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August 9, 2020

*The Nineteenth 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

RECONCILIATION

Friday	8:45-9:30am
Saturday	4:00-5:00pm

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GREETINGS FROM FR. DAVE

Two fun comments for you:

If scientists don't come up with a vaccine soon, parents will!

Since 500 people can safely be in Home Depot, church service will be held this weekend in plumbing.

Looking ahead to next weekend, the Feast of the Assumption falls on Saturday the 15th. We will be doing the Mass for Assumption at all four regular weekend Masses. As a result, we will not follow our normal Holy Day Mass schedule. That means, no Mass on Saturday morning.

Finally, some words from St. Francis of Assisi that I pray daily:

Lord, help me live this day, quietly, easily.

To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully.

To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely.

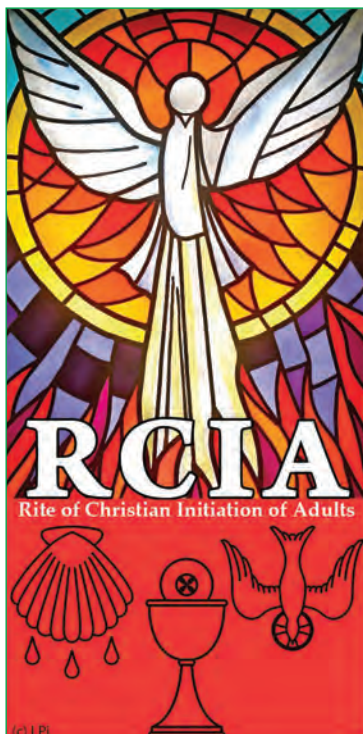
To meet others, peacefully, joyously.

To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.

Blessings to Ellis Hill and Gabriel Torres, who were baptized this weekend!

RCIA

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INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

We will begin our next **RCIA Year** on Tuesday, **September 22nd** at **6:30pm**. The format of our classes (in-person, remote, or both) is still being determined.

Interested in joining us? Email Erin for more information and to get signed-up! You can also sign-up online at www.h-t.org/rcia.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8th

5:30pm +Alonzo Igisomar

Sunday 9th

8:00am +Joven Encabo

9:30am Holy Trinity Parish

11:15am +Earl Butler

Monday 10th

8:15am Continued healing for Rachelle Romero

Tuesday 11th

8:15am World Concerns

Wednesday 12th

8:15am +Ken Rentmeester

Thursday 13th

8:15am +Pam Murrell

and

+Frank Walkiewicz

Friday 14th

8:15am +Claire Kwasnick

FR. HANS' PAIR O' DIMES

Get it? Pair o' Dimes = Paradigms! Now I can do Pair o' Dime shifts. . .and 20 cents is *way* better than 2 or 3!

Last week in my homily, I discussed the value of wasting time, and in this column I want to focus on one specific way of "wasting time" on which the Catholic Church puts incredible focus: Sunday Mass attendance. I especially want to look at this at a time when, for reasons beyond our control, the vast majority of us can't come to Mass every Sunday.

We often speak of Baptism as "adoption into God's family." Now, most families don't have written codes of Rights and Responsibilities, but there's usually an unspoken understanding. If the family is doing something together, you're invited. And if you fail to show, you'd better have a good reason. And unless it's an actual emergency, you should make that reason known ahead of time. And usually the family will be the judge (overtly or not) as to whether that reason is "good enough."

The Catechism says that Baptism confers both responsibilities and rights. One of those responsibilities is participation in the "family meal," the Sacrifice of the Mass, every Sunday. When family members are absent, our community is less. During this time when that's impossible, the Archbishop has suspended the requirement to be at Mass in person. He has also urged us all to continue to "keep holy the Sabbath" by participation in Sunday Mass from home, and by other ways of "wasting time" with loved ones (my words, not his).

An important note on the concept of "impossible": the Church recognizes both "physical impossibility" (you literally can't make it to the Church) and "moral impossibility" (you could make it to Church, but to do so would be morally wrong). At this time, I see (at least) three different types of moral impossibility:

1. Someone in your family is sick, and to expose others to whatever you have is bad.
2. Having too many people in the Church at one time would be unsafe for the general public, and our entire society is adhering to limits on the size of gatherings. Because of this, we have a rotation of who can come each weekend. It is far from ideal, but we are doing our best to make it fair.
3. Someone in a your household is considered "vulnerable," and your family chooses not to expose them to the greater risk involved in going out. In such a case, they would be physically able to attend, but the risk to their life constitutes "moral impossibility," and you need not attend Mass until the danger subsides.

