

SAINT MARGARET PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Christ's One and Eternal Sacrifice was and is for all humanity. With each Mass offered at the Altar, we give thanks that Christ offers His Sacrifice, keeping close to His Sacred Heart the following:

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY, JUNE 29, FATHERS DAY NOVENA
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, VICTOR VOCELKA +
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, FATHER VICTOR SZCZUREK
THURSDAY, JULY 2, MARLENE & ALEX VERDUCI
FRIDAY, JULY 3, JOHN STURKIE +
SATURDAY, JULY 4, PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

NEW MASS TIMES

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at **6pm**
Tuesday and Thursday at **8am**
Saturday at **6pm**

Sunday **7:30am** (Latin), **9:30am**, **11:30am**
CONFESSIONS

Saturday 5:15pm-5:55
Sunday 8:30am-11:30am

State guidelines require wearing of a face mask in public buildings and that no more than 100 people be in attendance during a church service.

SAN DIEGO ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Our Parish is having our annual Blood Drive on **Sunday, July 19, 2020** from **8:00am to 1:00pm** in the parish parking lot. You can register and schedule your appointment time online by visiting:

https://www.mysddb.org/donor/auth/signin/signed_out

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

THIS WEEKS GOSPEL MEDITATION

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:37-42



Christ tells his representatives, his delegates, the Apostles, and those who succeed them, that they must be prepared to undergo great sacrifices, even death itself, if called on to do so for the sake of Christ. Even though they had only a very vague idea then of what he meant, when the time came, they remembered his words and gladly suffered imprisonment, hardships, and finally martyrdom for Christ. This shows how the resurrection of Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit on them, changed them from worldly weaklings into fearless heroes. They had become convinced that Christ was the Son of God who had come on earth to bring all men to heaven.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28TH, 2020

The Church's opening prayer for the 13th Week in Ordinary Time, which will carry us through the upcoming week, is worth reflecting upon: "O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen"

To be a witness to the "bright light of truth", implies we can judge wisely between good and evil. To refuse to engage the Holy Spirit's gift of Right Judgement would imply we do not care about distinguishing truth from falsity, that there is no difference between being "wrapped in the darkness of error" or standing "in the bright light of truth".

But the Holy Spirit's gift of Right Judgement allows us in every situation or circumstance to see our surroundings and those around us with fresh eyes. Prejudice distorts our vision of God and His world. It stifles the work of the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Within this context, when we prejudge someone based on irrelevant criteria such as language, culture, race, education, career etc., we effectively say we do not want to see "them" sharing the same dignity of being made in the image and likeness of God as "us".

I know firsthand how difficult it is not to prejudge people and their cultures. I grew up in Northern Ireland where religious, political, and cultural prejudices were very much ingrained into the daily fabric of society, even passed down from one generation to another for hundreds of years. It affected what neighborhood you could live in, the type of job available to you, and the type of

sport you might engage in. I was part of a generation who remember well what it was like to live daily life within what many called a "military and police state" where checkpoints and soldiers on the streets were commonplace.

Too often, there is a "muscle memory" that we have all inherited that unfairly haunts us. Events, behaviors or sights and sounds can easily trigger a personal or collective history of discrimination, abuse, neglect or warfare that one may never really have healed from - "a thorn in the side", to borrow a phrase from St. Paul.

Yes, we should discriminate when it comes to ideas and actions, but not against individuals. And we should continually pray that the Holy Spirit will always guide us towards Right Judgement. When we reflect on the opening prayer the Church gives us for this coming week, we can also remember the words a famous preacher once remarked, (in the language of the 1960's) that "the good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human, and therefore brothers."

May our Blessed Mother Mary be able to look upon all her children's faces and see reflected back to her, the recognizable face of Christ, the Prince of Peace, who will judge us rightly in the spirit of justice and mercy.

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