

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, June 27
5:30pm – *Pro Populo*

Sunday, June 28
8:00am –
10:00am - Abe Madkour
by Charles and Barbara Travers

Monday, June 29
8:00am –

Tuesday, June 30
8:00am – Healing for Pamela Mary Woods
by Mark Templeton

Wednesday, July 1
8:00am - Dorothy Leubert by Suzanne Karkut

Thursday, July 2
8:00am – For Teachers by Knights of Columbus

Friday, July 3
8:00am –

Saturday, July 4
5:30pm – *Pro Populo*

Sunday, July 5
8:00am –
10:00am - 96th Anniversary of the Catholic Daughters

Let us remember in prayer:

For the sick, the dying and those who care for them.

Dear All,

Over the last few days, I have spent (wasted?) uncountable hours talking about masks! When it comes to pieces of fabric, only the confederate flag draws stronger reactions than does the simple mask! The

Those who wear a mask tell me about the lofty humanitarian causes that are served by masking. Those who don't wear a mask tell me about the lofty constitutional principles that are served by bare face. The thing that really intrigues me is that everyone I talk to assumes that we are in agreement – or that I care!

My unmasked question is this: What does a mask – or, for that matter, a bare kisser – reveal about the wearer? J. Alfred Prufrock consoled himself with the thought that *There will be time to prepare a face to meet the faces we will meet*. No one has to know what frightens us, what embarrasses us, what angers us, what tickles us pink unless we want them to. And, often enough, we would rather keep that information a secret. To reveal it leaves us vulnerable to intimidation, to shaming, to teasing. Knowledge is power and knowledge of our true inner self in power over us! So, we pretend that what we know to be true is not so; or that what is true is truer than truth lest anyone dare to impose on us.

The mask, as you know, that drives me into fits of disgust is that of the *good person*. The good person is one who is loved by all and tolerant of everyone. In the world of cheap and amateur psychology the good person is just passive-aggressive; his or her goodness is just a mask for not caring – and for fear that no one else will care, either.

The second most maddening mask that I know of is that of the *incurable*. I'm not talking here about some physical ailment. But we all know folks whose frank confession that they have 'always been like this' is proffered as a mask to which no blame can cling and against which an injured party has neither defense nor right of redress. This is, of course just one more cover-up for not caring; it is just a bit more aggressively passive aggressive.

We all know about the masks of the physical *bully* and his intellectual cousin, the *expert*. They treat all of us as inferiors in need of reminding of our inferiority. They remind me of Dag Hammarskjöld's skunk who *because*

the other animals cleared a wide way for him, thought he was the king of beasts!

These thoughts, of course, lead me to reflect a bit on my mask(s).

I might hope that the same happens for you, too. What is the *face you prepare* to meet other faces? What advantage does this mask bring to you? What does it conceal? What does it tell you?

This is enough about masks – whew! – but it is a good introduction to some exploration of the truth about us all – what we called *theological anthropology* in the long-ago days of my seminary years.

Really and truly and (you fill in the blank) yours,
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A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who,
at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining
steadfast in faith. O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana
in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with protecting the
health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick,
and seeking a cure.
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon
himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.
*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,*

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*but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.
Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

Daily Rosary Apostolate

The Diocese continues to offer a daily **Rosary** online. Individuals from around the diocese have been joining **Valerie Parzyck** in leading each day. Interested? Here's the details: "I would love it if you would schedule a time with me to record a Rosary. What does that look like exactly? It's very simple! You email me with convenient times for you and once it is scheduled I will send you a link to Zoom for the appointed time. You may choose to show your face or, if you'd prefer, I can show slides for each mystery while we pray. If this is something you would like to participate in, *please* contact me. You can email me with a time that works for you and we can schedule it. Please email me at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org "

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." The Lord's goodness dwells in our marriage. Open up the secret of His goodness by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 9-30, 2020 in VIRTUAL, CT and Sep 1, 2020 in VIRTUAL, NY. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

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