

JUNE 7, 2020 | THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"Eternal Trinity...mystery deep as the sea,  
You could give me no greater gift than the gift  
of Yourself. For You are a fire ever burning  
and never consumed, which itself consumes  
all the selfish love that fills my being..."

-St. Catherine of Siena-

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## From Father Terry

The old phrase about the devil being in the details seems to fit quite well with our current events in society. Whenever God is at work, and there is a good being achieved, the enemy will do what he can to undermine it in as many ways as possible. As tragic as it has been for our entire world, even this coronavirus pandemic has potential to bear abundant good fruit. Perhaps God has saved many souls that he has called home to himself. Perhaps all of us have had the opportunity to take an inventory of our lives and of our hearts, and re-examine what we are about and what we are pursuing, thus allowing us to truly find the Lord Jesus once again as the only thing that we can really build our lives around. Perhaps this unique time has allowed families to rebuild relationships, to grow in intimacy, and to establish a deeper connection that will endure for decades. Maybe this has allowed people to grow in other areas of virtue, to grow deeper in the habits of prayer, to develop new skills, or to slow down from the busyness of life. However, the devil is in the details. The enemy perhaps may also have gained ground in hearts that were tragically uprooted in this time. Perhaps many people have suffered due to economic difficulties, strife in the home, tension in long-distance relationships, or the loss of certain opportunities that were rightfully foregone for the sake of the common good. Perhaps the enemy has caused a great disturbance in the hearts of others, so that this unrest in individual hearts has spurred unjust reactions in other areas of life.

The same duality of growth and digression is possible for the protests we are witnessing in many cities. Anger is the natural response to injustice, according to St. Thomas Aquinas. When one perceives something as unjust, the healthy mind is upset, and is motivated to try to set things right. God who created us in his image and likeness himself was angry in various parts of the old testament when there were injustices occurring. We see Jesus angry at all kinds of injustices, but that "righteous anger" was motivated by love, which is a desire for the good of another person. Jesus was angry because he wanted things to be set right so that human beings could flourish in true justice toward God and neighbor. But love always ordered his response in a proper way. Anger was not allowed to take the driver seat away from love.

Currently people are experiencing anger over many different injustices. . But all of us, no matter what circumstance we are

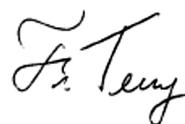
in, need to be motivated by love in our response.

It's also a great tragedy that in the midst of the current uproar about police brutality and concern for racial equality, other people seem to be hijacking the situation for greater evil: destruction of property, theft, looting, labeling other people and diminishing their human dignity, and even harming (or perhaps killing) innocent bystanders, such as a priest sitting on the front steps of a church in Indianapolis. Indeed, the devil is in the details, and the enemy works to take a good motivation off track and create various sorts of collateral damage.

Things that start well do not automatically end well, especially if we are not continually opening ourselves to God's grace and being obedient to his will. If we are not cooperating with God at all times and in every way, we will lose track.

I also think as we have often seen in recent years, manners and decency are actually very important things, and not some silly tradition of days past. If I am in the habit of saying please and thank you and practicing acts of courtesy, I have fostered a habit of looking at the dignity of the other person in front of me and not putting myself at the center. This act of humility is very important for allowing love to grow within my heart. Although it may have been overdone in past societies that were perhaps too formal, we do a great disservice to our society when manners and decency are cast aside, when our speech and our behavior do not consciously manifest a desire to acknowledge with reverence the dignity of the other person right in front of me (or on social media). Let's live these small acts of love of neighbor and help others to do the same.

Please pray that we keep our eyes on the prize of radical holiness. The most important thing I can do to make the world better is to make sure that my heart is totally in God's possession, for then I see the world as he sees it, and see all others as His children.





As a parish staff we have been reflecting on how we have all been given a unique opportunity to refocus our lives and decide what, and ultimately, **Who**, we will put at the center of our lives moving forward from quarantine.

The visual of a blank calendar keeps coming to mind: for many of us, our busy schedules and calendars were wiped clean (or at least radically slowed down) by quarantine and social distancing; now as we begin to fill in the empty spaces with appointments and events, we have a **crucial choice** to make: **will we put Christ in His rightful place at the center of our calendars, our lives, our hearts?**

Take the following questions and your calendar to prayer; invite Jesus to partner with you as you schedule your life around Him. We encourage you to write down these commitments and do your best to plan everything else around the framework you and Jesus have built together.

How will I prioritize and keep holy **the Lord's day**? (Attending Mass, making time and space to rest with Him, practicing gratitude in a particular way, etc.)

When will I set aside intentional time to spend with Jesus in prayer **each day**? (ie– 15 minutes in the morning and 15 at night, 30 minutes during my lunch break, 1 hour in the late afternoon, etc.)

Where will I go to pray? (the Church, a favorite chair in a quiet place, nature, my back porch, etc.)

*Let us pray,*

*Lord Jesus, You are the King of our days. You know our coming and our going, and You bless every minute and every breath that we offer wholeheartedly to You. Be with us now as we strive to put You at the center of our lives. Amen.*

## Healing Prayer Corner: COVID-19 and George Floyd

The killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis has opened again deep wounds in our nation. Tragedies have followed tragedy as violence has spread all over the country. And this on top of over 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, with no end in sight.

In a prophetic column written by Jim Wallis, editor-in-chief of "Sojourners," in response to the COVID-19 death toll, he says: "It is a marker we must not pass by quickly or easily. We must stop. We must weep. We must mourn. We must honor. And we must lament, which is to feel and bear great grief and sorrow, and reflect upon it." And find hope in the second Beatitude: "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

What Wallis continues to say applies not only to the pandemic, but to the death of George Floyd. "To lament means more than weeping and mourning; it also includes regret – to ask why this happened, to understand that it didn't have to be this way, that we could have been better, smarter, fairer, more compassionate and just."

