July 26, 2020

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Schedule**

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Photo by Ed Cleary
End of July greetings to each of you. I am encouraged when I have heard of couples and families who have found creative ways to get some away-time in this summer. We are so blessed here in Oregon, and to live in a part of Oregon that has so many escapes close to home, without need for flying or for border crossings. My brother and I visited my niece and her family down near the Washington coast last week and it was such a pleasure seeing the roadside beauty and making even a day trip like that. It’s SUMMER!

Our Pastoral Council will resume its service to our parish this fall with new leadership and two new members. Maria Menor is our new chairperson and our new members are Nisha Kolattukudy and Don Hammond. Returning members are Rosemary Schaal, Gary Johnson, Brendan Pavelek, and Chris Bongen. I am grateful to Elaine Workman and Michael Rossman for their service as they exit from the council. This group is responsible for advising me and the pastoral staff of the parish in ways we as a parish can best fulfill our mission to KNOW Jesus personally, GROW in that relationship, and GO forth and make a difference in the world.

And, a surprising update on the Walker Road expansion. We had a meeting with the county this past week and were informed that the phase of the project that would have required the demolition of our current office building has been postponed indefinitely. Hmmmmm. The work on the intersection of Murray and Walker, and of Park Way and Walker, will continue as planned. So, we have shelved plans to build the new office. Thankfully, our current office serves us just fine so this will spare us a lot of work, disruption, and expense.

Blessings to Rysha D’Souza and Elliott Ndriangu, who were baptized this weekend!

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**Scripture Readings**

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**Holy Father’s Intention for July**

**Our Families**

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

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**Parish Finances**

For the weekend of July 18–19

- Offertory: $28,827
- Food Closet: $1,949
- Backpacks/Duffel Bags: $1150
- Additional Gifts: $6,200
Hello everyone! Can you believe it’s already the end of July? The “Corona Summer” is passing swiftly; let’s hope come December we’re not talking about a “Corona Christmas!”

One of the things our family did together this summer was watch the series “The Good Place.” If you’re not familiar, it’s a creative story about the afterlife, and the attempts of four friends to find happiness there. I was expecting it to be silly and disappointing, but I have to admit being won over by the show’s attempt to grapple seriously (and humorously!) with philosophical and ethical questions, all in relation to what it means to live a good life. And while not Christian in its framing, I was often reminded of a central Christian teaching, one that’s often misunderstood by the world around us.

C.S. Lewis states it best, as he so often does, in his book *Mere Christianity*. I offer it here for you to ponder:

“People often think of Christian morality as a kind of bargain in which God says, ‘If you keep a lot of rules I’ll reward you, and if you don’t I’ll do the other thing.’ I do not think that is the best way of looking at it. I would much rather say that every time you make a choice you are turning the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before. And taking your life as a whole, with all your innumerable choices, all your life long you are slowly turning this central thing either into a heavenly creature or into a hellish creature: either into a creature that is in harmony with God, and with other creatures, and with itself, or else into one that is in a state of war and hatred with God, and with its fellow-creatures, and with itself. To be the one kind of creature is heaven: that is, it is joy and peace and knowledge and power. To be the other means madness, horror, idiocy, rage, impotence, and eternal loneliness. Each of us at this moment is progressing to the one state or the other.”

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**Help Shape the Future — Complete the 2020 Census**

Every ten years, the federal government is required to count every single person living in the United States through a census in order to determine how billions of dollars in federal funds, as well as political representation, will be distributed among states and local communities for the next decade.

The 2020 Census will impact how many teachers are hired in our local schools and how many nurses and beds are in our local hospitals. From roads to food assistance, when people are not counted, our communities lose out. The 2020 Census will also determine how many representatives Oregon will send to Congress and how our congressional districts will be drawn. State and local governments also use Census data to redraw state legislative districts.

Though the census count has improved over time, certain populations continue to be “undercounted.” According to our local census officials, we are located in an area within Washington County where they are anticipating a low response rate. The pandemic has added additional challenges this year as well. As of July 20th, Washington County’s self-response rate is 72.6% — let’s make sure we do our part in getting a complete and accurate count of our community! As people of faith, we believe in the divinely given dignity of every person. When we answer the Census and encourage our neighbors to do so too, we declare that we are part of “we the people” and refuse to be excluded from the critical funding and political representation all people deserve.