A final note on the "Prayer for Spiritual Communion": Jesus himself told us that eating His flesh and drinking His blood is how we have eternal life in us. In this time when that is not possible (for either physical or moral reasons), we recognize that we can receive the same Grace of the Eucharist through making a prayer for Spiritual Communion. The prayer we are using at Holy Trinity includes the words: "Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart." It's the impossibility of Sacramental Communion which makes Spiritual Communion both possible and effective.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea,
among them sailors, fishermen, and their families.

PARISH FINANCES

FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 2-3

Offertory	\$25,381
Food Closet	\$3,195
Backpacks & Duffel Bags	\$220
Outreach Assistance	\$100
Additional Gifts	\$2,500

Faith Formation



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FAMILY FAITH REFLECTIONS

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This week's saint is one of my favorites: Blessed Margaret of Castello. Her life was hard from the very beginning. She was born blind and with several handicaps that made it hard for her to walk. Her back curved sideways (which also prevented her from growing very much) and she also had trouble moving one side of her face, so she could only smile and talk with half of her mouth. Margaret's family grew tired of caring for her, so they took her to a church, said a prayer, and left her there, never returning to her again.

She was homeless and alone for her entire childhood. Although it was a hard life, she enjoyed meeting people on the street and striking up conversations with whomever walked by. The people in Castello knew her as much for her friendly chattiness as for her deformities. They also knew her for her sense of humor. One of her favorite things to do was to tell jokes to people and to make them laugh – especially other children.

Eventually, Margaret was taken in by a convent and she became a Dominican sister. Because she understood how

hard life could be for children who were poor, she asked permission to open a small school to offer them an education. Her gentleness and joy made her a favorite teacher to the poor children of Castello.

When Margaret died, two miracles occurred. The first was that the deformities of her body vanished; her spine straightened, her short leg grew longer, and for the first time in her life she had a full smile on her face. The second miracle was perhaps even greater. During her funeral, a little girl was also healed of her disabilities!

Margaret can be a good example for us. Although she experienced tremendous suffering, she never lost her sense of joy. Joy is the comfort of knowing that the struggles of this life are leading us to the glory of a heavenly life. We, too, are facing many challenges right now. Let us pray to Blessed Margaret – and to the Holy Spirit! – for help finding, holding on to, and sharing the joy of our faith with others.

I praise you, Lord, for I am wonderfully made!
Psalm 139:14

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH: THOUGHTS ON FAITH

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The value of all life. We live in turbulent times. We have only to turn on the news to see evidence of it. If we are blessed enough to be personally unscathed by what is going on around us, we witness the pain and suffering of others, and when we come personally in contact with it ourselves, what do we do with it?

This is not a rhetorical question. I have a friend who just lost her son from gun violence. I can answer the expected questions. A nice young man, out with friends, shot in an act of senseless violence, and he died from his injuries. He was an only son, leaving his parents and all who had the pleasure of knowing him, grief *stricken*. Think of what that word means: injured, wounded, harmed! In the aftermath of his death, those of us who love our friend, offer the little one can do when witnessing the anguish of someone you care about. The reason I write about it here is because of the testimony of faith that I have witnessed on the part of my sweet friend.

Knowing her to be a devout Christian, I am not surprised that her faith is sustaining her, but knowing of her suffering from her posting on her social media page, "*My*

heart has stopped." And from there came this, literally two days later:

GRIEF

Grief is one of those circumstances that Challenge and change your Relationship with God.

Grief instantly rips a hole in your heart that only God is meant to fill.

Grief forces you to run into the arms of God; a waiting, Faithful Father.

Grief screams at you to identify with Jesus;

The One of sorrow, acquainted with grief.

Grief demands that you stand on the Promises of God, lest you fall into the pit of despair.

Grief makes you seek the comfort that only the Power the Holy Spirit provides.

The grief of losing our only son allows us to realize

That God knows all too well our pain because

He willingly gave up His.

