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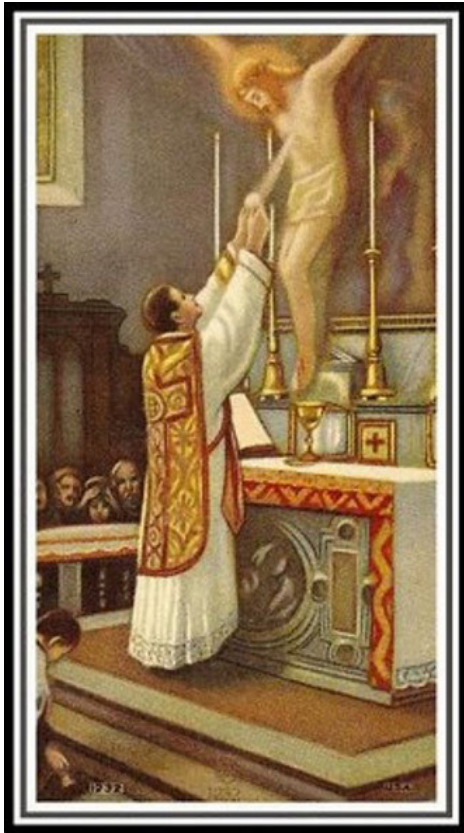
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



As we continue our reflection on the gift of the Eucharist, I invite us to continue reading the USCCB's recently published letter, *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*. Again, you can find this letter on the main page of our parish website. This week, my reflection will be on paragraphs 8-17. If we haven't had the time to read this section of the letter, I encourage us to read it in conjunction with this week's reflection.

This next section of the bishops' letter is entitled *The Gift*. What gift does the Eucharist offer us? The first subsection of the letter reveals the answer. The Eucharist offers us the gift of Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the Cross. There are many elements that make up the Mass. However, the Mass is primarily a sacrifice, the one sacrifice of Calvary. The bishops place the Mass then in the context of salvation history, reminding us that to understand the gift of Christ's sacrifice in the Mass, we must first realize how far we as God's creatures have been separated from God, the Source of all life, through the reality of sin. As a result of Adam's sin, man lost the eternal life he possessed in the garden of Eden. However, knowing that man did not possess the power to redeem himself or to bridge the chasm that had formed between himself and God, the Lord already formed the plan of redeeming His beloved creatures. He would offer Himself in sacrifice to redeem man and restore him to eternal life. He would do this precisely on the cross! Jesus, the new Adam, would restore our inheritance lost by sin. As the old Adam stretched out his hand in disobedience that resulted in death, so the new Adam would stretch out his hand in obedience on the cross, resulting in eternal life.

This sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is then made present in the Mass. It is not a new sacrifice, nor is it Jesus being sacrificed again. Rather, it is the very same sacrifice of Calvary that was offered on the cross two thousand years ago and made present for us on the altar whenever the Eucharist is celebrated. As the bishops' letter reads, *"Why is it so important that we understand the Eucharist as a sacrifice? It is because all that Jesus did for the salvation of humanity is made present in the celebration of the Eucharist, including his sacrificial death and resurrection. Christ's sacrifice of himself to the Father was efficacious and salvific because of the supreme love with which he shed his blood, the price of our salvation, and offered himself to the Father on our behalf. His blood, shed for us, is the eternal sign of that love. As a memorial the Eucharist is not another sacrifice, but the re-presentation of the sacrifice of Christ by which we are reconciled to the Father."* Further, Jesus made that sacrifice truly present at the Last Supper, transforming the elements of the bread and wine into His very Body and Blood and changing the substance of the Passover meal into His eternal sacrifice. The exodus of Israel from slavery in Egypt, commemorated in the Passover, is now substantially transformed into the exodus of God's people from sin by Christ's sacrifice, not commemorated, but made present for us in the Mass. Thus, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI can rightly say that there is a radical newness in Christian worship, a newness given to us by God Himself.