There are three easy ways to complete it: by phone, by mail, and — for the first time — online. If you haven’t already, head to [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) and respond to the census today!
Family Faith Reflections
Chris Storm – cstorm@htsch.org

The Catholic Church is racially diverse. But it wasn't always that way. Jesus spent virtually all of his public ministry in Jewish cities and villages, since he was born among them and was part of their culture. Therefore, most of the original Christians were converts from Judaism. They were Christians by faith, Jewish by culture, with all the rules, foods, and traditions that come with it.

About ten years after Christ’s resurrection the apostle Paul began a series of missionary trips beyond the Jewish nation, spreading the Gospel message to people of other cultures, especially Greeks and Romans. No one could have predicted his phenomenal success! Within just a few years, the scales had tipped and these pagan-turned-Christian members of the Church became the majority.

Change came hard for those first Christians from the Jewish tradition. Some adopted an attitude of superiority because we came first; others created rules that gave themselves greater rights than the newer Greek and Roman converts. Even some of the apostles (all of whom were Jewish converts) went along with this.

When Paul discovered what was happening, he confronted the apostles who had allowed this. He argued that all Christians become united to Christ through their baptism, and that everyone united to Christ would also be united to one another: “All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free person, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Jesus Christ” (Galatians 3:28). James, one of the apostles, argued that Jesus had followed the Jewish laws, so his followers were bound to them as well. It seemed as if the young Church was about to be torn in two.

Then Peter spoke a few words that settled the matter once and for all. “God made no distinction between us and them,” he said. “On the contrary, we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they” (Acts 15:9-11). The apostles recognized his wisdom, and agreed.

May the Holy Spirit give us to the grace to live up to that ancient tradition, and may everyone searching for faith, seeking hope, and needing love find it here in our community. “Peace be with you” — whoever you are.

For What It’s Worth: Thoughts on Faith
Erin Nieves – erin@l-t.org

Have you heard the expression, “Like a broken record”? You know, the kind that keeps repeating on the turntable, echoing over and over again the same “tiresome” thing? (Boy have I dated myself!) Since the pandemic began, each week seems to present something new and often not good thing to contend with. So risking repeating myself, I will remind all of us that God always has a plan! No only does He have one, but each of us has a part to play in it, a part that only we can do. Thinking that you might trust the words of a Saint more than mine, here is St. Edith Stein:

“Things were in God’s plan which I had not planned at all. I am coming to the living faith and conviction that — from God’s point of view — there is no chance and that the whole of my life, down to every detail, has been mapped out in God’s divine providence and makes complete and perfect sense in God’s all-seeing eyes.”

St. Edith also said, “Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God’s hands, and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child.”

You may be thinking, “Easy for her to say!” Well, St. Edith Stein was a Jewish convert to the Faith during WWII in Germany. A Carmelite sister, she was sent to Auschwitz for being a Jew, and died in the gas chambers there. Makes our lives look a little easier. Using her advice, we need to remember that we are a part of a plan that is much bigger than you and me: God’s plan. We need God and frankly He needs us too: to do our part, the good that only we can do. This is Christ crucified and risen for you and me. We face each day, asking Jesus to show us what we are needed for. As another Saint reminds us, “There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us.”

This is Saint John Paul II. We know what this great Saint endured and lived through in his lifetime. The world needs new Saints. We look to those who have come before us, for their inspiration and their help.

We can do this my friends, always with God’s help. Day by day, we trust that God has a plan that includes each of us. We say yes, striving to do the good that we’ve been given to do, right here and right now! With God’s Grace, we can do this! Amen? Amen! +
**MINISTRY NEWS**

**FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

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

**Catholic Social Teaching: Subsidiarity**

(The Call to Family, Community & Participation)

“A higher level of government or organization should not perform any function or duty that can be handled more effectively at a lower level by people who are closer to the problem and have a better understanding of the issue.” (Catholic Relief Services, “Guiding Principles”)

In his 2017 address to the Conference on Human Development, Pope Francis reminded us that each and every individual has a right and a duty to serve society as a whole. No one can be excluded, and “all peoples should be able to become the principal architects of their own economic and social development” (World Synod of Catholic Bishops, *Justicia in Mundo* (Justice in the World), no. 71). To that end, the state has an obligation to intervene by promoting human dignity, protecting human rights, and developing the common good when it is beyond the control of the individual or private groups (Pope John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, no. 48).

