

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

"Do this in remembrance of me."

At the Last Supper- the celebration of the Passover meal- Jesus instructs His apostles and us to celebrate this sacred meal as He has done, forever. To remember Him, His love, and His saving power.

For the Jewish people, memory is a very powerful action. When we remember something, we enter into that event, that moment, that point in time. Think about how vivid and real our memories often are. Jesus is telling us that when we remember something, we enter into that event, that moment, that point in time. Think about how vivid and real our memories often are. Jesus is telling us that when we remember the saving events of the Last Supper, the cross, and the Resurrection, that the Holy Spirit allows us to enter into those events and receive the grace of Christ thru those encounters. This occurs every time we celebrate mass.

In the mass, those timeless events become a present reality. We are at the Last Supper, Christ gives us His Body and Blood, we are reminded how much Christ loves us. Through the presentation of the mass, Christ becomes present, we encounter Him, He transforms our lives and makes us modern apostles.

Christ takes our sufferings and joins them to His on the cross. Our sufferings are used in the ongoing redemption of the world and are brought to His throne of grace and healing.

One acclamation best summarizes this transformation: "We remember how you loved us, to your death, and still we celebrate for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come, in your glory, Lord, we remember, we celebrate, we believe." (Marty Haugen)

We are called to remember Christ anytime we do anything in His name. Anytime we do anything He did. Whether it is visiting the sick or passing on and teaching the faith. Whether it is remembering the forgotten and the oppressed or speaking out against in justice and moral wrong doing. Whether it is loving our neighbor or taking time to pray. We do it in the name of the Lord, who never forgets us.

Food for thought



Excerpts from Pope Benedict XVI's World Day of Peace message: If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation: The environment must be seen as God's gift to all people, and the use we make of it entails a shared responsibility for all humanity, especially the poor and future generations. (2) +

Our present crises - be they economic, food-related, environmental or social - are ultimately also moral crises, and all of them are interrelated. They require us to rethink the path which we are travelling together. Specifically, they call for a lifestyle marked by sobriety and solidarity, with new rules and forms of engagement, one which focuses confidently and courageously on strategies that actually work, while decisively rejecting those that have failed. (5) (CRS Voices, <http://crs-blog.org/pope-peace-excerpts>)

Stewardship

"When God gives, we wish to receive, but when he begs, we refuse to give. Remember it was Christ who said: " I was hungry and you gave

me nothing to eat." When the poor are starving, Christ too hungers... Christ hungers now my brethren; it is he who deigns to hunger and thirst in the persons of the poor. And what he will return in heaven tomorrow is what he receives on earth today.

"Give when you come to Church. Give to the poor. Give them whatever your resources will allow." (St. Caesarius of Arles).

Prayer

I recently came across a book entitled " The Unexpected Gift: Inspirational Stories of Hope and Significance." (Dr. J. Patrick Daugherty and Edie Hand) Hand, a three-time cancer survivor, talks about the gift of cancer and how it taught her how to really pray. And how to focus on significant things rather than passing things.

One special part of the book is a "Daily Acceptance Prayer." "I accept myself completely. I accept my strengths and my weaknesses, my gifts and my shortcomings, my good points and my faults... I accept the times that I choose fear as part of my learning and healing process, and I accept that I have the potential and power in any moment to choose love instead." (Author unknown).

Clements, Alabama



My recent travel to Northwest Alabama brought an interesting surprise "Clements Baptist Church." A little further and I saw "Clements High School."

And then "Clements Mini Mart." The Clements area actually has an Athens, Ala., address and is just west of Athens. Paul Jastrum was not the mayor, although you never know. I'm sure St. Clement is smiling.



"2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected August 1 st	\$5,710.37
Difference	+\$ 360.37
Second Collections	
Second collection August 1 st " Building Fund".....	\$1,603.03

Campaign '10 Pledges:

Total donations made (from pledges) as of 07/25/10.....	\$96,637.00
August 1 st collection.....	\$ 520.00
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....	\$97,157.00

Next Week's Second Collection

Next week's second collection will be for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Assumption

The Feast of the Assumption (Aug. 15th) falls on a Sunday this year. Aug. 22nd is the Queenship of Mary.

Religious Education



Our new year of CCD/PSR begins next Sunday (Aug. 15th). Our new Wednesday time track is scheduled to begin Aug. 18th. We currently are in great need of catechists and aides for Wednesday and still have a few openings for Sunday.

If you have never taught before, we will provide training. Please pray about this huge need. For further info., please call the parish office. Sadly, if we do not find more teachers, we will not be able to offer the classes we need.

Spaghetti Dinner

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Knight's spaghetti dinner will be on Saturday, August 28th. The dinner will still begin after the 5:30 p.m. mass downstairs in the parish hall. Thank you for your support of our Knight's of Columbus, and we hope all will come and join them this evening for food, fun, and fellowship.

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August 8, 2010

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Just as you punished our adversaries, you glorified us whom you had summoned.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Abraham looked forward to the city whose architect and maker is God.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

You also must be prepared.

Living the Paschal Mystery

The final line of this gospel is most demanding and directly applicable to our daily paschal mystery living: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." We've been entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." We've been entrusted with much: furthering Jesus' mission of bringing the Good News of salvation to all as his disciples. We have been entrusted with even more: we are not simply servants, but because of our baptism and being plunged into the paschal mystery we become members of the Body of Christ. We are to be the presence of the Master himself, continuing his gracious ministry on behalf of others. Our faithfulness is measured by even more than doing God's will; it is measured by our being the presence of the risen Christ for all those we meet.

