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"... their hearts are far from me."

The Pharisees and their predecessors had formulated many rules, which they felt would help people keep God's law. But the letter of the law can become everything, and its spirit nothing. Jesus challenges the Pharisees to recognize that they have gone off track. "This people honors me with their lips," he quotes, "but their hearts are far from me." Probably Jesus' purpose is to recall the Pharisees to their duty—reminding them that interior dispositions have more value than pious exterior actions. Mark's purpose may have been different, since he seems to have written for the Christian community in Rome, which was partly Gentile. Mark may have been chiefly interested in what Jesus said about Jewish dietary laws.

And what is the Church's purpose in presenting this Gospel reading to us today? Although we might have the attitudes that Jesus warned againstexterior piety, interior vice—this Gospel could have another message for us: Where is our heart? Where do our thoughts roam? What do we do for enjoyment, and how often? Are we addicted to some substance or activity? A person can be addicted to far more than tobacco, drugs, and alcohol. Other addictions, for example, could be greed, envy, and other vices mentioned in this Gospel passage, as well as certain foods or favorite types of novels, films, TV shows, and other forms of entertainment. Not all diversions are addictions, but if they interfere with our responsibilities-the duties of our state in life-they become problematic. In all this, how much room is there for God? It's a challenge to keep God in the forefront of our lives. The First Commandment states: "you shall not have other gods besides me" (Ex 20:3). Following this commandment can be difficult, because we don't see God. Praying, reading Scripture and spiritual books, and contemplating nature or sacred images are all means of keeping in touch with God, so that he may never find our hearts "far from" him.

Our desire should be to want to give the Lord God the place in our lives that He deserves and carry out the duties of our state for love of Him. Let us pray to overcome any addictions or diversions that interfere with our relationship with God or with our other responsibilities. God is the reason and goal of our existence. May our deepest desire be to stay close to Him.

Deacon Kevin

Parish Mission Statement: The Combined Catholic Community of Our Lady of Grace and St. Cletus, led by Jesus Christ and His Good News, endeavors to be renewed in Spirit, grow in faith, and live the Gospel. We invite all people to join us in joyful worship in service to God and neighbor.

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COVID, Catholics and Conscience

Michael Warsaw August 20, 2021

As uncertainty grows over the rise of Delta-variant COVID-19 cases in the United States, one fact is abundantly clear: Divisions over how best to deal with the spread of the virus are deeper than ever. A glance at the patchwork of U.S. state policies across the nation related to the recent coronavirus surge demonstrates the stark divides. Washington state, for example, announced Aug. 18 that all teachers and staff in any public, charter or private school would be required to be fully vaccinated as a condition of employment. To the opposite extreme, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order July 29 that banned government entities from requiring vaccinations. The governor has also prohibited school districts from issuing mask mandates. As many as 14 states have <u>mask mandates</u> either for everyone or for the unvaccinated. The <u>District of Columbia and 21 states</u> have some form of COVID-19 vaccine mandates. By the end of July, states <u>introduced more than 155 legislative measures</u> to ban employer-mandated vaccines, school mandates or vaccine passports.

The polarization is deep and is affecting communities, workplaces, families and the Catholic Church in the U.S. Amid the confusing and often-contradictory policies being hotly debated, respect for deeply held religious beliefs and the primacy of conscience is absolutely essential so that Catholics and others have the freedom to grapple prudently with the decisions they need to make to protect themselves and their loved ones, as well as the common good. One heartening development, compared to the actions that were undertaken in many U.S. states during the pandemic's earlier stages, is that the ability of governments to unjustly restrict the right to worship has been sharply curbed this time around. California — one of the states that <u>transgressed most egregiously</u> against religious freedom in its pandemic policies — <u>recently agreed</u> to a permanent injunction that requires the state to refrain from reimposing discriminatory restrictions against church worship services. In the future, in keeping with Supreme Court precedents arising from cases launched against unjust COVID-19 policies that targeted worship in California and <u>elsewhere</u>, any preventive measures imposed on churches must be applied equally to other institutions deemed to be "critical infrastructure" or "essential services."

Similarly, on the other side of the nation, New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu <u>signed a bill</u> designating houses of worship as "essential services." Consequently, they are now protected against facing stricter restrictions than those imposed on commercial enterprises like hardware and liquor stores — which, unlike churches, were allowed to remain open during the state's initial round of lockdowns.

This growing consensus going forward in favor of protections for houses of worship is great news for faithful Catholics, who suffered profoundly from long weeks of enforced separation from the Eucharist and the other sacraments during last year's initial pandemic church closures.

Unfortunately, there is no similar consensus nationwide regarding the equally-contentious issue of conscience exemptions from COVID-19-mandated vaccination. And as inoculation rates continue to lag in many U.S. jurisdictions, and Delta-variant case counts continue to ratchet upwards, a range of civil authorities, private employers, <u>hospitals</u> and other institutions, including some <u>Catholic universities</u> and <u>health-care organiza-tions</u>, have moved to impose vaccination.

