October 4, 2020

The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

- Mon–Fri: 8:15am
- Wednesday: 2:15pm (school Mass)
- Saturday: 5:30pm
- Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am
- Holy Days: 8:15am, 7:00pm

Reconciliation

- Friday: 8:45-9:30am
- Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm

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- Friday: 8:00-2:00pm

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- Monday–Friday: 8:00-3:30pm

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This past week in Grow Group we took a deeper look at the United States Bishop’s document addressing racism, “Open Wide Our Hearts.” The bishops first define and acknowledge racism, and then address racism with the three-part directive in Micah 6:8 — Do Justice; Love Goodness; Walk Humbly. The bishops also put together a study guide which provides some excellent personal reflection questions. Here and now I’d like to share some of what they say, my own reactions, and some reflection questions which I find helpful.

The bishops define racism as “when — either consciously or unconsciously — a person holds that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard.” I think the “unconsciously” part is very important. Most of us do not consider ourselves racist. . .but what if subconsciously or unconsciously we believe our race is superior? The bishops acknowledge that our upbringing leads us to thoughts we don’t even think of as racist, but which are. Our cultural upbringing may explain prejudice, but it does not excuse it.

**Reflection Question:** What generalizations do I make about different ethnic groups?

The bishops also recognize that racism is often about what we don’t do: “too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice.” It’s difficult to know what to do when we encounter racism, either in ourselves or in others, but to do nothing and remain silent is not ok.

**Reflection Question:** When have I seen racism and done nothing? What might I have done differently?

Justice means making sure each person is accorded their rights, and human rights come from the dignity of being created by God in His image. Society is meant to safeguard fundamental rights, not to define them. The bishops acknowledge that “[d]espite significant progress in civil law with regard to racism, societal realities indicate a need for further catechesis to facilitate conversion of hearts.” The bishops also recognize that even if our laws are not explicitly racist, they remain too often implicit: “Many of our institutions still harbor, and too many of our laws still sanction, practices that deny justice and equal access to certain groups of people.”

**Reflection Question:** What rights are not respected equally for people of different race?

With respect to loving goodness, the bishops ask if our attitudes and actions lead to the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If not, we are failing to love goodness.

**Reflection Question:** Do my attitudes about race produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit in me?

Finally, we must all walk humbly in our efforts to overcome racism in ourselves and in our society. This requires acknowledging sin, both past and present, and asking forgiveness. It requires being open to learning and admitting what we don’t know. It requires being open to new relationships, and to encountering people who are different from us. Humility requires willingness to change structures, and to change ourselves.

**Reflection Question:** Am I willing to admit fault, to admit prejudice, to admit ignorance, and to change?

Blessings to Jayden Pham and Luke Shrum, who were baptized this weekend!

Funeral services will be held this week for David Hughes. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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**THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY**

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<th>Sunday, October 4th</th>
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<td>Thursday, October 8th</td>
<td>9:00-12:00pm — USDA Food Boxes at Beaverton Foursquare parking lot</td>
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<td>6:00-7:00pm, Church — Holy Hour of Adoration</td>
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Hello everyone! Ah, October! One of my favorite months! Did you know that in addition to the turning of the seasons and the coloring of the leaves — not to mention Halloween! — October is also national pizza month! I mean, need I say more? *(actually, no, but I suspect you’ll keep right on going anyway…)* Quiet, Fr. Hans!

Okay, once more I have some humorous COVID-19 internet memes for you, courtesy of one of our parish’s finest. Wouldn’t it be amazing if this was the last time I did a column on COVID-19, at least in the present tense? Here you go; feel free to ponder these during Fr. Hans’ homily. Just don’t laugh aloud; he tends to be a bit sensitive…

◊ You never realize how antisocial you are until there’s a pandemic and your life doesn’t really change that much.
◊ *(sign outside a bar):* Education is important, but opening the pubs is importanter!
◊ Had I known in March that it was the last time I would be in a restaurant, I would have ordered the dessert.
◊ My cat just came home with 24 bags of kitty litter. Time to stop this nonsense.
◊ So, in retrospect, in 2015 not a single person got the answer right to, “Where do you see yourself in five years?”
◊ When this virus thing is over with, I STILL want some of you to stay away from me.
◊ So for Season 2 — I mean, the second wave — can we switch quarantine partners, or are we stuck with the same ones from Season 1?
◊ It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it’s going to take a whole vineyard to homeschool one.
◊ *(This is my favorite, by far!)*: If you want to save money this Christmas, now’s the perfect time to tell the kids that Santa didn’t make it through the pandemic.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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<td>+Bill Dilts, Jr.</td>
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**PARISH FINANCES**

For the Weekend of September 26–27

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**HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER**

The Laity’s Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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<td>Gal 3: 6-10a</td>
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* Brett’s Two Cents *
For kids, teens, AND adults, because even grown-ups have stuff to learn!

