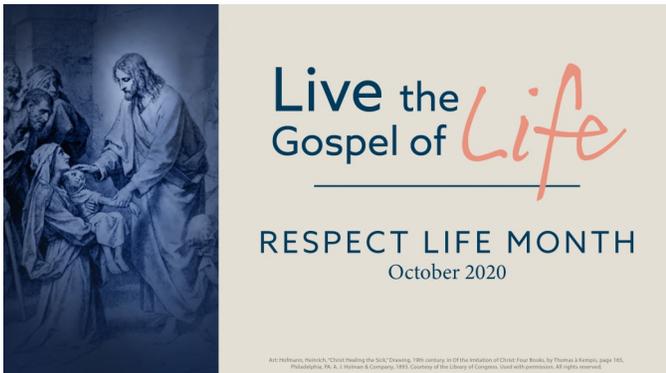




Our Lady of the Rosary



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Picking up where we left off last week, more or less, I think it would be worth while to explore in a very general way the origin of the forces that are bearing down upon us today with such violence. However, since we don't have time or space for an introduction to the history of philosophy, we will look back no further than the 19th century when the Church really began in earnest to address the errors of the "modern" age.

The errors of Modernism have deep roots and are usually summed up under the simple rubric of *Liberalism*. Liberalism itself is a multi-headed hydra, but again, for the sake of brevity and clarity, we can describe it as unbridled freedom. Liberty is clearly a very good thing when it is ordered toward its proper end, but when liberty is sought for its own sake, then significant problems begin to emerge.

Take for example, academic freedom. On the surface of it who would argue that this is a bad thing? Academic freedom is certainly a good thing because it is proper to rational, thinking beings to pursue the truth. However, when it freedom itself that is being sought as its own end, then it is no longer the truth that is being sought; and when the truth is not being sought, then nothing is true and nothing is false. Everything is relative. Academic freedom becomes the environment in which all things, true or false, are given equal footing with no distinctions drawn, until such a time as someone comes along and says, "hey, that is not true."

Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

4 October 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm
Confessions each day at 11:30 and after the Wednesday Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

This kind of freedom is not acceptable because the implication would be that other things are false and that some opinions cannot be held. The campaign to silence the truth and any suggestion that something might be false then gives way to a form of tyranny in which only certain thoughts and opinions may be expressed and all else must be silenced. Freedom unfettered, therefore, is never about freedom. *(As an FYI, academic freedom has been condemned by the Church, not because the Church hates intellectual inquiry, quite the contrary; however, natural law does not give anyone the right to teach error and perversion. The issue of rights is a topic we will explore next week.)*

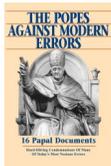
As Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, and then as Pontiff, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI frequently warned about what he referred to as the "dictatorship of relativism," which sums up precisely the point that I am trying to make; that freedom sought for its own sake is not freedom at all, but a form tyranny, and ultimately slavery.

We can continue down the line with other things such as the freedom of speech, which we know is not "free" unless it is politically correct; freedom of religion has been reduced to freedom of worship, and we have come to forcibly realize that not even that is really the case; freedom of the press has resulted in de-platforming traditional voices from social media and a type of censorship called "shadow-banning." Do we need to continue?

The Liberalism that we are talking about really has nothing to do with the liberty that we understand as freedom in

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the Christian sense of the word. *Liberty*, the Enlightenment ideal that is at the heart of Liberalism, really amounts to a wholesale rejection of God and *His* authority; it is a freedom from God and a turning from religion, and if we are confused on this point then we need to ask why the Catholic Church was immediately found in the cross hairs of the revolutionaries, Masses ended and priests and nuns beheaded by the 1000's during the course of the French Revolution. (*Not to mention that executing a king is an affront to God who governs with the authority granted to him by God. "You would have no authority over me if it were not granted to you from above." Jn 19:11*)



This week I am making available copies of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical letter on the nature of liberty (*Libertas*) published in 1888. It is not a heavy read nor is it very long and difficult to understand. In addition to this I would also HIGHLY recommend the book *The Popes Against The Modern Errors* published by Tan and available on Amazon.

Two years ago I ran a series of articles on the French Revolution and called it "French History Month." I followed up a few months later with a series on Modernism. There was a reason for this; the Enlightenment chickens, the errors of the modern age are coming home to roost. You owe it to yourself to know your history and to know your Catholic faith, and perhaps the conditions are ripe at this point in time to renew our interest in these things so that we can understand what is taking place in the world and engage it with our faith.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



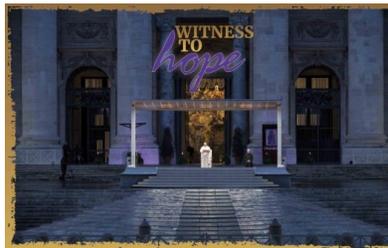
Prolife prayer campaign in Billings, Great Falls, Missoula and Helena September 23rd through November 1st. www.40daysforlife.com



Endow study group for women on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Please call Sheila LeBrun for more information at 406-208-5788.



That Man Is You!
Thursdays at 6:00 am. Meetings start with hot premium roast coffee and breakfast.



Annual Catholic Appeal has begun and you should be receiving info in the mail this week, or you may visit diocesehelena.org for more information and ways to contribute.



October is the month of the Holy Rosary and the commemoration of Our Lady's victory over the Turks in the Battle of Lepanto. Pray the Rosary daily. Pray the Rosary with your spouse, with your children and with your family. Pray the Rosary each day wherever you are.

St. Bruno
October 6th

*While the world turns,
the cross is steady.*



Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 3rd

Vigil Mass

The Repose of the Soul of Ken Avison rb Tami Avison

Sunday, October 4th

Twenty-seventh Sunday

The Repose of the Soul of Shari McDonald/Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Tuesday, October 6th

Memorial of St. Bruno

The Sick and the Shut-ins of the Parish

Wednesday, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

The Repose of the Soul of Ken Avison rb Tami Avison

Thursday, October 8th

There is no Mass scheduled for today.

Friday, October 9th

Memorial of St. Dennis

The Repose of the Deceased Priests of the Diocese

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Lou Marchello, Patricia Kelly, Glen Rogers, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Neil Miskimins, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for October

The Laity's Mission in the Church We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney

