



# Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

September 6, 2020



## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

# Pastor's Letter

## CAN CHRISTIANS SAVE THE PLANET?

The simple answer is, "yes," but the more complex answer is, "that depends." Our generation is witnessing and trying to survive the greatest socially and globally seismic events humanity has ever known. I don't know that there's need to identify all of them here, since some of them have dominated the news lately. There is one, however, that is consistently misrepresented in almost every newsfeed that exists, and it is the renewable energy movement, or the "green energy" myth.

On that topic, I don't presume to instruct anyone. I am on the receiving end of information myself and am no expert. I refer you to a *YouTube* video entitled "**Planet of the Humans.**" If you view it, my article will make some sense; if you do not, it probably won't, or at least it won't have the impact I intended.

The bottom line of the documentary is that "*less needs to be the new more.*" Selfishness, a nicer way of saying *greed*, is the root of all evil in our world, and always has been: people wanting more, wanting what "everyone else has," whether or not it's needed or even useful, thinking only of oneself and self-gratification, being taken in by the "must-have" mentality, etc. Self-restraint and self-control have all but disappeared from our contemporary vocabulary. Yet, *self-control is a moral category necessary for both healthy personal and societal wellbeing and sustainable growth.*

People - I'm referring to the "developed" (what a presumptuous claim!) western world - have more material wellbeing now than at any other time in human history, and yet a sense of personal fulfillment and happiness are at their lowest levels as well, paralleled by the highest suicide rates. Despite being loudly and dogmatically touted by secular gurus as the panaceas of all our human ills, *neither material and economic prosperity of themselves nor the advances of science and technology have been able to bring fulfillment to individuals or to societies.* In fact, they have also largely contributed to those very ills because they have replaced our individual conscience as the ultimate guide to the pursuit of happiness.

CO<sub>2</sub>, deforestation, polluting of the oceans and the host of other "scapegoats" are not what's killing the planet; *we are*, by our implacable and insatiable consumerism and *irresponsible lack of self-restraint.* The current global social disintegration is only one more *symptom*, but one that is hitting closer to home for most people, and why it's getting all the attention now.

"Green" energy is not the solution; in fact, it's a huge part of the problem that is itself based on human selfishness and lack of self-control. That's where my reference to the *YouTube* documentary, "**Planet of the Humans**" comes in. Please, do yourself and the planet a favor as a Christian, and watch it.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

**Sirach 27:30-28:7** Sirach lays out for us here the only true path to peace of soul.

**Romans 14:7-9** Altruism is the pinnacle of love, and putting God at the top assures us of everlasting life.

**St. Matthew 18:21-35** God is kind, patient, merciful, but also supremely just. Here, that lesson is powerfully explained for us.

## ONLINE STREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS

HOLY CHILDHOOD ON ZOOM AT 9:15 am - MATERNITY OF MARY ON YOUTUBE AT 10:30 am

Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the Zoom email invitation. [evanoff.jj@gmail.com](mailto:evanoff.jj@gmail.com) or (651) 357-7613

Maternity of Mary - On YouTube through the Maternity of Mary website. Go to [www.maternityofmarychurch.org](http://www.maternityofmarychurch.org) and click on the link: Maternity of Mary YouTube page to watch live Mass. This link is under the Live Stream of Mass information.

## ONLINE STREAMING OF THE DAILY MASS

The 7:45 am is now being live streamed on Zoom. Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the list.

## COMMUNION AT HOLY CHILDHOOD

Communion will be available at door # 5 (lower level church entrance off of parking lot) at approximately 8:20 am, Monday - Saturday and 10:00 am, on Sunday for those not attending Mass in the church building.

## EMERGENCY SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend we will have a special collection to benefit those affected by the recent catastrophic explosion in Beirut, Lebanon.

### A DAY OFF FOR OUR PRIESTS

In order to give our priests a monthly day off there will not be a 8 am Mass at Maternity of Mary on Monday, September 7 or a 7:45 am Mass at Holy Childhood on Thursday, September 10.



**LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 7**  
The Parish Office will be closed.

### INVITATION TO JOIN



The Holy Childhood Rosary Group is still gathering during this challenging time. Please join us on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Weather permitting, we pray before the Blessed Mother's statue in the parking lot. Otherwise in the church. Bring your petitions and a lawn chair. We practice social distancing.

### "FEAST FOR ALL FAMILIES" COOKBOOK



Orders are now being taken for this classic HC cookbook reprint. Payment of \$30 must accompany your order placed no later than Sunday, October 3. For additional information, call the Parish Office.

### RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 situation, Women's Club has decided to cancel the Fall Rummage Sale. Hopefully we can have one in the Spring.

### WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Will occur at the end of September. All membership packets will be mailed to your home this year.

