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Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am
(Chapel)

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Jesus said, “Foxes have dens
and birds of the sky have nests,
but the Son of Man
has nowhere

Luke 9:58

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

Today’s second reading from the letter to the Galatians focuses on freedom. Freedom can mean different things to different people. We pride ourselves in this country on the fact that we enjoy freedom, which is guaranteed by our constitution. To be free, to some people, means that they may do whatever they please. Through baptism, Christians live in the freedom of the children of God. It is the way we use this freedom that is at the heart of the scriptures we hear today. What is central to true Christian freedom is found in today’s second reading. There, Saint Paul writes that “the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Galatians 5:14). Freedom, in the Christian sense, has a forward-looking thrust. It is true that in baptism we are freed from sin, but there is also freedom for something. And that something is love of neighbor.

HOW DO WE SPEND OUR FREE TIME?

The first reading and Gospel for today tell stories about people who want to dwell in the past. Christian freedom means that, once the past is taken care of, we move forward toward a future where we can use our freedom to love our neighbors. Too often we are barraged with advertising that tries to tell us exactly how to use our freedom. We should be spending our free time in shopping malls. We should be freely spending our money on SUVs, boats, larger and larger homes, and the biggest-screen TV. We should be spending our leisure time traveling to exotic places. Christian freedom means something quite distinct from these values, espoused by so many in our society. Today the scriptures call us to use our freedom to make this world a better place for the poor and needy. Today is one of those days when the Christian message is clear, concise, and quite easy to grasp. Putting this into practice is the challenging part for all of us.


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FAITH FORMATION
During the summer please consider if being a faith formation teacher is of interest to you. Our teachers receive a tuition discount, first choice on class time, priority date selection and seating for sacraments AND have the wonderful opportunity to share and learn with the children about our faith. Teaching commitments range from 3-4 hours per month during the school year and teaching materials are provided. We would love to have you join our teaching team. Registration packets for Fall 2019 will be sent via email in mid-July. All Class Schedules are available on our website at www.stperpetua.org

Social Justice Committee: Themes from Catholic Social Teaching
The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. There are seven key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition. We’ll focus on one each week.

Rights and Responsibilities
The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities – to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE
A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

The next 5th Sunday Collection for Outreach will be this weekend June 29/30.
Requested items for the July 13/14 collection:
Please remember these items when doing your own shopping!
Macaroni and Cheese, Rice

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Donation for Carnival Raffle
The carnival committee is looking for donations for the Oktoberfest raffle grand prize. Do you own a vacation home or time share that you’d be willing to donate for a 1 week use? We’re also looking for 2nd and 3rd prize items. If you can help please contact Christoph at the Parish Office.

Hospitality Committee
With the completion of the Community Center it is now time to plan future events. As such, we believe it would be wonderful to establish a hospitality committee. If you’d be willing to assist with this please contact Christoph at the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic
Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Reach out and invite a friend or neighbor to explore membership in the Roman Catholic Church. Meetings will begin in late August and intended for those who were baptized in another Christian denomination, but who are no longer formally affiliated with it, and for those who are not baptized, but are seeking answers to life’s important questions. Please contact Christoph for more information.

Friendly Manor Lunches Volunteer Opportunity
Friendly Manor is a drop-in place of respite serving homeless women. There are showers, laundromat facilities, ability to take a nap, hot coffee and pastries along with the availability of counseling. On the 4th Friday of each month, a small group of people from St. Perpetua go to Friendly Manor and serve lunch to the women offered by that agency. If you are interested in finding out more about the 4th Friday lunch or are interested in possibly helping out, please contact Karen Kalvass at (925) 284.8130 or krkvolunter@gmail.com.
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Sheesh. You teach this section of Luke’s gospel for years, and then you read a great commentary by Daniel Hamm, SJ and see everything differently. Scripture endlessly bubbles up with unexplored nuances and insights. We should never let a difficult passage go until it blesses us.

The Samaritans in the north and the “Jews” in the south—a strange distinction, since the Samaritans were Jews too—had been estranged for centuries before Jesus, James and John attempted to pass through their land on the way to Jerusalem. The reason is that the Jerusalem Temple was a huge source of revenue for the south, since the book of Deuteronomy required all Jewish men to travel three times a year “to the place where God shall choose” (16:16).

But the Samaritans always read that passage as their own sacred location of Mount Gerizim, and they resented Jews traveling through to Jerusalem. The south benefitted spiritually and economically from all those travelers, and the north felt left out of the promises of the Torah that were originally meant for them.

The Eastern Orthodox church in our neighborhood has a sign outside: Teaching the truth for two thousand years. That’s to remind Roman Catholics that they are the original descendants of the faith hijacked during the schism of 1054.

Hard feelings abound everywhere when it comes to who got there first. We only have to look at the street names in our cities—Huron, Cherokee, Osage—to remember the First Peoples. The devastation of that encounter is only now coming to the surface. During next years’ NBA championships you could bring up the Warriors to the fans in Oakland, but I wouldn’t recommend it.

What “rightful ownership” has been hijacked from you in your life?
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• 70th Birthday
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We will be celebrating on Sunday, August 11

Stay tuned for more details

If you would like to be on the planning committee call Wendy in the Parish Office at 283-0272.