They give me vinegar mingled with gall, but more with malice: yet, when they did call, with Manna, Angel's food, I fed them all: Was ever grief like mine? Nay, after death their spite shall further go; For they will pierce my side, I full well know; That as sin came, so Sacraments might flow: Was ever grief like mine? (George Herbert, 1633).

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

VIGIL (THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00PM—+Marybeth Florczak, *by Paul and Claudette Roy*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 (THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:30AM—+Marybeth Florczak, *by Gayle and Deacon Ray*

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—+Lisa Dube, *by Cecile Adams*

MONDAY, JANUARY 24 (SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES)

8:30AM—+All Souls

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 (SAINT TIMOTHY; SAINT TITUS)

8:30AM—+Rita Dionne, *by Dolores McCrystal*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 (WEEKDAY)

6:30PM—+Alexander Bucchio, III, *by Rosa Bucchio*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 (SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS)

8:30AM—Birthday Blessings for Evelyn Schofield, *by the Schofield Family*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 (WEEKDAY)

8:30A—Birthday Blessings for Peter Schofield, *by the Schofield Family*

VIGIL (THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00PM—+John and +Sylvia Smaldone (Birthday Remembrance), *by their family*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 (THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:30AM—+Rick Wickham, *by Judy Masson*

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—+Phillip McKinnon, *by Gayle and Deacon Ray*

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

The offertory for January 15th-16th will be published in the next bulletin due to unexpected remote work circumstances.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD

Coffee and Donuts/Parish Hall (9:30A)

Religious Education, Group 2 and Grades 7-8/Parish Hall and RMs 1-6 (10:00A-noon)

First Penance Parents Meeting/Parish Hall (12:15P)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25TH

Cub Scouts/Parish Hall (6:00-7:00P)

Boy Scouts/Parish Hall (7:00-8:00P)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26TH

Adoration/Church (5:30-8:15A and 9:00A-6:30P)

Staff Prayer/Emmaus Chapel (9:45-10:30A)

Homeschool Lego Robotics Group/RMs 1-4 and Parish Hall (3:00-5:00P)

Vespers and Benediction/Church (6:30P)

K of C 4th Degree Business Meeting/Hall B (7:00-10:00P)

Choir Rehearsal/Church (7:15P)

Parish Pastoral Team/RM 1 (7:15P)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Church (5:30-6:15P)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29TH

Rosary/Church (8:00A)

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Church (9:15-10:00A and 3:00-3:45P)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH

Religious Education, Group 1/Parish Hall and RMs 1-6 (10:00A-noon)

LIVESTREAM REPAIR

Our volunteer livestream team has been working with our livestream provider over the past several weeks to troubleshoot the intermittent dropped signal problems with our Sunday Mass livestreams. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by these issues. Please know that our team is hard at work to resolve the problem.

NEIGHBOR NEEDS

Are you able to donate a gently used electric washer and dryer to a huge family in urgent need? Or a loveseat with chair, a kitchen table for 4-6 people, a high chair, or a TV stand for other local families? If you can help, please call Jarretta at 603.820.0365. Thank you!

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH: "HOW TO DEAL WITH DEMENTIA" SUPPORT GROUP

Is your family member or friend struggling with memory loss? You are not alone, and Catholic Charities NH is here to support you. Its newest online support group, "How to Deal with Dementia," is a five-week program starting on February 24, providing an understanding of dementia, its impact on those affected and resources you can use to best support your loved one. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org. There is no cost to participate.

PRESENTATION OF MARY ACADEMY

Presentation of Mary Academy offers a Catholic education that prepares your child for Academic, Spiritual and Social Success! Now accepting students for the 2022-23 academic year in Grades Pre-k through Junior High. Call to schedule a private tour of the school and the new ATHLETIC AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. Visit our web site www.pmaschool.org and click on the inquiry link. For more information, please contact Kim Flint at 603-889-6054.



SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

As mentioned and promised in our last blurb we are still ordering new merchandise and in the process of putting away everything that's come in during last week. Just a sampling of new "stuff":

There are super cuddly blankets for newborns (Baptism gift?!)

Awesome pairs of baby socks with great messages on the bottoms (Baptism, shower gift, etc!)

Cool magnetic note pads with pens attached.

Scratch and learn cards for children to learn the Saints. (We had these before Christmas and sold out in no time.)

Many, many new statues. Great for hospital rooms, nursing homes, apartments.

"God Bless You" tissues and tissue boxes (sold out of these at Christmas too!)

These are only some of the items and this is one of the first of multiple orders we will be placing in the coming weeks. Our only caveat to our customers is that some of these items are finite quantities now because we won't order from this vendor again until early spring--so a word to the wise.

Lastly we will be placing the order for the *Awake not Woke* books we mentioned in last week's bulletin at the end of this week, so anyone who has not given a deposit for a discounted book please contact the store before the end of the coming week. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

REAL OPTIONS BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our baby bottle drive for Real Options, the pregnancy crisis center, continues through the end of January. Please take a baby bottle from the basket in church, fill it with your donation, and return it to church by January 31st. Thank you for your support.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Well we're back at it again for the next few weeks, pushing our book selection to help you get through the winter a bit more "spiritually"! Here are some short introduction outlines of some of our books.

Dr. Edward Sri - *Virtue and the Art of Living*

"Our culture might be able to build skyscrapers, rockets and amazing technological gadgets, but we don't know how to train people in the most basic, most fundamental, indeed the most human things in life like living friendship and family. The modern world has failed to pass down the great tradition on the virtues. We've lost sight of what has been handed down from generation to generation throughout the centuries."

Melissa Maleski - *The Supreme Vocation of Women*

Maleski writes this book based on many, many of the teachings of Saint John Paul II. Her writings discuss "How women, specifically as women, reveal the image of God in the world." Why the devil has a special fear of womanhood and a particular hatred of women. How modern notions of sexuality and gender pervert God's image and His plan for creation. She quotes John Paul's vision: "For in giving themselves to others each day women fulfill their deepest vocation. Perhaps more than men, women acknowledge the person, because they see persons with their hearts. Women reveal a beauty--not merely physical, but above all spiritual, which God bestowed from the very beginning on all, and in a particular way on women."

Antonio Maria Sicari - *How Saints Die*

Sicari gives us a book that recounts the life and dying moments of 100 saints of the church. "every day throughout the world, millions of Catholics ask Our Lady to pray for them 'at the hour of our death'. That petition calls our attention to the significance of that moment we will all face, when we will pass from this world to the next."

In his recounting of St. Catherine, he writes concerning her declining health, "by this time Catherine could only pray. Although she could hardly walk anymore, she made a vow to go every morning to St. Peter's, to 'keep the Bridegroom company, since he has been abandoned too.' On the third Sunday of Lent she collapsed in front of the mosaic she prayed in front of. Being brought back to her cell she remained unmoving for 8 weeks, in a protracted death agony. She expired at three in the afternoon, at the age of thirty-three invoking the blood of Jesus and repeating his words, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.'"

An excellent book in the same vein as this is *A Time to Die* by Nicholas Diat, which we have in stock also.

Michael Pennock - *This is Our Faith - A Catholic Catechism for Adults*

We have suggested the standard Catechism as a great read for years. This revised and updated edition is a super easy and super informative version of the "big book"! Comments and endorsements are all excellent.

"I don't think I've ever read a more inviting, accessible, complete explanation of the Catholic faith." --Sarah Christmyer, author of *The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study*

"There is something for everyone in *This is Our faith* - something accessible, something inviting, something understandable, something encouraging, and something wonderful." --Martha-Danks Ferguson, Dir. Adult Faith Formation, St. Anthony Catholic Church

"Our RCIA team unanimously decided there is still no better catechism for our weekly RCIA sessions. The topics in *This is Our Faith* are covered thoroughly yet are never overwhelming." --Dwight Johnson, Director RCIA, Holy Eucharist Church

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2022

Due to staffing and shipping issues with our envelope printing company (and seemingly every company!), offertory envelopes for 2022 did not arrive for November distribution. When the envelopes do arrive, they will be on tables in the back of church as usual. In the meantime, **please simply use any envelope you have handy and write your envelope number and/or name on it for the collection basket.** And there's always the option to sign up for online giving! Thank you.

