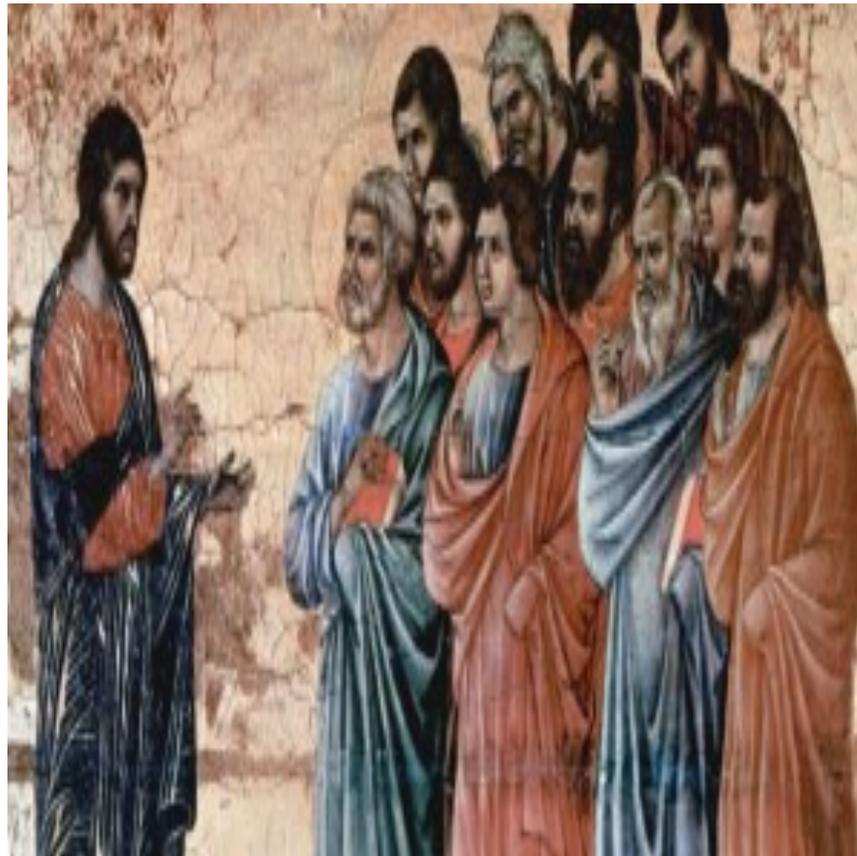


St. Christina Parish of Turner County

May 26, 2019



***SIXTH SUNDAY
Of
EASTER***

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER:

As the freedoms of summer begin, there is a little-known virtue that we would do well to learn and practice. This virtue is Eutrapelia, and it is one that we can really enjoy exercising and honing. It is the virtue of recreation: knowing and loving the habit of good, clean fun. The ancient Greeks were good at playing games, and as the founders of the Olympic games, they recognized the human need for a diversion for the worries and responsibilities of daily life. Eutrapelia (pronounced Eutra-pay-lee-a) is the Greek word for ‘pleasantness’. The virtue itself is the habit of a pleasant and cheerful turn of the mind that releases the tensions that invariably build due to the physical and mental exertions that our ordinary lives demand.

Recreation is essential to our well-balanced life, provided of course that we keep it holy and good. St. Thomas identified three points which require special caution. First, the pleasure in question should not be sought in indecent or injurious words or deeds. Secondly, recreation is about balance, as it is intended to harmonize and balance with our responsibilities. Thirdly, we must be careful, as in all other human actions, to conform ourselves to persons, time and place, and take due account of other circumstances so that we receive the best benefit from our recreation and fun while keeping it clean and pure.

Eutrapelia is a virtue because like all virtues, it is about using our right reason in action. Just as the virtue of religion is exercised in accord with reason, so is our fun; while they are totally different pursuits, they both find their human origin through our reason as we direct them both to the greater glory of God. Faith can be as integral to our play as it is to our worship, since they both find their origin and goal in God. Pray hard and pray well!!

Fr. Thomas Fitzpatrick

*****A Memorial Day Program will be held at the Parker Community Building, Monday, May 27th at 10:30AM.
“Lest We Forget”**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Bud Ozar

Today Jesus gives this advice: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don’t miss the forest for the trees.

We are living today what we worried about yesterday.

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St. Christina-Church Support

May 19th:

40 Env. Reg. Giving \$1490.00; 1 Env. Reg. Giving \$180.00; Loose \$34.00; Candles \$13.00; Holy Water Btls \$4.00; 2 CFSA Pledge \$150.00; Mass Stipends \$300.00.

Thank You for your generous treasure.

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****There are 2 cases of frozen Breaded Fish leftover from the two Fish Fry’s. The cost is \$64 a case. If you are interested contact the Parish Office or Kelly Dunkelberger.**

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*******St. Christina Parish is scheduled to assist at the Nutrition Center beginning Monday, June 3rd; Friday, June 7th; Monday, June 10th and Friday, June 14th. If you would be able to help one day or more, please call the Parish Office. The hours are from 10:30am to 12:30pm.**

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**“The Essential Wisdom of the Saints”
‘Charity’**

+++Do not grieve or complain that you were born in a time when you can no longer see God in the flesh. He did not in fact take this privilege from you. As He says: “Whatever you have done to the least of my brothers, you did to me.”

St. Augustine

++Whatever you do, think not of yourselves but of God.

St. Vincent Ferrer