### TELEVISED SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 am - Heart of the Nation (Channel 23.1)  
11 am - Diocese of St. Cloud: on KSTC-TV/45  
11:30 am - Diocese of Winona-Rochester  
Noon - Our Lady of Grace, Edina  
Both on Fox 9+ (Channel 29)

### RADIO BROADCAST OF THE MASS

Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sundays at noon, and Sundays at 9 am.



## Engage in the Synod Process through Praying with Scripture Series Beginning September 13

This five-part virtual series on praying with Scripture offers practical tools for growing in holiness, drawing upon the rich tradition of the Catholic Church. **Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens will teach the fundamentals of praying with Scripture** and explain how to use a Prayer Companion resource to enrich your prayer experience. Watch at your convenience with family, friends or on your own.

To participate and receive materials, download "MyParish" from your app store and search "Archdiocesan Synod" OR sign up to receive emails at [eva.us/archspm-fall2020](http://eva.us/archspm-fall2020). More information at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod).

### GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 12/13, 2020

This collection is held annually on Good Friday. This year however, due to the COVID -19 situation, Pope Francis has approved moving the collection for the Holy Land to September 12/13, 2020, near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Your support is very important as the Holy Land is also struggling with this pandemic. This collection helps maintain holy places and shrines in the Holy Land, supports Catholic schools, provides charity for the poor, and funds pastoral and religious education in 29 Holy Land parishes. Also, in these times of crisis, the Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Please prayerfully consider giving to this collection through your parish on September 12/13. You may also contribute at [www.centerformission.org](http://www.centerformission.org). Please be as generous as you are able. For more information, contact Deacon Mickey Friesen, 651.291.4445.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 7 Patrick McSherry, Emily Quam, & Sharon Sherrick  
9 Susan Robinson  
10 Rosemary Twohy  
11 Tim Thomas  
12 Violet Schafer



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 5**

7:45 am † Jenny Rein Kohls

5:00 pm Parishioners

**Sunday, September 6**

9:15 am † Sister Thelma Vetsch

**Monday, September 7**

7:45 am † Karen Merth

**Tuesday, September 8**

7:45 am Special Intention

**Wednesday, September 9**

7:45 am † Chris Ostertag

**Thursday, September 10**

NO MASS AT HC

**Friday, September 11**

7:45 am † Bob Beck

**Saturday, September 12**

7:45 am † Sister Dorothy Merth, SSND

5:00 pm † Gloria Rein

**Sunday, September 13**

9:15 am Parishioners

### Parish Support

August 30, 2020 Fair Share \$3133 .00

If you are in need of Fair Share envelopes please call Mary in the parish office.



### Parish Information

Pastor, Fr. Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Fink

Weekend Assistant, Fr. James Reidy, Ph. D.

Parish Office 651-644-7495

Buchanan Hall 651-647-0689

### Our Current Services

Confessions - Saturday.....4:00-4:30 pm

Door #6 - in the bell tower entrance to Buchanan Hall

Saturday Anticipatory Mass..... 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass.....9:15 am

Weekday Masses....Monday - Saturday..7:45 am

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday ..... 6:00 pm

Prayer Chain.....Peggy - 651-645-4955

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

Victim Assistance Program.....651-291-4497

## NEEDS OF THE KAREN COMMUNITY

Some of you may know that the Franciscan Brothers of Peace minister to the Karen Community of the East Side of St. Paul. A large number of these children attend St. Jerome School in Roseville. There are many ways we could assist them in their school and home lives. There will be a box in the narthex marked "Karen Community." Below is a list of items they are in need of for the coming school year.

School Supplies: notebooks, book covers, folders, glue, markers, crayons, water paints, pencils, scissors, protractors, calculators (for middle school).

Thermometers, as they will need to check their temperatures before coming to school in the morning.

Water Bottles as each child will need to have their own personal bottle or cup since they will not be allowed to use the drinking fountains.

Tennis shoes in sizes 10 for kids all the way through 8 for men/women.

Self Care items like shampoo, soap, deodorant.

As winter approaches there will be a need for winter jackets, pants and boots, and eventually Christmas presents.

Gently used and new items will be greatly appreciated. For additional information call the Parish Office.



## DONUT SUNDAY

We hope you enjoyed Donut Sunday last month! Judy and Joan enjoyed being able to see so many people.



So, while the weather is still good, Women's Club will again host another walk by or drive by Donut Sunday.

Sunday, September 13, after 9:15 am Mass, there will be individually packaged donuts available for all parishioners. One donut per person please. A table will be outside the front doors (Midway Pkwy.) for you to pick up a donut as you exit church (please observe physical social distancing) and also in the parking lot for drive by pickup. (Please stay in your vehicle.) We hope you enjoy!



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