Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 29, 2021
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Dt 4:1–2, 6–8
Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27
Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Law Versus Values

[Jesus said,] "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

MARK 7:15

That is a very difficult choice to place before people. Why can't we choose both? Actually, that is the ideal.

Law is a legislated way that a group lives out a value. We value safe highways, and so we legislate traffic regulations, speed limits, and so forth. We value communal prayer, and so we devise liturgical calendars and worship ceremonies. Usually, the way we live out a value changes more frequently than the value itself. However, it often happens that people become so attached to a custom or law, though unfamiliar with the underlying value it embodies, that a change of custom becomes very disruptive. This certainly happened in the Church after the Second Vatican Council, which took place in the 1960s.

This seems to be the source of tension in today's Gospel scene. Washing hands before eating was a ritual custom here, not just a hygienic one. It probably originated with priests who bloodied their hands while sacrificing animals. Eventually, ritual washing became one of the 613 customs that Pharisees expected every Jewish man to observe. Referred to as "a hedge around the law," such customs served to ensure the law itself was protected and would not be broken. Jesus' disciples did not observe this ritual, and so they were criticized.

Jesus immediately came to their defense. He did not disparage the value of appropriate ritual behavior. Rather, he accused his opponents of clinging to out-of-date practices while disregarding underlying values. Practices are external; values are internal. Laws and customs can change; fundamental principles and standards endure.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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FOR *Reflection*

✷ *Do you have a favorite religious practice? The rosary? Communal singing? What religious value does it reflect?*

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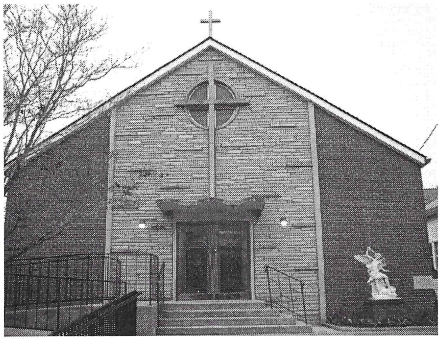

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass-5:00 PM
Sunday Mass-10:30 AM
Thursday Mass-8:30 AM
Holy Days-7:30 PM

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
AUGUST 28 & 29, 2021

Requiescat in Pace

Saturday, August 28th at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
we pray for the soul of

Otis J. Strickler

Requested by: Brigette Strickler

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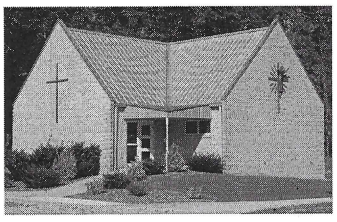
May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ***-Amen***

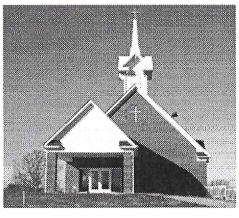
"Pray for one another, so that you too may be healed" (James 5:16)

We remember especially in our prayers: Jennifer Perkins Kenway, Gloria Vangsness, Tyrone Garcia, Holly Davis, Mary Margaret Wilson, Kenneth Roberts, Brent Woncki, Timmie Douglas, Marciana Jacobson, Adelaine Nohara, Finn Erlandson, Faye Preston, Angelo Ferrante, Alan Swicegood, Raymond Valdivia, Joey Wood, and all those in nursing homes, homebound, and those on our prayer list.



Saint Ann Catholic Church
198 Ridge Road,
Lancing, TN 37770

Mass: Sunday 8:30 AM
(Eastern Time)



Saint Christopher Catholic Church
160 Holt Spur Road,
Jamestown, TN 38556

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6:30 PM
(Central Time)

Announcements

Weekly Parish Communication Email: Do you feel like you are out of the loop? On Wednesdays, we send out a communication email. Included are in-depth prayer requests, announcements, funeral arrangements, a Catholic trivia question/answer called *Father's Penny Catechism*, and information from the parish. If you are not receiving the Communication email and you would like to, please contact Christine Roschli at: BlessedSacramentCommunication@gmail.com
If you do not have access to email or the internet but would like to receive the information, contact the office at (865) 882-9838. Be sure to leave a message!

