



Holy Rosary Edmonds

16 SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

JULY 18/19, 2020

A Letter from Fr. Vincent

Dear Parishioners,

We think we live in tumultuous and unstable times. Well, St. Benedict certainly did as well. St. Benedict was born in Norcia, Italy in 480. This was when the stability and security of the Roman Empire was crumbling. Benedict, the son of a government official, was sent to Rome to be educated as a government official like his father. However, experiencing the corruption and self-indulgent decadence of Rome, Benedict fled Rome to Subiaco where he began to lead a solitary life of prayer and work. Soon others were attracted to his holiness and spirituality, and it was at Subiaco that he founded several monasteries, which he called “Schools of the Lord’s Service.” Eventually Benedict went to Monte Cassino, near Naples, where he founded his last monastery and it was there that he wrote his famous Rule.

The life and times of St. Benedict are instructive. Benedict was fleeing from corruption and self-indulgent decadence and so were many other people. They were looking for something more. It was in this environment which God led Benedict to create a structure for himself and others to live the Christian life of virtue, a “school of the Lord’s service” in the midst of corruption, decadence, and instability. Our times are becoming increasing more unstable and corrupt, and the institutions that we formerly looked to for stability have become corrupt and unstable. Where do we turn for answers, truth, and stability? We turn to the same place Benedict turned in the early 6th century. As his world was unraveling, Benedict turned to his faith in Jesus Christ.

The “School of the Lord’s service” was inten-

tional. Benedict designed a way of life with its own inner logic and dynamic that would foster a right relationship with God and others. We are historically in a similar space as Benedict and are asking the same questions of how to go about living a life of virtue in the midst of instability, how to create “schools of the Lord’s service” as individuals, families and communities. Another word that can describe what Benedict created for himself and others is discipleship; the Lord’s service is discipleship. Discipleship was the thrust of our Pastoral Plan which we launched in January, but things have changed dramatically since January. We live in a pandemic world with spiraling social and political unrest.

Drawing inspiration from St. Benedict, here are a few suggestions on how we might deal with the tumult and instability of our day:

Benedict left the corruption and decadence of Rome. We have to put ourselves in a good space/place, outside of toxic environments and influences where we can create a space, a Subiaco, to listen to the voice of Christ and to discern how to act. Like Benedict, we have to protect the mental and spiritual air we breathe, what goes into the sanctuary of our mind, heart and body. This is to achieve a certain purity of heart that our Lord indicates is necessary for entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven. This is why I have been suggesting the 50/50 challenge: however much time you spend on social media, give the same amount of time to prayer

Benedict went to Subiaco. Any lasting change has to come from the inside, which is personal conversion. Benedict reformed himself and his interior life before he even began starting instructing others and writing his Rule. Subiaco was the

Mass

Mon-Sat 8am
Tues 5:30pm
Vigil Sat 5pm
Sun 8am, 10am,
12am

Please continue to
register for
Sunday Masses.
See website or
call parish office.

Mass Livestream

(See website)

Sunday Vigil, Sat 5pm
Recording may be
watched at any time.

Confession

Mon-Fri 7:30-50am
Sat 4:30-4:50pm

Parish Office

Phone (425)778-3122
Now open limited
hours!

Parish School

Phone (425)778-3197



*“We do not know
how to pray as we
ought,
but the Spirit
himself intercedes
with inexpressible
groanings .”
Rom 8:26*

Adoration Mass Intentions Faithful Departed

The Church is open:

Mon-Sat 7:30am-9am
Tues 4:30pm-6:30pm

Mon 7/20 Chandler Minutillo †
Tues 7/21 8am Rhoda Biefeldt †
5:30 pm Steve Fry †
Wed 7/22 Bob Scmidt †
Thurs 7/23 Augie Zampardo †
Fri 7/24 Wayne Kelln †
Sat 7/25 Joseph Linehan †

Let us pray for:

**Agnes Meanor
Elizabeth Heims**

Fr.'s Letter Continued . . .

the place of conversion and inner light for Benedict. What is our Subiaco?

Benedict walked away from a job of public service to the Empire and instead chose to serve Christ. We have to realize, as Christians, that this world is not our permanent home. The politics, government, institutions, organizations and movements of this world are flawed, human, and subject to corruption. For this reason Christians do not give absolute allegiance to anything other than Christ, the Gospel, and His Church “This world is passing away” and Christ’s kingdom “is not of this world.” Are there things that we need to walk away from in order to follow God?

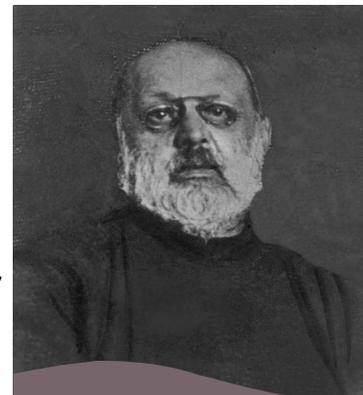
In Christ,
Fr. Vincent

Saint Spotlight: St. Albert Chmielowski

St. Benedict is not the only saint to have given up a promising career for the sake of the Kingdom. Adam Chmielowski was born in 1845 into a wealthy family. As a young man, he fought for Polish independence from Russia and lost his leg. In the wake of the uprising, he had to live in exile, and while abroad, discovered a great gift for painting. He studied and became an popular and acclaimed artist.

When he returned to Poland, Adam Chmielowski appalled by the conditions of the poor. While painting a portrait of Christ (the one to the left), Adam realized that Christ demanded all of him and not only part. He gave up his career, became a Third Order Franciscan (Br. Albert), and moved into the homeless shelter where he volunteered. He worked with and among the poor until his death.

Pope St. John Paul II wrote a play about his life, “The Brother of Our God.” A film version is available on FORMED.



“I look at Jesus in His Eucharist. Could his love have provided anything more beautiful? If he is bread, let us too become bread...let us give ourselves.”



Upcoming Events

- July** Online VBS continues
- July 19 Noon Mass** 1st Communions
- July 22 11am** Funeral Mass for Sharon Kulfan
- July 22 7pm**— Adult Confirmations
- July 27 7pm** — Zoom Study on the Rule of St. Benedict (see website)



Project Rachel
THERE IS HOPE AFTER ABORTION.

“The light never goes out for us; it only hides behind the clouds of our present situation. The Holy One is just as present with us in our dark times as in our well-lighted ones.” - Joyce Rupp, Little Pieces of Light

Fall 2020 Rachel’s Vineyard Healing Retreat Schedule

September 18 – 20
23 – 25 octubre, en español
November 13 – 15

Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation.
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Needed Items:

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| Dish Soap | Cookies |
| Laundry Soap | Muffin Mix |
| Cup o’Noodles | Kleenex |

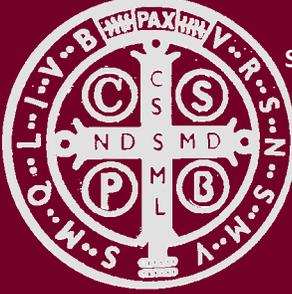
Monetary donations are always appreciated to help those struggling with bills or rent.



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Annual Catholic Appeal

We are ALL in this together! Your Parish Matters and Makes a Difference

Parish Update:
312 Families have pledged \$131,323 (70% of our goal).



The Rule:
An Online Study of St. Benedict’s Spiritual Classic

Join fellow parishioners for a 4 week discussion series. See the Parish Website Events for more information!