



Detail from Deesis mosaic, Hagia Sophia, Istanbul
Unknown artist (13th century)

The following is an excerpt from *Gaudium et Spes*, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1965. It was the last and longest of the four published constitutions resulting from the Second Vatican Council.

**CHAPTER V: THE FOSTERING OF PEACE AND THE
PROMOTION OF A COMMUNITY OF NATIONS**
Section 1: *The Avoidance of War* (Paragraphs 79-80)

79. Even though recent wars have wrought physical and moral havoc on our world, the devastation of battle still goes on day by day in some part of the world. Indeed, now that every kind of weapon produced by modern science is used in war, the fierce character of warfare threatens to lead the combatants to a savagery far surpassing that of the past. Furthermore, the complexity of the modern world and the intricacy of international relations allow guerrilla warfare to be drawn out by new methods of deceit and subversion. In many causes the use of terrorism is regarded as a new way to wage war.

Contemplating this melancholy state of humanity, the council wishes, above all things else, to recall the permanent binding force of universal natural law and its all-embracing principles. Man's conscience itself gives ever more emphatic voice to these principles. Therefore, actions which deliberately conflict with these same principles, as well as orders commanding such actions are criminal, and blind obedience cannot excuse those who yield to them. The most infamous among these are actions designed for the methodical extermination of an entire people, nation or ethnic minority. Such actions must be vehemently condemned as horrendous crimes. The courage of those who fearlessly and openly resist those who issue such commands merits supreme commendation.

On the subject of war, quite a large number of nations have subscribed to international agreements aimed at making military activity and its consequences less inhuman. Their stipulations deal with such matters as the treatment of wounded soldiers and prisoners. Agreements of this sort must be honored. Indeed they should be improved upon so that the frightfulness of war can be better and more workably held in check. All men, especially government officials and experts in these matters, are bound to do everything they can to effect these improvements. Moreover, it seems right that laws make humane provisions for the case of those who for reasons of conscience refuse to bear arms, provided however, that they agree to serve the human community in some other way.

Certainly, war has not been rooted out of human affairs. As

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 November 2023

Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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This week's office hours:

Tues 2:00-5:00 pm; Wed 10 am-12 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 9:00 am

Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am

Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am

Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass on Wednesday during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

Thursday, November 23rd

Thanksgiving Day

Immaculate Conception at 10:00 am



Parish Breakfast to Welcome Fr. Brooks

Sunday, November 19th

Sacred Heart Parish Hall following 9:00 am Mass

On the Menu: Sherry's Breakfast Casserole!

Everyone is welcome!



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long as the danger of war remains and there is no competent and sufficiently powerful authority at the international level, governments cannot be denied the right to legitimate defense once every means of peaceful settlement has been exhausted. State authorities and others who share public responsibility have the duty to conduct such grave matters soberly and to protect the welfare of the people entrusted to their care. But it is one thing to undertake military action for the just defense of the people, and something else again to seek the subjugation of other nations. Nor, by the same token, does the mere fact that war has unhappily begun mean that all is fair between the warring parties.

Those too who devote themselves to the military service of their country should regard themselves as the agents of security and freedom of peoples. As long as they fulfill this role properly, they are making a genuine contribution to the establishment of peace.

80. The horror and perversity of war is immensely magnified by the addition of scientific weapons. For acts of war involving these weapons can inflict massive and indiscriminate destruction, thus going far beyond the bounds of legitimate defense. Indeed, if the kind of instruments which can now be found in the armories of the great nations were to be employed to their fullest, an almost total and altogether reciprocal slaughter of each side by the other would follow, not to mention the widespread devastation that would take place in the world and the deadly after effects that would be spawned by the use of weapons of this kind.

All these considerations compel us to undertake an evaluation of war with an entirely new attitude.(1) The men of our time must realize that they will have to give a somber reckoning of their deeds of war for the course of the future will depend greatly on the decisions they make today.

With these truths in mind, this most holy synod makes its own the condemnations of total war already pronounced by recent popes, (2) and issues the following declaration.

Any act of war aimed indiscriminately at the destruction of entire cities of extensive areas along with their population is a crime against God and man himself. It merits unequivocal and unhesitating condemnation.

The unique hazard of modern warfare consists in this: it provides those who possess modern scientific weapons with a kind of occasion for perpetrating just such abominations; moreover, through a certain inexorable chain of events, it can catapult men into the most atrocious decisions. That such may never truly happen in the future, the bishops of the whole world gathered together, beg all men, especially government officials and military leaders, to give unremitting thought to their gigantic responsibility before God and the entire human race.

Humbly asking for your prayers

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Vicki Weiss, Jason Avison, Floyd Smith, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Donna Radtke, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, the Sandler Family, Margaret Welty.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for November

For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthoney Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck.



Outdoor Advent Decorating at Immaculate Conception will take place on **Saturday 12/2 at 1:00 pm. Please bring hand pruners for trimming boughs and wear warm clothing. We will be putting up the new nativity scene as well as changing from fall to winter decorations. We should be done in a couple of hours if enough people show up. All hands are appreciated!**

Questions? Call Sheila LeBrun: 406-208-5788

Advent wreaths on sale in the sacristy (Immaculate Conception):

**\$15 for set (includes wreath + candles)
or \$5 for wreath only (no candles)**



Wreath is similar style as pictured above.

Sacred Heart: please contact the parish office if you are interested and one will be brought to you on Sunday Mass in Ronan.

***Currently 9 complete sets + 3 wreaths-only available in inventory.**

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 18th

Vigil of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish All Souls' Intentions*

Sunday, November 19th

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sick & Shut-Ins of the Parish/
Intentions of the Parish Faithful**

Tuesday, November 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intentions of Maggie McGee, rb Katie Devlin

Wednesday, November 22nd

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Intentions of Scotty Devlin, rb Katie & Nick Devlin

Thursday, November 23rd (Thanksgiving Day)

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Friday, November 24th

Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Intentions of Bishop Vetter

***Your intentions for All Souls will also be remembered at every Mass during the month of November.**





The long-awaited sculpture "Our Lady of Life" has been delivered and installed at the Mary Garden, located on the south side of the church. A special thanks goes to Andy Stark and crew for the installation. Come visit her. A dedication of the sculpture to the Blessed Virgin will be scheduled soon.

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

The Kettle Campaign is vital to meet the needs of Lake County. The Helping Hands Fund, Safe Harbor, Lake County Sheriff, and local Police Departments can assist clients with food, clothing, temporary lodging, transportation, utilities, and personal care supplies because of the funds raised during the Campaign. 90% of monies raised in the Kettle Campaign stay right here in Lake County.

Volunteers are requested in 2 hour shifts to ring the bell at the following locations: Walmart; Super 1; Ronan Harvest Foods; Pablo Family Foods. Slots for Polson are filling up quickly and more volunteers are needed for Ronan and Pablo.

To sign up, please contact Nancy Hines, coordinator, at (406) 270-5423 or email: nancyh59@hotmail.com

Food Pantry Necessities



Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.

The Food Pantry also utilizes plastic grocery bags!

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday at 9:00 am

DIVINE MERCY RADIO

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All homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name Fr. Kevin Christofferson.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

Readings:

FIRST READING: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

RESPONSORIAL: Ps. 128:1-2,3,4-5;

R. *Blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

SECOND READING: 1 Thes 5:1-6

ALLELUIA: *Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.*

Whoever remains in me bears much fruit. - Jn 15:4a,5b

GOSPEL: Mt. 25:14-30

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven—through a purification or immediately—or immediate and everlasting damnation. At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love. (CCC 1022)



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUNDING THE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

ACA Campaign Progress*

Immaculate Conception: 54% of goal

Sacred Heart: 70% of goal

*as of 11-10-2023

Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception

\$71,349 of \$185,000 (39%)

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph

\$15,096 of \$44,500 (34%)

I.C. Building Fund Progress:

\$4,095 of \$20,000 (20%)



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