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September 20, 2020

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon – Fri 8:15am

Wednesday 2:15pm (school Mass)

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am Holy Days 8:15am, 7:00pm

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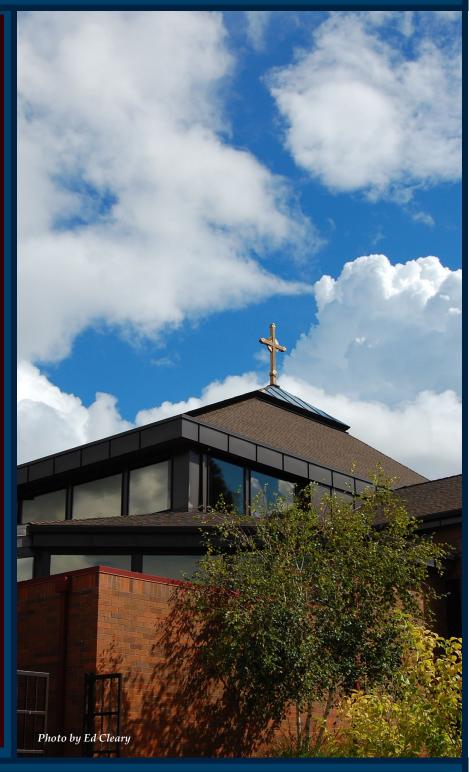
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FR. HANS' PAIR O' DIMES

Hi, everybody! Just a few weeks ago I wrote my first ever bulletin column. It must have been good, because they asked me to take over Fr. Dave's space while he's away! I'll consider giving it back when he returns. . .

In the Second Reading this weekend, St. Paul makes some bold statements: "death is gain" and "I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better." How many among us can claim that we long to be with Christ so much that we're longing to die? St. Paul's reason to remain on earth is to continue his mission. But his longing is to be with Christ.

Recently I've been reading a book which talks about St. Ignatius's personal spiritual discernment, and how towards the end of his life he felt the same longing to be with Jesus that St. Paul expresses. Over the course of his life he had three near-death experiences, and his reaction to each was very different. In the first, he was terrified; during the second, he was sorrowful; during the third, he experienced joy and longing.

Ignatius's three reactions to almost dying show a progression in his relationship with Jesus, and that progression mirrors the classical three stages of the Spiritual Life: Purgation, Illumination and Union.

Focus on our own sinfulness leads to doubt and fear about our salvation: "How can God save me?"	Purgation
Regret over not responding to God's love sooner, leading to sorrow about our slow response.	Illumination
Passionate love of God leading to Joy at the thought of dying and being with God.	Union

The farther a person progresses in their Spiritual Life, the more the focus becomes God and His love for us, and the less we focus on ourselves and our faults. This isn't to say that we're less aware of our faults. Rather, it is a perfect confidence in the loving mercy of Jesus.

Blessings to Logan Nelson, Makena Punzalan, and Katie White, who were baptized this weekend!



PARISH FINANCES FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 12-13						
Offertory	\$19,138	Food Closet	\$2,045			
Additional Gifts	\$4,540	Backpacks & Duffel Bags	\$1,170			
Wildfire Relief Appeal \$14,415						

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

SCRIPTURE READINGS				
Monday 21st Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13 Mt 9: 9-13	Thursday 24 th Eccl 1: 2-11 Lk 9: 7-9			
Tuesday 22 nd Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13 Lk 8: 19-21	<u>Friday 25th</u> Eccl 3: 1-11 Lk 9: 18-22			
<u>Wednesday 23rd</u> Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13 Lk 9: 1-6	Saturday 26 th Eccl 11: 9 – 12: 8 Lk 9: 43b-45			
Sunday 27 th				

Ez 18: 25-28 | Phil 2: 1-11 | Mt 21: 28-32

BRETT'S TWO CENTS

By the time you read this, I'm hoping most of the smoke has cleared away! Speaking of which, due to your fabulous generosity, at the time of this writing the parish has raised just over \$17,000 for wildfire relief here in Oregon (which includes the amount noted below from the weekend collection). We'll be adding an additional \$25,000 from our Outreach Fund and getting it off to folks in Oregon, particularly down south, who most need the aid. I'll update you again next week with more details once I have them.

An update I do have for you today is on the Grow Group front. Though I still retain some responsibilities I had prior to assuming the role of Business Manager in the spring, I wasn't sure if Grow Group could be one of them, especially with Ally Z. moving on. Happily, Fr. Hans had agreed to partner with me in at least a trial effort at making GG work, as we have had to make a few changes to its structure. Here's what we're thinking:

For at least the first half of the year, we'll be meeting via Zoom. Given our typical attendance, we don't want to setup a lottery system like we do for weekend Masses, and we simply can't safely facilitate everyone in Fireside.

