



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26 / 27, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Boniface:
Saturday
5:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Sunday:
8:30 am Confession
9:00 am Mass

Tuesday & Thursday:
5:30 pm

Mission Statement: We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of the Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 27, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

Who Are You? Really!

Like it or not, we often get our sense of who we are from others. Some people either make us feel worthwhile, or they treat us like we have little value. We all want to be accepted, to be part of the crowd, to look like we have made it. This is one reason we fall for so many fads of the day: "Everyone has one. Everyone is doing it." Teenagers aren't the only ones who think like this. It may take a long time before we can move beyond the opinions of others. Many never do.

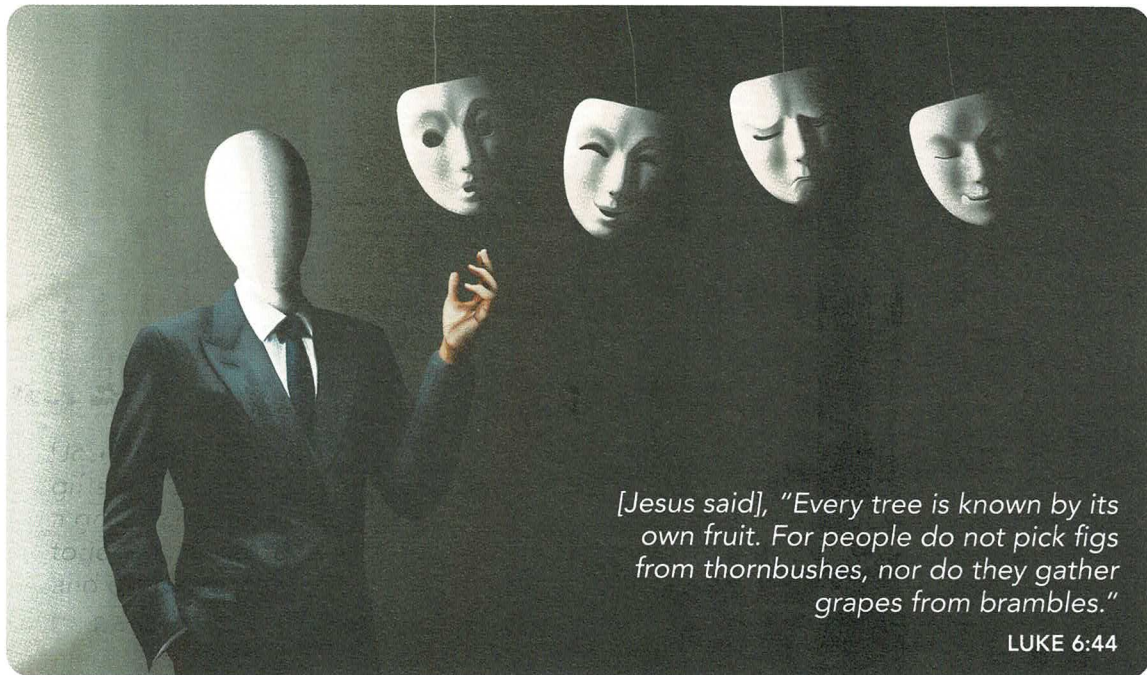
So, who are you? Really! Are you hiding behind something, some pretense? Are you trying to look like someone you're not? Today's readings remind us, as many have said, "Actions speak louder than words," and as Christ said, "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). What is deepest within us eventually shows itself.

Sirach offers several examples of this. He claims that sometimes the dark side of our personalities comes out when we least expect it. But then there are times when we surprise even ourselves with our own goodness. Luke offers similar examples from both nature and human experience. Try as we might, we cannot completely hide who we truly are. And why should we? The last phrase of today's Gospel is profound: "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). That is where we find who we are. Really!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * *How honest are you about who you are?*
- * *God accepts you as you really are. Shouldn't that be enough?*



[Jesus said], "Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles."

LUKE 6:44

FRANK KIE/SHUTTERSTOCK

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	4:30 pm ~ Mass
<i>Thursday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>Friday</i>	6:00 pm ~ Adoration 7:00 pm ~ Mass	
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass Stations of the Cross immediately after Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

	<i>OLPH Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	February 27	March 6	February 26	March 5
Lector	Mandy Hall	Jayla Medina	Mary Jo Leygraaf	Jerry Nowak
Server	Matthew Davis	Norma Jones		

Mass Intentions	OLPH	St. Boniface
February 26 / 27	Intentions of Catholic Extensions	Intentions of Catholic Extensions
March 5 / 6	Intentions of Catholic Extensions	Intentions of Catholic Extensions

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
February 19 / 20	\$115.00	\$105.00

*May God bless you for your generous contributions
to our Church.*

*Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall
immediately after Mass.*

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Reading I

Sir 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear;
so do one's faults when one speaks.
As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.
The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had;
so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind.
Praise no one before he speaks,
for it is then that people are tested.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16**

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,
To proclaim your kindness at dawn
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.
They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,
Declaring how just is the LORD,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Reading II

1 Cor 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters:

When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,
then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters,
be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Alleluia

Phil 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable,
"Can a blind person guide a blind person?
Will not both fall into a pit?
No disciple is superior to the teacher;
but when fully trained,
every disciple will be like his teacher.
Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye,
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?
How can you say to your brother,
'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,'
when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?
You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first;
then you will see clearly
to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.
For every tree is known by its own fruit.
For people do not pick figs from thornbushes,
nor do they gather grapes from brambles.
A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces
good,
but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil;
for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

REFLECTION

Luke may have collected sayings of Jesus which were spoken on different occasions, thus giving us a kind of compendium of rules for life and living. We may be able to trace four pieces of advice from today's Gospel passage.

