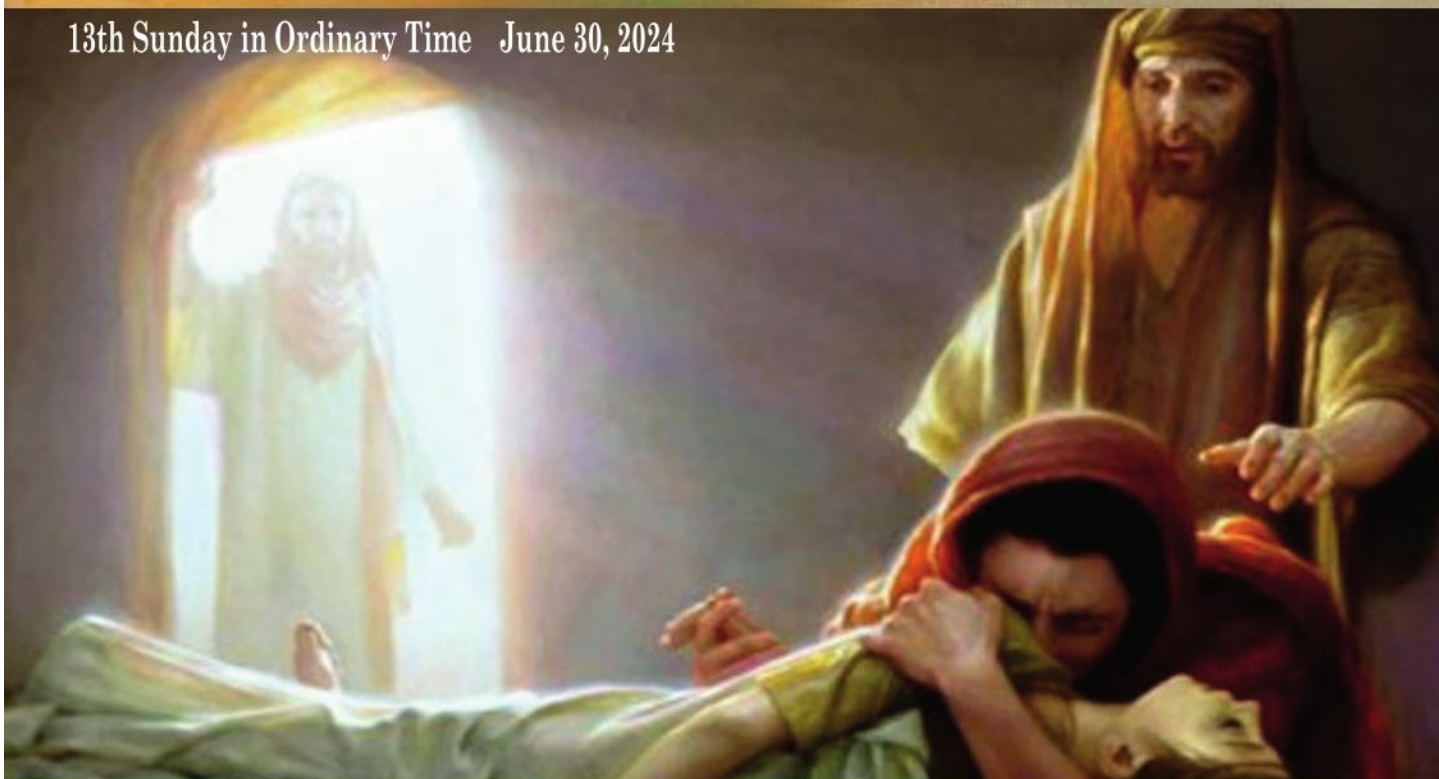


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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing
with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

With deep sympathy we inform you of the passing of Catherine S. Frederick Lambert who was called by God to her eternal reward. Please remember Catherine and all those who mourn her in your prayers.



WEEKLY EVENTS

GASPP—Monday 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

Antonians—Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Office Closed—Wednesday for 4th of July

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Friday beginning with 8:00 a.m. mass and ending with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Mary—Saturday 8:00 a.m. mass with rosary and confession

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 1

(Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, July 2

(Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27)

8:00 a.m. Donald Cusimano

Wednesday, July 3

(Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, July 4

(Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8)

8:00 a.m. Roger Doucette†

Friday, July 5

(Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13)

8:00 a.m. David Pooley

Saturday, July 6

(Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17)

7:00 a.m. Kristen Charbonnet

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Yvette & Al Bowman, Earline Garitty†, Lee Ann Scogin†

Sunday, July 7

(Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6)

7:00 a.m. Deacon John & Mary Joyce Howard†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Bernadette Landry†, Richard/Kittel Families, Catherine Lambert†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

