

"Come to me, all you who
labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and
learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of
heart; and you will find rest
for yourselves. For my yoke is
easy, and my burden light."

Matthew 11: 27-30

SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

This week's column consists of advice offered by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006 on making the most of your summer vacation,

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this summer period many have left the city and find themselves at tourist sites or in their homeland for their vacations. My wish for them is that this awaited rest serves to strengthen their mind and body, which, given the hectic course of modern existence, daily undergoes a continuous fatigue and strain.

The holidays also afford a precious opportunity to spend more time with relatives, to visit family and friends, in a word, to give more space to those human contacts whose desired cultivation is impeded by the rhythm of daily duties.

Certainly, not everyone can take advantage of vacation time and many must bypass it for various motives. I think in a particular way of those who are alone, of the elderly and the sick who often experience solitude even more during this time.

To these our brothers and sisters, I would like to manifest my spiritual closeness, heartily wishing that none of them lack the support and comfort of friendly people.

For many, vacation becomes a profitable occasion for cultural contacts, for prolonged moments of prayer and of contemplation in contact with nature or in monasteries and religious structures.

Having more free time, one can dedicate oneself more easily to conversation with God, meditation on Sacred Scripture and reading some useful, formative book. Those who experience this spiritual repose know how useful it is not to reduce vacations to mere relaxation and amusement.

Faithful participation in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration helps one to feel a living part of the ecclesial community even when one is outside his or her own parish. Wherever we find ourselves, we always need to be nourished by the Eucharist.

Benedict PP XVI

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"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."-Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.



Bioethics Public Policy Report June 2023

This Bioethics Public Policy Report is a collaboration between Knights of Columbus councils, parishes, grassroots organizations, and The National Catholic Bioethics Center to inform the laity about developments in bioethics that impact human dignity.



National and International

- A government agency in Norway is recommending that the country revise its so-called gender transition guidelines for minors after a review found the existing standards were based on inadequate scientific evidence. The Norwegian Healthcare Investigation Board maintained that “research-based knowledge for gender-affirming treatment (hormonal and surgical) is insufficient and the long-term effects are little known.” In addition, the lack of evidence-based knowledge is “particularly true for the teenage population where the stability of their gender incongruence is also not known.” Similar steps have been taken recently in the United Kingdom.



Federal Courts

- Two federal courts in California have ruled that churches in the state cannot be forced to cover abortion in their health insurance plans. Both rulings maintained that the state’s abortion coverage mandate violated the plaintiff churches’ First Amendment rights, bringing an end to two lawsuits that have been moving through the court system for years. Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Jeremiah Galus stated that the courts’ decision “protects the churches’ freedom to operate according to their religious beliefs, which includes their belief in the sanctity of unborn lives.” In addition to losing the cases, California will pay \$1.4 million toward the churches’ legal fees.
- US District Judge Thomas Parker has blocked enforcement of a new Tennessee law that bans drag show from public places where children are present. Parker, a Trump nominee, stated that “despite Tennessee’s compelling interest in protecting the psychological and physical well-being of children,” the law known as the Adult Entertainment Act is an “unconstitutional restriction on the freedom of speech.” He also maintained the law was “unconstitutionally vague and substantially overbroad,” and it encouraged “discriminatory enforcement.”



States

- On June 2, Texas Governor Gregg Abbott (R) signed into law SB 14, which prohibits medical professionals from performing interventions for so-called gender transitioning on minors. The law prohibits puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgical procedures, which include removal of breasts. Practitioners who violate the new law risk having their medical license revoked. The law also prohibits public monies from being used to pay for such interventions for minors. It also prohibits Medicaid reimbursements. Texas is now the eighteenth state to ban medical transitioning experiments on children.
- Solidifying its status as an “abortion sanctuary” state, Minnesota’s next budget will not include funding for pro-life pregnancy resource centers. The budget repeals the Positive Alternatives program, which distributed approximately \$3.35 million to organizations that offer women alternatives to killing their unborn children.
- Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo has vetoed SB 239, which would have legalized assisted suicide in the state. Lombardo said assisted suicide is “unnecessary” because of improvements in palliative care and pain management.

Why I Am A Catholic

by GK Chesterton



The difficulty of explaining “why I am a Catholic” is that there are ten thousand reasons all amounting to one reason: that Catholicism is true. I could fill all my space with separate sentences each beginning with the words, “It is the only thing that...” As, for instance, (1) It is the only thing that really prevents a sin from being a secret. (2) It is the only thing in which the superior cannot be superior; in the sense of supercilious. (3) It is the only thing that frees a man from the degrading slavery of being a child of his age. (4) It is the only thing that talks as if it were the truth; as if it were a real messenger refusing to tamper with a real message. (5) It is the only type of Christianity that really contains every type of man; even the respectable man. (6) It is the only large attempt to change the world from the inside; working through wills and not laws; and so on.

