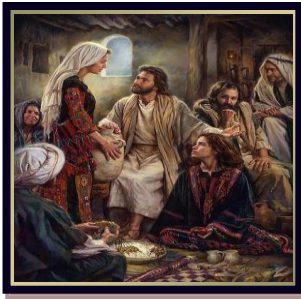


Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Call to inner quiet. To solitude. To a quietness where we can clearly hear God's voice.

We live in a world of noise. A world of sensory overload. A world that battles against ever having a quiet moment. A world that attracts and distracts, that entertains and stimulates, that drowns out the voice of God.

It is a world competing for our attention and changing our focus. The more we seek the noise, the less we seek God. The more we focus on earthly diversions, the less we focus on Christ and growing spiritually.

Earthly things can be used to bring forth God's message. But how often do we seek out God when we use our computers, turn on our TV's, or rent a movie? How many families go to church when they are on vacation? How many of us pray on vacation, even a regular Monday thru Saturday? We choose the noise instead.

Each new technology becomes another diversion, another distraction. Cell phone. Internet. MP3 player.

We are not made for noise. We are not created for constant stimulation. We are not wired to be "Wired." The excess of noise and the visual overload is exhausting us and wearing us down. We become numb to it after a while we go from one thing to another, never pausing, never slowing down, never making time for prayer and reflection, quiet and peaceful relaxation.

"Be still and know that I am God." God tells us that the best way to find Him is in stillness and quiet. In peaceful places and quiet moments. We have to do our part to seek God in the quiet.

The beginning of prayer ideally is a time of quieting ourselves down. We have turned off the cellphone, and now we ask God to help quiet and remove the "noise" inside us. This takes time. We usually go to the next step too quickly, before we are quiet, before we are ready to focus on God.

About now anxiety washes over us. We are afraid. We stand before God "naked" and with nothing standing between us. It feels like a visit to the principal's office. We feel like we have done something wrong when we have done nothing wrong.

Five minutes after confession we still feel guilty. That is the permanent effect and influence of sin. It stops when we get to Heaven. For now, the start of prayer is always a little awkward. It always feels like a first date. Scary and exciting.

What do we say? What do we do? "Be still and know that I am God." "Come to me all who are weary and over burdened and I will give you rest."

There is always the temptation to go back to the noise. It has become so familiar that quiet is uncomfortable. Some of that is leftover from "being quiet" as a kid.

In prayer we become like children again, only now we are the child who fell down and run to God for comfort and healing. Now we are the child who has been beaten up by the world. And we are the child who wants to tell our Heavenly Father about our day- good and bad.

We sit there quietly with God. Safely in His arms. He listens. We listen. He teaches. He heals. He encourages. He affirms. He spends time with us. Everything He did in the Bible, He does for us.

We only reach this level of prayer when we choose to be quiet and when we seek out quiet places and quiet moments. And when we open ourselves up for God to come in. He wants to come in.

"May Christ find a dwelling place of faith in our hearts. May our lives be rooted in love, rooted in love." ("Dwelling Place")

Prayer

Not only must we be quiet, we must listen. Prayer requires listening. God will give us time to talk. But He also has something to say. We have to make time to hear. To read His Word. To seek His guidance. To desire Communion with Christ at all moments of life. Communion is a sacred union. A union seeking unity of heart, will, mind, of everything.

A union similar to mother and child in the womb. We do not lose our identity. God surrounds us with love and sustains us by joining our life to His.



"2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected July 11 th	\$5,874.00
Difference.....	+\$ 524.00

Second Collections

Second collection July 11th "St. Vincent de Paul".....\$1,478.39

Campaign '10 Pledges:

Total donations made (from pledges) as of 07/04/10.....	\$96,015.00
July 11 th collection.....	\$ 0
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....	\$96,015.00

Next Week's Second Collection

There will be no second collection next week.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE



Satan uses the noise of the world to distract us, drain us, and deceive us. The things of this world become useful substitutes that lead us away from God. They become his traps, his controlling devices. Our need for noise, flash, excitement and energy becomes an obsession where we can't get enough.

More video games, more movies, more graphics, more adventure, more shock, more, more, more.

We become exhausted, but can't sleep. We don't rest our minds or our bodies as life becomes one long adrenaline rush. Until we crash. In the constant running around, a person loses themselves and eventually loses track of God. The Lie of Dissipation of the Prodigal Son. Only by turning to God can we be freed from the road to collapse. Only by trusting that God's peace and joy is where life is found. When we slow down and turn to Him.

U.S. CATHOLIC HISTORY



This past week, seven of our teens and three adults participated in a Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC) in Orlando, Fla., at St. Charles Borromeo/Bishop Moore Catholic Schools. This is the site of the first Catholic Heart Camp, held in 1993.

From one small group holding one local camp, CHWC has grown into a ministry coordination more than 30 camps in three different countries involving more than 10,000 Middle School, High School, and College students from all over the country.

