



ST.
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CATHOLIC PARISH

June 27th, 2021

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my
hope. Let me never be confounded.*
- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

This past Sunday I was blessed to spend time with all of my family for Father's day, most especially my 13 nieces and nephews (see picture below). I'm sad to be leaving all of them and all of you, my two wonderful parishes, to return to Walla Walla. Although Father's Day is not particularly a feast for us priests, I have been called Father pretty much every day of my life for the past 7 years. It has been a wonderful joy and humbling experience to be pastor and "father" at St. Patrick and St. Francis Xavier. On a personal note, this title of "Father" is very humbling. As a priest, the title reminds me that I am entrusted with a grave responsibility by our Lord: a responsibility to His faithful. Just as a father must nourish, instruct, challenge, correct, forgive, listen and sustain his children, so must a priest do for his spiritual children (with, of course, varying degrees of success). To what end is a priest, a spiritual father, doing all of this?

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Me, with my 13 nieces and nephews. The beauty and purpose of family life is beyond comprehension. Spare no effort in loving God and others!

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Transitions are an ideal time for reflection, and as I'm preparing to leave this assignment in just a few days, I've asked myself why I am doing all of this, and why did I become a priest of Jesus Christ? There are a multitude of reasons, but I think above all the answer is this: The Salvation of Souls. First, the salvation of my own soul, and then the souls of those whom the Bishop has entrusted to me.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, one of my favorite saints says it better than I could: "Thus, most beloved brethren, the affair of our eternal salvation should be the sole object of all our concerns." "The business for which we struggle," says St. Eucharius, "is eternity." There is question of eternity: there is question whether we will be saved, and be forever happy in a city of delights, or be damned, and confined for eternity in a pit of fire. This is not an affair of little importance; it is of the utmost and of eternal importance to us."

It has been a real pleasure and joy to serve in both of these parishes this past three years. I am grateful to God and to Bishop for allowing me to be here. I don't believe I have been the best of servants, nor as holy as I could be, but I hope God will use all the good and the bad for His good and holy will. I have received praise over the years for how good of a priest I seem to be, but Sacred Scripture "When you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'" And so I might as well get to growing in humility! And there's a further lesson here: we're never so good that we can't improve in holiness and devotion.

Please know of my continued love and prayer for these two parishes and I hope that you will welcome Fr. Semple with at least as great of welcome as you did me. I have known Fr. Semple for many years, and I can tell you that he is a holy and faithful priest of Jesus Christ. His true love for Almighty God and the work of saving souls is real, and I know that you are being left in very capable hands.



Finally, if I could ask God for one gift for all of you here in St. Patrick and St. Francis Parishes, one grace for each of you and your family members, whether Catholic or not, practicing their faith or not, and I could be assured that God would grant me that one grace instantly and without reservation, what would I ask for? I would ask that each of you would fall totally in love with Jesus Christ for every moment for the rest of your life. I can't end my time here in these Parishes, asking God for anything more important for anything better than this. It is the most essential thing in life, and everything else, next to this, is superfluous. **See how much our Blessed Lord loves you, seek that Love out, and love Him in return!**

In Mary's Immaculate Heart,

PAX

A COMMENTARY FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ARISE!

God, who formed us in His imperishable image, did not intend for us to die, we hear in today's First Reading. Death entered the world through the devil's envy and Adam and Eve's sin; as a result, we are all bound to die.

But in the moving story in today's Gospel, we see Jesus liberate a little girl from the possession of death.

On one level, Mark is recounting an event that led the disciples to understand Jesus' authority and power over even the final enemy, death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26). On another level, however, this episode is written to strengthen our hope that we too will be raised from the dead, along with all our loved ones who sleep in Christ.

Jesus commands the girl to "Arise!"—using the same Greek word used to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 16:6). And the consoling message of today's Gospel is that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. If we believe in Him, even though we die, we will live (see John 15:25–26).