Or I might treat the matter personally and describe my own conversion; but I happen to have a strong feeling that this method makes the business look much smaller than it really is. Numbers of much better men have been sincerely converted to much worse religions. I would much prefer to attempt to say here of the Catholic Church precisely the things that cannot be said even of its very respectable rivals. In short, I would say chiefly of the Catholic Church that it is catholic. I would rather try to suggest that it is not only larger than me, but larger than anything in the world; that it is indeed larger than the world. But since in this short space I can only take a section, I will consider it in its capacity of a guardian of the truth.

The other day a well-known writer, otherwise quite well-informed, said that the Catholic Church is always the enemy of new ideas. It probably did not occur to him that his own remark was not exactly in the nature of a new idea. It is one of the notions that Catholics have to be continually refuting, because it is such a very old idea. Indeed, those who complain that Catholicism cannot say anything new, seldom think it necessary to say anything new about Catholicism. As a matter of fact, a real study of history will show it to be curiously contrary to the fact. In so far as the ideas really are ideas, and in so far as any such ideas can be new, Catholics have continually suffered through supporting them when they were really new; when they were much too new to find any other support. The Catholic was not only first in the field but alone in the field; and there was as yet nobody to understand what he had found there.

Thus, for instance, nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence and the French Revolution, in an age devoted to the pride and praise of princes, Cardinal Bellarmine and Suarez the Spaniard laid down lucidly the whole theory of real democracy. But in that age of Divine Right they only produced the impression of being sophistical and sanguinary Jesuits, creeping about with daggers to effect the murder of kings. So, again, the Casuists of the Catholic

schools said all that can really be said for the problem plays and problem novels of our own time, two hundred years before they were written. They said that there really are problems of moral conduct; but they had the misfortune to say it two hundred years too soon. In a time of tub-thumping fanaticism and free and easy vituperation, they merely got themselves called liars and shufflers for being psychologists before psychology was the fashion. It would be easy to give any number of other examples down to the present day, and the case of ideas that are still too new to be understood. There are passages in Pope Leo's *Encyclical on Labor* [also known as *Rerum Novarum*], released in 1891] which are only now beginning to be used as hints for social movements much newer than socialism. And when Mr. Belloc wrote about the Servile State, he advanced an economic theory so original that hardly anybody has yet realized what it is. A few centuries hence, other people will probably repeat it, and repeat it wrong. And then, if Catholics object, their protest will be easily explained by the well-known fact that Catholics never care for new ideas.

Nevertheless, the man who made that remark about Catholics meant something; and it is only fair to him to understand it rather more clearly than he stated it. What he meant was that, in the modern world, the Catholic Church is in fact the enemy of many influential fashions; most of which still claim to be new, though many of them are beginning to be a little stale. In other words, in so far as he meant that the Church often attacks what the world at any given moment supports, he was perfectly right. The Church does often set herself against the fashion of this world that passes away; and she has experience enough to know how very rapidly it does pass away. But to understand exactly what is involved, it is necessary to take a rather larger view and consider the ultimate nature of the ideas in question, to consider, so to speak, the idea of the idea.

Nine out of ten of what we call new ideas are simply old mistakes. The Catholic Church has for one of her chief duties that of preventing people from making those old mistakes; from making them over and over again forever, as people always do if they are left to themselves. The truth about the Catholic attitude towards heresy, or as some would say, towards liberty, can best be expressed perhaps by the metaphor of a map. The Catholic Church carries a sort of map of the mind which looks like the map of a maze, but which is in fact a guide to the maze. It has been compiled from knowledge which, even considered as human knowledge, is quite without any human parallel.

There is no other case of one continuous intelligent institution that has been thinking about thinking for two thousand years. Its experience naturally covers nearly all experiences; and especially nearly all errors. The result is a map in which all the blind alleys and bad roads are clearly marked, all the ways that have been shown to be worthless by the best of all evidence: the evidence of those who have gone down them.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

- Jerusalem's savior would come:
(a) resplendent in glory (b) riding on an ass
(c) in secret?
- He would proclaim:
(a) war (b) himself king (c) peace to the nations?
- The Spirit of God brings:
(a) fear of God (b) searching judgment
(c) life?
- Everything has been given over to Jesus:
(a) by his Father (b) by his own command
(c) for a while?
- Jesus promised to refresh:
(a) the weary (b) the warrior (c) the clever?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(b); 2(c); 3(c); 4(a); 5(a)

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

KING FLESH HEAVEN
SAVIOR SPIRIT EARTH
ASS BELONG CLEVER
BANISH MORTAL TRUE
HORSE LIVE HUMBLE

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A PICTURE TO COLOR

GOSPEL READING: MT 11:25-30





THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

Saturday July 8 Vigil *Breaking Bread*, page 174

3:00pm Confessions (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Andre and Anita Allain (anniv.), by Gil, Nora and family (Church)

