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WEDNESDAY, 4:00PM

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

I am the way, the truth and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the Father,
except through me."



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 9 *Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter*
5:00pm Marilyn Becker

Sunday, May 10 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
8:00am
10:00am Thomas J. Fleming
12:00noon John LaDolcetta

Monday, May 11 *Easter Weekday*
9:00am Julia, Joseph & Madonna Immordino

Tuesday, May 12 *Easter Weekday*
9:00am Jawhar & Thurgood Ray

Wednesday, May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*
4:00pm People of St. Anthony

Thursday, May 14 *St. Matthias*
9:00am Eileen DeBernardis

Friday, May 15 *St. Isadore*
9:00am Larry Ciufu

Saturday, May 16 *Easter Weekday*
9:00am

Saturday, May 16 *Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter*
5:00pm Leone & Rossi Families

Sunday, May 17 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*
8:00am
10:00am Vincenzo Nadile
12:00noon Pedro B. Estioco



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THANK YOU FOR TRYING YOUR BEST TO KEEP UP WITH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY GIFTS. Of course, we continue to receive mail at: CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY, 10 SQUIRE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703. So feel free to mail your check. THANK YOU! In these days, we are even more grateful for electronic giving! To enroll with our electronic giving program, just visit:

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ALTAR BREAD AND WINE May 10-16



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Mother's Day Blessing

Just as God gives to each rose

And gives unto each evening sky

A gentle touch of dew

The lovely sunset's hue

So may He give to you

From His enduring love

Great happiness and hearts' content

And blessings from above.

Happy Mothers Day

UPCOMING OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

May 10	ONE COLLECTION
May 17	TWO COLLECTIONS Central & Eastern Europe
May 21	Feast of the Ascension
May 24	ONE COLLECTION
May 31	ONE COLLECTION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!!!

FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and sisters: besides the physical, emotional and spiritual crisis which we have all been passing through, there is of course the financial crisis which everyone is facing. Of course, the parish is not exempt from these financial concerns – rather, it is one of the most damaged entities. Nonetheless, we believers do not give-in to despair, because Jesus is at the helm of the Church – He is steering us through these tumultuous waters, and He will bring us safely to shore in God’s good time.

Nevertheless, it behooves me as pastor to reach out to you at this time with an urgent appeal for your consideration of stewardship as regards the weekly offertory giving to St. Anthony Parish as well as to the Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal.

Last year, for the same six Sundays missed plus the Easter collection, the combined offertory collection amounted to \$62,000.

This year, missing the six Sundays from March 15th - April 26th, plus missing Easter, our total offertory collection will finally stand at around \$30,000.

The parish offertory income has been reduced by at least half, yet we still have the same bills to pay – salaries, utilities, and all the other normal expenditures we must make in order to keep our parish plant and parish operations intact.

While it’s always possible to mail-in or drop-off your weekly offertory envelope to the Rectory Office, I appeal to you at this time to sign up for the electronic giving program for St. Anthony Parish at <https://stanthony-yonkers.churchgiving.com/>. And now let me confess that ***I myself*** hadn’t done so until this past week - so it’s not too late, and I can attest that it’s not too hard to do!

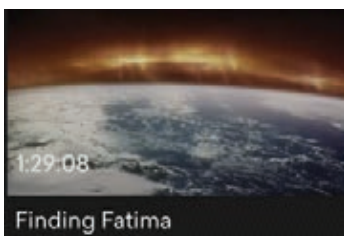
We’re in better shape with our collection for the Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal – largely because most of *that total* was pledged by our loyal parishioners PRE-COVID 19! Thus far, 111 parish families have pledged \$35,790 toward our goal this year of \$44,000. Last year, we had around 180 donors and this year we wanted to get to 200 for the first time in a long time, but the virus thwarted that, too. So if you can also make a gift to **this** appeal, just go to <https://cardinalsappeal.org/donate>, where you can make it electronically, or mail-in or drop-off your pledge card to the Rectory Office.

These are very hard times for all of us in so many different ways. Of course, nothing is harder than for those of you who have lost loved-ones to this dreaded disease. May we all receive the strength to keep our eyes on that prize which is the upward call of God to the heavenly life which comes to us through Christ Jesus our Lord!