We are called to have the same faith as the parents in the Gospel today—praying for our loved ones, trusting in Jesus' promise that even death cannot keep us apart.

Notice the parents follow Him even though those in their own house tell them there is no hope, and even though others ridicule Jesus' claim that the dead have only fallen asleep (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18).

Already in Baptism, we've been raised to new life in Christ. And the Eucharist, like the food given to the little girl today, is the pledge that He will raise us on the last day.

We should rejoice, as we sing in today's Psalm, that He has brought us up from the netherworld, the pit of death. And, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should offer our lives in thanksgiving for this gracious act, imitating Christ in our love and generosity for others.

-Dr. Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others**, please let Father or the parish office know: Carl Burrell, Elvira Colistro, Ray Lobdell, Rose Zinkgraf, Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Virginia Warren, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Peggy Cloke, Kathy McCarthy, Christopher Pitner, Ken Keyes, Shirley Anderson, Wayne Anderson, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

8am – Daily Mass followed by Confessions
(**St. Patrick**)

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)

4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)

11:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

12:30pm – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

*On most Sundays, Confessions are heard during the
11am Holy Mass*

INFORMATION

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 a.m. on Mondays
in the Extraordinary Form, and at 8 a.m. on
Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Ordinary Form.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held
Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Confessions are heard on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Please contact the parish office at to arrange a
baptism, marriage, or funeral, to schedule a Mass
intention, or if you are interested in becoming
Catholic and sharing in our faith.

Please contact Jackie Silvey for prayer requests.

She can be reached at (509) 483-3109

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MASS CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Jun 26 13th Sunday, Ordinary *Steven Kopczynski*

Sun Jun 27 13th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*

Sun Jun 27 5th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*

Sun Jun 27 5th Sunday after Pentecost *St. Charles parish*

Mon Jun 28 Weekday *St. Joseph*

Tue Jun 29 Weekday *Intentions of Our Lady*

Wed Jun 30 Weekday *DeMotte Family*

Thu Jul 1 Weekday NO MASS

Fri Jul 2 Weekday NO MASS

Sat Jul 3 14th Sunday, Ordinary *Lewis Family*

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Jul 4 14th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*

Jul 4 6th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*

Jul 4 6th Sunday after Pentecost *Teslin MacLaren*

Jul 5 Weekday *John Houston +*

Jul 6 Weekday *Lorraine Floberg*

Jul 7 Weekday *John Houston +*

Jul 8 Weekday NO MASS

Jul 9 Weekday NO MASS

Jul 10 15th Sunday, Ordinary *Rite Glatt Flippen +*

Jul 11 15th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*

Jul 11 7th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*

Jul 11 7th Sunday after Pentecost *Angel Revelles*

Masses without intentions are celebrated according to the intention of the priest celebrant. To request the offering of the mass for your intention, please call the parish office or place your request in the Sunday collection

PARISH EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

During the pandemic, we continue to distribute food through the Missionaries of Charity and Caritas services. Please leave your donations of nonperishable items by the doors of the church.

At the present time, these donations are needed more than ever.

OFFICE HOURS CHANGING

As the school year has wrapped up at St. Charles, our bookkeeper, Miles Ormsby, will be more available this summer. We appreciate your patience with our limited office availability this past year. While schedules may change due to his own educational obligations, Miles plans to be available on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

BEATRICE CO-OPERATIVE ACADEMY

Do you have children in school? Do you have a subject you are passionate about integrating into Catholic living? How about exploring Beatrice Cooperative Academy (BCA) as we are in our development year?

Please contact Michael d'Esterre, MSW for additional information and inquiry call 509-903-3315 or email at "beatriceacademy@gmail.com".

