

July 30, 2017
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:

I will be writing about St. Paul and specifically his "Letters to the Romans." It has been our second reading at Mass for a few weeks and it is considered one of the most important documents in the New Testament. It would be good if you dusted off your bible and read this letter in its entirety.

Paul is so important that he is considered by some to be the "Founder of Christianity." Others do not like Paul because they say he distorted the message of Jesus. Both Paul and Jesus believed that the present world was soon coming to an end and that they had no intention of creating a new religion. Both were wrong on these two issues.

Some historical background is helpful in to understanding the world that Paul lived in. Paul was a Jew, a Roman citizen, born in modern day Turkey (Tarsus), spoke Greek and was educated in Jewish Law in Jerusalem. He never met Jesus who died in the year 30. he was present and agreed with the stoning of Stephen in 32(?). Soon afterwards he had his vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus ("Saul, Saul, Why are you persecuting me?"). For the next twenty-five years he preached about the "living Christ" throughout the Roman Empire. He always started his mission in the Jewish Synagogues. He tried to convince them to adapt their laws so that Gentiles (God-Fearers) would be opened to conversion to Judaism. He was often punished as a heretic by his fellow Jews. He was imprisoned and on "at least five occasions" he was flogged with thirty-nine strokes of a whip. He died probably around the year 67 in Rome, still awaiting the coming of the Christ. He was not alive when Jerusalem and its Temple were completely destroyed by the Romans in 70. **"To be Continued"**.

Collection : the collection for last Sunday, July 23, 2017 was \$3,278.00

Food collection: Next Sunday we will have our monthly food collection for the need in our community.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today is about wisdom. Solomon and Jesus both agree that it is important to set our priorities to match what is most important to God. As we gather for worship today, let us pray for the wisdom to learn what it is that God wants for us and what God wants us to do, and for the grace to live our lives accordingly.

Registration for 2017-2018:

Begins Monday, June 26, 2017 through Saturday, August 19, 2017
Monday's, Thursday's and Saturday's **ONLY**

To register you must submit \$25.00 deposit **per child** this will be deducted from your

registration fee. If you are new to the program you need to submit a Birth Certificate along with a Baptismal Certificate and a photo of your child.

Registration for one is \$95.00

Registration for two is \$160.00

Registration for three is \$195.00

Registration for four is \$185.00

If your child will be receiving Communion this year the fee for Holy Communion is \$75.00 **per child.**

If your child will be receiving Confirmation this year the fee for Confirmation is \$95.00 **per child.**

Classes will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Classes will start on September 9, 2017

Mass Schedule for the week of

July 30, 2017 to August 6, 2017

Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:30pm

Below are the Special Intentions for this week

Sunday July 30, 2017

7:30 for the Parishioners

9:00 Manuel De Jesus Disla Abreu

11:00 George Russ

**Felica & Roberto Rodriguez & Family
Jenny Brown**

Monday July 31, 2017:

12:05 Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Joseph (L)

Tuesday August 1, 2017:

12:05 Gonzalo De Claro

Grace & Lila

Wednesday August 2, 2017:

12:05 Siovhan Clarke (L)

Carmel Mangan

Thursday August 3, 2017:

12:05 In Thanksgiving

**Francisco & Claudia Dougan
Maria Rubio_**

7:00 Maria Eralia Vanegas

Friday August 4, 2017:

12:05 Manorah Reyes (L)

Norah Estevez

Saturday August 5, 2017:

5:00 Jose M. Vasquez

Castro Family

7:30 Legion of Mary

Sunday August 6, 2017

7:30 for the Parishioners

9:00 Maria Ebreo

11:00 Aneglita Motta

**Joaquina Tovar
Maria Gaspar**