August 2, 2020

The Eighteenth 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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New month! Here with our staff we are trying to just take all of the uncertainties day by day and continue to respond fully to the pastoral needs of our community. I am encouraged almost daily by hearing how our mission of KNOW, GROW, GO is being lived out so powerfully by so many of you. We get to hear stories of how parishioners are reaching out to neighbors and bringing hope, concrete help, and just plain friendship. That is the best witness we as a faith community can give. Keep it up, folks!

Tristan has completed his summer internship with us, and we are pleased to know he will continue to be joining us for Masses for the next several weeks since he has chosen to continue living with Fr. Hans until seminary starts later this month. Although many of our usual summer activities were not possible due to COVID-19, he was still able to plug-in well to our community and get a taste of what makes Holy Trinity the warm, vibrant, and engaged community that we are. Continued blessings on him and all our seminarians.

For those of you struggling to make sense of the ongoing violence and destruction in Portland, here is an excerpt from an article summarizing Archbishop Sample’s “Chapel Chat” video from last Friday (7/24):

“‘This all began over the terrible, tragic killing of a man, and initially the outcry against injustice, against racism, was well-placed, and I have been very supportive of the peaceful demonstrations on behalf of justice and against racism,’ . . .

‘But sadly, that’s not what this is about any more,’ he said. . .

Sample, in his video message, emphasized that as shepherd of the city’s Catholics, it is not his place to “get political” and take sides, despite requests via email and mail for him to speak out for one side or another.

Still, he said, checking the news morning after morning, and seeing every night that there was more destruction has been ‘depressing’ and ‘embarrassing.’

‘Who remembers George Floyd any more? Stop and think about that for a second,’ he said.

‘We need to speak the truth in love, and not be afraid to speak up. I think the vast majority of people don’t buy into what’s going on right now, especially with the violence and the destruction of property and “looting.’

Catholics — and anyone, for that matter — should be outraged at the sin of racism, said Sample, but Catholics must be careful, rational and calm, and should avoid ‘virtue signaling,’ instead putting in the work to actually grow in virtue and to turn to Catholic social teaching in response to racism.”

You can watch his full video here: vimeo.com/event/49426/videos/439439173

Blessings to Brooklyn Mossman and Helene Petines, who were baptized this weekend, and to Nicholas Balmforth, who was baptized last week!

Congratulations to Julie Siek and Martin Nguyen, who were married here on August 1st. Huge blessings to you both!

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**Mass Intentions**

| Saturday 1st | 5:30pm | Holy Trinity Parish |
| Sunday 2nd  | 8:00am | +Co Ba Hon          |
|             | 9:30am | +Stephanie Keeler  |
|             | 11:15am| +Nha Dang          |
| Monday 3rd  | 8:15am | Birthday Blessings to Jaime Escobedo and +Maria |
| Tuesday 4th | 8:15am | +Al Vincent         |
| Wednesday 5th | 8:15am | +Carolyn D. Filtz and +Varela and +Carvalho relatives |
| Thursday 6th | 8:15am | Improved Health for Debbie Matthews |
| Friday 7th  | 8:15am | +Joseph Buu Van-Dinh |
| Saturday 8th | 8:15am | +Tony Morano        |

The flowers for this weekend are in honor of Virginia Flores’ 70th birthday!
I just finished up the last week of my summer internship here — the summer’s going by so fast! I’d like to take this last opportunity to write in the bulletin to reflect on my time here and what I’ve learned this summer.

First off, I’ve learned a bit about speaking and preaching. I did a short reflection video each week for the Holy Trinity website while I was here, and I had the opportunity to speak at daily Mass twice, giving Fr. Dave a break from needing to prepare a homily. I still have much to learn, but being able to get into a routine of speaking and the bit of extra practice has made me far more confident in public speaking.