- ♦ Meeting time will remain the same: Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm (though we may adjust the length of our meetings as we go forward).
- ♦ Neither Fr. Hans nor I are in a position to do a lot of prep. work for presentations right now, so we're moving into more of a seminar format rather than lecture. We both have ideas about interesting materials that we'll read and watch, and sessions will be spent discussing/reading/ watching that material.

Our first discussion series will focus on the racial issues causing so much division in our country right now. We'll begin by looking at the historical experience of Black Catholics here in Oregon, as depicted in a recent two-part feature by the Catholic Sentinel. Then we'll take a look at the U.S. Bishops 2018 letter on racism in our country. And we'll wrap up, with a little help from David French, with a look at Critical Race Theory, both its usefulness and its limits from a Christian perspective.

Our first session is this Wednesday, September 23rd. Send me an email if you'd like to participate — all are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday 23rd Saturday 19th 8:15am +Kieu-Cong 5:30pm +Isabel F. relatives **Fernandez** 2:15pm For the Pak Sunday 20th Family, living and deceased Holy Trinity Parish 8:00am +Mortimer O'Leary 9:30am Thursday 24th 8:15am +Marylu Arrigotti +Aniceto Carvalho 11:15am Friday 25th Monday 21st 8:15am Blessings to 8:15am +Gene & Ricardo & +Gladys Murrell Rebecca Gaerlan and Happy 50th **Birthday Blessings** Anniversary! to Zane S. Allison and Birthday Blessings Tuesday 22nd to Rebecca

8:15am

+Juan Ocampo

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, September 20th

* 12:30-2:00pm, Field — HTYM Kickoff

Tuesday, September 22nd

♦ 6:30-8:00pm, Fireside — RCIA

Wednesday, September 23rd

- * 2:15pm Live-streamed School Mass: join us at www.h-t.org/online-mass
- * 6:00-7:30pm Grow Group (via Zoom)

Thursday, September 24th

- * 9:00-12:00pm USDA Food Boxes at Beaverton Foursquare parking lot
- ♦ 6:00-7:00pm, Church Holy Hour of Adoration

If you are interested in attending a weekend Mass, sign-up online at <u>www.h-t.org</u> to get into the lottery rotation. You only need to complete this form once to be added into the system. If you have any questions, reach out to Fr. Hans at <u>frhans@h-t.org</u> or 503.643.9528.

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FAMILY FAITH REFLECTIONS

Chris Storm — <u>cstorm@htsch.org</u>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

It's clear that we'll be beginning the year with some form of digital ministry, rather than our usual Sunday morning classes. Ally and I have been reviewing some of the available options, so that we can offer a variety of resources to our parish families. We'll continue the Sunday reflection videos, and hope to expand upon that. For families that would like to take one of our grade-level textbooks home, we can certainly provide them! Keep your eye on this spot in the bulletin for more updates in the coming weeks. Thanks for your patience!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

This Wednesday is the feast of St. Pio (better known as Padre Pio), a truly one-of-a-kind saint. Pio was a quiet saint who was blessed with spectacular gifts like levitation, bilocation, and healing. He was also known for the stigmata, miraculous wounds that would appear when he prayed and matched the crucifixion wounds of Jesus. But Pio also had great wisdom to share. "You must not be discouraged," he said, "if your actions have not succeeded perfectly as you thought. What do you expect? We are made of clay! Not every soil yields the perfect fruit the farmer wanted to grow. But let us always be humble and remember that we are nothing without God's help."

If something this week isn't working out quite the way you planned, send a prayer to St. Pio. Ask for the Lord's help in changing your expectation, and finding joy in the good things all around us.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH: THOUGHTS ON FAITH

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MEME ALERT: Do you all know what a meme is? A meme is an image that is used to convey a thought and then emailed or posted on social media. Especially when the thought or idea you are trying to convey is an absurd, ridiculous, or a laugh or cry situation. Like this year has been. In some ways, it feels like a bad joke, and that is what I believe that memes do, namely, allow us to laugh and commiserate about what we never even thought was actually even possible or likely. Yet here we are, 2020, and the world is demanding our attention, and even action.