**Family Faith Reflections**

**Religious Ed. & Sacramental Prep.**

Chris Storm – cstorm@htsch.org

**Updates!** For the latest on First Communion and Confirmation and to get on our mailing lists, visit h-t.org/first-communion & h-t.org/confirmation.

**The Saints You Need Right Now**

We’ve all got a lot on our minds these days, but it helps to have someone to talk to. If you need a lifeline, you can send a prayer up to one of the saints. Just say his-or-her name, followed by “pray for us.” Easy as that!

- **Wi-fi problem?** St. Isidore, patron saint of the Internet
- **Struggling students?** St. Thomas Aquinas, “the Dumb Ox”
- **Struggling teachers?** St. Paul, apostle who had to teach people from a distance
- **Stressed out?** St. Dymphna, patron saint of mental health
- **Pandemic worries?** St. Corona, patron saint of protection during outbreaks of disease
- **Too much to do?** St. Padre Pio, a bilocator
- **Bored?** St. Antony the Great
- **Tired?** St. Lazarus
- **Job problems?** St. Joseph of Nazareth
- **Impatient?** St. Kateri
- **Guilty conscience?** St. Augustine
- **Family problems?** Mother Mary
- **Kids driving you crazy?** St. Monica
- **Lonely?** Blessed Margaret of Castello
- **Bad habit?** St. Dismas
- **Money worries?** St. Francis of Assisi
- **Angry?** St. Jerome
- **Car problems?** St. Christopher
- **Sad?** St. Drago
- **Hungry?** St. Nicholas
- **Facing temptation?** St. Michael the Archangel

**For What It’s Worth: Thoughts on Faith**

Erin Nieves – erin@h-t.org

Are we living in a dream? This has been said by more than one parishioner friend that I have spoken with. If it’s a dream, it’s a BAD one! Kidding aside, we are living in unbelievable times. We’re not alone in what we are sensing.

Last weekend, thousands of Christians gathered in Washington D.C. and literally millions more watched by simulcast. Sensing the need for God’s intervention and help, the faithful gathered to ask God’s forgiveness for all the ways that we have turned our back on God. Have acted in ungodly ways. We have a lot to be sorry about personally and collectively. The goal? To get God’s attention. To turn His head in our direction and to repent so He hears our cries for help.

A lot is at stake this fall. Should America fall into chaos, the rest of the world will fall with it. With the riots and violence and division in our nation, we need God to intervene in a big way. First, turn to Mary, God’s mother and ours, asking her to intercede for us. **EWTN has a Novena to the Mother of God for the Nation.** I have a copy of the e-Book if you want it.

I know groups that are praying a daily rosary for this intention, and I have seen other prayer groups online doing the same. What else to do? Pray and Fast! Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. May God hear our prayers and answer us! Mother Mary pray for us. Amen +
The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship — Part Two: Making Moral Choices & Applying Our Principles

The USCCB’s second summary considers how we apply our principles and social teachings to the act of voting and taking positions on various policy issues.

Evaluating Candidates & Practicing Civil Dialogue

In Forming Consciences, Catholics are reminded that we are called to engage in civil dialogue, especially when “discourse is eroding at all levels of society.” We must “strive to understand before seeking to be understood, to treat with respect those with whom we disagree, to dismantle stereotypes, and to build productive conversation in place of vitriol.”

Civilize It is a Catholic, non-partisan call to make room in one’s heart for those with whom you disagree and engage in respectful dialogue with each other. It can be difficult to evaluate candidate’s competence on issues and make decisions about their character and integrity when living in a culture dominated by “partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype.” The Church calls us to practice “a different kind of political engagement” (no. 14) as we consider the ability of each candidate to advance the common good.

Learn tips for engaging in civil dialogue and take the Civilize It pledge at h-t.org/faithful-citizenship.

October is Respect Life Month! As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During Respect Life Month, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Go online (link below) for ideas to Live the Gospel of Life this month!

The Fall Campaign runs 9/23 to 11/1. Vigil hours at Lovejoy Surgicenter (933 NW 25th Ave.) are Weds. through Sat., 2:00-7:00pm. To learn more, visit 40daysforlife.com/portland.
The Red Cross has increased their safety protocols and are testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an extra health service to donors. Sign up now at redcrossblood.org and enter HolyTrinityBeaverton as the sponsor to see available donation times—there are still several open. Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus for coordinating these lifesaving events!

**Upcoming Blood Drive**

**Tom Stoffel—503.806.1816**

The Red Cross is in urgent need of blood donations!

Holy Trinity is helping to fill that need by hosting a Blood Drive on **Thursday, October 15th from 2:00-7:00pm** in the Fireside Room. The Red Cross has increased their safety protocols and are testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an extra health service to donors. Sign up now at redcrossblood.org and enter HolyTrinityBeaverton as the sponsor to see available donation times—there are still several open. Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus for coordinating these lifesaving events!
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