Sunday July 9 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread*, page 174

7:00am Mass for Octave Cormier, by his wife Kathleen (Church)

9:45am Mass for Rick Raymond (10th anniv.), by Rita and family (Church)

11:15am Mass for Louise Boucher (1st anniv.), by her friends (Church)

Monday July 10 Weekday

6:30am Mass for Jeannette Mossman by the Ladies of St. Anne (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday July 11 Saint Benedict

6:30am Mass for Sister Giselle Brouillard, DHS (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday July 12 Weekday

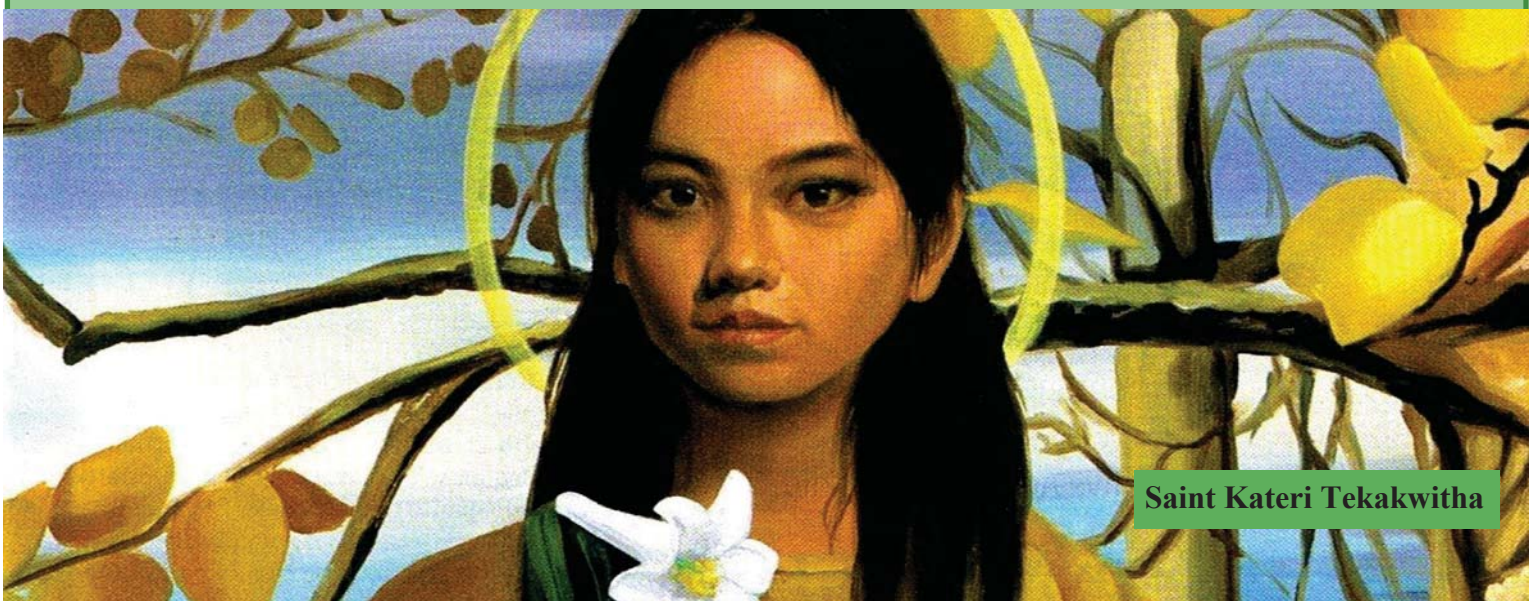
6:30am Mass for Parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

6:00pm Mass for Jeannette Brow, by last will (Chapel)

6:30pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Thursday July 13 Weekday

9:00am Mass for Arthur Boivin, by Susan Lamkin (Chapel)
3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Father Robert E. Gariepy, by last will (Chapel)

Friday July 14 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

9:00am Mass for Arthur & Azilda Lavalee and families by Madeleine (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass
 Noon Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)
 1:00pm Mass with Residents of the Manor on the Hill
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 6:30pm BINGO (Parish Center) Doors open at 4:00pm; Game starts 6:30pm

Saturday July 15 Saint Bonaventure

9:00am Mass for Marcel Guillemette by Pauline Guillemette (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 2:00pm Baptism of Christian Sanchez (Church)

Saturday July 15 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 176*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Louise Boucher by Georgette, Gisele and Ginette (Church)

Sunday July 16 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 176*

7:00am Mass for Ernest Savoie, by Doris and James Small (Church)
9:45am Mass for Glenn Reynolds (1st anniv.), by his wife and children (Church)
11:15am Mass for Pamela Petricca (6th anniv.), by her husband and children (Church)



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