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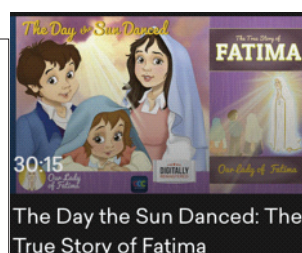
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Courage: Grace under Pressure

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

by: ROBERT ROYAL

The Batflu has driven us all batty, with talk of many things most of us never expected we'd have to think about. But amid all the talk of safety and suffering, lives vs. livelihoods, deaths from the pathogen and deaths from isolation, there's been one term strangely absent, except when it comes to our heroic healthcare workers: courage.

The absence is strange because the virtue of courage is precisely what is supposed to kick in, for everyone, at a moment like this when we're all on the frontlines. Since we've lost touch with the virtue tradition and even with the simple wisdom that used to guide everyday life, we don't much give something like courage – the need to “man (or woman) up” – a thought anymore. Instead, we've been busy trying to create a world where everyone is “safe” and no one has to face anything “offensive.” And where institutions – or someone else, in any case – will someday arrange things so that no one will ever have to be personally courageous again. This is the purest delusion and – sad to say – even widespread fear of death seems not to have brought many people back to reality. There's an old Latin saying: *mors certa, hora incerta* (“Death is certain, the hour uncertain”). We know that it will all someday, perhaps even today, come to an end. Most people spend their lives trying to ignore or deny the fact. Still, every day brings uncertainties and dangers – that demand courage.

Ernest Hemingway, in his early period, i.e., shortly after he became a Catholic and was infatuated by “all things medieval,” said that courage is “grace under pressure.” He left it at that. So it's impossible to say whether he meant “grace” in a substantial Catholic sense or, as sometimes appears in his work, grace as a kind of macho pose. But he had it basically right. Courage doesn't mean that we don't feel fear of a real threat or that we simply ignore it. That would be stupidity. Courage means seeing the threat, feeling appropriate fear, and still doing the right thing.

Doing the right thing isn't self-evident. It takes another virtue – prudence – also notably absent from our virus conversations and daily lives. (If you want a quick introduction to the virtues, from Aristotle to Augustine to Aquinas, and beyond, treat yourself to Josef Pieper's classic: *The Four Cardinal Virtues*.) Prudence – real prudence – is not timidity but a direct facing of reality, and making as good judgments as we can about what to do, without being deflected by fear or pleasure.

John Lennon sang of Dear Prudence, a timid lady, who should “come out to play.” Real prudence makes room for play, but more importantly comes out to take charge of the crucial decisions, especially the ones for which there are no scientific or strictly logical answers, which means a lot of human life.

As you may have noticed during the debates – more like fistfights – about what to do now that the virus is receding somewhat, we rarely hear about the weighing of evidence that constitutes prudence. Answers simply clash. You may say that we can't go out of our homes for the next 12-18 months until there's a vaccine to protect us. That's one prudential judgment, but not a very realistic one (and therefore not very prudent) since the peoples of the world – however patient they've been up to this point – simply won't wait that long to try to live more normal lives. You can say, to the contrary, that the data we have now shows that the risks to any of us are really quite low – something we didn't know a month or two ago. Back then, leaders in America and elsewhere had to make decisions about how to protect people without being able to wait for more scientific data – which still remains quite uncertain.

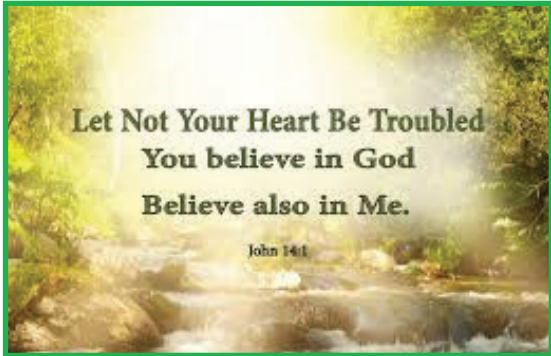
That's where prudence comes in; it doesn't give us false certainties. Indeed, it takes into account that such decisions have to be made amid multiple contingencies, which can change and can force us to change a chosen course. Prudence also makes us aware that much of the time we're weighing tradeoffs. And often have to act in partial ignorance. And, therefore, that we should be a bit indulgent towards others who, equally uncertain, may make different choices than we do. Instead, of prudence, however, as usual, what we're getting is partisanship. Either the whole country ought to remain locked down. Or opened up. The prudent path of allowing experiments and seeing how they work out – and reacting where they do or don't work – has very few practitioners. But prudence in thought and courage in action are what we're called to, even when we're not facing viruses. Which means always forming ourselves as virtuous people. Courage, to be clear, shouldn't be confused with the ridiculous modern notion of “believing in yourself.” Anyone who believes in himself is a fool, and perhaps in the most literal sense of the words, a damned fool. How many people have tortured themselves into borderline neuroses trying this contortionist's trick of convincing themselves to “believe in” a fallible and fallen human creature.

St. Augustine, who had probably seen some of the stuffed-shirt pagan philosophers who thought themselves upright and were proud of their own virtue, transposed the four cardinal virtues (prudence, temperance, justice, courage) brilliantly – as he did with virtually everything he touched – into the Christian key of ordered loves: For these four virtues (would that all felt their influence in their minds as they have their names in their mouths!), I should have no hesitation in defining them: that temperance is love giving itself entirely to that which is loved; fortitude [courage] is love readily bearing all things for the sake of the loved object; justice is love serving only the loved object, and therefore ruling rightly; prudence is love distinguishing with sagacity between what hinders it and what helps it. (*De moribus ecclesiae*, Chap. xv)

Good words, for bad times.

We want to use this column to give ourselves a much needed review of our religious knowledge. It will be an 'on-going' column and will follow the three year cycle of readings at Mass.

Reading I: Acts 6:1-7
Responsorial Psalm: 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12



Preparing to Go

The Sunday's Gospel has a touching story. It features Jesus' preparation of his disciples for his suffering and death!

What he says is in many ways too profound, too high minded for the disciples to understand. But let's take a look anyway. It helps to see that the structure of the reading is fairly simple.

The way to the Father is not a literal roadway but rather the person of Jesus! First Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Obviously they are upset, so it is a kindly directive. And second, he elaborates the reason they should not be upset, which is the essence. His initiating statement is this: "You have faith in God; have faith also in me."

Notice the two levels of meaning: The *first* is practical: trust me, I am your friend. But the *second* requires much more consideration: I am so much at one with God that you can believe in me in exactly the way you believe in God!

Jesus then uses one of his parable-like stories to clarify. The Father has a house somewhere with a whole lot of rooms in it. Jesus has decided to go there and prepare a spot for each of the disciples. He will come back and take them to that place so that they and Jesus will all be together again. This is a supremely consoling image, isn't it?

But not to the disciples, who at this point are not ready to do without Jesus even for a few moments. Remember when Jesus had asked them if they were going to leave him, (John 6:60) and Peter had said, "Where would we go—you have the words of eternal life"? Now Jesus himself is the one leaving.

Again, two levels of meaning: *First*, where are you going? *Second*, you are so close to God that your death itself will be a going home to God. Help!

So he tries another explanation, extending the image. He says, "Where I am going you know the way." Ah, at last a practical statement that even doubting Thomas can deal with. Thomas says, "Sure, we could find a map and locate a path and follow it. But look, we can't even know where you are going! Be practical!"

Jesus' statement was a play on words, not "practical" in Thomas' way. Jesus himself is "the way (the truth and the life)." This meaning is much deeper. The way to the Father is not a literal roadway but rather the person of Jesus! Philip barks out, "Look, Master, just show us the Father and we will be satisfied"! Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

The apostles, practical and broken-hearted, hear mainly the *pragmatic level*. But Jesus coaches them on to the *spiritual level*. And they are left as "ships passing in the night." Don't you wish he could have said it more plainly, more simply?

Ok, but we are listening to the deepest mystery of the whole Christian faith—the way God can become a complete human being without ceasing to be God or human. Jesus did his best to show it to the disciples in Sunday's Gospel, with images, story, and description. Maybe it is now up to us to cling to him in prayer and contemplative listening, so that we too can move toward the answer.

Even when we are not allowed to go to Mass!

John Foley, SJ

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2	Angela Marranzino	457-0303	Fri, May 29, 10am
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