July 12, 2020

The Fifteenth 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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Mon–Thur 8:00-4:30pm
Friday 8:00-2:00pm

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Sammy (my cat) and I are hoping the last of the 2020 fireworks have been shot off! Most of us with pets do not look forward to the week around the 4th of July, and this year was especially noisy. Sammy spent several nights under my bed instead of curled up with me. On one of the noisy nights he jumped back on the bed about 1:00am and settled in, and then about 30 minutes later kaBLAMMMMMMM. Another huge explosion, and he bolted off the bed. Ahhhhh, gee………

The following is a Litany of Hope based on our readings and my homily from this weekend. Use this response after each line: Lord Jesus, restore your hope in me.

✧ Live with “enduring patience and steadfast expectation” — not a weary defeated waiting, but a throbbing vivid expectation.

✧ We join with all of God’s creation groaning in travail that we might be set free and enter into the full freedom of the children of God.

✧ Human life requires living with many unresolved tensions because we are made for happiness and justice. As a result we need to make peace with “the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable” (Karl Rahner S.J.).

✧ God’s redeeming power is greater than sin! He is rich in love and mercy — non calculating, non-discriminating, bighearted beyond our imaginations.

✧ Even when we don’t see it, God’s grace is at work in our world. His word will not return to him void but accomplishes his work—in his perfect timing (not ours!).

✧ From our perspective God works more like a crock pot than a microwave (or Insta-pot). The history of salvation has been taking root in humankind for literally millennia and will continue without fail.

✧ If we focus only on the seeds that seem to be wasted or unfruitful, we miss the abundance of those that produce 30 or 60 or 100-fold (Gospel this weekend about the seeds and sower).

✧ God works for good in everything for those who love him.

✧ We preach Jesus Christ crucified and raised from the dead! Christians should not be surprised when encountering suffering or the cross — and need to remember our crosses are always intrinsically connected to Resurrection.

✧ Do not give in to discouragement. We are needed as instruments of HOPE.

Blessings to Peregrine Arguelles Kale and Brock Remmers, who were baptized this weekend!

Last week, funeral services were held for Raul Varela. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions**

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Okay, okay — enough of these “educational” columns by Fr. Hans and Tristan. Time to give the people what they’re really hungry for — dumb deacon jokes! (Wait, I meant to say jokes that are dumb by a deacon. Or is it jokes by a dumb deacon? Now I’m confused . . .)

Here we go:

A cowboy walks out of a bar and a second later comes back in, mighty mad.

“Okay,” he growls, “now which one of you sidewindin’ hombres went outside an’ painted mah horse bright red while I was a-drinkin’?”

Nobody answers, so the cowpoke draws his six-shooter and yells, “I said, which one of you mangy polecats painted mah horse red?!”

Slowly one of the cowboys at the bar stands up. He is 6’9” tall, and he pulls a small cannon from his holster.

“I done it,” he growls.

The first cowboy puts his gun back in the holster and says, “Just wanted to let you know the first coat’s dry.”

A mangy looking guy goes into a bar and orders a drink. The bartender says, “No way. I don’t think you can pay for it.”

The guy says, “You’re right. I don’t have any money, but if I show you something you haven’t seen before, will you give me a drink?” The bartender replies, “Only if what you show me ain’t risqué.”

“Deal!” says the guy, and reaches into his pocket and pulls out a hamster. He puts the hamster on the bar, and it runs to the end of the bar, down onto the floor, across the room, up the piano, jumps on the keyboard, and starts playing Gershwin songs. And the hamster is really good!

Pouring the man a drink, the bartender says, “You’re right. I’ve never seen anything like that before. That hamster is truly good on the piano.”

The guy downs the drink and asks the bartender for another. “Money or another miracle, else no drink,” he says.

The guy reaches into his coat again and pulls out a frog. He puts the frog on the bar, and the frog starts to sing. He has a marvelous voice and great pitch. A fine singer. A stranger from the other end of the bar runs over to the guy and offers him $300 for the frog. The guy says, “It’s a deal. He takes the $300 and gives the stranger the frog. The stranger runs out of the bar.

The bartender says to the guy, “Are you some kind of nut? You sold a singing frog for $300? It must have been worth millions.”

“Not so,” says the guy. “The hamster is also a ventriloquist.”

Holy Father’s Intention for July

Our Families

We pray that today’s families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.