What must we do? As the Lord said to Moses in today's First Reading, the Lord is "a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." To such a God, we must pray. But without mourning and lamenting, our prayer might be artificial.

There is more. We must be "better, smarter, fairer, more compassionate and just." And we must demand that of our leaders. Otherwise, we might not be more than what Moses said to the Lord of the Israelites: "This is indeed a stiff-necked people."



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 6

5:30 pm †Special Intentions & Remembrances listed in the back inside cover of the bulletin

### Sunday, June 7

9:00 am †Matthew Vu Phong Pham  
11:30 am The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower  
8:00 pm †Brother Peter Martin, CSC

### Monday, June 8

8:30 am †Jim Oleksak

### Tuesday, June 9

8:30 am In Thanksgiving for miracles to date & for even greater miracles to come for Katie Schwab

### Wednesday, June 10

8:30 am †Nolan Zent

### Thursday, June 11

8:30 am †Loy Levens

### Friday, June 12

8:30 am †Charles Youts

### Saturday, June 13

8:00 am †Corine Knitter  
5:30 pm †Greg Calhoun

### Sunday, June 14

9:00 am †Clem Tafelski  
11:30 am The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower  
8:00 pm †Pam Van Huffel

Please join us in also praying for all those affected by the Coronavirus in various ways.  
Lord, hear our prayer!



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## Scripture Readings for the Week of June 7, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18
<b>Monday</b>	1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 5:1-12
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church</b> 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle</b> Acts 11:21b-26; Acts 13:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Friday</b>	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10; Mt 5:33-37
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi</b> Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

## Creation Is Hurting!



Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* is the guide of the Church toward how we view and respond to our world and environment. One may wonder how the encyclical is to be reflected in our attitude to the environment and if it has any real place in our spiritual life. Pope Francis is quite clear that our concern with the environment is definitely an important part of our Christian life: "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (# 217)

In a society where individualism, consumerism, profit and dominion over our natural world are taken as given values, our spiritual response to these values is critical: "Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life, and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption. We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that 'less is more...' (# 216) Even if we are overwhelmed by the climate crisis Pope Francis reminds us: "There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle." (# 211)

Your thoughts? Share with us by email: [sjinfo@littleflowerchurch.org](mailto:sjinfo@littleflowerchurch.org)



## Conversation on Faith and Care of the Earth

Join the Social Justice Commission on June 23 and June 30, 7:00-8:15pm for two conversations on themes from Pope Francis' visionary encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. You can participate right from your home; another way not to be isolated. Details will be provided later.

If interested, sign up using the link provided here:

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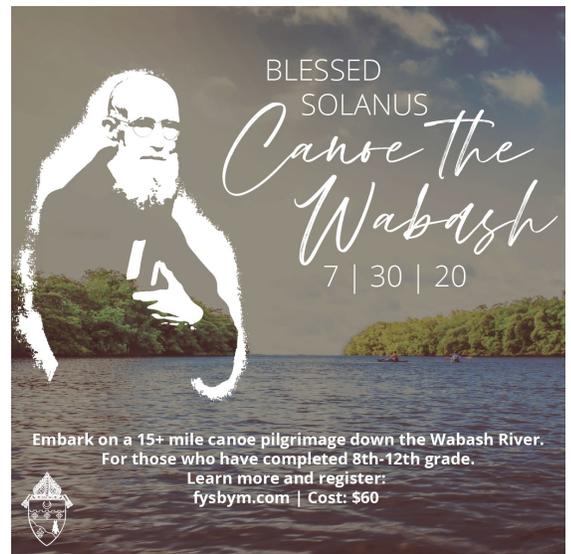
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Please submit application materials on our website or send to: Laurie Haverty, Parish Administrator by June 1st via email at [lhaverty@queenofpeace.cc](mailto:lhaverty@queenofpeace.cc).

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Holy Family Parish is in need of a Custodian / Maintenance person for the school. Shift is 12:00pm-8:30pm during the school year. Summer hours are 7:00am - 3:30pm. Position is responsible for cleaning of classrooms, bathrooms, cafeteria daily and other tasks as they arise. May be asked to assist with church or parish center. Light maintenance or grounds keeping may be required. Full time is preferred, but will consider part time. Applicants need to fill out an application and must be able to pass a background check.

Contact Lori Andrzejewski at 574-282-2317 or [landrzejewski@hfssb.org](mailto:landrzejewski@hfssb.org) with questions.



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**Email:** We hope to make use of email as a consistent form of communication, especially for those who may prefer it to social media, however, we need your help! If we do not have an email address for you on file please reach out to the Parish office by phone (574-272-7070) or email ([bulletin@littleflowerchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@littleflowerchurch.org)) so we can update your contact information. Also, if you would be so kind as to encourage your friends and family in the parish to do the same we would appreciate it!

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 Sunday..... 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 8:00 pm  
 Monday–Friday .....8:30 am  
 Monday & Wednesday.....7:00 pm

**Reconciliation Times**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ..... After 8:30 am Mass  
 Monday & Wednesday .....6:30 pm  
 Saturday.....8:30 to 9:30 am, and 4:30 to 5:00 pm  
 (Or By Appointment.)

**Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration**

Saturday..... 8:30-9:30 am  
 Most Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays.....9:00-10:00 am  
 First Friday of Each Month.....7:30-8:30 pm

**Additional Sacraments**

**Baptism & Anointing of the Sick**—Contact the office for more information.  
**Marriage**—Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance.

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