Life Choices Resource Center: Have a Custom Watercolor of your pet or infant painted by the Artists of Four Corners! Just send your favorite picture of your pet or baby to the email address events@lifecrc.org if you are interested, and the artists of Four Corners will create a beautiful 8.5 x 11 watercolor painting on torn edge watercolor paper ready for framing. Cost is $75. Free pick up in Rockwood, or $5 for shipping to your home. A flyer with examples and information will be available on the table in the Narthex. All profits go to Life Choices Resource Center. www.lifecrc.org

Online Giving: A few people have asked about online giving. The programs available for online offertory donations come with a fee per online transaction (Bank Transfers: 0% + 35c. Fee; Debit card: 0.7% + 30 c. fee; Credit card 2.1% +20c. fee). Additionally, the Church would pay 1% per transaction as well as a monthly fee for the use of an online giving program. If you would still be interested in online giving please contact email the office at: blessedsacramentoffice@gmail.com

Holy Communion: Please be reminded that when receiving Holy Communion, you are to place the consecrated host in your mouth and consume it immediately. If you do not consume the host immediately, do not be surprised if you are stopped and asked to do so. Thank you. father michael

Ministry Volunteers Needed: Do you want to donate your time and talent to the Church? We are in need of altar servers and readers for Sunday Mass. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Alicia Laffoon at (865) 250-5686 or alaffoon@tntech.edu

BSC Columbarium: A final earthly resting place on Blessed Sacrament Church property
Blessed Sacrament Church is blessed with a beautiful and sacred space for its columbarium. It is located behind the Parish Center and is a return to the tradition of burial on church grounds to be near our family and faith community. If you would like to learn more about the Columbarium and how it works, please contact a member of the committee: Christine & Brian Roschli, Ron & Mary Jane Mahaley, and Ed D'Alessandro. Their contact info can be found in the church directory.

Update Your Info! Are you a new Parishioner? Has your address, phone number, email, or personal information changed? If you would like to register or update your information, please complete the registration form on our website:
www.blessedsacramentchurchandmissions.com
(click on the button titled "Parish Registration," select your Parish, fill in the information, and submit the form). Thank you! And Welcome to Blessed Sacrament!

Attention Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Before the reception of the Eucharist, we ask that all Eucharistic Ministers sanitize their hands using the hand sanitizer at the front of Church. After you have received Communion, the altar servers will provide you with a sanitizing wipe before you distribute the Body of Christ to people in attendance. **Masks are still required for Ministers distributing Holy Communion.**

Fifth Sunday Rosary: Please join us in praying the Rosary Saturday, August 28, before the Vigil Mass (4:35 PM) and the Sunday, August 29, before Mass (10:10 AM).

Narthex Informational Material: There are some excellent informational materials in the narthex, which include holy cards, pamphlets, and CDs, as well as copies of Father Michael's pastoral reflections on the Sacraments and Church doctrine; all of which are available for your spiritual needs. Please take any of them and share them with another.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Corner:
What is The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Rite speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey." Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, a significant experience of the parish community, and a commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful. The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the Apostles. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church. Inquiry sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please call Susan or Jim Conover at (865) 684-9003 or (865) 247-1559, or you may email them at susan.jimrconover@gmail.com if you have questions or would like further information.

This Month at Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday, August 28: Fifth Sunday Rosary (before Mass)-4:35 PM
* Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **Vigil Mass**-5:00 PM
* **Special Collection:** Haiti Earthquake Relief Collection

Sunday, August 29: Fifth Sunday Rosary (before Mass)-10:10 AM
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **Mass**-10:30 AM
* **Special Collection:** Haiti Earthquake Relief Collection
* Coffee and Donuts Following Mass

September at a Glance

Thursday, September 2: Thursday Morning Mass-8:30 AM
Friday, September 3: First Friday **Mass**-6:00 PM; **Adoration**-6:30 PM; **Benediction**-7:30 PM
Saturday, September 4: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time **Vigil Mass**-5:00 PM
Sunday, September 5: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time **Mass**-10:30 AM
* Coffee and Donuts Following Mass

Thursday, September 9: Thursday Morning Mass-8:30 AM
Saturday, September 11: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Vigil Mass**-5:00 PM
Sunday, September 12: Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)-9:30-10:15 AM
* Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Mass**-10:30 AM
* Coffee and Donuts Following Mass

Thursday, September 9: Thursday Morning Mass-8:30 AM
Saturday, September 18: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Vigil Mass**-5:00 PM
Sunday, September 19: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Mass**-10:30 AM
* Coffee and Donuts Following Mass

Blessed Sacrament Stewardship Report

Weekly Contributions for August 21 & 22, 2021	Total
Offertory	$1,628
Building Fund	$710

Saint Michael the Archangel Prayer:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. ~Amen

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Father concerning instructions for parents
Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements are to be made six months in advance
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 PM
(Communal celebrations of the sacrament during Advent & Lent)

Religious Education for Youth
Director: Alicia Laffoon
Alicia Mobile: 865-250-5686
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The Council of Catholic Women
All women of BSC are members of the CCW.
Meetings: will be posted in your up coming Bulletin.
Watch for them!

The Knights of Columbus
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BSC Communication
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For prayer requests, announcements, funeral arrangements, etc.