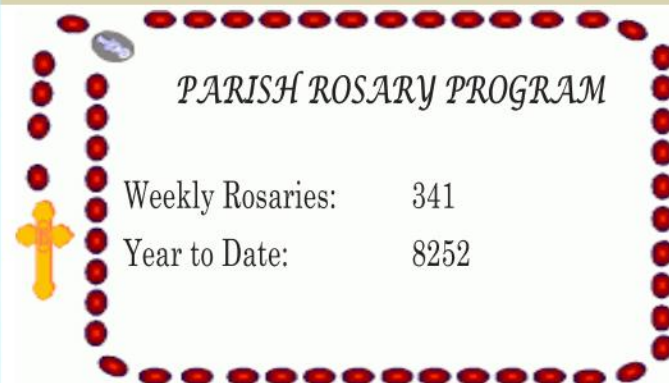
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PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 341

Year to Date: 8252

THE HEAD AND THE HEART

Have you ever known something intellectually, with your mind, yet not really believe it with your whole heart and soul? I love to try and see if I can figure out the connections between the Sunday Mass readings, particularly the First Reading and the Gospel. While reflecting on today's Mass readings to write this reflection, I realized I knew something in my head but didn't know it in my heart.

The First Reading hit me right between the eyes. God didn't create disorder in the world, and he hates that the human race must deal with the fallout of sin. Sin brings all kinds of disorder in our world, but perhaps one of the most well-known and experienced forms of disorder comes through health - or lack thereof.

In today's Gospel reading, two women are experiencing devastating health events, one was even near death. At that point, the lightbulb finally went off in my head. "God doesn't want this for anybody. He doesn't want those women - or anyone - to suffer with bad health or in a myriad of other ways." He didn't make death or revel in it, but God had a plan to clean it all up. And to increase faith among his followers, he heals both women that day, prefiguring our life in Heaven with God.

Have I always known that God didn't make death or revel in it? In my head, yes. In my heart, no. I suspect that there is some sort of truth about God that you know and believe in your intellect, but don't truly embrace with your whole heart and soul. That's okay, my friend. Ask God for the grace and ability to believe it and to welcome it firmly into your inner being. And, like the women healed that day, maybe, just maybe, you'll witness a little miracle in your life.

By Mary Thissen

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As Independence Day draws near, we think of the men and women of the military who serve with courage and competence, some far from home. How does the Church accompany them? In 1939, Pope Pius XII created an independent jurisdiction of the Catholic Church called the "Military Vicariate." In 1985 Pope John Paul II created the "Archdiocese for Military Services, USA." Spanning the globe and serving nearly one and a half million Roman Catholics, more than one thousand priests minister in hospitals, on military bases of all the armed forces, on ships at sea, and on the battlefield. The AMS does not ordain priests, but accepts priests on loan from religious orders and dioceses.

In 1824 a Jesuit priest named Adam Marshall enlisted in the Navy and died at sea in 1825. He was assigned as a "schoolmaster," but he sought out and ministered to Catholic sailors. Twenty years later, President Polk was worried that the war with Mexico was seen as anti-Catholic, so he recruited two Jesuit priests to serve in the army as chaplains. At the time of the Civil War, only about ten percent of Americans were Catholic. Military policies forced Catholic soldiers to attend Protestant services. The Church protested this rule, and many priests volunteered to become chaplains. Their witness and the courage of the "Nuns of the Battlefield" (several orders of sisters who assisted Civil War victims) helped temper prejudice against Catholics and pave the way for the life and ministry of this vigorous and unique archdiocese.

—Rev. James Field

WHO'S MORE GENEROUS?

Does the Christian duty to help the poor seem to be overwhelming? We hear more and more are out of work, more and more are homeless, and we see more and more pictures of starving children. Even in St. Paul's time there was more than enough poverty to go around. He was trying to build interest (in our second reading) in a project to help the Christians in Jerusalem. We see two of his reasons here.

First he tells what fine Christians they are, and hopes that they will be just as good in giving to his collection. (Reminds me of letters from the bishop, telling parishioners how good and generous they have been in the past.) But Paul isn't just flattering the Corinthians; he is challenging them to continue to show their love for God in their support for fellow Christians. The second reason was to show a good example: By helping the church in Jerusalem, they would show that Christians were united in faith and love for each other. He also doesn't make a competition out of who could be most generous. He expects them to be more interested in love for each other than in outdoing each other.

The main example he uses is Jesus, who made himself poor (i.e., human) so that we could be rich in grace and forgiveness. Paul challenges them, and us, to follow that example in giving from our wealth so that others can survive. Note that he doesn't expect them to live in poverty, just to share what they have out of love for Christ. Perhaps they may need help themselves sometime, and could count on the other church to do the same for them.

Today, we can ask ourselves, "Do I give to the poor because I feel guilty about all that I have? Or do I want to show my love for Jesus when I see him in the poor? Do I give because I want the parish to look more generous than the neighboring parish, or to show that we are all united in concern for each other?" By looking at why we give to charities, we may find ourselves being even more generous than we expected.

