to share this most precious gift with others. There are some other essential requirements that have to be met for others to properly be prepared to receive such an incredible gift.

It should also be said that Jesus Himself desires that all come to receive this gift of the most holy Eucharist even more than we could ever desire it. This is the gift of the New Covenant, the gift of His very life, the gift of everlasting salvation. This is the reason He came into the world! He came so that we could enter into perfect Communion with Him through His Body and Blood and, through this gift, enter into everlasting life. He Himself said, "Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day!"

So why don't we just invite everyone, Catholic or not, to receive this precious gift at Mass? The answer is quite simple. In order to receive this gift, you have to believe in it fully. It would be wrong to receive this perfect gift of Christ Himself if you did not understand

what this gift was or if you just thought it was a symbol or a representation of Christ's body.

As Catholics we believe something very unique about the Holy Eucharist. It's a belief that we share only with the Eastern Orthodox Churches which we do actually allow to receive Holy Communion in our Church. All other Christian religions believe something different than we do about the Eucharist. The bottom line is that if a Christian of another denomination truly believed what we believed about this Sacred Host and Precious Cup in the Catholic Mass, then they would convert to the Catholic faith to receive it. And to that we say, "All are welcome!" All people are most welcomed and encouraged to come to share our faith, make a full profession of faith, enter into full communion with the Catholic Church and, at that point, share in the Holy Eucharist.

I should also note that we as Catholics should not partake of communion in other Christian denominations if we happen to attend one of their services for some reason. The reason is that by participating in communion in their church, we would be saying we believe what they believe about communion rather than what we hold to be true. Let's pray that one day all will be one in our Lord and share the same holy Catholic faith!

Question: I was told by a priest that going to church is not going to save my soul from going to hell. But it is how you lived your life. It is about believing in God and about love, forgiving, compassion to others. Is this true?

Answer: I would say the answer is both "Yes" and "No." And I presume that your priest would agree with the following clarifications.

It's true that going to church cannot, by itself, save your soul from going to Hell. An obvious example would be a person who lives a horribly sinful life all during the week and, then, as a way of making others think he is good, goes to church to be seen but is in no way interiorly invested in the worship. In this case, the physical act of being in a church during Mass in no way means that you are truly "at Mass." To go to church means you are not there only physically, it also means you are there spiritually, worshiping God and growing in faith. (Continued on next page.)

Parish News



Resurrection's Ca\$h Calendar

Just 3 weeks left to purchase your CASH CALENDAR raffle tickets. Your \$30 ticket could win you \$50 or maybe \$250! How about \$500! Your name would then be announced in the Resurrection Church Bulletin print or online version as a Winner!

Remember that all unsold tickets as well as all entry stubs and corresponding cash need to be returned by Feb. 5th to be eligible. It also allows time for all tickets to be accounted for, a requirement of the MN State Gambling Board. Contact Pat at 288-5528 or stop in the Church Office to purchase that extra "winning?" ticket. With everyone's purchase of a ticket or two, we have the opportunity to surpass more than \$20,000 in profits for the Resurrection Parish.

Rest In Peace Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them



Evelyn Kittleson
January 2, 2021
Survived by her large extended family. She was our oldest parishioner, celebrating her 102nd birthday on September 25th.



John Konkel
January 3, 2021
Survived by his sons and their families and also Resurrection's Knights of Columbus. We will truly miss his presence as the cashier for the KC's pancake breakfast.

(Continued from Fr. Schuster's article)

With that said, going to church for the right reason is part of the process of salvation. God wants you there. He wants you to come and worship in the Mass and to be nourished by Him through His Word and through the Eucharist. So, if you are on the road to Heaven, that road will most certainly have faithful Mass attendance as part of the journey.

However, the contrary is true also. It's not enough to just do good things and to expect that these "good works" will save you. God does not look down from Heaven and say, "OK, you've done enough good to earn a ticket to Heaven." No, salvation cannot be earned by what we do.

But be careful here. The accurate answer really includes everything above and more. Let me paint the full picture of salvation:

1. Salvation is a free gift of God and can never be earned by us. It was won for us on the Cross, and the grace from Christ's Cross is what saves. This is the only way to Heaven!

2. We receive the gift of salvation when we let God into our hearts. And we surrender over to Him, giving Him control of our lives. This produces the gift of faith.

3. When we have faith, we cannot separate that faith from our works. In other words, if we truly believe and have Christ alive in our hearts, it WILL affect the way we live. We WILL be forgiving, compassionate and loving to others.

4. When we have faith, we will also hear God calling us to Sunday Mass faithfully, and we will need to respond to that call from God in how we want to keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts. You cannot say "I believe" and at the same time refuse to worship as God wants.

All of this, together, is a brief summary of the full picture of salvation. Hope it helps!

God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster

Liturgical Ministries for Jan 23rd/24th

If unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled, please find a substitute. Thank you.

Lectors

8:00 pm Therese Schoenfelder
8:00 am Patricia Rossman
10:30 am Thomas Kelly

Greeters

8:00 pm Lee Witter
8:00 am Gretchen Cutshall
Dianne Plager
10:30 am Fran & Shelley Filzen

Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski
8:00 am Tracy & Donna Smith
10:30 am Brett Maronde

Ushers

8:00 pm John Schoenfelder
8:00 am Kenneth Mueller, Char Robinet
10:30 am James Maronde, William Sullivan

Check in Minister

8:00 pm Anne and Mia Cuccio
8:00 am Patrice Steier
10:30 am Bob Voss

Walk in Ministers

8:00 pm Doreen Johnson, Cheryl Kieffer
8:00 am Paul Drucker, Gloria Flicek
10:30 am Paul Drucker

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm Mary Meine - LG, Judith Pelowski (1), (IF NO DEACON), Theresa Root, (2)

8:00 am Carrie Carroll - LG, Patty Haler (1), (IF NO DEACON), Deb Rowekamp - (2)

10:30 am Daniel J McCormick - LG, Leonida Crawley (1), (IF NO DEACON), Denise Kelly, (2)



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel 24 hours/7 days a week

"Sitting before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, a new life begins. Another birth takes place; eternal life within us. We do not see Jesus with our eyes, but rather in the transformation of our lives, where Jesus loves to be and desires that we experience love." Mother Elvira Petrozzi

Open Hours

Tue	Wed	Fri	Sat
12 am	6 pm	10 pm	5 pm
11 pm			11 pm

By choosing an open hour from the graph above, you commit to that one hour a week of adoring Jesus in the Chapel at Resurrection. Seating will be limited and masks required. To sign up or for more information, call the church office at 507-288-5528.



What is CEO Rochester?

It is a *Catholic Evangelization Outreach*, ministry at

Resurrection. This ministry is

Christ-centered, Spirit Led and Lay driven. Due to Covid 19 this past year, we were unable to offer this ministry. Throughout 2019, we had several speakers who shared where they were before they let Christ into their lives, their conversion experience and what was holding them back from getting closer to Jesus every single day. If you missed hearing their stories or would like to hear them again or share them with your friends, we have video and audio recordings on our website, www.rescathroch.org. They are posted under "Events, CEO Rochester." Some speakers include: Susan Windley Daoust, "God is not a book;" Scott Schwalbe, "God does not abandon us;" Sheila Pelowski, "The battle is real;" Mary McCarthy, "A Pilgrimage of Hope: A story of Cancer, Faith and Medicine" and many more!

Weekly Calendar with Readings

The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect until further notice.

Monday 18 January	Mass Registration for Jan 23rd/24th rescathroch.org to sign up Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Mass 8:30 am• Office hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm• 1st Communion Parent Meeting 6:30 pm
Tuesday 19 January	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Mass 8:30 am; Office hours: 9:15 am - 5:00 pm• Adoration Team Meeting 6:00 pm• Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday 20 January	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Mass 8:30 am• Office hours: 9:15 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 21 January	Mass Registration closes at 10:00 am for Jan 23rd/24th Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass 8:30 am• Office Hours 9:15 - 5:00 pm
Friday 22 January	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Mass 8:30 am• Office Hours 9:15 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 23 January	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 am - 10:15 am• Mass 8:00 pm
Sunday 24 January	Mass Registration for Jan 30th/31st rescathroch.org to sign up. Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass 8:00 am• Mass 10:30 am



Michelle's



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During the week of Christmas, my dreams were frequent and incredibly vivid. Most of them were about work, so was confused about what I had actually accomplished! There was one dream, though, that touched me so deeply that I want to share it with you.

In my dream, a girl gave a monthly calendar to her friend for Christmas. When the friend opened it to the first month, she found that there were sentences scribbled in the boxes of every day. One day said, "You are an incredible person," and another day read, "You got this." Still another day had in it, "I can do all things through Christ." These hand written notes continued all the way through the last day of December. It may have been a dream, but the gratitude and tears on this friend's face stayed with me through the rest of that week.