Adult Bible Study
Directors: Vic and Susan Landa
More Information will be available soon

Youth Ministry / CYO
Directors: Bridget & Mary Thew
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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? If you, or someone you know, would like more information about the teachings of the Catholic Church, please contact Susan or Jim Conover at 865-684-9003 or 865-247-1559, or email them at susan.jimrconover@gmail.com

Scripture and Tradition

"Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.' You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition. (Mark 7:6-8)"

In the Gospel today, Jesus calls out the Pharisees for placing the traditions of the elders on par with or even above the Law of Moses. The Pharisees were attacking Jesus for his apostles' behavior in regards to ritual cleansing. Many people might view this as a condemnation of Sacred Tradition, but it isn't. Jesus makes a distinction here between Sacred Tradition (with a capital "T") that is given by God, and ecclesial (human) tradition (with a lower case "t") which is made by man. Sacred Tradition is the Deposit of Faith (Depositum Fidei). The Catechism of the Catholic Church says in paragraph 81: *"[Holy] Tradition transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit. It transmits it to the successors of the apostles so that, enlightened by the Spirit of truth, they may faithfully preserve, expound, and spread it abroad by their preaching."* Paragraph 83 says: *"The [Sacred] Tradition here in question comes from the apostles and hands on what they received from Jesus' teaching and example and what they learned from the Holy Spirit."* Paragraph 83 also says: *"[Sacred] Tradition is to be distinguished from the various theological, disciplinary, liturgical, or devotional traditions, born in the local churches over time. These are the particular forms, adapted to different places and times, in which the great Tradition is expressed. In light of Tradition, these traditions can be retained, modified or even abandoned under the guidance of the Church's magisterium."* Sacred Traditions do not change over time, but the ecclesial traditions the Catechism lists: theological, disciplinary, liturgical, and devotional are able to be modified or even abolished by the Magisterium (the Pope and the bishops in union with him) whenever necessary.

Many of our Protestant brothers and sisters say that their church relies on the Bible alone (Sola Scriptura), but that the Catholic Church has added a lot of man-made traditions to the Word of God. There are several important things to understand: 1) As Catholics, we believe that the Bible is the Divinely inspired Word of God. 2) The books of the Bible were originally handed down through the generations in the rich oral **tradition** of the Hebraic faith from a time before there was written language; 3) The Catholic Church set the Canon (authoritative list) of the Bible. While we have seven more books in our Old Testament than Protestant Bibles, we did not add these to the Bible after the fact. In fact, these 7 books were part of Sacred Scripture during the life of Jesus and were only removed from the Jewish Scriptures at the beginning of the first century A.D. These books weren't removed from the Bible used by Protestants until 1534, when Luther removed them when he split from the Church and started the Protestant Reformation. The list currently used by the Church for well over a millennia before that; 4) We know that Jesus taught things to His apostles separate from what He taught publicly; John tells us that all of the books in the world could not contain everything Jesus said and taught (John 21:25). Additionally, throughout the New Testament, the apostles tell us that our faith is not confined to the written words of Sacred Scripture:

* *"I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold fast to the **traditions, just as I handed them on to you** (1 Corinthians 11:2)."*
* *"And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, **in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God,** which is now at work in you who believe (1 Thessalonians 2:13)."*
* *"Therefore, brothers, stand firm and hold fast to the **traditions that you were taught**, either by an **oral statement or by a letter of ours** (2 Thessalonians 2:15)."*
* *"And what you **heard from me through many witnesses** entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well (2 Timothy 2:2)."*

Dear Padre,

I recently had a spirited discussion with a Protestant friend regarding Romans 8:26. He believes his "perfected prayer of being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues" is addressed in that verse. What does the Church say about this verse?

Romans 8:26 says, "In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings."

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I'd be careful not to interpret this passage too narrowly and limit its application only to the gift of speaking in tongues. In fact, its application is much broader and actually can be applied to all Christian prayer.

When it comes to praying effectively, all of us can use some extra help. We get that help from the Holy Spirit. Scripture scholar Joseph A. Fitzmayer, SJ, maintains that the Holy Spirit actually plays an active and dynamic role in helping Christians pray effectively by interceding on his or her behalf. In effect, the Holy Spirit expresses for us the inaudible prayers and groaning of our hearts, for which we have no words. So, when we pray, the Holy Spirit is actually present to us and makes up for what we are lacking in our prayer due to our own human weakness.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit?...This is a prayer we must pray every day: "Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day."

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 15, 2013

Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 30
Weekday
1 Thes 4:13–18
Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday
AUGUST 31
Weekday
1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11
Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 1
Weekday
Col 1:1–8
Lk 4:38–44

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 2
Weekday
Col 1:9–14
Lk 5:1–11

Friday
SEPTEMBER 3
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Col 1:15–20
Lk 5:33–39

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 4
Weekday
Col 1:21–23
Lk 6:1–5

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 5
Twenty–third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4–7a
Jas 2:1–5
Mk 7:31–37

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