Since last year, despite considerable agreement among a <u>wide range of Catholic authorities</u>, including <u>the</u> <u>Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith</u> and <u>the U.S. bishops</u>' conference, that the vaccines can be received without moral culpability, a substantial number of pro-lifers, both Catholic and non-Catholic, have objected for reasons of conscience to the vaccines currently available because all three now approved by the FDA for emergency use in the United States <u>utilized abortion-derived tissues</u> in their manufacturing process or in testing. The lack of consistent criteria for conscientious objection to mandatory-vaccination policies has raised much concern. In general, vaccination should not be mandatory, even if it is strongly recommended for public-health reasons. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith confirmed this in its December 2020 <u>instruction</u> on the morality of COVID-19 vaccines, stating that "vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary."

In the face of the ongoing spread of COVID-19 and various local pressures, U.S. bishops

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fm. pg. 3 have taken varying approaches to the problem of COVID-vaccine mandates. The Archdiocese of New York <u>instructed</u> its priests not to provide religious-vaccine-exemption letters to parishioners. New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan's decision was subsequently joined by a number of bishops, including <u>Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles</u>, the current president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and <u>Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich.</u>

But, amazingly, Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso, Texas, went even further, <u>announcing</u> that his diocese would itself impose mandatory vaccination for all local Church employees and volunteers, with exemptions available only for health reasons and seemingly without any conscience provisions.

Other bishops have reached the opposite conclusion and are granting religious exemptions to vaccinations. The Catholic Conference of Colorado published an Aug. 7 <u>letter</u> endorsing conscientious exemptions, along with a template letter for the use of individual Catholics who object to such vaccines. A similar position has been <u>articulated</u> by the South Dakota bishops.

Two important non-episcopal Catholic authorities, the <u>National Catholic Bioethics Center</u> (NCBC) and the <u>Catholic Medical Association</u>, have also sided publicly in favor of religious and conscience objections. The NCBC's continuing support for conscientious objection <u>reportedly provoked</u> Cardinal Cupich, one of the most strident episcopal advocates of COVID-19 vaccination, to pressure the NCBC's board to retract its position. The board members rightly refused, but on Aug. 17, the NCBC released <u>an additional statement</u> stressing that it's "extremely important to embrace both respect for the common good and conscience."

While it's true U.S. bishops have taken vastly different decisions on the very specific question of priests or Church officials providing religious-exemption letters to Catholics who request them, leaders like Cardinal Dolan and Archbishop Gomez are not opposing the primacy of conscience — the foundational moral principle, articulated by the Second Vatican Council in *Dignitatis Humanae*, that individual Catholics have the right to follow their consciences if they remain convinced that getting vaccinated is morally wrong. In fact, the Archdiocese of New York memo noted the sincerity of the concerns of those who are "strongly pro-life and very loyal to the teachings of the faith," and it specifically stated that "any individual is free to exercise discretion on getting the vaccine based upon his or her beliefs."

The bishops who are declining to grant religious-exemption letters are not doing this to override conscience. Instead, they are prioritizing the judgments of <u>Pope Francis</u> and many other Church leaders that, because of this pandemic's gravity, protection of the common good should incline most Catholics toward viewing vaccination as a moral responsibility and an act of charity.

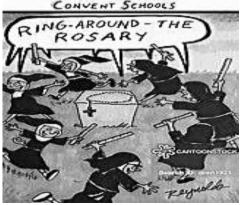
In light of the significant effort from Catholic leaders to encourage COVID vaccinations and, at the same time, to guard against the very real threats of overreach through vaccine mandates, twofold action is needed: We must stand together for the primacy of conscience, despite disagreement over specific religious-exemption letters; and all Catholics must prudently and prayerfully reflect on Church teaching about the morality of the vaccines and our duty to contribute to the protection of vulnerable members of society. Sound moral judgments must always be made with fully formed consciences, in light of Catholic teaching, in examination of facts, and in prayer.

The COVID-19 pandemic from the beginning has stirred great anxiety and division. Until the courts intervened to protect believers from the damaging restrictions on worship last year, our religious freedom was unfairly and unnecessarily compromised by public authorities. We must be united as believers so that the same overreach isn't repeated when it comes to respecting our conscience rights. We must stand guard. We must both rightly form our conscience and also defend our freedom to use it. God bless you!

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<u>Thông Báo</u>	<u>Announcements</u>
 Giờ Chầu và Nhận Phép Lành Thánh Thể 6PM— 8PM mỗi chiều thứ Tư tại Nhà Thờ của Giáo Xứ tiếng Anh. * Hội Mân Côi: Lần chuỗi Mân Côi ngay sau Thánh Lễ tại Nhà nguyện Thánh Cletus, mời Quý ÔBACE tham dự. 	 ** Recitation of the Holy Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Every Sunday at 9:25am in Church. ** Holy Hour of Adoration with Benediction Every Wednesday evening, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Church. ** Bible Study—Biblical Walk through the Bible Timeline Bible Study convenes at 7:00pm in the Church meeting on Thursdays.







Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Novena

Novena dates: September 5-13

Feast Day: September 14

Jesus, Who, because of Your burning love for us, willed to be crucified and to shed Your Most Precious Blood for the redemption and salvation of our souls, look down upon us and grant the petition we ask: (mention your request).

We trust in Your Mercy. Cleanse us from sin by Your Grace, sanctify our work, give us and all those who are dear to us our daily bread, lighten the burden of our sufferings, bless our families, and grant to the nations so sorely afflicted Your Peace, which is the only true peace, so that nu obeying Your Commandments we may all come at last to the glory of Heaven.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

Parish Guideline: With good intention to welcome others to worship and pray with our Church, we ask the invited person, with your free will, be registered in our Parish for at least three (3) months in order to schedule for the Sacrament of Matrimony or Baptism. Otherwise, a letter of permission is definitely required	Hướng dẫn: Xin lưu ý quý vị dự định đón nhận Bí tích Rửa tội hay Hôn phối nên vui lòng ghi danh gia nhập Giáo xứ và sinh hoạt với Cộng đoàn ít nhất ba (3) tháng trước khi chuẩn bị thủ tục giấy tờ. Nêu không là thành viên của Giáo xứ, quý vị bắt buộc phải có thư ủy quyền của Cha sở của quý vị.
from your Pastor. Sacrament of Baptism of a Child: Second Saturday of the month after 4:00 PM Mass. Arrangements are to be made at least one (1) month in advance. Contact the office for the date of train- ing.	Bí tích Rửa tội trẻ em : Thứ bảy tuần thứ hai trong tháng sau lễ 4:00 pm. Xin nộp đơn trong văn phòng Giáo xứ trước một (1) tháng. Xin tiếp xúc Văn Phòng để biết chi tiết tham dự lớp chuẩn bị rửa tội.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Arrangements are to be made with our Director Religious Education (DRE) for	Tân tòng (RCIA) : xin liên lạc với Trưởng Ban Giáo lý (DRE).
the further assistance. Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage): Arrangements are to be	Bí tích Hôn phối : Luật của Tổng Giáo phận đòi hỏi phải sắp xếp với Giáo xứ ít nhất sáu (6) tháng để chuẩn bị.
made at least six (6) months in advance. See Parish Guideline. Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office for prayers and receiving of the Anointing of the Sick: 586-755- 1313.	Bí tích Xức dầu bệnh nhân : Xin liên lạc Văn phòng: 586-755 -1313. Khẩn cấp: 586-755-5490



Reporting Sexual Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities or to AOD by calling Victim Assistance Coordinator at 866 -343-8055 or emailing <u>vac@aod.org</u>. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's office can be contacted at 844-324-3374 (Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm) or email at <u>aginvestigations@michigan.gov</u>.

Trình Báo Lạm Dụng Tình Dục

Mọi cá nhân có thể liên lạc cơ quan thực thi pháp luật hoặc trình báo qua tổng giáo phận Detroit bằng cách gọi số điện thoại 866-343-8055 của văn phòng điều phối viên hỗ trợ nạn nhân hoặc liên lạc qua thư điện tử <u>vac@aod.org</u>. Ngoài ra, đường dây nóng miễn phí 844-324-3374 của văn phòng tổng chưởng lý Michigan có thể liên lạc từ thứ hai đến thứ sáu từ 8 giờ sáng đến 5 giờ chiều, hoặc qua hộp thư điện tử <u>aginvestiga-tions@michigan.gov.</u>

Welcome to New Parishioners!					
If you are not currently registered, please take a moment to fill this out and return it to an usher, the parish					
office, or you may drop it in the collection basket, thank you.					
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Words on the Word

August 29, 2021 – Food for the Hungry

When capitalism and neighborly outreach come together, the result can be a beautiful thing.

The Detroit News reported a few weeks ago on the efforts of a woman and her niece to operate a vegan-based "mobile café." But the business model for this particular food truck is not typical; here, they charge those who can afford to pay for their fare, in order to make money that can be used to prepare food for those who cannot afford to pay.

"I come from outreach ministry," the entrepreneur/Samaritan is quoted in the story as saying, "so charging for food was weird to me and it took a minute for me to ascertain my worth.

"But people in the suburbs and stuff, they can afford the elite veganism that I offer. So we sell it to them, and we feed the people in the city of Detroit, or wherever. We don't discriminate."

What a unique and refreshing perspective; one that creates a win for everyone involved. Those with the means can purchase outstanding food. Those without the means can benefit from receiving the same outstanding food.

"I'm not trying to get rich," the woman went on to say. "I just want to feed people. Yes, we sell food, but each plate we serve has a purpose...it's to give back to somebody who can't afford to pay."

That admonition to help our neighbors is within each of us, we're reminded in today's second reading.

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls," St. James writes. "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

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