May 17, 2020

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

**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

**Parish Office**

- 503.643.9528
- www.h-t.org
- **Mon—Thur**: 8:00-4:30pm
- **Friday**: 8:00-2:00pm

**School Office**

- 503.644.5748
- www.htsch.org
- **Monday—Friday**: 8:00-3:30pm

**Community Outreach Office**

- 503.641.1842
- www.h-t.org/outreach
- **Tues, Wed, Fri**: 10:00-12:30pm
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### HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR MAY

**For Deacons**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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Hello everyone! Fr. Dave has been away on retreat this past week, which means all of us in the office have been sitting back, eating bonbons, and catching up on our TV talk shows and soap operas (Fr. Hans is partial to “The Young and the Restless”, after becoming disillusioned with the plot line on “Days of Our Lives”). SO, in place of some actual REAL content, I give you the following deep thoughts, sent to me by one of our parish stalwarts:

✧ I’m on two diets. I wasn’t getting enough food on one.
✧ Apparently, RSVP’ing to a wedding invitation “Maybe next time” isn’t the correct response.
✧ Don’t irritate old people. The older we get, the less “Life in prison” is a deterrent.
✧ Aliens probably ride by earth and lock their doors.
✧ “You will hit every cone on the highway before I let you merge in front of me because you saw that sign two miles ago like I did.” (Oooo! I SO agree with this one!)
✧ I miss the 90’s when bread was still good for you and no one knew what kale was.
✧ Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror, and think, “That can’t be accurate”? 
✧ I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.
✧ Confuse your doctor by putting on rubber gloves at the same time he does.
✧ Me, sobbing my heart out: “ I can’t see you anymore! I’m not going to let you hurt me again.” Trainer: “It was one sit-up. You did one sit-up.”
✧ And here’s my favorite: I picked up a hitchhiker once. He asked if I was afraid he might be a serial killer. I told him the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely.

**Scripture Readings**

**Monday 18th**  
Acts 16: 11-15 | Jn 15: 26—16: 4a

**Tuesday 19th**  
Acts 16: 22-34 | Jn 16: 5-11

**Wednesday 20th**  
Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18: 1 | Jn 16: 12-15

**Thursday 21st**  
Acts 18: 1-8 | Jn 16: 16-20

**Friday 22nd**  

**Saturday 23rd**  

**Sunday 24th**  

**Parish Finances**

For the weekend of May 9-10

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Jesus’ resurrection shows us that death does not have the last word; life does. Christ has been raised, so it is possible to have a positive outlook on every event of our existence, even the most difficult ones and those charged with anguish and uncertainty.
This month, I’m honoring the Month of Mary by revisiting Gospel stories about the Blessed Mother. John’s Gospel includes one of Jesus’ most famous miracle stories — and one of Mary’s moments to shine.

Rather than retelling this story, I thought you might enjoy reading it for yourself. It’s a short and simple read, and I’ve prepared a few questions below to help you “get to know” Mary in the story a little better.

1. **Read** John 2: 1-12 ([usccb.org/bible/john/2](http://usccb.org/bible/john/2))

2. **Consider** the people in this story:
   - Have you ever turned down your mother’s request for help? What was the look on her face? How was her reaction? Did Mary react the same way?
   - After Jesus initially refuses to help (verse 4), Mary stops talking to him and instead turns around and starts speaking with the servers (verse 5). How does your mother let you know that a “conversation” was over?

   - Mary doesn’t tell the servers, “Jesus will fix this,” or “My son will take care of this.” Instead she says, “Do whatever he tells you.” She seems to know that he will do what she asked, even though he didn’t want to. What does that tell you about their relationship? Is she used to his obedience? Does he honor her needs?

   - Jesus seems to be swayed by the words of his mother. Consider the ending of the Hail Mary prayer: “Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us.” What can we tell from this story about Mary’s requests of her son?

   - One final fun note: After Jesus turns the water into wine, the head steward states that it’s better than the wine they had before. What a fun illustration that Jesus’ power is 100% effective! He never does a job halfway. The wine is the best wine, our sins are entirely forgiven, and the life he offers is eternal.

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**Lectio on Life:** *Lectio divina* is using scripture to pray. And when we do this, we enter into a direct conversation with Jesus. Remember Fr. Dave’s easy way of doing this? He uses “3 questions” to begin the conversation. Used to reflect on the scripture we just read, these questions allow us to talk to Jesus about His word for us, and for Him to speak back to us. Now what if we could use this method to speak to God about our life, the things that are happening or the things that are troubling us? Well, we can!

Using **FR. DAVE’S “3 EASY STEPS”,** there are times that we can use this to do *Lectio on Our Life.* To do this, we begin by thinking of something in our lives that we wish to talk to God about. Here’s an example. What if we talked to God about the *coronavirus* and all that has happened in our lives because of it? Begin as we do with all prayer, with the sign of the cross, and begin to reflect on all that has been happening. Think of ourselves, our families, all the elements of our life.

As we think, consider the images that it brings up, the feelings it elicits, all the things that come from our reflecting. Then continue the conversation with Jesus using these 3 SIMPLE QUESTIONS –

- **In what I’ve been thinking about:**
  - **What am I thankful for?**
  - **What am I sorry about?**
  - **What do I ask God for OR what is God asking of me?**

Remember that it is Jesus asking us the questions really. He asks, allowing us to speak with him about the things in our life that are most distressing, painful and frightening, most joy filled, most puzzling, allowing Jesus to bring His light and love to all areas of our life.