EPIPHANY COLORING CONTEST

Calling all children of the parish! As we have just celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, and in honor of the Nativity of our Lord, let's keep the spirit and the fun of the Christmas season going through the whole month of January with our annual coloring contest! Pick up your coloring page in the back of the church, at Religious Ed. Class, or on our website. There are two pages to choose from, one for grades 3 and under and one for grades 4-6. One winner will be chosen from each grade 1-6, and another for ages 5 and under, and prize bags will be awarded! Please write your name, grade, and phone number on the back of your contest entry, so judges do not see names. Please have all entries in to your teacher or the office by January 31, 2022. All entries will be displayed in the Parish Hall, and the names of all winners will be announced in the bulletin.

UPDATED ONLINE GIVING SYSTEM

Parishsoft continues to work on the upgrade to our online giving system. Due to staffing issues that many companies are experiencing, there have been delays with the migration of online giving history from the old system to the new one. The record of any donations made since the system transition began in November are accessible to you through your online giving account. Donations made prior to the upgrade will also be available online soon as the upgrade progresses, likely in January according to Parishsoft.

PLANT YOUR WORKS IN THE WORD

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

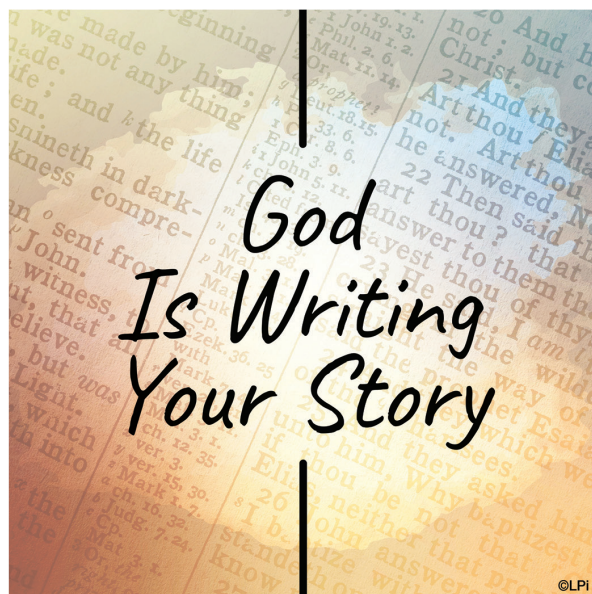
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IS IT RIGHT TO SUE SOMEONE? ISN'T IT A WAY OF GETTING REVENGE?

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.



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Our religious goods store is located in the back of the parish office building and has its own parking.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Friday and Sunday Closed

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (also livestreamed on our website); 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Saturday: 9:15-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Catechesis takes place with the parents prior to scheduling a date for the baptism. For more information, please contact Deacon Ray in the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the proposed date of the wedding. Please refer to the marriage policy as found on the parish website.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Arrangements may be made for Communion to the Homebound or for the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated at the outset of an illness or when there is a change in the person's condition. The Sacrament should also be received prior to surgery.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The diocesan policies are available by calling the parish office or by consulting the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org.

OPEN FOR YOU!

We invite you to use our church, the transept chapel, or the Emmaus Chapel (in the office building) for personal prayer. Our sacred spaces are open daily from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (closed Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass).

Welcome! If you are new to our community, we hope you have felt welcome! If you are a visitor - occasional or frequent - we're glad you joined us! If you're considering parish membership introduce yourself to the pastor after Holy Mass to get the process underway!

