

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

We are called to strive for emotional maturity.

Jesus does not want a bunch of drama queens. Where everything becomes super-emotional. Where everything is taken personally, where people get upset quickly, where no one has emotional restraint or control of the tongue.

In different places, I see a growing number of adults who have no emotional maturity. When they don't get their way, they throw a tempter tantrum. They let the words fly and say every bad word they can think of. Some go to the next level of insulting someone because of a minor disagreement. I sometimes see kids behaving well and the adults behaving like two-year olds. Why?

What happened to civil and respectful dialogue, to emotional restraint, to treating others as we want to be treated? What happened to professional conduct, honesty, and integrity?

Some people are mad at everything and everyone. They go looking for a fight. They stay angry, they seek revenge, they are miserable. This is far from Christ-like behavior.

Jesus shows us a better way.

"Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth. . . Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; Through his suffering my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear." (*Is 53: 7,11*) Endurance, patience, hope—these are the virtues Christ relies upon when he faces challenges and setbacks.

"A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench." (*Is 42:3*)

"The quick-tempered man makes a fool of himself, but the prudent man is at peace." (*Prv 14:17*) "He who guards his mouth protects his life; to open wide one's lips brings downfall." (*Prv 13:3*) "A mild answer calms wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." (*Prv 15:1*) "An ill-tempered man stirs up strife, but a patient man allays discord." (*Prv 16:18*)

"Passions are morally good when they contribute to a good action, evil in the opposite case. The upright will orders the movements of the senses it appropriates to the good and to beatitude; an evil will succumbs to disordered passions and exacerbates them. Emotions and feelings can be taken up into the virtues or perverted by the *vices*." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1768*) We must develop a mastery over our passions.

"Man participates in the wisdom and goodness of the Creator who gives him mastery over his acts and the ability to govern himself with a view to the true and the good. The natural law expresses the original moral sense which enables man to discern by reason the good and the evil, the truth and the lie:

"The natural law is written and engraved in the soul of each and every man, because it is human reason ordaining him to do good and forbidding him to sin . . . But this command of human reason would not have the force of law if it were not the voice and interpreter of a higher reason to which our spirit and our freedom must be submitted." (*1954*)

"The moral law is the work of divine Wisdom. Its biblical meaning can be defined as fatherly instruction, God's pedagogy. It prescribes for man the ways, the rules of conduct that lead to the promised beatitude; it proscribes the ways of evil which turn him away from God and his love. It is at once firm in its precepts and, in its promises, worthy of love." (*1950*)

St. Augustine explains the need for the Ten Commandments: "God wrote on the tables of the Law what men did not read in their hearts." (*1962*) Christ sends the Holy Spirit to shape, regulate, and guide our thoughts, words, and actions. Let us strive to be more like Christ.

"Let charity be genuine. . . Love one another with brotherly affection. . . Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality." (*Rom 12:9-13*)

✿✿✿ Prayer ✿✿✿

The ingredients of prayer are found in the stuff of life.

People frequently ask me, "Father Joe, how can I get more out of my prayer?" or "What should I bring to prayer?"

What I try to say is to bring your life to prayer. Bring your daily experiences, your struggles, your questions, your relationships, everything to prayer. The more we invite God to "touch" our daily lives, the more we invite Him into our lives, the more meaningful prayer will be. Life is real and so prayer must be real. It must be about the substance of our lives, the good and the messy, the blessed parts and the broken parts.

Most people tend to "hide" things when they are praying. They hide things from others and have secrets. With Christ, nothing is hidden and there are no secrets. He knows everything already so why don't we let go of our fears and let Him in. My experience is Christ is almost always more gentle than I am. Except when I try to sugarcoat or skip over something He wants to focus on. Then He gets my attention, for my own good. Prayer is bringing to Christ everything and trusting He will "make all things new." (*Rev 21:5*)



"2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected July 4 th	\$5,310.56
Difference	-\$ 39.44

Second Collections

Second collection July 4th "Building Fund"\$1,703.92

Campaign '10 Pledges:

Total donations made (from pledges) as of 06/13/10.....\$94,880.33
July 4th collection.....\$ 1,135.00
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....\$96,015.00

Next Week's Second Collection

Next weekend, we participate in a special appeal for the Mission Cooperative Program in our archdiocese. This year several missionaries, religious orders and archdioceses have been chosen from over 200 applications to take part in this program. Last year, each of the participants received over \$30,000 thanks to your generosity. Thank you for your generosity last year and please prayerfully consider your response this year.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE



Satan tries to convince us that God will be bored with the things we want to talk about; that Christ is "too busy" to listen to us. Christ is NEVER TOO BUSY. If we make the time, He will give us all the time we need.

