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FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

July 16th, 2023

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my
hope. Let me never be confounded.*

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“By their fruits you shall know them.” sound trees give good fruit. The tree is sound when the good sap flows through it. For the Christian, this is the life of Christ himself, personal holiness, and nothing else can take its place. We should never separate ourselves from him. “He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing” [Jn. 15:5]. When we are close to Jesus we become effective. We learn how to be joyful, to be understanding, and to love. In short, we learn how to be good Christians.

The life of union with Christ necessarily transcends the limited sphere of the individual—and this to the benefit of others. This is the source of apostolic fruitfulness: “the apostolate, of whatever kind it be, must be an overflow of the interior life,” of a life-giving union with Our Lord [St. Josemaría Escrivá, Friends of God, 239]. “This life of intimate union with Christ in the Church is maintained by the spiritual helps common to all the faithful, chiefly obtained by active participation in the liturgy. Laymen should make such a use of these helps that, while meeting their human obligations in the ordinary conditions of life, they do not separate their union with Christ from their ordinary lives, but through the very carrying out of their everyday tasks, whose performance is God’s will for them, actually promote the growth of their union with him” [Vatican Council II, Apostolicam Actuositatem, 4]. Contact with Christ in Holy Communion, in the Mass (the true center of the Christian life), in personal prayer and mortification which permit this contact with God, will show itself in the specific way we set about our daily work, in our dealings with others, whether they are believers or not, and in the way we carry out our civic and social duties. The sap is not seen, but the fruit certainly is. Christ should be seen in us in the way we behave, in our joy and serenity in the presence of sorrow and difficulties, in our readiness to forgive others. He will be seen in the demanding way we fulfill our duties and in our exemplary sobriety in making use of material goods; in our sincere gratitude for the help we are offered in the little things of daily life.

If we neglect this intimate union with God our apostolic effectiveness will be reduced to nothing in the lives of the people we habitually come into contact with. The fruits will become bitter, and unworthy of being laid before God... If we neglect personal piety, real intimacy with God, we shall not perform the deeds God expects from every Christian. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. If our heart is not in God how can we hand on the words and the life that come from him?



A COMMENTARY FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD'S RETURN

Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses.

Moses, the meekest man on earth (see Numbers 12:3), was God's friend (see Exodus 34:12, 17). Only he knew God "face to face" (see Deuteronomy 34:10). And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed Himself and how we are to live (see Jeremiah 2:20; 5:5).

Jesus, too, is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting Himself today as the yoke of a new Law and as the revealed Wisdom of God.

As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth (see Proverbs 8:22; Wisdom 9:9). And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God (see Wisdom 10:10).

In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike"—those who humble themselves before Him as little children (see Sirach 2:17). These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just savior and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading.

We, too, are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church.

We are to live by the Spirit we received in Baptism (see Galatians 5:16), putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love (see John 13:34), by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This the sabbath rest promised by Jesus—the rest first anticipated by Moses (see Exodus 20:8-11), but which still awaits the people of God (see Hebrews 4:9).

Dr. Scott Hahn



Sower, Laurent d'Orleans c. 1300

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, Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes,, Mildred Crawford, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

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

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

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,
(St. Francis Xavier)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Convent at St. Patrick's, Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.

School Mass at St. Patrick's is celebrated at noon Monday through Friday.

Please contact the parish office by email to arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral, or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your intention, please email the office or leave your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

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Our office will not have set hours till Taylors Knee heals enough to drive.

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, JULY 17TH

5:30 pm, Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

TUESDAY, JULY 18TH

8:00am, Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH

4:30pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Priests*

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH

8:00am, Mass *Pro populo*

SATURDAY, JULY 22ND

3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Religious*

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Poor Souls in Purgatory*



PARISH EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

The parish is in need of young men willing to train as acolytes. Some Latin comprehension, moral discipline, and a well kept appearance are required. Please email the office.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the "Seven Sisters Apostolate." This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty Parra at (509)993-2864.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

If you desire consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please contact the sisters at 487-3963.

Every Friday evening at St. Patrick's from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., the sisters pray for our families and friends who are not in full communion with the Catholic church and no longer practicing their Catholic faith. Please join us.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP uses the physical signs placed by God within each woman's body to identify when pregnancy can occur. Monthly classes for three months. Tuition \$95.00 for the series. Classes are currently conducted virtually. Contact the Women's Health Center: 509-474-2400

REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

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.

Till my knee heals enough to drive there will not be scheduled office hours. Please leave a voice message or email, and I will respond as quickly as I can.

Coffee and Donuts will continue after 11am Mass if there are Volunteers to help, otherwise it will have to stop till I recover.

Thanks, Taylor



St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

St. Camillus was born in 1550, in a small town of the Kingdom of Naples. In his youth he became a soldier and for some time led a wayward life. He lost so much in gaming that he was forced to work as a laborer on a building belonging to the Capuchins. An exhortation made to him by the guardian of the convent touched him, and he resolved to change his conduct.

The saint now begged to be admitted into the Order, but Divine Providence willed otherwise. Twice he received the Capuchin habit, but he was obliged each time to leave the novitiate, as he could not be admitted to profession on account of an ulcer on one of his legs. He later went to Rome and entered the Hospital of Incurables, and after some time was appointed its administrator. Regarding himself as the servant of the sick, he rendered them the most humiliating services.

At the age of thirty-two St. Camillus undertook to study, beginning the first elements of grammar with the children. Ordained a priest, he laid the foundation of the Congregation of Regular Clerics to administer to the sick. He had obstacles to encounter, but he triumphed over them all and succeeded in obtaining from the Apostolic See the approbation of his Institute.

Henceforth the Saint's life was devoted to the sick and dying, and after his death this work was continued by the Order he had founded. St. Camillus had as confessor St. Philip Neri, the founder of the Oratory, who preceded him to the tomb. St. Camillus was endowed by God with the spirit of prophecy and other supernatural gifts. He died on July 14, 1614, and was canonized in 1764 by Pope Benedict XIV.

PRAYER: God, You adorned St. Camillus, Your Priest, with the singular grace of charity toward the sick. By his merits, pour forth the Spirit of Your love into us, so that by serving You in our brothers here on earth we may safely come to You at the hour of death. Amen.





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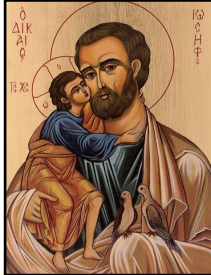
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