Some of that is due to Fr. Dave’s mentoring, and some is due to weekly homily planning meetings I’ve been attending. Everyone at Holy Trinity wants to give you the best weekend experience possible, so each week there’s a meeting to help whoever is preaching that weekend plan their homily, and so I’ve been able to incorporate some of the advice they’ve given each other into my own preparations.

Another aspect where I’ve done a lot of learning has been in pastoral leadership. Fr. Dave takes properly administrating the parish very seriously and administration was probably the part of priesthood I most dreaded when I entered seminary. Over the summer he’s had me observing meetings in many different contexts and I’ve been able to pay attention to both the content of the meeting as well as his role, and as that sort of thing becomes a little more familiar, it become a little less frightening.

Fr. Dave also had me read a variety of different books on leadership and how to be a pastor, and those have given me an entirely new perspective on the meaning of leading a parish towards intentional discipleship in Jesus Christ. Two important aspects of pastoral leadership that I have a much greater appreciation for are the need to delegate responsibility through community involvement as well as ensuring open lines of communication both between staff members as well as between the parish and all the parishioners.

Finally, I’ve learned about some of the simple reasons that Holy Trinity is such a vibrant parish. The first is the focus on making each weekend special. As I mentioned earlier, there is a weekly homily planning meeting, but in addition to that, they also debrief the previous weekend. This is done to identify any mistakes or simply note where things could have gone better, always striving to improve.

This parish also has a culture that emphasizes welcome and what I like to call “radical availability”: the readiness to drop everything to help out someone else whenever the need arises. I’ve learned this all from Fr. Dave, Fr. Hans, the parish staff, and particularly all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart; I’ve had a marvelous experience at Holy Trinity this summer and the lessons I’ve learned I will remember for the rest of my life.

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Pope Francis
@Pontifex

6:00 AM - Jul 26, 2020

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HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR AUGUST
The Maritime World
We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen, and their families.

PARISH FINANCES
For the Weekend of July 25-26

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This week, I’d like you to meet one of our first American-born saints: Katharine Drexel. Her father was part owner of an international bank (“Drexel Bank”) and his family lived in luxurious comfort. Katharine had a good education and once had to read a book about the mistreatment of American Indians. It sparked in her a desire for restorative justice.

Using her father’s wealth and influence she arranged a trip to Rome and a meeting with Pope Leo XIII. There, she asked him to send missionaries to America to serve and care for the Indians who had been so unfairly treated. His answer? “If it means so much to you, why don’t you go do it?” So she did!

Katharine began by visiting the Dakotas and the Sioux Tribe, meeting with tribal leaders to better understand their lives and struggles. She saw that the reservations lacked good schools, so she used some of her father’s money to open new ones.

Soon Katharine recognized another community that wasn’t getting an opportunity to go to school: African American children. The children of freed slaves were not allowed to join “white” schools, so Katharine began opening schools all across the country just for them.

Eventually Katharine became a sister, establishing an order that would open schools for children that weren’t welcomed in schools anywhere else. Some people didn’t like her work, and some of their schools were attacked — even burned down! Nevertheless, Katharine kept going. She worked with the NAACP to fight for better, safer jobs for black workers. She used her father’s name to get help from Pres. Franklin Roosevelt. Then, she opened the first American college for black students!

Katharine made a few mistakes along the way, but her hard work helped to improve the lives of thousands of children and their families. More than spending money, she spent her own time and her life among people who had been treated unfairly by others. She is an example of the Christian values of generosity and service, and the American values of justice and unity.

May we always work to live up to them as well.

“Quid est veritas?” (John 18:38). These are the iconic words of Pontius Pilate, meaning “What is truth?”. Said as a response to Jesus, Pilate is representative for the powers of the world: harsh, cynical and faithless, and ultimately brutal. Not unlike the secular world we live in, especially today. Pilate is responding to what Jesus has just claimed about Himself, namely this, “for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth”, thus Pilate’s question.

