

June 28, 2015

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Our prayers at all our Mass will be offered for the families and friends of the nine parishioners of Emanuel A.M.E. Church, in Charlestown, South Carolina, who were killed last week because they were African Americans. It is all the more horrific that when this young man of nineteen entered the church, he was invited to join their Bible study group. He stayed with them for an hour and then killed them. He was greatly influenced by the website of a hate group that advocates apartheid in the United States. We might dismiss this group as “nuts” until we learn that the Confederate battle flag that flies in front of the State Assembly building was not lowered to half mast after the killings—even though the pastor, who was killed, was a member of the Assembly. This should be a time of national self reflection on the racism that still exists even within ourselves.

One of the purposes of Pope Francis’s encyclical on climate change is to focus attention of what will happen to people throughout the world if we do nothing about the rising temperature. Like the Pope, scientists and some governments are trying to frame the danger of climate control in health terms in order to persuade people that the topic is urgent, not simply a distant matter for scientists. A crucial moment will come in December in Paris at a United Nations summit meeting on climate change. Let us do whatever we can to support the Pope’s efforts.

Thanks again to thirty members of our Spanish community who spent four hours on Saturday cleaning our church. They will be doing this on a regular basis. If you notice something that needs to be cleaned in the church write a little note to me and put it in the collection basket.

We need teachers for our religious instruction school on Saturday mornings. Please consider volunteering for this most important mission.

COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, June 21, 2015 was \$3,344.00

The second collection next Sunday, July 5, 2015 will be for the Propagation of the Faith.

Monthly Food Collection:

Next Sunday will be our monthly food collection so, please remember those families in need in our community when you do your weekly food shopping. Once again thank you for your generosity.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: God has chosen us as “children of light”. We pray that we may not be “wrapped in the darkness of error”, but remain in the “bright light of truth”.

In the first reading, Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24: This beautiful selection from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that God is the God of Life. Even more wondrous, we are created in God’s own image. These are simple ideas well worth contemplating.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 30:2a: “I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me”

In the second reading, 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15: Paul is asking the Corinthians to help a community they do not know. Why should they do it? God has been good to them, and the only fitting response is to be good to others.

In the Gospel, Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43: In today’s Gospel Jesus heals a woman with an incurable illness and raises Jairus’ daughter to life. The key to both miracles is the faith of those who approach him. We can listen to all of today’s readings for passages that point to God’s preference for life and reflect on how our faith can grow in response.

Today’s Focus: Reversing a Curse: The understanding of impurity in Jesus’ world were reversed by his teachings and healing. Ultimately he would reverse the scourge of sin and even death itself.

Question of the Week: How do I seek to touch Jesus in my life? In what ways do things like scripture, the sacraments, prayer, or interaction with other people allow me to “touch” Jesus?

Praying with the Word: Jesus, we see you passing by and we yearn for your healing; give us the courage to reach out and touch the hem of your cloak. Amen.

Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope.



Religious Education News:

- ❖ Registration for the 2015-2016 Religious Education classes will begin on June 15th.
- ❖ Registration will be on Mondays from 9:30 to 1:00pm and Thursdays from 9:30 to 1:00pm and Saturdays by appointment only.
- ❖ Please bring your child’s birth certificate and baptismal certificate when registering your child for the first time.
- ❖ Last day of registration will be August 13th.



Independence Day:

In observance of Independence Day the Rectory Office will be closed on July 3th and July 4th. May everyone have a happy and safe 4th of July.