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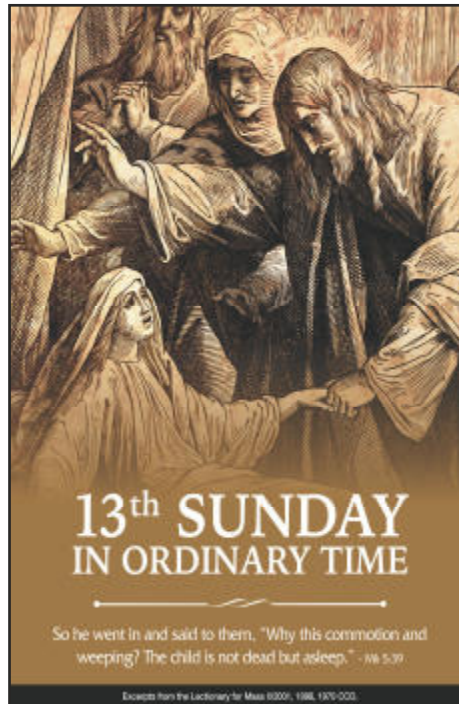
A Vicarious Descant

“Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justices’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake. Be glad and rejoice for your reward is very great in heaven” (Mt 5:10-12a).

In today’s Gospel in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, the Bible commentators point out that the Lord is acknowledging that the Scribes and Pharisees practiced some degree of righteousness: “Except your justice abound more than that of the Scribes and Pharisees...” (Matthew 5:20). The Scribes were the doctors of the law of Moses. The Pharisees—the name meaning “set apart by their perfection” --made a profession of the exact observance of the law and were held in great esteem among the people.

The words of today's Gospel are found immediately after the Sermon on the Mount and were at the very beginning of our Lord's mission.

Our Lord is teaching what is at the heart of the entire message of the Gospel. And that message is this: the Law demanded external observance and obedience, because it was itself a preparation for the message brought by Christ. But that Law has now been fulfilled in Christ. And the fulfillment calls the hearer to not to perfect external observances, but to perfect what is internal and in the heart. Perfect justice should no longer be sought after solely through observance of externals but can only be realized by our fidelity to God’s law in our hearts.



Our Lord then relates that perfection to which each person is called—you have heard that it was said to them of old: Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you, that whosoever is angry with his brother, shall be in danger of the judgment.

Our Lord names the three tribunals of justice among the people of that time. The Judgment was the name given to the first of these. It was a tribunal of three judges who tried smaller cases, such as theft. Each town had one of these three-judge tribunals. The second tribunal was called the Little Sanhedrin and was comprised of 23 judges. This tribunal was for more serious offenses and had the power to condemn a person. The third tribunal, the highest, called the Council,

was comprised of 72 judges who heard cases relating to religion, the king, the high priest and the state. This highest tribunal is where the Lord says using the word “raca” or “simpleton” is judged in the eyes of God.

The Lord passes over the second tribunal and places the expression of contempt (“raca”) into the highest tribunal, “the Council.” But then our Lord names yet a more contemptuous term, “you fool” and tells us that the one who holds his brother in such contempt is risking eternal punishment.

Our Lord has made it perfectly clear from the beginning that a person doesn't avoid hell by observing the Law, but by perfecting their love for God and neighbor. In the same way, Catholics should not be complacent thinking that they haven't committed any mortal sins. Not sinning is just the first step. What remains of Christian perfection—as defined by the Beatitudes—is the open-ended possibilities of spiritual perfection as expressed by one's thoughts, words and deeds.

Our Lord then says something that must be part of our everyday examination of conscience. If you offer a gift at the altar and there you remember that your brother has anything against you, leave the offering, go be reconciled, and then offer your gift.

First, your brother has something against you as judged by God or the Church. That's easy. But what you might not realize, is that even if your brother is the offender, and you are in truth the one that is wronged, if you hold unforgiveness in your heart over that wrong, then you are guilty of the greater sin in the eyes of God.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, - June 28, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Kristin A. Olechowski (L)

Tuesday, - June 29, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Conversion in the family of Dwayne & Debbie Henderson (L)

Wednesday, - June 30, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Holy Priests (L&D)

Thursday July 01, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Quinn Family

Friday, - July 02, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Poor Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m.– Private Intention

Saturday, -July 03, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:00 p.m. – Latin Wedding Mass

Sunday, July 04, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Jim Van Demergel

9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. – Private Intention

Mass Servers

Saturday, July 03, 2021

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

Sunday, July 04, 2021

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & W. Remski, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of 06-27-21