As I've been preparing for Lent this year, the first sentence of the first reading on Ash Wednesday continues to stick in my mind: "Return to me with your whole heart." (Joel 2:12) There are many ways we can discuss this sentence, but I keep coming back to the girl with the calendar. She could have easily given a blank calendar as a present, and her friend would have been completely happy. However, she went above and beyond to painstakingly fill every day with love to bestow to her friend. There truly is something completely transformative about giving out of kindness to giving with our whole heart. As we head towards our Lenten season, let's be like that girl and begin to think how we can re-commit ourselves to God and love him with our whole hearts.

God Bless,
Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: *With All My Heart*
by Babbie Mason

Mass Intentions

Mon	Jan 18	8:30 am	†Romeo Filoteo
Tues	Jan 19	8:30 am	†Sharon Heppelman
Wed	Jan 20	8:30 am	†John Henry
Thu	Jan 21	8:30 am	Edward & Lois Barud
Fri	Jan 22	8:30 am	†Leslie Crawford
Sat	Jan 23	8:00 pm	Elizabeth Imm
Sun	Jan 24	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	Jan 24	10:30 am	†Timothy Garity

St. Francis School News

NWEA testing continues this week.

There will be No School Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The weekly school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 19th at 9:15 am.

Extra-curricular pictures will be taken on Wednesday, January 20th.

January 21st will be a Student Council sponsored theme day to mark the end of first semester.

There will be No School on Friday, January 22nd. It is a Professional Development Day.

Community News

Notice of Calvary Cemetery Board Annual Meeting

The Calvary Cemetery Board will hold its annual public meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 2:30 PM at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in the fellowship area. All are invited to attend and learn about the cemetery, meet the board members and ask any pertinent questions.

We will be following recommended Covid-19 guidelines and will require everyone to wear a mask and practice social distancing. This year we will be offering a Zoom option. If you would like to attend via Zoom please email our director, Steve Flynn at www.calvarydirector@gmail.com and a link will be provided.

Faith Formation

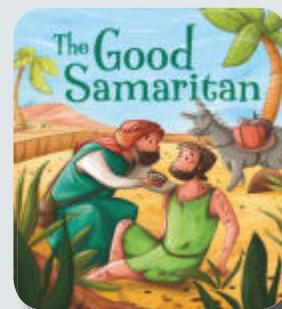


News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org.

Grades 1-5: Faith Formation classes resume on Monday, February 1st at 4:30 and 6:00pm for grades 1-5.

First Communion Parent Meeting: Our meeting is on Monday, January 18th at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall. Only one parent needs to attend this parent-only meeting. At the meeting, we will hand out and cover all the information related to your child's First Communion.

Teaching Kids to Respect Others: This week our focus chapter is called "Sometimes Some People Don't Care." Our youth may experience hurt or bullying during their lives and may not know how to handle it, especially if they think no one cares. Read the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10. Encourage children and youth to be strong when it is appropriate and possible, to ask for help when needed, and to talk about what is happening in their lives without fear that we will judge them weak or a failure. Asking for help when anyone is harming us is an important way to protect the body that God gave us as a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Families can role play situations where one member is being hurt by words, then the others play the adults, some do not listen and one does listen and act. Take turns playing out different scenarios and parts of children and adults. These exercises help our children be able to better address real life events. Tell them they are never alone because Jesus is with them.

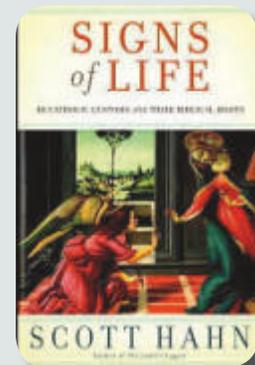


Prayer: Say to the Lord, *"My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust. He will rescue you. For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you whenever you go."* (Psalm 91)



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grs 6-12, Children & Youth Ministry, dresscm@rescathroch.org

Are you reading the book "Signs of Life" by Scott Hahn? This book was given out to the parish as a Christmas gift and was inspiration for the Grades 1-5 Learning Centers developed by Faith Formation Director Stacey Dorsey.



Our Year One Confirmation students have been reading and reflecting on this book since the beginning of the year. The book is affirming and challenging. It shows us that God is the Author of our faith through historical and biblical accounts of "what" we do and "why" we do it. I will admit, I have had to read some chapters a couple times (or more) and yet some chapters just click and I "get-it" right away.

As I reflect, I am appreciative that I am really digging into the roots of our faith through the Old Testament. I have been honest with the students that some topics may be hard to fully grasp. I have tried to convey to them it is OK! Reading a book on faith does not equate to "one and done." We are called to continuous conversion and growth in our Catholic Faith.

With that said, if you have been apprehensive in reading this book, I encourage you to read just a section whenever you can. There are more copies in the gathering space. Pick one up, or even two and share!

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