



Pentecost

Juan Bautista Mayno (1581-1649)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This week I am making available a booklet I have created that contains an address given by Cardinal Burke regarding the current global crisis. This address is really not for the faint of heart. The address itself brings the use of reason and our Catholic faith to bear on the very difficult situation that we must all endure in this moment in time. As I have been reflecting on what he has had to say, I find myself thinking how odd it is that a voice of clear reasoning is also in our day and in our situation a prophetic voice. But at the end of the day the two are not mutually exclusive, prophecy and reason that is.

As I mentioned about a month ago, when I began publishing the bulletin as public Masses started up again, I have been using this crisis as an opportunity to do some serious reflection and examination of conscience with regards to my identity and vocation as a priest. As I have mentioned in some of my Sunday homilies, nothing exposes our attachments to this world more than suffering, more than the Cross of Jesus Christ. And this goes just as well for priests as it does for the laity, and even more so for the priest who is constantly exposed to the danger of becoming a "bachelor in a Roman collar."

The priest as a bachelor in a Roman collar is a people pleasing bureaucrat, a fruitless branch that will ultimately be cut off from the vine and cast into the fire to be burned, and because his ministry has no soul the people and the parish he serves may never rise to the fervor of devotion and sanctity that God would intend for them or desire.

To thine own self be true, said Polonius to his son Laertes in scene three of act one of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. *Know thyself* is the Delphic maxim found at the entrance of the ancient Greek temple of Apollo. *For all you are the children of light, and children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness*, St. Paul writes to the Thessalonians, answering the question regarding who is this person to whom we must be true, or to use the consoling words of Jesus Christ Himself, *I have called you friends: because all things whatsoever I have heard of my Father, I have made known to you*.

In both of the instances of the words of Jesus Christ and St. Paul, the *thine own self* to whom we must be true is not a matter of some arbitrary subjective determination, but rather a concrete objective reality of our being created in the Divine Image; *and God created man to his own image*. It is to *this self* that we must be true, and it is *this self* that we must come to know.

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Mass Schedule

All Masses are at Immaculate Conception

Saturday at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 10:30 am

This Mass is restricted. You may not attend unless you have registered and have received a personal confirmation.

Wednesday

Mass is at 12:10 pm and there is no restriction on this day. Confessions are available at 11:30 am and again immediately after the Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration. The Rite of Benediction will be celebrated at 1:30 pm.

NOTE: *At this time only members of the parish with a residence in Lake County may attend the weekend Masses on Saturday and on Sunday. Sunday remains restricted and you must register to attend. The Masses during the week are open to anybody who would like to attend and there are no restrictions because there is no danger of exceeding our occupancy limit. These times are very difficult as pastors work to reopen their parishes within the guidelines given to them and it is only made more difficult when people begin searching for Masses to attend. Your understanding and patience is greatly appreciated.*





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Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost which commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Blessed Virgin Mary and the disciples gathered in prayer, now the newborn Church. And now we stand together over two thousand years later in need of purification and renewal; and it is the same Holy Spirit who brooded over the dark waters of chaos at the beginning of the dawn of creation that will bring us out of the disorder caused by our sin and return us to the well ordered life of holiness that will make of us, as a Church, a city set on a hill giving light to all of the world.

But, renewal is not someone else's business or problem, it is ours, and it is personal. Renewal begins in the heart of each individual member of the Body of Christ and a desire to be re-made, re-created, so that freed from old ways we might return to the newness of life given to us by Jesus Christ risen from the dead, the First and the Last, the One Who died but now lives forever, and has given us to share in that life, and to that life we must be true.

Peace, Fr. Kevin Christofferson

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oullette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Lou Marchello, Deanna Hermes, Patricia Kelly, Glen Rogers, Vicki Rogers, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Neil Miskimins, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Samantha Huber (Found and in need of healing), Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Anonymous Request (Serious), Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst.

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 June

The Way of the Heart We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Michell



Today, May 31st, is the date of the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (to her cousin Elizabeth), and the last day of the month dedicated to her honor. Enjoy a few things that the saints have had to say about our Blessed Mother.

O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all you necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity.

- Saint Basil the Great

If you invoke the blessed Virgin when you are tempted, she will come at once to your help, and Satan will leave you.

- Saint John Vianney

If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me.

- Blessed Mother Teresa

Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence.

- Saint Francis de Sales

The Son of God became man for our salvation but only in Mary and through Mary.

- Saint Louis Marie de Montfort
The world being unworthy to receive the son of God directly from the hands of the Father, he gave his son to Mary for the world to receive him from her.

- Saint Augustine

Even while living in the world, the heart of Mary was so filled with motherly tenderness and compassion for men that no-one ever suffered so much for their own pains, as Mary suffered for the pains of her children.

- Saint Jerome

As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary.

- Saint Thomas Aquinas

Offertory Envelopes

We have until the end of the month of June to make any corrections or additions to our offertory envelopes before the new set is sent out from Our Sunday Visitor. If you have a correction, please clearly mark the correction on your current envelope and place it in the collection basket. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to, please make the request using the blue envelopes with your request clearly marked. Thank you!