May we too be able to stand on the promises of God. May we know what those are, so when they are needed, they are there for us, along with the waiting arms of a Faithful Father who loves us too. May we be so blessed, Amen +

MINISTRY NEWS

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

A Joint Column by the HT Health & Social Justice Ministries

Catholic Social Teaching: Peace & Non-violence (Solidarity; Life & Dignity of the Human Person)

"Violence is overcome day by day, choice by choice, person by person. All of us must make a contribution."

—USCCB, "Confronting a Culture of Violence:
A Catholic Framework for Action"

"If you want peace, work for justice."

—Pope Pius VI

Violence begins with indifference to the unfair treatment of others whose beliefs and lifestyles are different than ours, including race, ethnicity, religion, gender, political affiliation, etc. It is fueled by dismissiveness, intolerance, tuning in to misinformation, spiteful impatience, unfair judgements, anger, and even hostile aggression. Violence is often mired in language that incites harassment, hate-filled social media posts, and entertainment that endorses belligerent behavior.

How do we as individuals allay this pervasive violence? We must remember Jesus' call to love and respect all human life, acknowledging and treating others as our brothers and sisters in Christ. With Scripture, encyclicals, and our Catholic Social Teaching to guide us, we must actively listen and dialogue with others and take action to support solutions rooted in dignity, compassion, fairness, and fraternity. Let us all stand up together and "Go Make a Difference"!

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Rosary Procession on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

You are invited to participate in a Rosary procession at the NW Regional Headquarters of Planned Parenthood (3727 NE MLK Jr. Blvd.) on **Saturday, August 15th at 10:00am**. We will be processing around the block seven times — just like Jericho! **Masks need to be worn and appropriate physical distance will be maintained.**

The pro-life community has prayed at this building off and on since 2010, and have held approximately seven 40 Days for Life campaigns at this location. For more information about the Rosary Procession event, please contact Therese Ruesink at 503.997.1884 or at ruesinktherese55@gmail.com.

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED

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It seems like weekly, maybe even daily, some new announcement comes out relative to COVID-19 guidelines. How we should protect each other; how we should protect ourselves; new mandates; new guidelines; new facts; and even new rumors. It's a lot to take in and follow. Sometimes overwhelming. Changes and updates are the norm.

One thing that has remained the same is that people are still hungry. We all still need to eat to survive. That's why we are involved in the programs I have mentioned over the last few weeks. These are important. However, people cannot always come to the food and this pandemic has, frankly, made it harder to get the food to certain people. Elderly, medically-fragile, or shut-ins who relied upon others or programs to bring food to them may have found that the resources they depend upon are no longer available. I know that several of the church pantries in the area that have delivered in the past are no longer doing so. Understandably so, since many of the volunteers they depend upon are part of the vulnerable population and need to exercise caution. So what can we do about it?

Over the last couple of months I have been part of a conversation, led by the Oregon Food Bank, to explore an interesting partnership with an organization called Ride Connection. Ride Connection has been around for decades and typically provides rides to those who meet their criteria to things like appointments, shopping or even church. All of these things are usually scheduled well in advance, giving Ride Connection enough time to make the needed arrangements. With the virus, their ridership is down and they are looking for ways to utilize their now available capacity. One of the challenges is that when someone calls in need of food, telling them it will be delivered in a week is not acceptable. To their credit, Ride Connection agrees and is now looking into how they can reduce that to two days. They are hoping to be ready to go by mid-August and Holy Trinity, along with Care To Share, will be part of the pilot testing. I'll update once the program begins.

In the meantime our HT Knights are looking to see if they can help us get the delivery effort started by filling in for Ride Connection until they are ready. If all goes well, delivery service should become a permanent offering for us. Something good coming from the virus!

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Monday 10th

2 Cor 9: 6-10

Jn 12: 24-26

Tuesday 11th

Ez 2: 8-3: 4

Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday 12th

Ez 9: 1-7; 10: 18-22

Mt 18: 15-20

Thursday 13th

Ez 12: 1-12

Mt 18: 21-19: 1

Friday 14th

Ez 16: 1-15, 60, 63

Mt 19: 3-12

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th

Because the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on a Saturday this year, we will be celebrating the Solemnity at all four weekend Masses instead of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15: 20-27

Lk 1: 39-56

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