The real surprise of the gospel is that we ourselves, in our daily paschal mystery living of dying to ourselves for the sake of others, become more perfectly that presence of the very Master for whom we are vigilant. In a sense our vigilance is less about looking for Someone and more about being Someone. Our vigilance is for our own faithfulness.

If we are preoccupied by possessions, schedules work, sports, entertainment, etc., our hearts are already filled with exhaustible, insecure, and corruptible matters. The challenge of this gospel is to redirect our hearts to what is our true treasure, Jesus, and then be faithful disciples. The gift is great. Our treasure is Jesus.

Living Liturgy

Stewardship Thought

Am I waiting for the "right" time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents "later?" Today's gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared-"at an hour do you not expect, the Son of Man will come."

- Saturday August 7, 5:30pm..... Robert Baumeier (RIP)
- Sunday, August 8, 8:30am..... Don & Maria Fox (50th Wedding Anniversary)
- Sunday, August 8, 10:00am.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
- Sunday, August 8, 11:30 am.....Brandon Wilson (RIP)
- Sunday, August 8, 1:00pm..... (Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
- Sunday, August 8, 7:00pm.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
- Monday, August 9, 12:15 pm.....Daily Mass
- Tuesday, August 10, 12:15 pm.....Daily Mass
- Wednesday, August 11, 12:15pm.....Daily Mass
- Wednesday, August 11, 6:30 pm.....Rosary
- Thursday, August 12, 12:15 pm.....Communion Service
- Saturday, August 14, 5:30pm.....Faye Tate (RIP)
- Sunday, August 15, 8:30am.....Nina (Ninas Flowers) (health)
- Sunday, August 15, 10:00am.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
- Sunday, August 15, 11:30 am.....Tom Lindzy (health)
- Sunday, August 15, 1:00pm.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
- Sunday, August 15, 7:00pm.....Our Parish Family

SPIRITUAL WARFARE



The key to spiritual warfare is relying on Christ. Only Jesus can defeat Satan.. Only He can give us the strength to resist and to persevere. We must do our part: choose prayer, choose to give our attention to

Christ, choose to resist temptation. Christ gives us the ability to choose and the grace and Holy Spirit to choose rightly.

Christ gives us the weapons for battle and the wisdom and strength to win. He surrounds us with other spiritual warriors (both human and angelic) to help us fight, to give us courage, and to protect us. Together we will prevail. Alone we will fail. The Church is the assembly of the spiritual army. The "cloud of witnesses" (the saints) cheer us on to victory.

Please pray for the people who are suffering:

Donna Thibault - respiratory illness, Barbara Smith- cancer, Marty



McKinnon- ovarian cancer, Cayla Johnson- hydrocephalus, Joe Campbell-follicular lymphoma, Tonya Isham-tumor, Curtis Lunt-ill health, Melissa Silva-health, Juanita Rochester-cancer, Chuck Terry-prostate cancer, June Macejkovic-heart condition, Fr. Denis Kolumber-health, Ernie -leukemia, Maria Fariasis-breast cancer, Jeanne Walraven-health, Jean Seitz-cancer, Angie Defalco-health, Erna Wyatt-health, Jim Rorer-special intention, Michael Llop-brain tumor, Erik Bigelow-special intention, Janice Miller-health, Jaden Bates-health, Roy Davies- safety, Chris Wable-health, Jim Wable-lung cancer, Marilyn Clayton-health, Ashlie Warren-health, Jenna Proctor-health, Jeff Elder-health, Serge Kastorsky-cancer, Terry Alan-bladder cancer, Lisa Clark-failed surgery, Betty Maddox-chemo, Donald Hicks-health, Jeff Bigelow-health, Cindy Wilson-health, Audrin King-cancer, Bud Murphy-health, Geri Harper-breast cancer, Joanne Silvers-kidney cancer, Pam Bagley-lung cancer, T.J. Rushing-tumor, Richard Parker Sr.- alzheimer's, Florice Schneider-health, Grace Headley-cancer surgery, Grace Grant Orange-lung cancer, Dana Real-seizures, Sissy Steele-heart-attack, Mathias Roberts-surgery, Christopher Burger-health, Barbra Christian-breast cancer, Janet Shiney-health, Ea Grace Cichran-hydrasephalyiss, Tom Lindzy-health, Nina (Ninas Flower's)-health.

Archdiocesan News



Vatican Names Atlanta's Sacred Heart as Basilica
[Sacred Heart Church](#) in downtown Atlanta has been given the honor by the Vatican of being designated as a minor basilica. A Mass of elevation, with Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory presiding, will take place on **August 21 at 10:00 a.m.**

A young mother of three children has been in intensive care for two weeks with cancer. After two surgeries and chemotherapy, the doctors believe the cancer cannot be cured. Her hospital care is over \$100,000. Her prognosis for recovery is very bleak. As a Catholic, what are the options and what does the Church teach? Come to a speaker program at the **CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING**, 2699 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, that continues on Thursdays, Aug. 12, 19, 26, to hear presenters explore the teachings of the Catholic faith concerning decisions related to **LONG-TERM ILLNESS, DEATH AND DYING** and how to plan for final funeral arrangements. All sessions will be in Kenny Hall with light refreshments at 7 p.m. and the talk at 7:15 p.m. Contact: Dottie O'Connor at (404) 233-2145 (404) 233-2145 , ext. 440, or doconnor@ctking.com.

The Aquinas Center of Theology at Emory University reports that Pat Graham, director of the Pitts Theological Library at Emory University, seeks volunteers to **TRANSCRIBE LETTERS FROM CARDINAL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN** (who will be beatified in September) and Cardinal Henry Edward Manning (one of the key figures at Vatican I) in the Pitts archives. This is an excellent opportunity to work with original documents from two significant church figures. Contact: Pat Graham at libmpg@emory.edu.