July 5, 2020

The Fourteenth 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

**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
Fourth of July Weekend it is! Those of us with pets do not enjoy the fireworks and are glad when they are all done. Each year I remind myself to be grateful that the booms are not real bombs, and grateful for the men and women who have served our country facing real bombs and danger.

With all our current unrest, I remind myself of blessings we do have in this country and pray daily for our leaders that they will help us become everything we can be. The words from “America the Beautiful” (right) express both the beauty of our land, and the need for God’s continued purifying action.

We received word this week that our local Catholic book and supply store has reopened. Blessings From Heaven is located in downtown Beaverton by the library. Your business will be appreciated after their four-month shut down! You can call them at 503.644.1814 to confirm their hours.

O beautiful for spacious skies  
For amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare of freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw  
Confirm thy soul in self-control  
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness  
And every gain divine!

Let us begin anew from the numerous examples of generous, freely-given love, which in these months have shown us how much closeness, care, and sacrifice are needed to nourish fraternity and civil coexistence. In this way, we will emerge from this crisis stronger.

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PARISH FINANCES  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 27–28

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MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 4th**
- 8:15am: +Joseph Buu Van-Dinh
- 5:30pm: Continued healing for Rachelle Romero

**Sunday 5th**
- 8:00am: +Marie Grommesch
- 9:30am: +Frank Walkiewicz
- 11:15am: Holy Trinity Parish

**Monday 6th**
- 8:15am: +Avelina Encabo

**Tuesday 7th**
- 8:15am: +Paul The Co Ngo

**Wednesday 8th**
- 8:15am: +Regulu Fabricante

**Thursday 9th**
- 8:15am: Peace of heart for Jim Alexander

**Friday 10th**
- 8:15am: +Raul Varela

The flowers for this weekend are in loving memory of Marie Grommesch.
Brett learned to use food to lure Fr. Hans back into his cage, but he got trapped in there too! I was called in to write for the bulletin this week since neither of them could get out.

People often ask me what seminary life at Mt. Angel is like, and saying that it’s a lot like normal college but with more praying doesn’t seem to be a sufficient explanation for most people. We do have classes just like normal college, since we’ll be getting a bachelor’s or master’s degree. The “more praying” comes in with daily Mass and communal prayer a few times a day following the schedule of the Liturgy of the Hours, which is one of the official prayers of the church. At Mt. Angel, the seminary community gathers for morning prayer (lauds) at 7:30am each day and evening prayer (vespers) at 5:30pm each day. The Benedictine monks also gather three additional times for other hours and seminarians can join them, but we aren’t required to attend.

That prayer does make a big difference in our lives though. It helps to bond the community together and strengthens our support of one another. Everyone is facing the same challenges and striving towards the same goal, which develops a strong core of brotherhood throughout our daily lives. These bonds push us to become better versions of ourselves, especially to get back up and try again when we fall short. . .which is frequent, but that’s why we’ve got confession. Although we’re far from being perfect little angels, the community and environment continually direct us back to Jesus and prayer.

One of the other main differences from normal college is that each seminarian is assigned a pastoral ministry for the year. We go out once a week to our pastoral placement to provide service, learn more about that type of ministry, and grow in our understanding of what it means to be a pastor. There are many different types of placement — homeless hospitality care, elderly living home care, helping teach RCIA or leading a youth group, prison ministry, and more.

Last year I was assigned to help teach at a Catholic school. One of my roles was teaching kindergarteners and I was completely blown away by how much energy they have. I’m not sure if the service I provided was all that helpful, but I definitely learned a great deal about channeling that youthful energy into fun and learning rather than chaos. Kindergarten teachers are truly miracle workers.

I also frequently get questions about how long I’ll need to spend in school. If you enter seminary straight out of high school, there’s four years of college (which gets you a bachelor’s degree in philosophy) and four years of theology (which gets you a master’s degree in divinity along with ordination). They also typically have seminarians complete a pastoral year — a year of working in a parish — sometime in the middle of the theology years, for nine years in total.

I completed college first, getting a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering at UC Davis before deciding to enter seminary; because of this, I only need to complete two years of “pre-theology” (which will get me a master’s degree in philosophy) before I get to begin my theology studies. Long story short, I’ve completed one year of seminary and will have six more to go before ordination, God willing.

As a final note, if you want to hear more about my vocation story, check out our YouTube Channel (or click on the ‘Digital Content’ link on the main page of our website) this Tuesday where I’ll give a brief reflection on my process of discerning priesthood. The video will be posted on our Facebook page as well.

**Tristan’s One Cent**

*(Just a penny for my thoughts)*

We pray that today’s families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.
Have you ever had a great teacher? I mean, really great? Continuing with our series of saints from different parts of the world, I’d like you to meet St. Alphonsa, the first female saint from India. She was a teacher who gave all she had to her students — in more ways than one!

Anna Muttathupadathu was born in Kerala, India. Her mother died when she was very young, so she was raised by a foster mother who treated her very harshly. As a child Anna developed eczema, which made her skin sore and blotchy. Later, she fell into a fire and burned her feet so badly that her feet never fully healed.

Although she faced these challenges, Anna had one thing going for her. Her family was wealthy! When she was old enough, lots of men wanted to marry her just for her money. Anna felt like the only man who had ever really loved her was Jesus, so she left her family and joined a Franciscan convent. The sisters there accepted her, and gave her a new name: Sister Alphonsa, which means “she is ready.” She began teaching in the local elementary school, and the students loved her for her cheery personality and joy.

Little did they know that Sister Alphonsa was very sick. She had trouble with her lungs (pneumonia) and her stomach. After an injury, she even suffered bouts of amnesia during which she couldn’t even remember who she was. She grew weaker and weaker, and finally died when she was only 35 years old.

Her students were so sad! They had lost their favorite teacher. But something happened they never expected. One of the students became ill, and no doctor could help her. It looked certain that the little girl was going to die. She wished that her favorite teacher could be there to help, so she said a prayer to Sister Alphonsa. Right away, she was healed! Still today the girls at that school pray to Alphonsa when they get sick, and some of them have been blessed with miracles of healing. In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI named her a patron saint of the sick.

Saint Alphonsa’s love for Jesus was so great that she was blessed with eternal life. Her love for her students was so great that she continued to send them blessings from Heaven!

Have you ever had a teacher like that?

A wise monk I know once said that God imprinted on the universe something so beautiful that we can’t even give names to it. He, (God), sanctified time itself and inscribed the world with this knowledge, giving us the rhythm that marks the holiness. Church gives name to it. In the liturgical regularity the flow of the day goes like this: dusk, dark, dawn, and day. A day begins with the vigil Mass of the day before. In the Liturgy of the Hours, Church marks every hour and day so that we can follow it, and all of it is the life of Christ and His holy ones. Monks and religious live by an *horarium* (Latin for “of the hours”), *every day carefully followed. The community lives by this.*

Another monk I know had this holiness engrained upon his heart. When the communists threw the other monks out of China and imprisoned him for refusing to deny his faith, the cadence of the life he led and kept, connected him to that inscription. He remained in prison and was kept there for 27 years. His fellow monks lost hope and stopped searching, and Brother Peter had “only” Jesus and the Virgin Mary and the calendar he followed. That is how he marked the time. When I talked about ‘anchor’ last week, this is who I thought of. Brother Peter, who, in a world gone wrong, had only the anchor of his faith and the vow he had professed as a Benedictine. Forgive the over simplification. Br. Peter suffered greatly for his faith and called it his vocation. Without the faith, it simply would have been meaningless suffering.

In Br. Peter’s words: “To make a long story short, the past fifty years of my monastic professed life were committed to an exceptional mission and task under peculiar circumstances and conditions. I have carried out consciously or unconsciously, willingly or reluctantly, faithfully or faithlessly, the will of the Lord for me, sometimes common and sometimes uncommon, sometimes clear and sometimes unclear. To my or even to your great surprise, the will of the Lord for me should have been accomplished in my sinfulness, in my weakness and in my lowliness, with my meager strength, with my superficial knowledge. It is not hard to imagine: without the grace of God, without the support of the Blessed Virgin Mary and without the prayers and many various helps of my dear brothers and sisters, present and not present, living and deceased, this would have been completely impossible and would be simply like the Chinese saying: ‘Climbing a tree to catch fish!’”

*May we anchor ourselves as well as Br. Peter did.* +
Happy July 4th!

A national holiday that almost everyone looks forward to, a celebration of our country’s independence. In looking up the history (something I enjoy reading) I was surprised to learn how quickly the resolution passed in Congress. It took all of two days! How times have changed.

I did discover that the use of fireworks and their association with July 4th began the year after the declaration was signed. Yep, the first usage was in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, when ship’s cannons fired a thirteen gun salute in honor of the thirteen colonies. That night, more fireworks were used, including thirteen more rockets. The tradition has stuck ever since.

I do hope you have, and are, enjoying this special weekend. Please take time to pray for peace and liberty for all. Freedom does not come
**Scripture Readings**

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