

OUR LADY OF PEACE /St AGNES PARISHES

The Epistle of James Chapter 3) Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition

Taming the Tongue

3 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness. 2 For we all make many mistakes, and if any one makes no mistakes in what he says he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses that they may obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4 Look at the ships also; though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature,[a] and set on fire by hell.[b] 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by humankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening fresh water and brackish? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Two Kinds of Wisdom

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity. 18 And the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

MON JULY 12 THRU FRI JULY 16

Sat 7/17 OLP5:00pm Priests & all Religious

Sun 7/18 OLP 10:30am Father's intention

St Agnes 8:30am Danny Wosick

Check out this website: <https://www.piercedhands.com/100-ways-serve-church/>

Ways to Support Your Parish Priest and your Parish

Pray - Pray a daily Rosary for your parish priest and encourage others to pray with you. Contact your priest and let him know that you are supporting him through prayer.

Live in Unity - Take an active role in your parish community. Attend at least one daily Mass during the week. Become a good steward by offering your gifts of time and talent. Attend parish sponsored events and/or support your parish Financially.

Manage Your Expectations- Remember your pastor and parish priests are only human and while they would like to be present to support all parish happenings and family celebrations, this may be impossible. Be accepting of your priests. Recognize their individual gifts to the parish. Help your priests by informing them of illnesses and special needs within your community.

Avoid Gossip - Come to the banquet of the Lord with a positive attitude and avoid negative talk that may only lead to misunderstandings. Be mindful of how you speak about your parish priest with others, especially around children. If you have a disagreement with your parish priest that cannot be resolved through prayer, honestly and respectfully discuss it with him in private.

Appreciate Your Priests - We all need positive encouragement and priests need affirmation too. Tell your priest when you enjoy a homily. Thank him for bringing Jesus to you. Drop him a note or card to thank him for his dedication to the Lord and the Catholic Church.

Encourage Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life - Help your priests by praying for an increase of vocations. Teach your children and grandchildren to be open to the Holy Spirit and invite young men and women to consider religious life as a vocation. Encourage and support vocations by spiritually adopting a seminarian. Volunteer your time with the youth of your parish. Prayerfully support the programs offered by the Office of Vocations.

Support the Bishop-Be Obedient - Be a good and faithful steward of the Catholic faith by respecting and supporting decisions from the Bishop and the Pope. By respecting the authority of the Pope and the Bishop, you are helping make the job of your parish priest easier. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; in all ways be mindful of Him, and He will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). God's ways are higher than ours. Isaiah 55:8-9 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As the heavens are above the earth, so are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts"

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