You've heard the expression, "On the fence" haven't you? Said often when I can't decide, so I stay neutral, or worse, I abstain from taking a stand about something. Well, there really is no such thing, especially when something matters. That falls into the same camp as "sit this one out". Unless you are at a dance, life simply doesn't work that way either, especially with the big things. Right now, it all feels like big things. So, as believers in Jesus, we are being called to act as His disciples, using our faith to be our guide, and then to decide and choose as best we can. Couple that with what Fr. Dave talked about last weekend, reminding us that God is ultimately in control, and that we do the best we can do knowing that it is God who brings to successful completion His plan for our world.

Remember, it's HIS PLAN! Easy? No! Essential? Absolutely! We allow Jesus to guide us to do our best and allow God to do the rest, trusting that God has us in His good care. This is most important when things don't turn out the way I was hoping for. Then, trust in God is even more essential!

May you have a great week everybody, and may you and the people you love be safe in God's gentle and strong hands. +

And if you need a good meme, check this out: https://voicesofmontereybay.org/2020/09/10/your-one-stop-2020-meme-collection

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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Wednesday Bible Study is *zooming* back with the Book of Hebrews! Our Fall session will be at eight week study from Ascension Press on the Book of Hebrews, with Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins.

We'll be meeting online via Zoom, with the hope that that we can meet in-person after the first of the year. We will meet Wednesdays mornings from Sept. 30th to Nov. 18th (the specific time is still being determined).

Email Erin you'd like to participate so we can send you more details and reserve a workbook for you. All are welcome!

MINISTRY NEWS

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

A Joint Column by the HT Health & Social Justice Ministries

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship — Part Two: Making Moral Choices & Applying Our Principles

The USCCB's second summary considers how we apply our principles and social teachings to the act of voting and taking positions on various policy issues.

May Prudence Be Our Guide

The virtue of *prudence* has its roots in sacred scripture and is one of the four cardinal virtues of our faith. St. Thomas Aquinas defined prudence as "right reason in action"; the Catechism explains further that prudence enables us "to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it' (no. 1806). In *Forming Consciences*, the USCCB highlights the importance of this virtue, noting that it "shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act decisively."

Prudential judgment is needed to determine the best way to promote the common good. As faithful Catholics, we are morally obligated to vote — and the virtue of prudence is our guide in evaluating complex moral issues and flawed candidates. Lord, let conscience and prudence guide us in making decisions in the upcoming election!

Learn more about prudential judgment and make sure you're registered to vote at <a href="https://https

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Learn more about "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service" at h-t.org/respect-life-ministry!

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign is 9/23 to 11/1. The **Opening Mass** will be at St. Rose of Lima Parish on **Saturday**, 9/26, at 5:30pm. You



must sign-up to attend this Mass: signupgenius.com/go/508054da8a72ca4fe3-mass.



Saturday, 10/3, 8:30-10:30am — The 14th Annual Rosary Bowl NW will be a live stream, radio broadcast, and in-person event! Mass will be celebrated at St. Edward Church with Archbishop

Sample, followed by a Marian Prayer Program dedicated to Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Visit <u>rosarybowlnw.org</u> for more details and to register today!

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Number of People Served					
Food Closet		Backpacks			
Last Week	177	Last Week	N/A		
Since January 1st	15,067	School Year	7,020		

Where has the summer gone? I can tell you mine has been busier than ever. If you read last week's column, you know that there have been various projects at the Food Closet as we continue to deal with the virus. We are still serving many families and expect to do so going forward. Hence, all the projects.

We also started working with Beaverton Foursquare to distribute 1000+ Farm to Family food boxes each Thursday. While we have, for the most part, all of the bugs worked out of it, time and energy are still required. Gratefully this program continues into the fall and hopefully winter.

This summer I, and others from the community, began the process of launching a new non-profit aimed at helping those dealing with various forms of economic instability. Called the Beaverton Resource Center, we hope to have it running virtually in November. I will provide more information about it in a future column, so please keep reading!

Finally, on a personal note, I have been working with my son to build a series of decks at his house. While many weekends, including the recent very hot ones, have gone into them, the physicality and use of hands and mind combined with the time spent with him and my grandson have been extremely enjoyable.

All of this left very little down time; so when, a few weeks ago, my wife Cathie and I had a chance to just sit on our patio one evening and enjoy a glass of

wine, I could not help but notice the beautiful dahlia in our garden. It reminded me that even when things are so hectic; when dealing with a pandemic and kids returning to school; when you think you just need a break; God is there surrounding us with calm and beauty. Sometimes we just need to slow down long enough to look or listen.





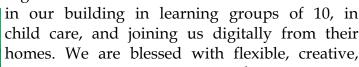
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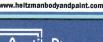
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