

Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

September 13, 2020



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22



Pastor's Letter

ADDRESSING SOCIAL AND MORAL ISSUES IN THE PUBLIC FORUM - PART 1

It can be tricky addressing social issues, not only because they can be complex and involved - as the saying goes, "a little knowledge is dangerous" - but because some people have a knee-jerk reaction to a perceived "mixing of religion and politics." I, for one, am deeply grateful for our U.S. Constitution's *Separation of Church and State Clause*. So when I address a social issue, even one that can be politically charged, it's because it also has *an important moral component* often overlooked in the public discourse and needing to be clarified. That is our prevue, not that of professional politicians.

Just as every other category of Americans, we Catholics necessarily and legitimately bring our own perspective to the civic forum; why should we be the only ones not able to do so? As Catholics, we have the added advantage of being able to ground our positions not only on revealed Truth, but on *a reasoned and fact-based analyses* of human issues based on objective observation and conclusions on the nature and intrinsic value of the human person as such, as well as of the nature and purpose of human society. This is called the *Natural Law* approach, a centuries-old, recognized, objective source for understanding many moral issues even apart from a religious component or perspective of faith.

Therefore, when we address them in the civic forum, while we may be inspired by, and ultimately base our position on God's revelation in the Bible and the Teaching of his Church, we argue rather from the *logical deduction of fact* based on *universally-knowable, anthropological truths, and underlying objective principles about humanity itself*. These are enriched and strengthened by honest and verifiable science, so that our social - and even political - position as Catholics, while often motivated by our deeper religious convictions, can still be understood and accepted by people of other religious faiths, or of no faith at all as we engage the discourse on the level of human reason.

Therefore, I will briefly address and outline over the next few weeks in my Bulletin Article only a few of the many current social issues facing us that have an *important moral component* coupled with various degrees of urgency, notably in an election year, hopefully making our participation in the social and political process as Christians both more reasonable and responsible.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Isaiah 55:6-9 It's good to ponder the goodness of God, but realizing that we will never be able fully to comprehend that goodness towards us, wayward humanity.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Love of God's goodness shown to us in Jesus Christ drew St. Paul ever more strongly towards the Lord. Here he expresses his desire to be with his Lord forever.

St. Matthew 20:1-16a God's justice has nothing to do with fairness, but is based on God's own goodness shown to us in loving mercy and generous blessing.

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 or (651) 357-7613

Maternity of Mary - On YouTube through the Maternity of Mary website. Go to 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.



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.

TODAY, 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!

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee will meet on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm in Buchanan Hall.

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.

"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.

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE



Women's Club is currently looking for someone who is interested and willing to serve as the Pro Life advocate for the parish. If interested or if you have questions contact Judy Jacobsen or Joan Connolly.

DIVINE MERCY LAWN SIGNS

Available in the parish office. Cost \$10

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. More information at archspm.org/synod.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 12/13, 2020

This collection is held annually on Good Friday. Due to the pandemic it has been transferred to this weekend. 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.

NEEDS OF THE KAREN COMMUNITY



School supplies and self care items are still being collected for the Karen community. See the August 30 or September 6 bulletins for a detailed list of desired items. Thank you in advance for your generous response.

THANK YOU

Your donations of \$322.00 to the special collection for those affected by the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon is greatly appreciated. Donations will be accepted through the month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 12 Violet Schafer
15 Phyllis Warzecha
18 Bob Connolly
19 Joe Evanoff



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12

7:45 am † Sister Dorothy Merth, SSND

5:00 pm † Gloria Rein

Sunday, September 13

9:15 am Parishioners

Monday, September 14

7:45 am † Bill Finnegan

Tuesday, September 15

7:45 am Joe Anderson (BD)

Wednesday, September 16

7:45 am † Mike Baglio

Thursday, September 17

7:45 am † Joe Mihalik

Friday, September 18

7:45 am † Georgianna Herman

Saturday, September 19

7:45 am † Joanie Madden

5:00 pm Mary Hill (Healing)

Sunday, September 20

9:15 am Parishioners

Parish Support

September 6, 2020 Fair Share \$ 6611.00

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



BLESSING FOR OUR NATION

God of all things,
we come before you in thanksgiving
for all that you have created.
For the world and its beauty,
but especially for the people around us.
We ask you today to give us wisdom and
courage to look at the world and all its
problems and inspire us to dream great
ways to improve upon what you have so
graciously given to us.
Make us worthy to call you Father.
And together bestow insight upon us to honor
your created things.
Bless, protect, and gift us ever anew with
your love.

We ask all this as members of this country,
in Christ's name.
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