



Saturday, March 12

5:30pm – Richard Jolivette by Sylvia Jolivette

Sunday, March 13

8:00am – *Pro populo*

10:00am – Larry Washburn by wife, Sue

Monday, March 14

8:00am – Charles Travers by wife, Barbara

Tuesday, March 15

8:00am – David Carey by

Dana and Cheryl Markey

WEDNESDAY, March 16

8:00am - Donald and Frank Kinney

by Bill and Marilyn Kinney

Thursday, March 17

8:0 am – Munroe Family

by Joan and Stephen Munroe

Friday, March 18

8:00am - The health of Pamela Mary Woods

by Mark Templeton

Saturday, March 19

5:30pm – *Pro populo*

Sunday, March 20

8:00am – *Pro populo*

10:00am –Pat Raffaele

by Linda and Joseph Camardo

Let us remember in prayer:

All the Sick, the Dying, those who care for them.

Let us pray too for the repose of the soul of

Betty O’Leary and for the consolation of her family

Dear All,

There is a sharp difference between what is known as *homo sapiens* and *homo technicus*. Sapiens asks first and last *What is necessary?* Technician asks *How can I get what I want?* Sapiens studies the universe and studies himself to find the spot of harmony and interactive resonance. Technician consults his own will and confronts the world as it is as if it were an obstacle, rather than a home or a partnership.

It can seem sometimes that Sapiens seems to be stuck in a world of biologism and wives’ tales and last-century science. Technician knows only the limits of his tools; are they strong enough, fine enough, efficient enough. Sapiens values cooperation. Technician lays out plans for operations. Sometimes those operations are medical; sometimes, military.

Pope Francis has frequently pointed out that Technician, bent on the fulfillment of his own desires, ignores entirely the important matters of ‘waste’ and ‘unintended consequences’ and ‘collateral damage’ and ‘human cost’ (*homo economicus* worries about the financial implications). Sometimes, Technician views even his own flesh as a reality hostile to his will, his appetites.

If you examine the position of the Catholic Church on almost every issue of reproductive rights and procedures; if you take a look at the church’s current position on such ‘technical’ solutions to societal and international interaction as capital punishment or nuclear warfare, or such agonizing medical matters as end-of-life care or care of the unborn, you will discover that those positions are always taken in favor of harmonization, mutuality, hospitality, reconciliation. It is true that the Church occasionally agrees that the ‘ways and means’ to these goals are not immediately clear and that time is against the survival of those who prefer other values to a merely technical solution to a problem. But the Church’s agreement does not amount to an endorsement of the expedients so loved by Technician; rather, the agreement is but a recognition of the frailty of human creativity in the face of seemingly insoluble contradictions.

Prop 5 (you knew that I would not leave that alone or ignore it!) espouses a ‘technical’ approach to enlarging a woman’s freedom – abortion. It clearly does not ask about the ‘waste’ issue – the life of a child. Nor (even as it admits that such a cost is real) does it ask about the societal cost – shrinking birth rates and the eugenic cancellation of any life deemed ‘not worth living’.

It seems a pity that this generation’s liberty can be had only at the cost of the life of the next one.

Prop 5 will probably pass all the necessary steps to become part of the constitution of Vermont. That is too bad. But that does not let us off the hook in the tug-o’-war between Sapiens and Technician. Human thriving, at any level, is impossible where there is no value but self-will, no agency but that that of technology, any flourishing belongs only to those who start out with all the advantages.

Christ whom the Advent hymn addresses as *Sapientia*, warns that ‘whatsoever you do to the least and last you do to me’. But more than his warning, we must heed his promise and seek the ‘technological’ means to achieve it: Blessed are those who make peace; they are the children of God.

Really and truly blessedly yours,
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Volunteers Needed for Food Cupboard in

April

Thanks to seven of our “regulars” and two newcomers, we already have 22 of the 36 slots filled for staffing the Community Food Cupboard in April. Remaining openings: Wednesday afternoons (1:45-4:15) April 13 & 27; Thursday mornings (9:45-noon) April 7 & 14, and afternoons (1:45-4:15), April 7, 14, 21 & 28. To get more information and/or to sign up, please contact Sue Washburn, sswashburn@gmail.com or 802-325-3525. Warmest thanks to all our volunteers who do this important community work.

**EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES
ARE ON TABLES AT OUR ENTRANCES.**

**Need to put something special into your Lent?
Especially this Lent**

Join us for the recitation of the rosary every weekday starting at 8:25am here at Christ Our Savior Parish.

Offertory envelopes

are in the parish hall on the back counter. If you want envelopes and you didn’t find any with your name on them in the hall, please call the rectory and leave a short message with your name, address, phone number and email address. And your envelopes will be on the table on the North side of Church with your name on the box the following weekend.

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast takes place
this weekend in Parish Hall after
8 and 10am Mass.**

PRAY FOR UKRAINE/RUSSIA

Mary, Queen of Peace, please preserve the world from the madness of war.

Reunite families torn apart.

Comfort frightened children.

Console the sick and elderly who suffer alone.

Shield the men and women defending their homes.

Change the hearts of leaders to seek peaceful solutions.

Bring harmony to our broken world.

We ask all this through your help and intercession, Most Blessed Mother, as you lead and direct us each day into greater love for and obedience to your Son,

Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**If you have been “missing” Confession for the
last couple of years of so,**

you have a chance to ‘catchup’ on Sunday next, 20 March at 3 pm at Sacred Heart/Saint Francis Parish. There will be several priests available after an opening call to repentance.

As an act of charity towards our fellow parishioners, Bishop Coyne has asked that masks be worn at all Masses during this flu season