Tom Schmidt

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DAY 9 ROME: VATICAN CITY

few pastor's corners.

This morning, the final day of our pilgrimage, we began by attending a papal audience with Pope Francis. Afterward, we visited the Vatican Museums to see centuries of beautiful artwork and artifacts. We saw Michelangelo's works like *the Pieta* and *the Sistine Chapel*. We also explored St. Peter's Basilica, built over St. Peter's tomb. There was so much to see this day that I will cover it in a

St. Peter's Basilica is a church built in the Renaissance style located in the Vatican City west of the River Tiber and near the Janiculum Hill and Hadrian's Mausoleum. Its central dome dominates the skyline of Rome. The basilica is approached via St. Peter's Square, a forecourt in two sections, both surrounded by tall colonnades. The first space is oval and the second trapezoidal. The façade of the basilica, with a giant order of columns, stretches across the end of the square and is approached by steps on which stand two 5.55-metre (18.2 ft) statues of the first-century apostles to Rome, Saints Peter and Paul. The basilica is cruciform in shape, with an elongated nave in the Latin cross form but the early designs were for a centrally planned structure and this is still in evidence in the architecture. The central space is dominated both externally and internally by one of the largest domes in the world. The entrance is through a narthex, or entrance hall, which stretches across the building. One of the decorated bronze doors leading from the narthex is the Holy Door, only opened during jubilees. Catholic tradition holds that the basilica is the burial site of Saint Peter, chief among Jesus's apostles and also the first Bishop of Rome (Pope). Saint Peter's tomb is directly below the high altar of the Basilica, also known as the Altar of the Confession. For this reason, many popes, cardinals and bishops have been interred at St. Peter's since the Early Christian period.

Sitting in the crowd at the papal audience gave me the opportunity to realize just how big the Vatican really is. There were thousands of seats and thousands of people coming into the audience area, which is known as the Plaza San Pedro, between the arms, or colonnades, of the Basilica. It is overwhelming to think that almost one hundred thousand people can fit inside that plaza, which is as wide as three football fields and located in front of St Peter's Basilica, the heart of Vatican City. It is constructed in the shape of a rectangle connecting the Basilica's entrance with a huge oval space surrounded by almost 350 massive columns and pilasters.

As I noted a few weeks ago in a homily, if you look at the Vatican from the sky you would see that it is shaped like person with arms outstretched giving you a hug. This was done by the architect, Gianlorenzo Bernini, to give you the feeling of being welcomed by the church or Rome, as if they were the maternal arms of Mother Church. They could also be seen as the arms of a mother who is always ready to welcome all of her children, both the ones who are already full members, as well as, those looking for a spiritual home. And those arms have indeed welcomed pilgrims from every continent, age group, and walk of life for the last 500 years – ever since the expanded plaza was first constructed.

Sitting in the crowd I could see the size of the columns that hold up the arms. On top of the colonnades are larger than life size statues of the saints. These saints are from across the two thousand year history of the Church and are from all walks of life. They were kings and queens, peasants, farmers, hermits housewives, carpenters, stone masons, nuns, priests, popes and cardinals. These saints symbolize the inclusive nature of the Catholic Church since they are from many cultures and races from across the globe and every period of history.

There were a few other things that I saw in the courtyard like several beautiful fountains in the inner courtyard, one was shaped sort of like a two teared white mushroom with the seal of the pope who had it constructed on the side of it. There is also a granite Egyptian obelisk known as "The Witness", with the cross on the top, which was centrally placed in the Plaza, it is the second largest standing obelisk, and the only one to remain standing since its removal from Egypt and re-erection in the Circus of Nero in 37 AD, where it is thought to have stood witness to the crucifixion of St. Peter. It was moved to its current location by order of Pope Sixtus V in 1586. Since this is a pagan obelisk you may wonder why it is placed in the center of St. Peter's Basilica. First the pope who had it erected prayed an exorcism prayer over it to break any ties that Satan had over it and then set a cross on the very top, which is a symbol of Christ conquering the world.

I also saw one of the pilgrim statues of refugees. If you did not get a chance to see the pilgrim statue that was on display at Notre Dame Seminary, it was made in the shape of a boat or raft with life size images of people from different walks of life and different races who were all refugees in their lives. If you looked closely at the statue, you could see that the artist even included St Joseph and Mary with Jesus. Since they had to run to Egypt as refugees to escape Herod. After the papal audience we headed to the Vatican museum.



LEFT: Refugee pilgrim Statue detail

Right: Pilgrim Statue with Mary & Joseph

Below Left: Refugee Statue full

Below Right: St. Peter's Basilica

Bottom Left: Egyptian Obelisk

Bottom Right: St. Peter's Basilica from the sky



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