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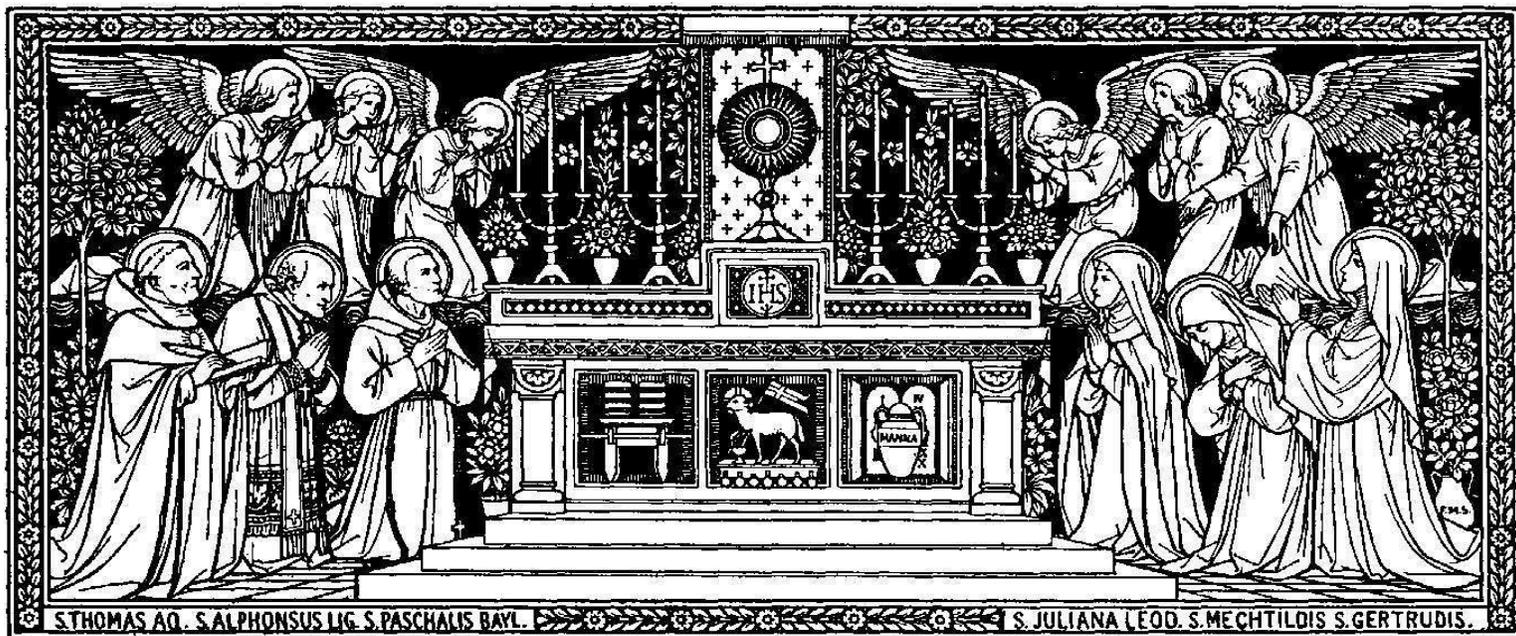
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CHESTERTON SPEAKER SERIES

Please join the Spokane Chapter of the Chesterton Society for presentation on July 8th at 6:30pm, at the Chesterton Academy of Notre Dame (St. Patrick's).

The speaker will be Dr. Jason Kinley, on the topic of vaccines; are they moral, ethical, and beneficial?

Dr. Kinley is a licensed naturopathic physician and a member of the Spokane Regional Board of Health.





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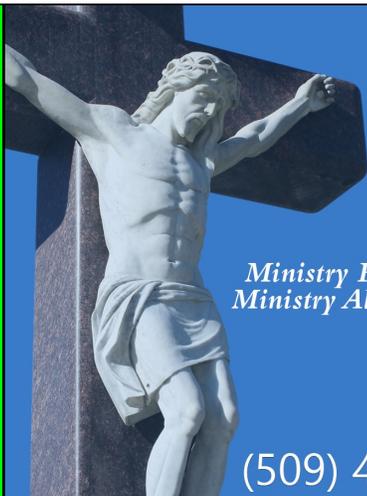
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