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 Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

GESU CHURCH

“We worship joyfully and serve humbly as the Spirit leads us.”

NOTES from FR. PHIL

Recently I have been reviewing the life and writings of Jean Vanier who passed away this past May. He was a Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian, and humanitarian. In 1964, he founded L'Arche, an international organization that works for the creation and growth of homes, programs and support networks with people who have developmental disabilities.

Vanier developed 5 *Principles for Humanity* which I find both engaging and inspiring. I will highlight two – **Principle 1 and 3**:

Principle 1 – All humans are sacred, whatever their culture, race, religion, whatever their capacities and incapacities, whatever their strengths and weakness may be. All of us need help in order to become all that we may be.

Principle 3 – Maturity comes through working with others – we have to belong and find each other.

Is it not true that our world and our Church needs to emphasize, teach and preach both principles?! As many of you know I was moved to tears at the recent shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. When such horror occurs, humanity rapidly scrambles and attempts to find (a solution and) the motive. There are many. I am convinced, however, that one of the key reasons is that many (if not all) of these suspects lack or have no meaning in life. They are short or feel deprived of belonging.

This brings me to **Principle 2**. In these trying times humanity needs to stress and implement our *belonging* to each other. With such a practice we will, indeed, find each other. Our suffering will diminish. Such violent acts will cease. Joy will come. The celebration commences.

I know Gesu can embody these principles. Why? Because we already do. No matter who we are, though, we can always live and practice them more fully, more completely. Now is the time. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate our uniqueness, sacredness and belonging than the annual parish picnic. Being and becoming more human is that easy. It is coming together to eat, drink, dance, play and to celebrate our life and faith in God on a summer's afternoon in which we find deep meaning, because... We are all sacred, no matter who we are, what we have or have not accomplished, despite our weaknesses and or strengths. We belong to each other.

In Christ,
 Fr. Phil, sj



Ignatian Moment: St. Alberto Hurtado, S.J.

Today is the feast of St. Alberto Hurtado, S.J. (1901-1952), a Chilean Jesuit who served the poor. He founded the Trade Union Association of Chile, and Hogar de Cristo, an organization for poor and abandoned young people. He wrote:

Christ roams through our streets in the person of so many of the suffering poor, sick and dispossessed, and people thrown out of their miserable slums; Christ huddled under bridges, in the person of so many children who lack someone to call father, who have been deprived for many years without a mother's kiss on their foreheads... Christ is without a home! Shouldn't we want to give him one, those of us who have the joy of a comfortable home, plenty of good food, the means to educate and assure the future of our children? "What you do to the least of me, you do to me," Jesus said.

Who can you serve today in your circle of family, friends, and colleagues?

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Sowers of the Seed

Fire: the next time or NOW?



“I have come to set the earth on fire...” -
Hearing these words from today’s Gospel gives me a pretty good idea of what Jesus may have been feeling and thinking when he said them. It sounds like he knew that his earthly purpose was to bring about change, massive change of the status quo, and it was not intended to be a soft-peddled one – unlike my early impressions of what my grandmother meant when she would tell me to “*go set the world on fire.*” But now I wonder just what she did mean – What was her vision of me setting the world on fire? Was it to allow the fire that she kindled within me to gently light fires of change, to make a difference in whatever path I took? – I still believe so.

Being an agent of change and enlightenment is not generally easy as Jeremiah shows us in today’s first reading. Help is often needed and called for and can come from unlikely sources, but the job gets done.

“God gave Noah the rainbow sign – no more water – the fire the next time.” Those words from an old spiritual song were the inspiration for the title of James Baldwin’s book, *The Fire Next Time*, an epic account of the author’s views and experiences of race and religion. Written more than 50 years ago, current readers may feel that not much has changed from what is depicted in the book.

But the author implores those of us who consider ourselves to be conscious to bind together to bring about a change that needs to happen – a change that comes from a Christ-built fire within that will prevent us from being consumed by an apocalyptic fire that will burn us up and burn us out. Together we can do this – NOW!
DiAnne Patterson Schultz

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord:

George Williams, former parishioner.



Gesu Photo Directory

We hope all members of the Parish have signed up to have their photo taken. If you haven’t there is still time to do so. Please sign up for a photo session. Members of the photo team will be available after all masses next weekend to help you sign up or you can sign up on line.