Each Summer they paint more than 1,200 homes and do thousands of other service projects from cleaning up yards and parks to working at thrift stores and Boys and Girls Clubs to feeding the hungry and touching thousands of lives.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2010

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

Lord, do not go on past your servant.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery hidden from ages has now been manifested to his holy ones.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the better part.

Living the Paschal Mystery

Before we can carry on the mission of Jesus, we must become disciples by sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to him. In our time, we can hardly invite Jesus over for dinner. But there are ways that Jesus is present to us if we take the time to be present to him.

We usually address living the paschal mystery in terms of how we die to ourselves in our everyday living. This gospel suggests a radically different-and complementary- way of living the paschal mystery: taking the time to listen to Jesus. Practically speaking, this means being attentive to the proclamation of the Scriptures (especially the gospel) during Mass. It means taking the time to be with Jesus in prayer-not just saying prayers but being quiet and listening to how Jesus in prayer-not just saying prayers but being quiet and listening to how Jesus speaks to our hearts. It means hearing Jesus in the cry of another for help. There is truly a great deal of self-sacrificing in letting go of our busyness in order to listen to Jesus and see him in all circumstances of our daily living!

~Living Liturgy

Stewardship Thought

Today's reading speak of hospitality. Abram, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire-a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or grudging giver?

Saturday July 17, 5:30pm.....	Lee Lehmann (RIP)
Sunday, July 18, 8:30am.....	Gretta Drexler (RIP)
Sunday, July 18, 10:00am.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, July 18, 11:30 am.....	Charles Thompson (RIP)
Sunday, July 18, 1:00pm.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, July 18, 7:00pm.....	Our Parish Family
Monday, July 19, 12:15 pm.....	Charles Thompson (RIP)
Tuesday, July 20, 12:15 pm.....	Daily Mass
Wednesday, July 21, 12:15pm.....	Daily Mass
Wednesday, July 21, 6:30 pm.....	Rosary
Thursday, July 22, 12:15 pm.....	Communion Service
Thursday, July 22, 6:00 pm.....	Prayer Group/Adoration
Saturday July 24, 5:30pm.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, July 25, 8:30am.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, July 25, 10:00am.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 25, 11:30 am.....	Eva L. Miller (RIP)
Sunday, June 25, 1:00pm.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 25, 7:00pm.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family



Parish Potluck

Join your parish family this Wednesday, July 21st for our monthly potluck. Start the evening with the rosary at 6:30 p.m. and then join us in the café for dinner at 7:00 p.m. Potlucks are a great way to meet members of the parish. So grab your favorite dish and come join us for a night of prayer, food, fun, and fellowship.

Young Adults



All young adults in their 20's & 30's are invited to the "What Next? Finding Answers in Faith" Retreat on August 6-8,2010 at Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center , 6700 Riverside Drive, NW , Atlanta . Join Jesuit Father Mark Mossa on this weekend for young adults to

explore and deepen their faith through prayer, small group discussions, reflections on transitions, and time for silent reflection and spiritual direction. Retreat includes private room & bath and all meals. To register: www.ignatiushouse.org, (404) 255-0503 or kpowell@ignatiushouse.org

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, Mathias Roberts-surgery, Christopher Burger-health, Barbra Christian-breast cancer.

Apologetics 2010 at the Cathedral of Christ the King



Reason to Believe - Apologetics series will be **Fridays, July 30, August 6th, 13th and 20th at 7:00 pm** in Kenny Hall. Come and hear new speakers address current issues that concern Catholics today, and gain insights into how to handle the challenge to

defend your faith. Speakers and topics include:

July 30: Dr. Paul Thigpen - My Visit To Hell...and Why I Don't Want To Go There

Aug. 6: Charles Gernazian - How To Talk To An Atheist

Aug. 13: Fr. Dan Ketter - Pornography...but I'm Not Hurting Anyone

Aug. 20: Nashville Dominican Sisters - Religious Life...Where Have All The Sisters Gone? Topics and speakers subject to change. Daily Mass is at **5:30 pm** in the d'Youville Chapel. Nursery provided upon reservation. Reservations must be received at least 2 business days in advance. There is no cost for the seminars; a free will offering will be taken. To register for the seminar and for the nursery go to www.cathedralofchristtheking.org/Apologetics. For more information, call 404-267-3671, email evangelization@ctking.com.

Archdiocesan News

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH in Atlanta is creating a **ROSARY PRAYER GARDEN** dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary for its 50th anniversary in 2010. Former parishioners and friends of the church are invited to participate by purchasing a brick paver with a personal inscription dedicated to their family. Contact: (404) 349-0176 or visit www.mbschurch.com and click on 50th anniversary tab.

GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC CHURCH in Ellijay will host its eighth annual **FLEA MARKET** on Fri., Sept. 17, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Sat., Sept 18, from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Some of the items at this huge flea market are unique antiques and collectibles, electronics, furniture, clothing, shoes, movies, books, knick-knacks and Christmas decorations. Contact: (706) 636-2772.