We see this here at HT with our Food Closet. While we can provide food for hundreds each week, there are still thousands more that we cannot support on our own. By collaborating with Beaverton Foursquare and the Archdiocese, we are reducing the level of food insecurity in our community through the USDA Food Box program!

Watch a short USCCB video and learn more at [h-t.org/catholic-social-teaching](http://h-t.org/catholic-social-teaching).

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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**HOLY TRINITY FOOD CLOSET IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.**

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED**

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Several of you have contacted me about the various ways that we distribute food so I thought I would try to summarize where we are at this time. Keep in mind that the methods vary depending upon the time of year, what resources are available and, of course, if there is a pandemic! Flexibility is the key with our focus being on the best available ways we can serve those in need.

First and foremost, of course, is our Food Closet. While our days and hours remain the same (Tue., Wed., Fri. 10:00am–12:30pm), our approach has completely changed. Rather than people coming inside, all serving is done outside. People still have a great deal of choice, but remain in their cars until we have their order ready. Produce, meat, dairy, personal care items, and more are offered on an as-available basis. Options and choices are an important part of this ministry and we work hard at making certain those are available. If you watch the table above you can see that we serve around 400 people each week.

Next, every Tuesday we host a mobile food kitchen provided by St. Vincent De Paul. They are here during our Food Closet hours and give families an opportunity to pick up a lunch or dinner to take home with them. While no one is allowed inside, 250 or more to-go meals are served each week.

Finally, our newest addition is the Farm to Families food box distribution next door at Beaverton Foursquare. Working with the Archdiocese of Portland, each Thursday from 9:00am until Noon (or the food is gone), a refrigerated truck sits in their parking lot where collectively we distribute over 1,000 boxes of food: produce one week, dairy another, a combo box the third. All is provided through a USDA program that benefits local farmers and distributors while feeding hundreds of families in need. This particular program is replicated throughout the Archdiocese and the Beaverton School District (Aloha High School: Wednesdays at Noon). To learn more and for a link to the weekly schedule of locations, times, and type of boxes being provided, visit [h-t.org/usda-food-boxes](http://h-t.org/usda-food-boxes).

As you can see, we have multiple ways we are helping feed the community. If you or someone you know could use some help with food, please utilize any of these or contact me for additional resources.

**Respect Life Ministry**

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Join us in the USCCB’s nationwide effort for 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](http://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? **Global Health Promise** is a Portland-based nonprofit that focuses on the need of mothers who have been trafficked or in prostitution and their children. Visit [globalhealthpromise.org](http://globalhealthpromise.org) to learn more about their work! You’ll find resources on helping human trafficking survivors on our ministry’s webpage, too (see link above).
SEEL Portland (Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life), a ministry of Jesuits West, are offering their 2020-2021 retreat as a fully online experience — and they still have space available!

The Spiritual Exercises, developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola (founder of the Jesuit order), are composed of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices to help people deepen their relationship with God. They present a pathway to deeper prayer, good decisions guided by keen discernment, and an active life of service to others.

The SEEL retreat is based on the adaptation of St. Ignatius’ original Spiritual Exercises and 30-day retreat, inviting people to go through the Exercises with the guidance of a spiritual director over a period of nine months while continuing to live their daily lives.

This year’s online retreat will offer one-on-one spiritual direction twice a month, a two-and-a-half hour monthly retreat, small group sharing/listening, and a book for reflection and prayer. Due to the pandemic, SEEL Portland has greatly reduced the overall cost of tuition, and there is financial assistance available as well. No one will be refused because of financial concerns!

The deadline for registration is this Saturday, August 1st. To register and learn more, visit seelportland.org!

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