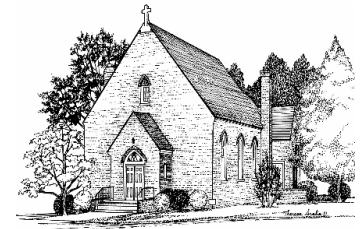




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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time July 19th, 2020

Dear friends:

In the Old Testament Book of Esther, Mordecai refused to violate his beliefs and bow down to the royal official. This resulted in all the Jews being threatened with extinction. But *“the Jews went into deep mourning, with fasting, weeping, and lament; most of them lay on sackcloth and ashes.”* (4:3) Later, Mordecai gave praise to God as he recalled the outcome of their fasting, penance and prayer:

“That people is Israel, who cried to God and was saved. The Lord saved his people and delivered us from all these evils. God worked signs and great wonders, such as have not occurred among the nations.” (10:6b)

Our faith tells us that God is our Father and that He always hears our prayers. There is nothing of which we can be more certain than the attentive awareness of God the Father who has unbridled love for each one of his children.

Yet we see that there are some forms of petition that more powerfully obtain the results we desire (if they correspond to the Divine Will). Do you want to be saved from the current chaos? Notice that in addition to their fervent prayers, the people added mourning, fasting, weeping and lamentation.

God not only saved them from destruction, but He worked signs and great wonders - greater than He worked in any other nation. Again, we see the distinction between how God works among His People who cling to Him vs. the rest of mankind. God loves all, but He can accomplish great wonders in the lives of those who believe and repent.

This is the point at which we must ask ourselves – where is our Faith? As we see the world in meltdown, the common response continues to be the hoarding of material goods (a survivalist mentality), a compulsive focus on sanitation, an obsessive attitude of judgment of others and recourse to the media for the truth. Self-examination will reveal the real truth.

Rather than hoarding, the Holy Spirit calls us to fasting. Rather than personal hygiene, He calls for weeping for our fallen condition, confession of sin, and lamentation which promises repentance. Have you responded in a worldly way clinging to this life or as a Christian who is preparing for death?

Jesus, lead us into Truth! Fr. Martín Flum

SAVE THE DATE ~ Parish Dinner

Saturday, September 26th, 2020

Volunteers needed! Call (301) 440-4295

Enthroning Jesus in My Heart

Most merciful Jesus, I come and kneel before You Who are truly alive and present on this altar. With every fiber of my being I make an act of faith in Your words, “I AM the living bread come down from Heaven.” Yes, my Lord, I believe it because You have said it, and I am ready to give my life to maintain this truth!

I wish to enthrone You in my heart as King and Ruler over my whole life. Therefore, I make a spiritual communion right now and invite You into my heart to take complete possession of it. Rule and reign over me, my God—every area of my life, especially in those areas in which I find it most difficult to submit myself to Your Most Holy Will.

I formally and solemnly proclaim and enthrone You, Jesus Eucharistic, as King of my heart. I completely surrender to You my family, my vocation, my loved ones, my social life, my work, my leisure, my eating, my sleeping, and every aspect of my life.

I now formally dethrone myself from the throne of my heart, and call to mind and bring to You my predominant sins and faults, casting down the idol of my selfishness so that You may reign gloriously in me. I will obey Your commandments and embrace all that Your Holy Catholic Church teaches. That this offering and enthronement may not be mere lip service or a mockery, and that I may have sufficient grace to unite my will to Your will in all things, I promise and commit to spend at least one hour a week in adoration, quenching Your thirst to be loved in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Yes, Jesus, I belong to You entirely and forever. I am eternally grateful for Your unfathomable mercy which has led You to never leave me; You are all mine in this Sacrament of Love.

Name: _____

Date: _____

*The parish of St. Michael and the mission of St. Dominic are being called to become **centers of Eucharistic love.***

“Spend an Hour with the hidden Jesus”

No family left behind... all of our families are being invited... Jesus is waiting for you! Encourage each other with the graces you have received. Here are the days/times that are still unfilled:

Tuesdays: 2-3 PM

Thursdays: 2-3 PM

Saturdays: 1-2 PM, 3-4 PM

Once you have signed up for a weekly holy hour, you are committed to having at least one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for the entirety of that hour. If you would like to be on our substitute list, call the office at (240) 681-3551.

The Holy Spirit has chosen us to manifest the Faith of the Church in the hidden but Real Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion by our quiet visits to Him in the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	07/18/20	5:00 PM	Ann Proctor +
Sunday	07/19/20	8:00 AM	Carolyn Parson
Sunday	07/19/20	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	07/19/20	11:30 AM	Tatiana & Keiry Beltran
Monday	07/20/20	7:00 AM	Deacon Scott C. Stuart +
Tuesday	07/21/20	8:00 AM	Rev. Francis Bober +
Wednesday	07/22/20	7:00 AM	Jannie Pinkney +
Thursday	07/23/20	8:00 AM	Edna Reid
Friday	07/24/20	7:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Saturday	07/25/20	8:00 AM	James Simick

IT Security

This week someone tried to use Fr. Flum’s name to solicit gift cards by texting, taking advantage of his relationship as pastor to manipulate our parishioners. Please be diligent - do not respond to suspicious emails and texts. The Archdiocese is seeing an increase in spam and scams including apps that appear to share Coronavirus-related information to gain and lock access to your devices until payment is received; seeking donations fraudulently for illegitimate or non-existent charitable organizations; Medical providers obtaining patient information for COVID-19 testing and then using that information to fraudulently bill for other tests and procedures.

WALK WITH JESUS

What are you doing on Wednesday nights? - At St. Michael we have Confession at 7pm and at 8 pm there is a Eucharistic Procession. Our purpose is to give honor and worship to Jesus present among us in the Holy Eucharist, to plead with Him for His protection and solemn blessing over the whole territory of the Parish and Mission. All are welcome to come!

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

July 12, 2020

St. Michael	Offertery Collection	\$ 7554.00
St. Dominic	Offertery Collection	\$ 1224.00

Please PRAY for our SICK

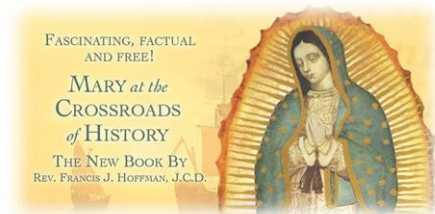
For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Jayne Cassella, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Patricia Gray, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Amanda Hubbard, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Peter Parkinson, Carolyn Parson, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Dawn Russo, Frances N. Sewell, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, Kim Stuart, Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

National NFP Awareness Week

Couples who incorporate Natural Family Planning into their lives experience many benefits not limited to the following:

- Better communication between spouses
 - Increased respect for each other
 - Peace of mind, heart and body
 - Increased awe and wonder at the potential of fertility
 - A deeper appreciation for children
- Some of the other benefits of Natural Family Planning are:
- It is extremely **effective**.
 - It is green. It is **all natural**, completely **safe** and there are **no harmful side effects**.
 - It is **morally sound** and completely consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.
 - It is **virtually free** and **very easy to learn** and practice.
 - It is **useful** throughout a woman’s reproductive years including breastfeeding, peri-menopause, post-partum.
 - It is **custom tailored** to each individual woman’s cycle, regular or irregular.

FREE Book - from Relevant Radio (1260 AM):



“Mary at the Crossroads of History”
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