



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

August 30, 2020

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUFFERING TOO MUCH?

"Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." —Matthew 16:25

Although Jeremiah had expected to suffer for being God's prophet, the degree of suffering was much greater than he had expected. Thus, Jeremiah decided to quit serving the Lord (Jer 20:9).

Jesus told His disciples He would "suffer greatly" and "be put to death" (Mt 16:21). Peter knew that disciples follow their masters and that he didn't want to suffer. Consequently, Peter tried to talk Jesus out of suffering. Then "Jesus turned on Peter and said, 'Get out of My sight, you satan! You are trying to make Me trip and fall. You are not judging by God's standards but by man's' " (Mt 16:23).

We, like Jeremiah and Peter, want no suffering, or at least less suffering, in the Christian life. However Jesus insists: "If a man wishes to come after Me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and begin to follow in My footsteps" (Mt 16:24). Although Jesus will remove some of our sufferings by forgiving, healing, and freeing us, He will also call us to: take His yoke on us and learn from Him (Mt 11:29), bear our "share of the hardship which the gospel entails" (2 Tm 1:8), "know how to share in His sufferings by being formed into the pattern of His death" (Phil 3:10), and rejoice "in the measure that" we "share Christ's sufferings" (1 Pt 4:13). A cross-less, painless Christianity is not true Christianity. "Lift high the cross!"

Prayer: Father, may "I find my joy in the suffering I endure" for the sake of Christ's body, the Church (Col 1:24).

Mass Schedule

Saturday.....5:30pm
Sunday.....8:30am

Tuesday and Wednesday.....6:00pm
Thursday and Friday.....7:30am

Confession:

Saturday.....4:30-5:15pm
Sunday.....7:55-8:15am
or by appointment

1st Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament.....7:00pm-10:00pm

Information

Marriage Preparation: Contact Father Raj at
least six months in advance.

Baptism: Call the rectory for an appointment.

Communion: Anyone unable to come
forward for communion, let Father Raj know
before Mass. Those ill or homebound, please
contact Father Raj to arrange for communion
to be brought to your home.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Aug 29.....5:30pm
Art Britten by Clifton & Susan Britten

Sunday, Aug 30.....8:30am
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Tuesday, Sept 01.....6:00pm
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Wednesday, Sept 02.....6:00pm
Art Britten by Clifton & Susan Britten

Thursday, Sept 03.....7:30am
Art Britten by Clifton & Susan Britten

Friday, Sept 04.....7:30am
Art Britten by Clifton & Susan Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma
Detten, Celeste Connelly, Shamara
Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller,
Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna
Marie Wink, Matthew Gary Britten, Doris
Britten, Phillip Ollinger, Dee Martinez,
Shane King, JoAnn Britten, Ann McNabb,
George "Jiggs" Britten, Cobb Britten,
Luke Acker, Doug Acker, Sister Louise,
Schellon Major, Dianne Ollinger,
Tony Moranic, Josh Crooks, and Martin
Hermesmeyer.

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will
lay your healing Hands upon all those
who are sick.*

Family Chalice Program

August 30.....Clifton & Susan Britten
September 6.....Mike & Marla Britten
September 13.....Bill Homer
September 20.....Pam & Cassie Ashford
September 27.....Mike & Marla Britten
October 4.....Adela & Staci Kotara

Stewardship Reports

08/23/2020 Stewardship Report

Individual	\$ 2,620
Loose	\$ 75
TOTAL	\$ 2,695

08/23/2020 Black and Native American Mission Collection

Individual & TOTAL	\$ 100
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08/23/20 Building Fund

Individual & TOTAL	\$ 1,575
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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Aug 29, 2020 at 5:30pm

Lector: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, Aug 30, 2020 at 8:30am

Lector: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr

Saturday, Sept 5, 2020 at 5:30pm

Lector: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Sunday, Sept 6, 2020 at 8:30am

Lector: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

Saturday, Sept 12, 2020 at 5:30pm

Lector: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, Sept 13, 2020 at 8:30am

Lector: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten

Saturday, Sept 19, 2020 at 5:30pm

Lector: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Sunday, Sept 20, 2020 at 8:30am

Lector: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Church Cleaning for August

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna Britten

Announcements

Stations of the Cross and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited at the Cross on the first Friday of the month beginning Sept 4th at 7:00pm. We will be praying for protection of the beautiful holy grounds, unity of our country, and for an end to the Covid-19 Virus.

If you would like to become a member of the Christian Mothers or the Altar Society, please contact Joannie Kling or Marla Britten. They will be inducting new members on Sunday, Sept 13 after mass.

The first Christian Mothers meeting of the 2020-2021 season is scheduled for Monday, Sept 14 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. All members are asked to bring a salad. Kamy Whatley will be the guest speaker presenting the Robert's Rule of Order on Parliamentary Procedures.

Faith Formation classes will begin Oct 2. Registration forms are located in the foyer of the church. Please fill them out ASAP so we have an accurate count of students. You may email forms to Nicole at nlkuehl@gmail.com or leave them in the foyer of the church. Information about Diocesan guidelines is included on the forms and will be emailed. We will not have School sisters teaching classes this year. There will be 2 large groups that will require a larger space to spread apart. The high school classes will be moved to Sunday mornings following mass. We are in need of teachers and substitutes, if anyone is interested please call Nicole Kuehler.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 29.....Matthew Britten
August 31.....Karrin Britten
September 1.....Rana Hardin, Barbara Homer
September 3.....A: Chris & Debbie Britten
September 4.....Damon Kuehler
September 5.....Trenton Fields

Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society (and I would even include, sadly, modern Catholic society) one of the symptoms of a growing, gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of three elements: It is first- veneration, it is secondly- invocation, and it is thirdly- imitation. In other words, devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be veneration on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.

I found this passage in the oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era – to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable.

This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.

Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen