

*Jesus as the Good Shepherd*  
Bernhard Plockhorst (c. 1889)

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This week I want to share some highlights from the Second Vatican Council from the constitution *Gaudium et Spes* (The Church in the Modern World). I share this as a kind of follow up to my homily last week on the relationship between the holiness of the Christian faithful and the glory of God and the hope of our own future glory. These are things we need to seriously ponder anew as we also renew our resolve to follow Christ and be His witnesses.

The world and the people in it are suffering grievously for a want of truth and clarity. The so-called “elites” do seem hell bent on tormenting the consciences of ordinary men and women and are showing no signs of relenting. The Church, and we are all members of it, have always had and still have a prophetic role to play as we make our pilgrimage through time.

It is my hope that after 50 years we might finally be willing to give the Church a fair hearing and take to heart what She has to say, and She has a lot to say. These are just a few thoughts taken from the first chapter of *Gaudium et Spes*, and for your leisure I will also make available print booklets containing that whole first chapter on the dignity of the human person.

God bless,  
Fr. Kevin Christofferson

*The root reason for human dignity lies in man's call to communion with God. From the very circumstance of his origin man is already invited to converse with God. For man would not exist were he not created by God's love and constantly preserved by it; and he cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and devotes himself to His Creator. Still, many of our contemporaries have never recognized this intimate and vital link with God, or have explicitly rejected it. Thus atheism must be accounted among the most serious problems of this age, and is deserving of closer examination...*

*... Undeniably, those who willfully shut out God from their hearts and try to dodge religious questions are not following the dictates of their consciences, and hence are not free of blame; yet believers themselves frequently bear some responsibility for this situation. For, taken as a whole, atheism is not a spontaneous development but stems from a variety of causes, including a critical reaction against religious beliefs, and in some places against the Christian religion in particular. Hence believers can have more than a little to do with the birth of atheism. To the extent that they neglect their own training in the faith, or teach*

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 July 2021

Sacred Heart, Ronan  
Immaculate Conception, Polson  
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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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

*Update for the summer months (June, July, August)*

#### Wednesday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm

*Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.*

### Immaculate Conception Gift Shop

We have various Catholic items for sale in the parish office!

Rosaries, medals, small statues, etc.

If you are interested in purchasing an item from the gift shop, please contact Ruth Fischer: 883-5025.



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**erroneous doctrine, or are deficient in their religious, moral or social life, they must be said to conceal rather than reveal the authentic face of God and religion...**

... In her loyal devotion to God and men, the Church has already repudiated and cannot cease repudiating, sorrowfully but as firmly as possible, those poisonous doctrines and actions which contradict reason and the common experience of humanity, and dethrone man from his native excellence...

... The Church holds that the recognition of God is in no way hostile to man's dignity, since this dignity is rooted and perfected in God. For man was made an intelligent and free member of society by God Who created him, but even more important, he is called as a son to commune with God and share in His happiness. She further teaches that a hope related to the end of time does not diminish the importance of intervening duties but rather undergirds the acquittal of them with fresh incentives. By contrast, **when a divine instruction and the hope of life eternal are wanting, man's dignity is most grievously lacerated**, as current events often attest; riddles of life and death, of guilt and of grief go unsolved with the frequent result that men succumb to despair...

... **The remedy which must be applied to atheism, however, is to be sought in a proper presentation of the Church's teaching as well as in the integral life of the Church and her members.** For it is the function of the Church, led by the Holy Spirit Who renews and purifies her ceaselessly, to make God the Father and His Incarnate Son present and in a sense visible. This result is achieved chiefly by the witness of a living and mature faith, namely, one trained to see difficulties clearly and to master them. Many martyrs have given luminous witness to this faith and continue to do so. This faith needs to prove its fruitfulness by penetrating the believer's entire life, including its worldly dimensions, and by activating him toward justice and love, especially regarding the needy. What does the most reveal God's presence, however, is the brotherly charity of the faithful who are united in spirit as they work together for the faith of the Gospel and who prove themselves a sign of unity.

**Print copies of the full chapter are available at the entrance of the church.**

**Food Pantry Necessities**

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Pet foods are frequently in demand, and clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. Items may be left in a bin at the entrance of the church.

**Humbly asking for your prayers**

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oullette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kevin Normandeau, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Joe Wolfekuhle, John Miller, Caroline Hummel, Eliana Olsen.

*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 July**

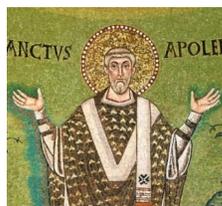


**Social Friendship:** We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**Please pray for our seminarians!**

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

**SAINTS THIS WEEK...**



**St. Apollinaris**, Bishop and Martyr (July 20)

*"Christ is the first-born of every creature and the whole of humanity, as well as the created world, finds its foundation and meaning in Him."*

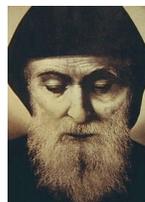
**-St. Lawrence of Brindisi**, Priest and Doctor of the Church (July 21)



**St. Mary Magdalene** (July 22)

*"The world would have peace if only men of politics would follow the Gospels."*

**-St. Bridget of Sweden**, Religious (July 23)



*"Their buildings rise, their morality sinks. Their worldly goods increase, their values diminish. Their speeches multiply, their prayers grow scarce.... An edifice based on man may well rise, but it ends up crushing him."*

**-St. Sharbel Makhlouf**, Priest (July 24)

**Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Vigil of The 16th Sunday in OT*

Deceased Members of the Parish Community

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

*16th Sunday in OT*

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

**Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Special Intention r.b. Katie Devlin*

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT

Antiphon:

*See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

Collect:

*Show favor, O Lord, to your servants  
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,  
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,  
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.*

Readings:

Jer 23:1-6  
Ps. 23:(1)1-3,3-4,5,6  
Eph 2:13-18  
Mk 6:30-34

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

896 *The Good Shepherd ought to be the model and "form" of the bishop's pastoral office. Conscious of his own weaknesses, "the bishop . . . can have compassion for those who are ignorant and erring. He should not refuse to listen to his subjects whose welfare he promotes as of his very own children.... the faithful ... should be closely attached to the bishop as the Church is to Jesus Christ, and as Jesus Christ is to the Father":*

*Let all follow the bishop, as Jesus Christ follows his Father, and the college of presbyters as the apostles; respect the deacons as you do God's law. Let no one do anything concerning the Church in separation from the bishop.*

## PARISH ACTIVITIES



**SAINT PAUL**  
+ STREET EVANGELIZATION +

**Saint Paul Street Evangelization**  
At the Farmers' Market

**Ronan:** Thursdays  
Please call Linda Dorrington  
(406-596-1460) for more info.

**Polson:** Fridays  
Please see sign up sheet in the sacristy.



### Knitting Group



Knitters and Crocheters meet in the parish hall of Immaculate Conception on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact Julie Hille at 715-882-2716 for more information. All are welcome!

### Parish Softball

If you are interested in joining our parish summer softball team, come to practice on Sundays at 4:00PM at the Cherry Valley school fields, or contact Luke at (406) 871-6112.



All Sunday homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name *Fr. Kevin Christofferson*.

### ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital  
Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm  
Friday at 9:00 am



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### Parish Offertory Progress Report

*Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>*

**Immaculate Conception**  
\$8,801 of \$170,000 (5%)  
**Sacred Heart/St. Joseph**  
\$887 of \$44,500 (2%)



Weekly  
Offering

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