Satan also tries to convince us that when Christ does not "speak" to us, that it is because He is not listening. He is listening! He speaks through inner peace, through new insights that come in mysterious ways, through the Scriptures, through a sense of His presence, through words that only the heart understands—not the head or the ears. Listen with your heart

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

the word is very near to you: you have only to carry it out.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Who is my neighbor?

Living the Paschal Mystery

In our society and church today we probably need to become more aware of the value of keeping laws. Our reflection does alert us to the fact that simply keeping laws and commandments isn't enough. All our actions must be directed to the good of others. Keeping laws promotes good order in any community, doing good for others promotes right relationships in those same communities.

Law is something external to us, rather easily measured. Mercy and compassion are internal to us and can be measured only in terms of the good we actually do for others. Laws are internalized-written in our hearts-when they are kept for the sake of others. We are to do as the Samaritan in the parable: let the law of love and compassion guide us and gain for us eternal life.

~**Living Liturgy**

Stewardship Thought

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges His bears-and us- to go and do the same!

- Saturday July 10, 5:30pm..... Our Parish Family
- Sunday, July 11, 8:30am..... Our Parish Family
- Sunday, July 11, 10:00am.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
- Sunday, June 11, 11:30 am.....Barbara Sostack (RIP)
- Sunday, June 11, 1:00pm..... (Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
- Sunday, June 11, 7:00pm.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
- Monday, July 12, 12:15 pm.....Communion Service (TBD)
- Tuesday, July 13, 12:15 pm.....Communion Service (TBD)
- Wednesday, July 14, 12:15pm.....Communion Service (TBD)
- Wednesday, July 14, 6:30 pm.....Rosary
- Thursday, July 15, 12:15 pm.....Communion Service
- Thursday, July 15, 6:00 pm.....Prayer Group/Adoration
- Saturday July 17, 5:30pm.....Our Parish Family
- Sunday, July 18, 8:30am.....Gretta Drexler (RIP)
- Sunday, July 18, 10:00am.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
- Sunday, July 18, 11:30 am..... Our Parish Family
- Sunday, July 18, 1:00pm.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
- Sunday, July 18, 7:00pm..... Our Parish Family

PSR/CCD REGISTRATION



There have been some questions about registration for the upcoming year of religious education. Class times are basically the same as last year with one exception and one major addition. One Sunday class, First Grade, is moving from 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

First grade is a sacramental preparation year and we want as much as possible for our first graders to attend mass. First and second graders are old enough to know what's going on and to prepare for more active participation.

We also are adding a Wednesday afternoon/evening time track in English. Our Sunday time track has become too large and we now need to add another time track. On Wednesdays, other denominations have activities and local schools tend to give less home work. We have offered Wednesday classes in the past (many years ago). The Sunday classes will be limited to 15 children per class.

Also, we have added a Parent Contract as part of the registration process for sacraments. Last year, we had some confusion over the requirements of mass and class attendance. This year we want the expectations understood clearly at the beginning of the year. We only have about 25-26 PSR/CCD classes per school year.

It is vital that a child be present for those classes (and on time). Mass attendance is a requirement that comes from the Ten Commandments and Christ's words: "Could you not keep watch for one hour?" (Mk 14:37)

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 Farias- 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.

Knight's Corner

The first of the Third Degree Exemplifications for this fiscal year will take place Saturday, August 14th at Holy Family Church 3401 Lower Roswell Rd. Marietta, Council 9792 invites you to witness this special event along with family and friends. Exemplifications will begin at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$10 for candidates and \$5 for observers. Lunch will be served for your convenience.

Seminarians, Priest, & Deacons



St. Clement's has been blessed these past few year's with some amazing seminarians & deacons. Some are now priests; such as Fr. Nicolas Azar, Fr. Gilbert Exume, and Fr. Richard Sutter. Soon some will become deacons and then take the short road to becoming a priest. After they leave us in the summer one can not help to wonder how they are, so why not find out. We all need encouragement and sometimes just a simple letter, e-mail, or picture can let us know that we are being thought of.

So if you have asked yourself, "I wonder how _____ is doing", then look them up on our Seminarian wall. Here you will find up to date information on how to contact our previous summer seminarians. We are sure they would love to hear from you...

Archdiocesan News

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER invites you to experience a weekend where you can put the spark back in your marriage and celebrate your love for one another. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend teaches a unique method of communication. relationship. Upcoming weekends include Aug. 20-21. Contact: (866) 285-9963.

An **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held at CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH, 600 Mountain View Drive, Stone Mountain, on Mon., June 28, from 2:30-7:30 p.m. Each unit of donated blood helps as many as four people. Contact Linda at: (770) 469-4504 for an appointment.