Obviously, this is from Jesus’ trial that will ultimately lead to His crucifixion. Jesus spoke His truth to a world sorely in need of what Jesus was there to offer, also much like our world today. Think of what Jesus told his disciples earlier that evening at the last supper: “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Good for us to be reminded of these words in a world that offers a variety of options, very often, not truth at all. If Jesus is “truth itself” it should be easy for us to judge the veracity of most anything simply by holding it up against the truth of Christ Himself.

The opposites for truths are such things as falseness, invention, misrepresentations, treachery, untruth, lie. These days it’s been difficult to find the truth, especially when looking at things in our world, the news most especially. But as believers in Jesus Christ, we have a way to navigate through this: “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31).

We know or judge something by the fruit it produces. If the end result of the world’s truth is harm, death, violence, injustice, or any other rotten fruit, we have our answer. Read and pray with the Gospel of John and allow this beautiful narrative to paint a profound picture of Jesus to use as our way to find the truth, His truth, God’s truth.

May the words of Christ Himself help us to find His clarity and truth for use in our decision making, our discernment and in our lives, keeping us firmly anchored to Jesus, our Savior. Amen! + Have a great week and may you and your families be well!
Catholic Social Teaching: Economic Life
(The Dignity of Work & the Rights of Workers)

“The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy. All economic life should be shaped by moral principles. Economic choices and institutions must be judged by how they protect or undermine the life and dignity of the human person, support the family, and serve the common good.”

– USCCB, “A Catholic Framework for Economic Life”

As followers of Jesus Christ and participants in a powerful economy, Catholics in the U.S. are called to work for greater economic justice in the face of persistent poverty and social disparity that has its roots in racist policies. A system that tolerates the transfer of great wealth from the poor to the rich is an example of structural sin because the system perpetuates this injustice. Economic life should recognize the fact that we all are God’s children and members of one human family, called to exercise a clear priority for “the least among us.”

Ethical funds allow investors to apply moral values by investing in companies that are socially responsible. In fact, recent studies have shown ethical and sustainable funds to match or outperform traditional funds over the last ten years! Have you made ethical investments?

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

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! While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women. 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? This Thursday (8/6), we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration, when Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a high mountain and was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. May we have courage to shine our light of support to all mothers and fathers who choose life for their unborn babies.

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Last week, I wrote about the various food distribution programs we have. The one with the broadest impact is clearly the Farm to Families program done at our neighbors, Beaverton Foursquare, each Thursday starting at 9:00am. As a reminder, working with the Archdiocese of Portland, Holy Trinity acts as the sponsor church with Beaverton Foursquare being the physical distribution site. We partnered with Foursquare because their lot is ideal for this type of event. They can accommodate hundreds of cars lined up, if need be, much easier than we can here at Holy Trinity. The intent behind having it at this location (and various other churches throughout the Archdiocese) is to make food access easy for the local community. Ideally, all 1,020 boxes that arrive each week would be picked up by families within the general area of Holy Trinity and many of them are. But, just like the Food Closet itself, all are welcome to come get food.

Just last week, for example, I received a call from the Archdiocese asking if it would be OK for someone from Catholic Charities to come pick up boxes for multiple refugee families they are working with. Absolutely! Thirty minutes later a young man arrived in his personal pickup truck and we loaded every square inch with 60 boxes of produce. He let us know those boxes would go a very long way to feeding the hungry families they are serving.

A short time later a St. Vincent De Paul member from St. Pius came in his SUV and asked if he could take eight boxes of produce and eight of dairy to help feed some families they have been supporting. Absolutely! He, too, thanked us on their behalf. (He also offered to bring me some excess donated frozen pizzas they have for our Food Closet. The community shares regularly!)

As I watched the cars go through the lines to get boxes, I recognized some as those we serve at our Food Closet. We encourage them to come. In talking with others they were picking up boxes for their neighbors; some for family members; and yes, many for their own families. On one hand it saddens me to see such great need. On the other, I realize how blessed we are to be able to help in whatever way we can and that we are called to do so: “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35
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