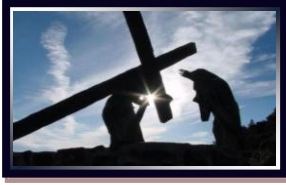


## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Respect for Ourselves.

A few months ago, one of our church members was talking about how some people dress and she said: "No self-respecting person would ever wear that." As we continued talking we agreed that the issue is a lack of respect: people not having respect for themselves.

Part of this also is society's attitude about the human body: "It's my body and I can do whatever I want with my body." That is not what Christ says and that's not what the laws of nature say. There are consequences for the misuse or lack of care and concern for our bodies; Eternal consequences for not respecting our bodies.

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body." (1 Cor 6:19-20)

Jesus has something to say about what we do with our body, how we act, what we wear, etc. "For God did not call us to impurity but to holiness. Therefore, whoever disregards this, disregards not a human being but God, who [also] gives his holy Spirit to you." (1 Thess 5:7-8)

We say with St. Paul: "For I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me." (Gal 2:19-20)

A growing number of people do not respect their bodies because they do not understand the purpose of the body. God gives us a body to love, to serve, and for holiness. Every use of our body should be to glorify God; to positively, properly use our bodies in ways God says are good. Our bodies are a gift from God and are created "in the divine image" and "likeness" of God (Gen 1:26-27) As Christ offers His Body as a living sacrifice, we are called to offer our bodies, our lives in imitation of His sacrifice.

Our bodies are for holy activities, not immoral or improper things. God tells us what is holy and what is immoral. How can someone receive the Body of Christ when they are misusing their body? How can someone glorify God if they are making themselves an object of lust by what they wear or how they present themselves?

Under-dressing or inappropriately dressing shows a lack of respect for one's own body. Living with a boyfriend or girlfriend shows a lack of respect for one's own body. Certain comments, certain words show a lack of respect for one's own body and the bodies of others. Suggestive words and suggestive clothing are always morally wrong.

Pornography and society's standards have caused confusion about what is acceptable and what is not. Society today says you have to present yourself as a sex object (not as person, but as a good looking body).

If you want someone to pay attention to your body, then you are probably headed in the wrong direction. Some people get dates, get jobs, get lots of attention because of their bodies and the way they dress. They usually end up prostituting themselves! Using their bodies to sell themselves and getting something in return (money, gifts, a job, a spouse, etc.)

If we want someone to respect us as person—as a human being—we need to present ourselves as a person, not merely as a body. **If we want respect, we have to respect ourselves by dressing respectfully.** This means we respect our minds, our

emotions and feelings, our spiritual nature, and expect the same respect from others. We present ourselves as multi-dimensional persons. We value ourselves. We want others to appreciate us as persons, for who we are on the inside.

Ask yourself, do you want someone to lust after you or to love you completely? To see you as a "hot body" or as a complete person? Clothes shape how people see us. Do they see: inner beauty that is eternal or external looks and features that will not last forever? My inner substance or who I am on the surface? Skin deep or the person on the inside?

What a person wears says a lot about what they think of themselves. What they wear to Church says a lot about their relationship with Christ. What their focus is when they come to Church. **Respecting God means that we wear respectful clothes to Church.**

God does not judge us by what we wear. But what we wear says a lot about whether we respect ourselves and whether we respect God or not. Our respect is what He will judge.

"Christ will be magnified in my body." (Phil 1:20) "I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship." (Rom 12:1)

Respect yourself. Think about the clothes you wear and what they say about you. Wear clothes that glorify God. Please.

### ✿ Prayer for the Redemption of Sexual Desire ✿

"Lord, I praise you and thank you for the gift of my sexual desires. By the power of your death and resurrection, untwist in me what sin has twisted so that I might know and experience sexual desire as you created it to be—as the desire to love *freely, totally, faithfully, and fruitfully*. Amen." (Christopher West, *What is the Theology of the Body?*)



"2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected June 13 <sup>th</sup> .....	\$4,413.33
<b>Difference</b> .....	<b>-\$ 936.67</b>

### Second Collections

Second collection June 13 <sup>th</sup> "St. Vincent".....	\$2, 256.80
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### Campaign '10 Pledges:

Total donations made (from pledges) as of 06/06/10.....	\$94,272.33
June 14 <sup>th</sup> collection.....	\$ 608.00
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....	\$94,880.33

### Next Week's Second Collection

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the assistance he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Through your generosity, with Pope Benedict we can cast the love of Christ upon the world.

### STEWARDSHIP



We want to remind you that we normally experience a decline in the offertory by more than 30 percent during this time of year while most of our expenses continue. We ask you to continue to be generous and faithful to your stewardship of treasure during this time period.

**St. Clement's** is a special parish because of families like yours and this community has always responded generously to our requests. We are confident that with prayerful thoughts and actions from our parishioners we can meet our obligations. Thank you for your support.