When our conversation finishes, simply rest in His holy presence. To close, thank Him for the time, and close with a prayer of gratitude. It could be as simple as saying an **Our Father.** Close with what we began with, the sign of the cross, allowing Jesus to embrace us as we prepare to go on with our day.

**Let’s add this type of Lectio to our prayer, never replacing scripture, but finding one more way of talking to Jesus. Have a great week everybody! +**
**MINISTRY NEWS**

### Faithful Citizenship

**A Joint Column by the HT Health & Social Justice Ministries**

**The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**

**Part One: Our Call as Catholic Citizens**

We will walk through Part One of the USCCB’s two-part summary this month as we vote in our local and primary elections. **This Tuesday, May 19** is Oregon’s Primary Election date — be sure to get your ballot in by 8:00pm!

Catholics Promote the Common Good

“As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today’s environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. **Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church’s moral principles and . . . raise their voices that affect their lives and the common good.**”

Visit [h-t.org/faithful-citizenship](http://h-t.org/faithful-citizenship) to watch the USCCB’s short video “Catholics Promote the Common Good,” and see how faith-inspired action can transform communities.

### Respect Life Ministry

**Gloria Bernard – 503.579.2562 – globernard2@gmail.com**

![Walking with Moms in Need](image)

Join us in the USCCB’s nationwide effort called **Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service**, to assist pregnant moms and families in need. Visit [h-t.org/respect-life-ministry](http://h-t.org/respect-life-ministry) to learn more.

**Did you know?** Help and recovery are available for women and men who are affected by grief, guilt, and trauma after abortion. Project Aurora sponsors Rachael’s Vineyard Ministry retreats in Oregon. For more information, go to [project.aurora.org](http://project.aurora.org) during this year of **Walking with Moms in Need**.

“I was terrified to . . . participate in Rachel’s Vineyard. It seemed safer to remain hiding in the darkness, keeping the pain locked up deep inside rather than to risk exposing my shame to another soul. Now I am grateful to have experienced God’s healing and forgiveness with others in an atmosphere of complete acceptance and trust.” – **Suzanne**

### Community Outreach

**Al Schmitt – 503.641.1842 – communityoutreach@h-t.org**

**Holy Trinity Food Closet is an Equal Opportunity Provider.**

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I have shared a couple of articles with you about the process changes we have made at the Food Closet that allows us to serve the community while still doing all that we can to keep the incredible volunteers safe. Those changes seem to be working well, which is good since I suspect we will follow this process for some time to come. Many of you have contacted me and said, “That’s all well and good, but how’s the food supply?” The short answer is, much like the local grocery stores, OK but not great.

**BC19** (before COVID-19), about 75% of the food we distributed came from the Oregon Food Bank. Over the 8+ years I have been doing this, I learned to pay attention to certain things when ordering through them and managed, for the most part, to keep things relatively stocked. As you would expect, however, their food supply chain, like the grocery stores, has been dramatically impacted and as a result, so has ours. For a few weeks, like the grocery stores, there was not much of anything available. Fortunately our warehouse at the Food Closet was pretty well stocked and we were able to draw down on it. With the backpack program halted, we tapped into those items as well. After a few weeks, like the grocery stores, things began to stabilize a little at the Oregon Food Bank. The variety of products is far more limited than it was, but staples are beginning to appear again. When they do, we try to fill our little warehouse space again.

The Oregon Food Bank believes that the situation will improve in June. That’s when they expect USDA (government supplied) product will begin to arrive. Until then, they are providing us weekly with funds to make local purchases. A great BIG shout out to the Knights of Columbus here at Holy Trinity who, a few weeks ago, asked how they could help. They have turned into an army of shoppers! Each week I provide them with a list of needed items which they fill by going to multiple stores. Rather than wiping out the shelves, they are working with store managers to see what they might have available in cases. So far, so good!

Just like you, we are getting creative in our weekly shopping. And just like you, it’s not great, but it’s OK.

**STAY HEALTHY!**
I continue to love your responses to our weekly photo/story challenges in the bulletin and on Facebook! I hope you’re enjoying them too.

In case you haven’t seen it yet, every week I’m offering a different prompt challenging you to show how you’re making the most of things. Prove that you completed the challenge by emailing me a photo or story (your choice) of you and/or your family doing something that fits the prompt.

Check out what we got from our bulletin readers and Facebook followers for last week’s challenge, which asked you to show off your favorite quarantine dishes. We have some amazing chefs!

This week, your challenge is to send me a picture or story of how your household is finding ways to play and have fun! I can’t wait to see what you come up with.

Nancy Romo made some chocolate-covered marzipan for a delightful sweet treat. Yum!

Yvonne Provines put together a “surf and turf” dish with sirloin, mahi mahi, and roasted potatoes. Beautiful!

Lara Carnovali’s family baked up some awesome tiramisu. So impressive!

Connie Starrett went with a classic pot of chili to warm up the house. Delicious!

Sherry Smith’s daughter made this delectable sweet roll cake. I’d like a piece!

Shelley Hammer cooked a meal featuring a rack of lamb, asparagus, and baked potatoes. Tasty!

Ally Zimmer — ally@h-t.org

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As Catholics, we are called to:
- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God’s creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

**PRAY**

to hear God’s call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

**LEARN**

how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

**TELL**

your local and national leaders to protect creation.

**Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!**