

*St. Rose and St. Cyril
Parishes*

Prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings,
who seeks his strength in flesh,
whose heart turns away from the Lord.

He is like a barren bush in the desert that
enjoys no change of season, but stands in a
lava waste, a salt and empty earth.

Prophet Jeremiah

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose hope is the Lord.

He is like a tree planted beside the waters that
stretches out its roots to the stream:

It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves
stay green;

in the year of drought it shows no distress,
but still bears fruit.

Response

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

First Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead,
how can some among you say there is no
Resurrection of the dead?

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ
been raised, and if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is vain; you are still in your sins.

First Corinthians

Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel of Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

Gospel of Luke

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.”

Gospel of Luke

“Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!

Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry.”

Gospel of Luke

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

Missionary Discipleship

If we build it,
they will come!

Field of Dreams

Ray Kinsella – Iowa Farmer



“If you build it, he will come.”



“Ease his pain”



John Kinsella

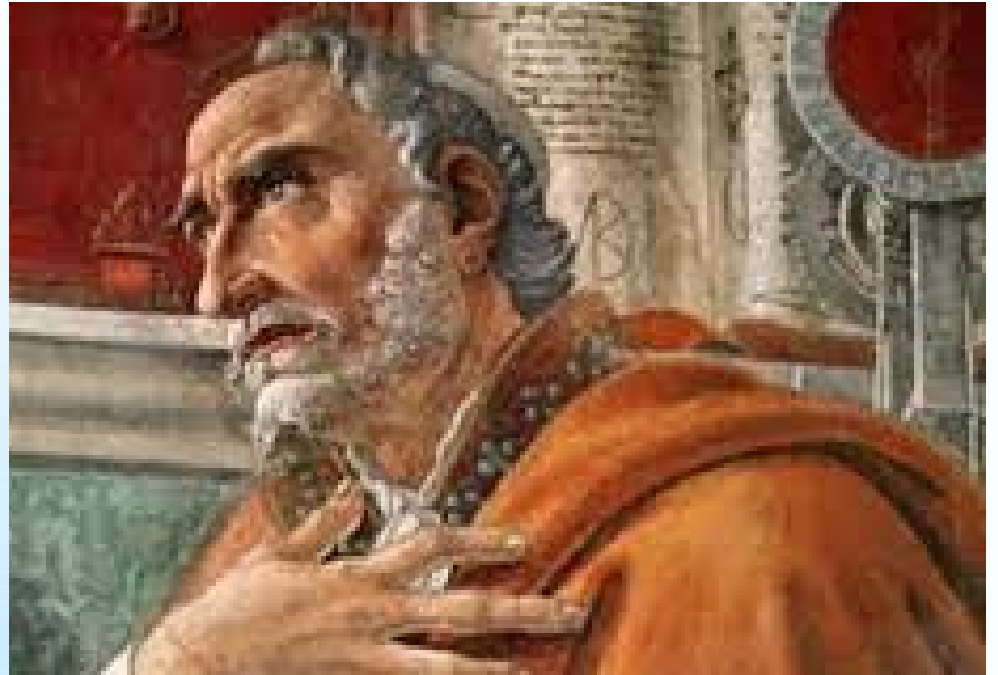


Reconciliation



The analogy limps, but . . .

St.
Augustine



“You have made us for yourself,
O Lord, and our heart is restless
until it rests in you.”

Suicide Rates – CDC

- 30% increase since 1999
- More than 47,000 in 2017
- Another 1.4 million attempted suicide
- The rate has spiked for aged 15 to 24

Missionary Disciples

are

Disciple *Makers*

That process is called –

Evangelization

“New Evangelization”

- ❖ Renewal of faith in a way that attracts others to our Lord –
 - Ultimately transforming our culture with the love of the Lord and His teaching

Pope Francis

Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)



“The primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus, which we have received, the experience of salvation, which urges us to even greater love of him.”

St. John Paul II



“It is more necessary than ever for all the faithful to move from a faith of habit . . . to a faith which is *conscious* and *personally* lived.”

Evangelization is the Church's
essential mission

Evangelization challenges us –

- to a deeper *conversion* to Christ
- to live our *faith* more fully, and
- to *invite* others to faith

In other words, we must **be**
Christ to the world

- We must **be** Christ to our families
- We must **be** Christ to our co-workers
- We must **be** Christ to our friends
- We must **be** Christ to everyone we
meet

Moving from Maintenance to **Mission**

A Parish in maintenance merely

Sacramentalizes

A Parish in “mission”

Evangelizes

So that it can better

Sacramentalize

The operative words of New
Testament discipleship are
learning, struggle, and growth

General Directory of Catechesis

There are four steps to
making disciples

1. Pre-Evangelization

- Prepping the soil by removing obstacles
- The parable of the sower – eliminate anything that might keep the seed from “taking root”
- This happens best through personal relationships
- At a minimum, it requires a welcoming culture throughout the parish

In other words –

Evangelization must begin with
the people in the pew

2. Evangelization

The proclamation of the “*kerygma*”

3. Catechesis/Discipleship

- Catechesis – religious education
- But there must be more than catechesis
- Discipleship involves development of full spiritual, intellectual, and human potential

4. Apostolate

- A disciple should be given an opportunity to discern his/her charisms – gifts
- A disciple needs assistance in discerning how to put those gifts at the service of the Church

A disciple-maker *invites*
and is willing to be
a *companion* on the journey

Personal invitation is
a powerful force

The process is simple –

But it isn't easy

Living as Missionary Disciples

“Complete trust in the
Holy Spirit is essential”

If there is to be salvation,
there must be *sacrifice*

Lenten Questions

How do I show that I am a *joyful* Christian in my daily life?

What small step can I take toward becoming a better witness of Jesus' love?

Parish Lenten Mission

April 8, 9 and 10

St. Theresa of Calcutta

“God does not ask us to be successful, but rather, to be faithful.”



“Be Not Afraid”

Matthew 28:20

“I am with you always.”

Please Pray!