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 20, 2010

**First Reading: Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1**

They shall look on him whom they have pierced.

**Second Reading: Galatians 3:26-29**

All of you who were baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 9:18-24**

You are the Christ of God. The Son of Man must suffer greatly.

### Living the Paschal Mystery

The first reading from the prophet Zechariah mentions "a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness." As Christians we naturally think of the baptismal font that purifies and cleanses us. Two points might be made.

First, these waters of baptism don't flow just once. The ritual is an action that aptly describes an ongoing sacramental reality in our lives: we are constantly being washed clean. One way to do this, of course, is through confessing our sins either in prayer itself or in sacramental confession. We sometimes forget, though, that food works also cleanse us of our sins! So, the denying self and carrying our daily cross mentioned in the gospel are cleansing activities that lead us to forgiveness and new life.

Second, baptismal purification is also tied to our Christian identity. We not only are freed from sin but also are made members of Christ's Body. As such, we might expect that the same things that happen to us. To be practical, that the same things that happened to Jesus will also happen to us. To be practical, that means that when we live our baptismal promises we can expect to be misunderstood, ridiculed, shunned, etc. Paschal mystery living has its demands (dying to self) and rewards (new life). Self-giving is always life-giving. ~Living Liturgy

### Stewardship Thought

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks Peter in today's Gospel. Does my use of the gifts and talents entrusted to me accurately reflect my answer to that same question? How willing am I to deny myself, take up my cross, and follow in His steps?

Saturday June 19, 5:30pm.....	Pearl Turner (RIP)
Sunday, June 20, 8:30am.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 20, 10:00am.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 20, 11:30 am.....	Teresa Howard (RIP)
Sunday, June 20, 1:00pm.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 20, 7:00pm.....	Our Parish Family
Monday, June 21, 12:15pm.....	Daily Mass
Tuesday June 22, 12:15 pm.....	Daily Mass
Wednesday, June 23, 12:15pm.....	Daily Mass
Wednesday, June 23, 6:30 pm.....	Rosary
Thursday, June 24, 12:15 pm.....	Communion Service
Thursday, June 24, 6:00 pm.....	Prayer Group/Adoration
Friday, June 25, 7:00pm.....	New Life Retreat (Spanish)
Saturday June 26, 5:30pm.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 27, 8:30am.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 27, 10:00am.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
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### SPIRITUAL WARFARE



Lust is one of Satan's most effective weapons. Right now Satan is destroying a lot of marriages and relationships through lust. A growing number of males ages 13-30 are falling into the addiction of pornography. And a growing number of females as well. Countless young women are involved in the sex

industry: Internet pornography, magazines, movies, strip clubs, prostitution, etc. A lot of people think they can control their lust; but

lust is controlling them! It is said that "eyes are the window to the soul." Visual stimulation is causing spiritual damage. People must learn to avert their eyes, to be more careful with what they see and watch, to have more self-discipline and regulate the content of their lives. Otherwise lust will continue its path of destruction.

### Parish Family



Come join us this Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> for our monthly parish potluck. The rosary will begin at 6:30 p.m. and then the potluck will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the café. So bring your favorite dish and come spend a relaxing evening with your parish family.

### Knight's of Columbus

The parish of St. Clement's would like to congratulate our Knight's of Columbus on their new leadership roles.

**Grand Knight** - Rocco Pitaressse      **Outside Guard** - Randy Shiney  
**Deputy Grand Knight** - Glenn Gross      **Inside Guard** - Dan Bellot  
**Chancellor** - Casey Collins      **Recorder** - Mark Drexler  
**Treasurer** - James Howard      **Advocate** - Dan Tracey  
**Warden** - Pete Fernandez (Membership Chairman)  
**Trustees** - Benny Gough, Greg Brown, Jorge Mazariegos (Hispanic Round Table Chair)  
**District Deputy** - Joe McKenzie

### U.S. Catholic History



Sarah (Jonas) Fahy, mother of Sister Peter Claver and grandmother of Father Joe Fahy, grew up Jewish and converted to the Catholic faith. After the Civil War, her mother built an opera house in Rome, Ga., that a Redemptorist priest rented for a week to give lectures on the Catholic faith.

The priest, Father W.H. Gross, became the bishop of Savannah in 1873 and wrote that Sarah Jonas was the "greatest convert I've ever made." "He was especially impressed by her dedication to attending the teaching series, even when a 'great storm' decimated one night's attendance to two people, one of them Sarah, then 19." (*Georgia Bulletin*, March 16, 1995)

Sarah Jonas "until her death in 1933, fought anti-Catholicism in Georgia as a leader in the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia formed to rebut the virulent bigotry abroad at the time. She never hesitated to take up her pen in response to the public rantings of a prominent bigot, Tom Watson, a U.S. congressman and later senator who made no secret of his hatred for the papists." (*Georgia Bulletin*)

### 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.