July 31, 2016

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as “the persistent mother.” She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine then to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church’s greatest scholars.

Today’s readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, tells his disciples to “ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2016
Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
~ Psalm 90:12

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).
Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).
Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

Mass Schedule
SAT. JULY 30 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Jonathon Yancey by Chloe Gier
SUN. JULY 31 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Johnny Slevin by Joan Doherty & family
10:30 †Sean Rae by family
12:45 Latin Mass
MON. AUG 01 -
8:00 †Barbara Zylstra by Bernard Zylstra
TUE. AUG 02 -
8:00 †Jennie Truncale by Leo & Evelyn Lemieux
WED. AUG 03 -
8:00 †Bishop Untener by Bob & Ruth Untener
THU. AUG 04 -
8:00 †Joseph Orlando by Dilascio Family
FRI. AUG 05 -
8:00 ♥ Spec. Intention for Anneliese Schrotenboer by Family
SAT. AUG 06 -
8:00 †Claude Goyette
SAT. AUG 06 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †James Dwyer by Family
SUN. AUG 07 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Sheila Wilson by Mona Snider & Family
10:30 †Marietta Merideth by Darlene Hall
12:45 Latin Mass

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 30 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS......all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Alice Marghella.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS - Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND
Next week a Second collection will be taken up for the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Education Fund.
This fund is specifically designed to provide financial aid to needy and deserving children in our parish who otherwise would not receive a Catholic education.
Our gratitude to all who consistently and generously support this endeavor

GIFT SHOP HOURS
Sat: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Sun. 8:00 - 11:45 a.m.
THE GIFT SHOP IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH
WEEKLY OFFERING

July 24, 2016

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Thank You

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD

Pope John Paul II

O God, Creator of the universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to the goal of salvation, we acknowledge your fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and, in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation.

Renew for us the wonders of your mercy; send forth your Spirit that he may work in the intimacy of hearts, that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and peoples may encounter one another in harmony. May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, for pardon which disarms revenge.

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Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Jubilee Year of Mercy - December 8, 2015 marked the start of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, called by Pope Francis to spread the message of mercy throughout the world. The Year of Mercy continues until November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. Information regarding the Year of Mercy can be found at http://dioceseofvenice.org/jubilee-year-of-mercy/.

Virtue is a golden mean between the extremes.  ~ Aristotle

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

In loving memory of

Cathy Thurston-Smith

by Dorothy Henderson

Altar Flowers

This Week:

In loving memory of:

Mary Jane Cook

by Bill & MaryAnn

ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS TO HONOR YOUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES

The beautiful flower arrangements that you see each week on the altar are available for purchase as a memorial or honorarium.

Altar Flower Bouquets are a wonderful way to remember the anniversary of a friend or loved one’s death or to honor a special event such as a birthday or anniversary.

If you wish, the name of your friend or loved one will be placed in an announcement in the bulletin in recognition of their special occasion.

To purchase Altar Flower Bouquets call the parish office, 239-481-7172.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Women’s Retreat - Find refuge in the merciful heart of Mary at a women's retreat being held at Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, from Friday, August 5 to Sunday August 7. Join Johnette Benkovic, president and founder of Women of Grace, for the retreat entitled "Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy: Our Refuge in the Battlefield of Life". The retreat will introduce participants to the great gift of mystical union with Our Blessed Mother and how to live that union in our everyday life. Guest speakers include EWTN's Father John Paul Mary Zeller, MFVA, Susan Brinkmann, OCDS and Thomas K. Sullivan. Call 800-558-5452 for more information and to register.
We invite all young people of the parish who have not yet received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation To register now for Classes!

♦ Sacramental Preparation is a two year faith formation program.
♦ In preparation for the reception of these most holy sacraments, weekly Mass participation is expected.
♦ All families are welcome!

*Registration forms may be found on line or in the church office—open from 8:00-4:00 daily.

Register fees:*
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- Senior Yth. grades 9-12

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*Add’l fee for Confirmation Prep. ~
2yr. Program begins in 9th gr.
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“You did not choose me, I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”  
John 15:16

SIGN UP TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER

Being an altar server is a wonderful opportunity for our young parishioners to participate in the Sunday liturgy. Any child in the fourth grade or higher who would like to become an altar server is invited to sign up for training (2 classes, dates and times to be announced).

If interested, please fill out the following form and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the parish office.

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Parents Name_____________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________________________

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The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops’ reflection, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

“If indeed ‘the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,’ the Church cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.” So writes Pope Francis, quoting Pope Benedict XVI.

Our nation faces many political challenges that demand well-informed moral choices:

- The ongoing destruction of a million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, harming the environment as well as the poor
- Deadly attacks on Christians and other religious minorities throughout the world
- Efforts to narrow the definition and exercise of religious freedom
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates’ promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?
The Church’s obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ’s commandment to “love one another” (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church’s right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation’s tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?
In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today’s environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church’s moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?
In the words of Pope Francis, “progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church’s social doctrine, which serve as ‘primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.’ The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a ‘consistent ethic of life’ (Living the Gospel of Life, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates’ positions on issues and should consider candidates’ integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens “to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest” (USCCB, Living the Gospel of Life, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God’s creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.

The Dignity of the Human Person
Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. Every human being “must always be understood in his unrepeatable and indivisible uniqueness . . . . This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person” (no. 131). The Compendium continues, “It is necessary to ‘consider every neighbor without exception
as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity (Gaudent et Spes, no. 27). Every political, economic, social, cultural, and scientific program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society. 7,8

**Subsidiarity**

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth. 9 The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good. 7

**The Common Good**

The common good is comprised of “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.”10

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to care for God’s creation, which Pope Francis refers to in Laudato Si as “our common home.” 11 We are called to be careful stewards of God’s creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an “ecological debt” (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an “ecological conversion” (no. 219), by which “the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around us.” 10 Indeed, this concern with “natural ecology” is an indispensable part of the broader “human ecology,” which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

**Solidarity**

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to...the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.” It is found in “a commitment to the good of one’s neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to ‘lose oneself’ for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to ‘serve him’ instead of oppressing him for one’s own advantage.” 11

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

**Conclusion**

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

**Notes**

1. Evangelii Gaudium, no. 183.
3. Evangelii Gaudium, no. 221.
4. These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2016, nos. 4-8.
5. Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159, where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.
6. Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 185.
7. Centesimus Annus, no. 45; Dialogue Humanae, nos. 4-6.
8. Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 164
9. Laudato Si, no. 77.
10. Laudato Si, nos. 219 and 217.

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~ Pope John Paul II

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—St. Anthony of Padua

MARRIED COUPLES: What have you done for your marriage today? Successful marriages don’t work on automatic pilot – at least not for long. Like a garden, they require constant attention: fertilizing, watering, and weeding. Healthy marriages, like gardens, don’t die suddenly. More often they fade away from a gradual lack of attentiveness, letting things slide, taking each other for granted. Plan to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter and discover God’s plan for joy, romance and passion in your marriage.
The next available WWME weekend in this diocese is at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP RETREAT CENTER in Venice on August 12-14, 2016.
For more information or to register go to WWME.org or call Pat & Debbie Powers at 813-270-7832.

RESURRECTION CALENDAR
All events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

Adoration, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, June 6, July 11, Aug. 1, 8:30am. For more information call Alouise 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men’s Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p.m., Sept. - May
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, after the 9:00a.m. Mass, for info, 482-6883
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, for info, call Judy at 287-1237
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email, svdp@resurrectionch.org
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May

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  * Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

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MAY WE SEE THE VALUE OF LIFE.

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MAY WE FIND PEACE IN YOUR LOVE,
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