1) Advice for students & teachers of Scripture: The Christian disciples are called upon to be both guides and teachers. Since a teacher cannot lead his students beyond what he himself has been taught, he must learn from the best teacher and then continue to learn Scripture from all available

sources, the best being the Holy Spirit Who inspired Holy Scripture. Then, the learner must apply what he has learned to his own life before trying to teach others. Our goal in the Christian life must be to become like our Teacher, Jesus, in our thoughts, words, and actions.

2) We should not be blind guides: To lead a blind person, one must be sighted; to teach, one must be knowledgeable; otherwise, the blind person and the student will be lost. The sight and the knowledge specified here are the insights that come through Faith and the Holy Spirit, and the knowledge that comes from a Faith-filled relationship with the Lord. The point of this image of the blind leading the blind is that we must be careful when choosing whom to follow, lest we stumble into a pit alongside our blind guide.

3) We have no right to criticize and judge others: The first reason Jesus gives us is that we have no right to criticize unless we ourselves are free of faults. That simply means that we have no right to criticize at all. Jesus clarifies his point by presenting the humorous image of a man with a log stuck in his own eye trying to extract a speck of dust from someone else's eye. The task of fraternal correction (removing specks, etc.), should not be attempted, then, without prior self-examination, though the disciple need not be completely without imperfections before the process can begin.

4) We must be good at heart to be good at our deeds: To distinguish the good tree from the bad tree we need to look at the fruit the tree produces (deeds) and not at its foliage (words). "The treasure of the heart is the same as the root of the tree,"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Harold & Geneva Couch, Deana Vanover Monhollen, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, baby Henry (born at 24 weeks), Fiona York, and Norma Jones.

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

March 3

Saint Casimir

March 4

Lent begins March 2

As Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting, we would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to join us at

6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 1, at the

Torres Restaurant

to celebrate



Please let us know if you plan to attend

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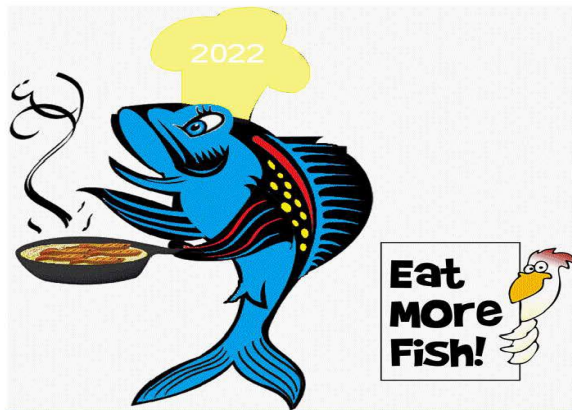
if you have any questions.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the **Season of Lent**. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." *Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.*

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.



- What:** Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser
- When:** March 4, 2022
5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Where:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help
76 W. Sycamore St
- Cost:** \$10.00 (includes 2 pieces of fish, 2 sides and dessert)
Call 549-2156 for information

Our First Fish Fry is March 4, 2022. The proceeds from the fish fry will go toward the purchase of a new copier for the office. If possible, we would like each parish family to sell five tickets. The timeline for the fish fry is:

3:00-4:00	Prepping boxes; number of boxes needed, forks, cole slaw, dessert, bags etc
4:00- 5:00	assemble the boxes for the orders
5:00-6:00	food pickup/delivery
6:00-6:30	cleanup

We need volunteers to provide desserts and to work at the fish fry. If you have any questions, please contact Angie, Rich, Father or Crystal.

Dear Padre,

Who chooses the names for Catholic churches?

The bishop is the appropriate authority to designate the name of a church in his diocese. Each church should have its own title, which cannot be changed after the church has been dedicated, except for grave reasons and with the approval of the Apostolic See (Canon 1218). Examples of designations include the name of the Blessed Trinity, a name for Christ or the Blessed Virgin Mary under a title already accepted in the liturgy, one of the angels, saints, or a blessed who is approved by the Holy See for insertion in a diocesan liturgical calendar.

According to additional norms issued in 1999, "If several parishes are suppressed and a new one is established using one of the churches, its title must be retained, but it may be changed if it is a new building." Moreover, "if several parishes are each suppressed and united into one new parish, it is permitted, for pastoral reasons, to give it a new name different from the previous title of the parish church" (Canon 1218).



The faith community celebrates the titular feast of the church annually with the rank of a solemnity.

The customary practice of depositing a relic of the titular saint—when applicable—under the altar to be dedicated may be "fittingly retained" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 302). However, the inherent dignity of the church's altar is that it is foremost the table of the Lord.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Hypocrisy is the worst enemy of this Christian community, of this Christian love: pretending to love each other but only seeking one's own interests....Those who behave in this manner transit in the Church like a tourist. There are many tourists in the Church who are always passing through but never enter the Church.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, AUGUST 21, 2019



Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 28

Weekday

1 Pt 1:3-9

Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

MARCH 1

Weekday

1 Pt 1:10-16

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

MARCH 2

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

MARCH 3

Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

Friday

MARCH 4

Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

MARCH 5

Saturday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

MARCH 6

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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