Parish Finances

For the Weekend of July 4-5

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Faith makes us walk with Jesus on the roads of this world, in the certainty that the power of His Spirit will bend the forces of evil, subjecting them to the power of God’s love.

4:30 AM - Jul 6, 2020
For Independence Day last weekend, I went looking for an American-born saint to share — and I found two! Damien of Molokai is quite famous, but “behind every great man is a great woman,” and he was no exception.

Father Damien is most famous for overcoming his childhood fear of leprosy (a disease that can cause terrible skin and bone deformities) to minister to the lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. People who contracted leprosy would be banished to Molokai and left there to die. Damien saw how the lepers were abandoned to their fate and voluntarily joined them, becoming an educator, physician, and friend.

Meanwhile, Marianne Cope was a Franciscan sister in New York who had done a little bit of everything: school teacher, principal, hospital administrator. She was sent to Hawaii to help open a new hospital, but discovered a problem there. Some doctors would take advantage of their patients, especially lepers. When a leper came for help, the doctors would take their money — then just kick them out! Sister Marianne put a stop to that abuse, then realized that many of the lepers on Molokai had probably also been mistreated and robbed before their exile.

Marianne led a small group of Franciscan sisters to Molokai. They met Fr. Damien shortly before his death, and decided to keep his ministry alive. They built a school and a hospital and under Marianne’s leadership they transformed Damien’s small ministry into a well-organized, lasting movement. Some of the programs she started in 1888 are still operating today! The King of Hawaii even gave her a medal for her service.

St. Damien had the gift of courage. St. Marianne had the gift of leadership. They both had extraordinary gifts of compassion for some of society’s weakest and most vulnerable people. They embody American virtues!

Their stories also give us some things to consider. Who are the most vulnerable people in our society? What gifts can we bring to their service? And how can we combine our gifts with one another to maximize our impact on the world? At Holy Trinity, we strive to be a community of service. Thank you for being part of it!

“To have courage for whatever comes in life: everything lies in that.” — St. Teresa of Avila

Facing each day with purpose... As Catholics, we face the fact that, though we have been given another day of life, we are not assured of another, and as we lay down to sleep at night, we make our peace with our God before we close our eyes. Nothing is guaranteed. Shouldn’t this demand from us as Catholic Christians to live more fully each day of life that we are given? In the craziness of the times we are living in, shouldn’t we, within reason and with care, live courageously and be signs of hope for our time? Can’t you feel it?

I do not believe in accidents. We have been placed here for a reason. The world, our nation, our community, our family, need us. For every day we are given, we need to get up and face it, asking God what He wants us for today. And we have the tools, for Scripture tells us:

“To be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.” (1 Corinthians 16:13)

“So, we do the good that only we can do. Each moment we are given is grace filled with purpose if we let it be. The Saints all knew this to be true, so let’s be Saints! Our world needs us to be. I know we have it in us, We have been created in the likeness and image of God. It’s in our DNA! +

“God’s love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to abandon ourselves unreservedly, so that we might be molded by God’s grace, even as we cannot see where that path may lead us.” — St. Ignatius Loyola

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Catholic Social Teaching:
The Call to Family, Community, and Participation

“The person is not only sacred but also social. . . Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.”

— USCCB, “Call to Family, Community and Participation”

A key role of the family “is to form persons in love and also to practice love in all its relationships, so that it does not live closed in on itself, but remains open to the community, moved by a sense of justice and concern for others, as well as by a consciousness of its responsibility towards the whole of society.”

— St. John Paul II, The Family in the Modern World (Familiaris Consortio), no. 64

We as Catholics are encouraged “to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. . . Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds.”

— Pope Francis, On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si’), nos. 179, 219

Watch a short USCCB video and learn more at h-t.org/catholic-social-teaching.

Join us in Walking with Moms in Need, a nationwide effort from the USCCB for Catholic parishes and communities to “walk in the shoes” of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances! Learn more at h-t.org/respect-life-ministry, where the Listen to Your Heart brochure is published — it has many great resources to help pregnant women!

Did you know? During this time of continued uncertainty, we are praying for the health, safety, and well-being of all impacted by COVID-19. We especially lift up pregnant and parenting mothers in need as they now navigate even greater challenges. May the Resurrection of the Lord remain our constant source of hope and the cause of all our joy during this year of Walking with Moms in Need.

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
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Scripture Readings

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