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

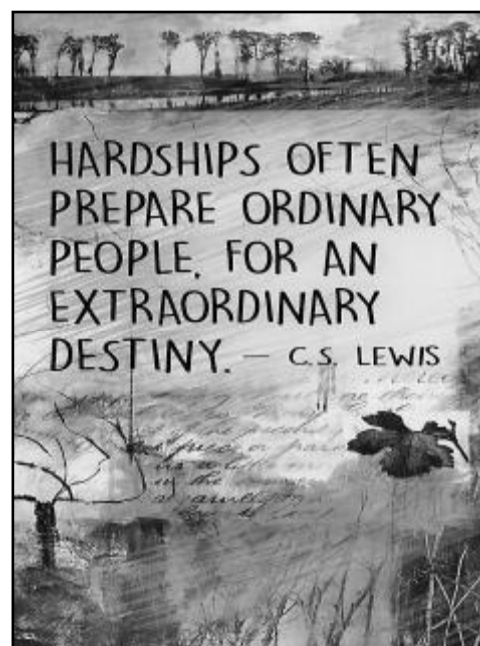
REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

Requiescat in Pace

Charles Chase

June 21, 2021

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



We should remember: every one of us, every day, is the servant who has just been forgiven a huge sum—10,000 talents lifetimes of wages according to a literal translation of Matthew 18:24—and we are somewhere between the time we received that forgiveness—in baptism or Confession—and the moment that we encounter a fellow servant who has wronged us. Do you see how any offense, no matter how grievous, cannot compare to how much God has forgiven us by our Baptism and in the Sacrament of Penance?

Moreover, if your unforgiveness provokes your brother to unforgiveness, then you may be doubly guilty of both unforgiveness and provoking another to the same. Reconciling with your brother—at least on your part—is the only way to ensure that you are not holding any unforgiveness in your heart. When this is not possible, pray for your brother. One sign of unforgiveness might be simply avoiding someone who has wronged you. “That’s the last person I want to see right now” might be a good way of describing that.

God allows tribulation in our lives and in the lives of those we love not simply to teach us patience or give us an opportunity to suffer. Rather, those trials and tribulations—especially where injustice is involved—can make us aware of what is lacking in our hearts.

Don’t ever seek to justify unforgiveness. The words of the Lord are clear. It is not an easy teaching. It is not an easy thing to do. But it is how your justice surpasses the external observances as symbolized by the observances of the Scribes and Pharisees.

St. Peter is echoing our Lord’s words—be you all of one mind, having compassion on one another—not rendering evil for evil. This is how we live in this age of the Holy Spirit. This time of Pentecost.

May God grant us a superabundance of grace to be free of any unforgiveness and all its subsequent manifestations—

bitterness, sadness, anger, resentment. “You have heard that it has been said: you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies, do good to them that hate you: and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you: that you may be the children of your Father who is in heaven, who makes his sun to rise upon the good and bad and rains upon the just and unjust” (Mt 5:43-45).

Jesus meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine. Amen.

August 15th Planning Meeting

The first planning meeting for August 15th will be held on Tuesday, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the school lounge.

4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 3rd

The 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 3 will be a Latin Wedding Mass. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation, but the Propers (prayers and readings) will be of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite in Latin. Let us joyfully keep David and Drita in our prayers as they begin their life together in marriage.

Day of Recollection

The Canons Regular of the Holy Cross will have a Day of Recollection on August 15 from 2 p.m.-4p.m. More information to follow.

Learn about Chesterton Academy

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Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

Altar Boy Training

Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar boy. Monthly Altar Boy Training will be held on **Saturday, July 10** in the church from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. All altar boys are asked to attend.


Seven Sisters Apostolate

Our four groups renewed their prayer commitments of one Holy Hour a week for Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante, Fr. Eduard Perrone and Fr. Aidan Logan on Friday, June 11th. The day began with a Holy Mass offered for all the Sisters and those for whom they pray. After Mass the renewal of their prayer commitments for another year took place at the Grotto where we requested Our Lady’s help to persevere in our commitments and placed the Archbishop and priests for whom we are praying into her protection. See the new flyer for 2021 on the side tables of the church for more information on our parish Seven Sisters Groups. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this Apostolate. For more information see their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>.



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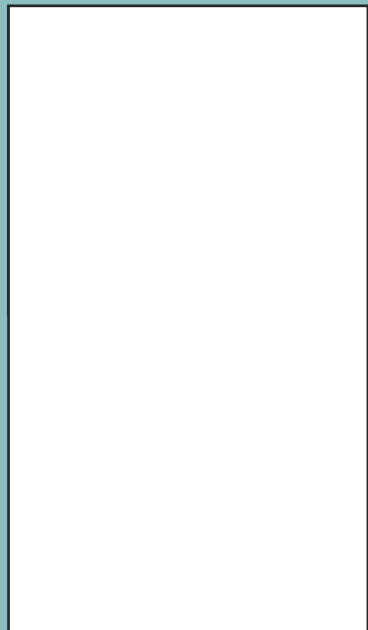
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