Please send your announcements and prayers of the faithful to this email address:

gesuannouncement@gmail.com. Deadline for announcements is 3pm Wednesday. Thank you.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 19

Yoga, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, August 20

Wednesday, August 21

AA, 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 22

Yoga, 5:15 pm

Parish Council, 6:30 pm

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24

Forty Plus Group Meeting, 2-4:30 pm

Sunday, August 25

Parish Picnic at Belle Isle

BMO, 2-5 pm

IHM Raffle

From the time they were founded in 1845 IHM sisters received very low salaries for teaching in the parochial schools. They literally worked for the love of God. When Social Security was put into place during the Depression, women religious were not included because of their tax-free status. That law changed in 1972, and Monroe IHMs diverted money from their education fund to buy into Social Security. However, since our salaries were still low and our participation in the system was so recent, the annual payout for a retired IHM were quite small. Nationwide the average annual Social Security benefit for a retired person is \$16,848. For religious it is \$8,088, less than half that. Our IHM retirement fund goes a long way toward making up the difference between what sisters get from Social Security and what we need to live.

Last year this raffle – your gift to the IHM community – helped raise a total of \$218,468 towards supporting retired IHM Sisters. Since the fundraising raffle started, this amount has gone up every year, thanks to you. Purchasing a raffle ticket can be your way to ensure that our elderly sisters – possibly your teachers – receive the care they need and deserve. They in turn will be praying for you and your family.

On one of the Sundays of August, please go to the church social area and buy a \$25 raffle ticket from an IHM or one of our helpers. Your ticket will be entered in a monthly raffle beginning in October. (You’ll be glad to know that several Gesu parishioners have won since we began the raffle.) Please support us during this time of change as generously as you can. You’ll be helping us out, and we’ll be praying for you.

Sr. Angela Hibbard, IHM

If you have an article for the Gesu News please have it in by 12 pm on Friday at gesudet@aol.com. If you have a flyer for the Gesu News, it will run one weekend only, please bring it in or email to gesudet@aol.com by 12 noon on Thursday. Thank you.

Please pray for those experiencing illness or other problems. May God grant them peace!

Note: Names will be listed for **4 weeks**. Please call the parish office to add or remove names from the list.

Lucille & Luke Allen	Tinney Barnes
Dan Mioduszewski	Clarice Hardaway
Brandon Tolhurst	Fr. Norman Dickson, S.J.
Fr. Robert, Scullin, S.J.	Calvin & Mellowees Hart
Grant Leeper	Diane Bryant
Mia Lamb	Dennis Burnett
Elaine Attaway	Herbert Ford
Shirlee Sullivan	Donald Harris
Rita Pavlosky	Darrow Harden, II
John Webster	Barbara Glamb
Mar'e Creer	Andrew Vitali, III
Alan Arnett	Gretchen Wilbert
James Porter	

Prayers will continue at Ministry Meetings and during General Intercessions of the Mass. Gesu parishioners will be contacted periodically.

Nursing Home

Gladys Harper	Tammy Pitrowski
Roy Washington	Barbara Wilson
Mabel Ann Greason	Leo P. Brennan
Jesse Taylor	Madolyn Merriwether
Jim Rucinski	Helene Rucinski

Homebound

Blanche Dodson	Leonard Ellison
Clifton Few	Arnett Jordan
Doris Washington	Sally Wagener
Marguerite Jordan	

MASS INTENTIONS August 19-23, 2019

MONDAY - 19TH

5:30 pm Gloria Jefferson—Martha & Derreck Johnson

TUESDAY - 20TH

5:30 pm Robert C. Schultz—DiAnne Schultz
Louis H. Lindeman—The Family

WEDNESDAY - 21ST

5:30 pm

THURSDAY - 22ND

5:30 pm

FRIDAY - 23RD

5:30 pm

If you have a change of address or a new phone number please call the office at 313-862-4400 or simply mail in the new information. Thank you.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Week of 8-11-2019	Total: \$ 8,779.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 7,800.00
Surplus (Shortfall):	\$ 979.00

Thank you!!

Gesu Church

MISSION STATEMENT

"We worship joyfully and serve humbly as the Spirit leads us."

Church Office & Mailing Address

17180 Oak Drive, Detroit, 48221

Phone: (313) 862-4400

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Email: GESUDET@aol.com

Website: <http://gesudetroit.com>

Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 9 am-4 pm

Closed for lunch, 12 pm-1 pm

Parish Office closed on Saturday & Sunday

Pastor:	Phillip Cooke, S.J.
Associate Pastor:	Peter Etzel, S.J.
Pastoral Musician:	Carl Clendenning
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Junior High Youth Group:	Anita Klueg
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Evangelization:	
Faith Formation:	Mark Lezotte
School Board Chair:	Leticia Sampson
Church Web address:	gesudetroit.com

Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday, 5:30 pm

Weekends: Saturday, 5:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Secular Holidays: Mass at 9:30 AM

Holy Days: Mass at 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4-4:45 pm or by appointment with the Pastor

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

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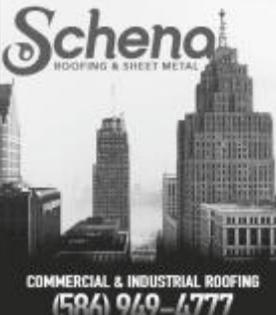
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