

- *ST. PIUS X*
(*SOLON SPRINGS*)
- *ST. ANTHONY*
(*GORDON*)
- *ST. MARY*
(*MINONG*)

“Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”

— Mk 7:5b-6

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Mass Schedule

In-person masses:

Tuesday: 9 am—St. Pius
 Wednesday: 9 am—St. Mary
 Thursday: 9 am—St. Anthony
 Friday: 9 am—St Pius
 Saturday: 4 pm—St. Anthony and 5:30 pm—St. Mary
 Sunday: 8:30 am—St. Pius and 10:30 am—St. Mary

Live-streamed Mass
 Sunday: 12:30 pm

New Parishioners

Call the office (378-4431 ext. 2) to register full or part-time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—3:30 pm—St. Anthony or by appointment by calling Fr. Kinney, 715-378-4431 ext 4

Mass Intentions Week of Of 8/24/21-8/29/21

- Patrick Pettinari—Ries Family
- John Cosgrove Jr.—Dolly Cosgrove
- Eugenia Brown—Charles Brown Family
- Terry Turek—Dolly Cosgrove

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

The second collection this weekend is for the Haiti Fund

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Aug. 29, 2021: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jul 28, 2021
by Carol J. Dempsey

Life, wherever and however lived, is governed and conditioned by laws and traditions that people have created. Embedded in these laws and traditions are various cultural and religious attitudes, mindsets, and political and social norms deemed acceptable by a majority of people but which oftentimes have oppressed and underrepresented those who choose or are forced to live on the margins.

Laws and traditions can be beneficial to maintaining a sense of order. They preserve legacies and "the way things have always been" or "have always been done." Laws and traditions that remain frozen in time, however, can stifle the work of change, diversification, inclusion, creativity and transformation that human communities and institutions need if they are to be dynamic entities in and for the 21st century.

With governments and their laws in turmoil, with dead or dying traditions being clung to or resuscitated by stale breath, these two questions come to the fore: Whom do the laws benefit and protect? What traditions are held on to, pined for, kept etched in stone so that power is preserved, patriarchy and hegemony remain in place, and comfort zones are soothed without anyone ever having to deal with or be challenged by the Spirit? The Spirit is constantly doing something new, if we can perceive it, if we can trust it, if we can move with it, radically letting go of the past, the known, the secure, the "defined," the legacy of what was. This Sunday's readings invite us to think deeply about "law" and "tradition."

The first reading from Deuteronomy associates law with life. Keeping Torah is not about self-preservation or self-perfection. Keeping Torah is the way to establishing and safeguarding right relationship with the divine, with one's self, and with one's neighbor, inclusive of human and nonhuman life. Even the land and the animals enjoyed sabbath rest afforded to humans. Keeping Torah also means justice for the disenfranchised, the poor, the widow, the orphan, the sojourner, the stranger and, in today's world, the undocumented immigrant migrating from political and social oppression, not to mention the climate migrants, the likes of which we have yet to experience profoundly as lands become uninhabitable.

A great nation composed of truly wise and intelligent people has statutes and decrees that are just. When we read and study the laws and decrees found in Exodus through Deuteronomy, we discover that some laws and decrees are gendered, biased, hegemonic and oppressive. Other laws are life-sustaining for all communities of life. The heart and foundation of the law is love which leads to ethical praxis and justice for all (see [Deuteronomy 6:1-9](#); [10:12-22](#); [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#); [Micah 6:6-8](#)). What new laws are being crafted and implemented locally, nationally, globally, that continue the systemic patterns and forces of discrimination and marginalization?

Today's responsorial Psalm is a reminder that the one who does justice will live in the presence of the divine. From the perspective of embodied spirituality, I add that the one who lives in the presence of the divine is the one who lives a life of justice. What, however, is understood by love and justice? What has been our encounter with the divine whose Spirit working through the created world has moved mountains for us when we have been treated unjustly? An encounter with the divine leads to a profound understanding of love and an unquenchable passion and thirst for justice that will make us doers of the word and not just hearers of it.

Today's Gospel picks up threads of the first reading. Clearly the description of the disciples indicates that these characters did not keep the human-made religious purity laws. The washing of the hands and vessels before using them were acts of ritual purification that signaled a desire to consecrate the most basic of human activities. Free-spirited, they know the heart of the matter, and they live their life accordingly. They do not keep nor follow the tradition of the elders either. When laws and traditions become ends unto themselves, when they become "doctrine" used to sustain tombs and mausoleums built with old bricks and mortar reflective of times past, then the Spirit will have difficulty in trying to renew the face of the earth.

Ponder this reality: only when animals shed their "coats" and birds molt and lose their dead feathers can new fur, new skins, new feathers emerge. In this present-day world, the cry for justice is deafening. The need for new structures, new interpretations of cherished understandings, and new ways of thinking is palpable. What are we willing to shed, change and let go of in order to embrace right relationship, to live from the heart, to set free the transformative Spirit so it can run wild in our lives and in our world, grounding us in the present, not the past, with hope for the future?

[Carol J. Dempsey is a Dominican Sister of Caldwell, New Jersey, and professor of biblical studies at the University of Portland, Oregon.]

8/15/21	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes			
Loose Change	The bulletin editor is on vacation so collections for 8/15 and 8/22 will be reported in the 9/5 bulletin.		
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CSA Goals	\$10,609	\$6,603	\$14,693
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Mark Your Calendars

- Reader/Extraordinary Minister training, 8/29 after the 8:30 am mass at St. Pius
- Pie baking for Sept. 3rd bake sale, Thursday, Sept 2nd, St. Pius downstairs starting at 9 am followed by a lunch pot luck. If you can fill a pie, peel an apple, wash a dish or anything else please come and enjoy fellowship while you bake.
- CCW&M Bake and Craft Sale. Friday, Sept 3rd at Henson's Country Foods and at the Greenhaven Building. Starts at 9 am. Get a preview of the wonderful items that will be offered by visiting the Pictures page on the website: <https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/pictures>
- Pictures from the interfaith picnic can be found on the tri-parish website: <https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/pictures>

Training and Recommitment for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Are you already serving in either of these very important ministries in your parish or are you considering becoming either a Reader or an Extraordinary Minister? Two information and training sessions are being offered:

- after the 8:30 am Mass, Sunday, Aug 29 at St Pius X in Solon Springs.

If you are considering being part of these ministries or if you have questions, please contact either:

Kathy Birtzer, CRE at 715-378-4431
or
Paula Tupa at 612-296-1674.

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Dawn DenHartog	Joseph Treb
LaVerne Treb	John Poole
Virginia Bartelt	Cami Marie DenHartog

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation.

What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are "doing" everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.

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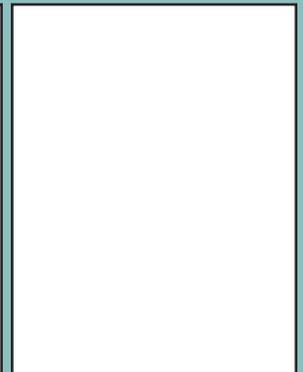
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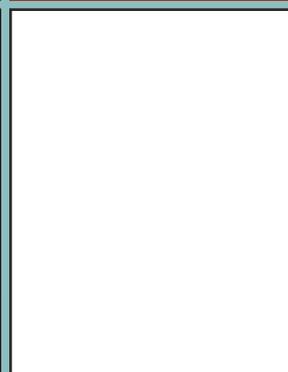
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