



POPE FRANCIS' LETTER ON THE LITURGY (11th installment).

The whole assembly shares a particular ritual act of absolute importance – Silence. The rubrics ask for silence many times. The entire Eucharistic celebration is immersed in the silence which imbues every moment of its ritual unfolding. We find it in the penitential act, after the invitation “*Let us pray,*” before and between the readings, after the homily, during the Consecration, and after Communion. Liturgical silence is not an escape, but a symbol of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit who animates the entire action of the celebration. Silence moves us to have sorrow for sin and desire for conversion. It awakens a readiness to hear the Word. It disposes us to adore Christ’s Body and Blood. Silence is full of suggestions on how each of us can conform our lives to the Bread broken. The Spirit is at work shaping our lives through the symbolic gesture of silence.

Every word and gesture of the Eucharistic celebration remains ever new since it meets us in the motion of our lives. For example, when we kneel to ask pardon, to bend our pride, to beg God’s intervention, to thank Him for a gift received, it might be the same gesture, but we’re at a different moment in our lives, thus molding our inner depths. This is why kneeling should be done *artfully*, that is, with a full awareness of what it symbolizes: our humility in the presence of the Lord.

While there are different “models” of presiding, ministers are never the center of attention. Priests receive a gift in the sacrament of Holy Orders that shapes the way they participate; the priest presides. This duty flows from the Holy Spirit received in ordination rather than arising from the community. As the priest serves the celebrating assembly, God is molding him.

To do it well – indeed, with art! – the priest must remain keenly aware of being, through God’s mercy, a particular presence of the risen Lord. The Lord is present to the Christian assembly in many ways, one of which is through the ordained minister. All the presider’s words and gestures carry “sacramental” weight. Through the priest, the assembly should feel, as much today as at the Last Supper, the Lord’s desire to eat the Passover with us.

Eucharistic Adoration **Every Weds, St Anthony's, following 6 pm Mass until 8 pm. Benediction at 7:50 pm.**

As most are aware, Fr Kurt Gunwall’s mother, Sharon, passed away on Thursday evening, Sep 15, Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Her Vigil Service is Sun, Sep 18, 5 pm; funeral on Mon, 2pm at Sts Anne & Joachim, Fargo.
For those who wish to reach out to Fr. Kurt, his address is 1010 3rd St, Langdon, ND 58249. We remember Sharon and her beloved family in our prayers.

Thank you

Thanks to the good folks of Sts Peter & Paul, Mandador for your Welcome celebration last Sunday! And for the birthday gifts that snuck in there, including a big bag of potato chips! I felt very welcome and touched by your kindness. Sun-Mon, I journey to my former flock in Bottineau, where a small group will celebrate my 25th anniv of priesthood, May 31.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SEPT 23-24, REDEEMED EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE, FARGO, SEE POSTER IN CHURCH**
- Sun, Sept 25, ST ANTHONY FALL DINNER, 11:30-2:00. MENU—FRIED CHICKEN, DRESSING, GREEN BEAN CASEROLE, CRANBERRY SAUCE, DESSERT**
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET AT CHURCH ENTRY.
- SEPT 26-28, PRESBYTERATE DAYS, FR MICHAEL ABSENT**
- OCT 7 & 8, AFTER MASSES AT ST ANTHONY, MEETING TO DISCUSS OUTDOOR CARE/MAINTENANCE**



Church Cleanup **Keeping God’s House beautiful September**

- ◆ **Sept - Sts PP:** Denise Hejtmanek, *Pam Foertsch, Bev Waxweiler, Marietta Pellman
- ◆ **St A:** Bethany Mauch, Rhonda Erbes, Celeste Whitebear, DeeAnn Mauch, Cindy Braun, Renee Griffith, *Kassie Pauly
- ◆ **THIS WEEK’S CELEBRATIONS:**
- ◆ **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**
- ◆ Adam Mauch
- ◆ Alyson Krier
- ◆ Norbert Althoff
- ◆ Kari Callenius
- ◆ Yoney Fobb
- ◆ Brandon Griffith
- ◆ Theresa (& Jerome †) Link
- ◆ *Our Community warmly congratulates Mr. & Mrs. Ricky & Heidi Mauch on the occasion of their wedding day, Sept 17.*