

August 20, 2017

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

At least 20% of the Letter to the Romans is devoted to the problem of what happens to the Jewish people if they reject Jesus Christ. Paul who spent much of his energy in trying to convince his own people about Jesus began to see that it might be a lost cause. What about the promises made to Abraham and his descendants forever? Paul was still struggling with this. Remember, he thought the end of the world was about to happen and everyone would be judged. God's mercy would be given to the Jews.

Paul also made a startling answer to the question of obeying the Roman authorities. Yes, you must. The Roman Empire was part of God's plan.

Most of the Letter feels like it was written by a manic depressive. We are raised to the heights of heaven in some parts and plunged into the despair in other parts. Thinking that the world was soon to end and we will be all judged, Paul gives us his fire and brimstone speech: We are all miserable sinners, including himself. The world is doomed because of its horrible evils. Although it is an exaggeration, historical documents verify that the Roman Empire was an awful place. There were witches, evil spirits, vengeful gods. Wars and slavery was commonplace. Sexual depravity and abuse was particularly bad. Emperors declared themselves gods, murdered their wives, mothers and even their children. Paul may have been exaggerating for dramatic effect but he was not too far off from the reality. Many people were disgusted and were looking for a better world but they thought it was impossible. Paul has an answer and it was not too late. ***"To Be Continued"***

Collection : the collection for last Sunday, August 13, 2017 was \$3,336.00.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In a world those who are perceived as different seem to be at greater risk, God invites us to break down the boundaries that separate us from others. As we gather today, let us make this house, God's house, truly a house for all peoples.

Pope Francis: "There is great need to feed Christian hope, which gives us a new view capable of discovering and seeing the good!."

Registration for 2017-2018:

Registration is now closed; yet if you are a returning parent and were away on vacation you may still register your child on Monday, August 28, 2017 from 9:00 am to 1:00pm.

Likewise if you are a new parent and still need to register please stop by the office on Monday, August 28, 2017 from 10:00am to 12:30. Please remember to bring your child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate and a photo of your child; if you are a new parent to the program

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 9:30am to 11:00am. Classes will start on September 9, 2017.

Parish Membership: All adult Catholics should be registered. We want to know and serve you and hope that you will become an active member of our parish community. Please notify the rectory of any changes in address, or if you are leaving the Parish. It is necessary to be a registered member of our parish for a minimum of 3 months in order for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, witness to a Catholic marriage, or provide recommendation for a position at work or character reference.

Mass Schedule for the week of

August 20, 2017 to August 27, 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 August 20, 2017

7:30 for the Parishioners

9:00 San Judas Tadeo & El Nino Perdido

11:00 Juvenil Antao

**Angela Abreu
Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues**

Monday August 21, 2017

8:15 Analiza Miranda

12:05 Aurora Villamar-Rosales

**Nerca Mendoza
Nancy & Victor Villamar**

Tuesday August 22, 2017:

12:05 in Thanksgiving

Francisco & Claudia Dougan

Wednesday 23, 2017:

12:05 Mary & Joseph Haggerty

Chris & Bob Haggerty

Thursday August 24, 2017:

7:00 Jose Dislabitne

Juaquim & Milagros Dislabitne

Saturday August 26, 2017:

5:00 Rose Kunny

7:30 Odilon Vasquez

**Margaret & Bob Esposito
Elvin Vasquez**

Sunday August 27, 2017

7:30 for the Parishioners

9:00 Sofia Liriano

11:00 Ester Dias Duarte

**The Liriano Family
Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues**