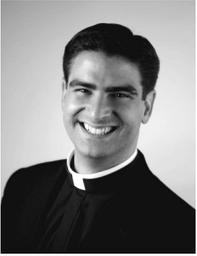

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We continue this week our consideration of the transcendentals of Unity, Truth, Goodness and Beauty, and why they are a motivation for our remodeling project. Why did we undergo all this disruption since June (and hopefully finishing in about a month)? Essentially, to make our church building better able to point people (visitors, parishioners and clergy) to God. It's not that the previous version did not do that, but I believe the changes help do it even better.

The remaining transcendental quality that I did not write much about yesterday is Beauty. As is the case with the other transcendentals, we can say the God is Beauty itself. It's not just that God is more beautiful than anything else, but everything else's beauty is but a participation in the beauty of God. God is the flowing fountain of beauty from which every beautiful creation is saturated. And so, everything beautiful in some way points us to God. Sometimes it's obvious, sometimes less so. Even if subconsciously, when we behold by sight or by ear anything of beauty, it tells us about its ultimate Creator. When our minds contemplate a beautiful idea, we also ponder its Truth, Goodness and Unity, and we are brought to meditate on the One who is Truth, Goodness and Beauty.

How does our church remodel fit in? I have a few observations, and there certainly could be more. Of course, nothing this side of Heaven is perfect, so I certainly appreciate that some things might have been done better, or that not all tastes are the same. Overall, as many parishioners have commented to me, our church now has a certain feeling of lightness or airiness, and a sense of peace, in part as a result of the colors used and how they are used. Although we originally intended a brown floor, the tile manufacturer called back and said they were unable to get the chemicals to make that color and we had to choose a completely different look for the floor. I think in this case, God knew what He wanted and overruled our choice... Good thing, too. The lighter floor and wall color bring the eye's attention upward towards the altar, the "reredos" (the back wall with the tabernacle). And the painting of the clouds and the Holy Spirit above the altar continues to draw the eye upwards towards the heavens. Many parishioners have observed how well the new pew color matches the columns and most of the rest of the wood in the church. This was done very intentionally and carefully (placing wood samples up to the columns to find the closest match). Not only is the new color aesthetically more pleasing (as least to my taste and to the taste of

everyone who's commented on it), having our wood elements match helps bring a greater sense of unity (one of the transcendentals). Once we are completely finished with the project, you'll notice a few other elements throughout the church chosen to match. For example, the new holy water fonts will match the consecration crosses that will be placed to indicate the spots where Cardinal Gregory will anoint the walls of the church. You've already noticed how the fleur-de-lis stencil in the Guadalupe shrine, the Baptistry and the Holy Family Shrine match, and a version is used in the upper level on the wall that holds the Immaculate Heart painting. The small crosses from that design will be repeated in a few other places throughout the church.

The new altar and ambo (lectern), which will be installed this coming week, as well as the new baptismal font (for which we are waiting for a part, but now will have a worthy home), are all of the same brown marble that was used for the reredos and the altar of repose (the small altar under the tabernacle), and for the crosses on the floor. Using the same material is another way to unify these elements and point to their intrinsic connection. Through the Word of God proclaimed from the ambo, we come to faith. That faith leads us to Baptism, which in turn opens us to the grace that flows from the altar. That grace is primarily the reception of Jesus Christ Himself in the Eucharist, which happens at communion, for which we line up on the aisles marked with crosses on the floor. Christ comes from the altar to His people to nourish them with Himself. His real presence in the Eucharist remains after communion in the tabernacle above the altar of repose. Coordinating the materials and the look of these elements is not only unifying, but it also subconsciously (and consciously when explained or pondered) points us to truths of our faith.

The main altar and the altar of repose will feature mosaics that will raise their beauty to another level. On the main altar (front side) will be a depiction of the Lamb of God and (back side) of the Immaculate Heart. On the altar of repose will be the logo of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), a nod to that religious order having been so important to our parish history and the Catholic history of Southern Maryland. You should be able to see the last one next weekend, but we will keep the new altar covered until it is consecrated by Cardinal Gregory on November 12. Until then, we will use the small altar from the original church (the altar we have been using throughout the renovation project), placed behind the new altar.

Depending on where you sit, you may have noticed a couple of changes to the cross hanging above the

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Monday	Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1B-2, 3, 4AB, 4C-5/ Lk 12:13-21
9:00 am	Jeanne Ismail (D)
Tuesday	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Lk 10:1-9
5:30 pm	Holy Face Parish (L)
Wednesday	Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6/ Lk 12:39-48
9:00 am	Jean Murry-Carpenter (D)
Thursday	Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/ Lk 12:49-53
5:30 pm	John and Arlene Sullivan (D)
Friday	Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ Lk 12:54-59
9:00 am	Art Mesa, Jr. (S)
Saturday	EPH 4:7-16/PS 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5/ LK 13:1-9
9:00 am	Chris Duval (L)
4:00 pm	All IHM Parishioners
Sunday	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
8:30 am	Tony Faini (D)
11:15 am	Ricky Duval (D)
1:00 pm	Rev. Marco Schad (L)

Events Calendar

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Sat:	1:30 pm	Youth Group
Sun:	9 am—11 am	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC, A Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD is open for various retreat weekends, for both men and women. Directed and Private Retreats are also available. See our complete Retreat Schedule at: www.loyolaonthepotomac.com (301) 392-0800

GARDEN AND GROUNDS MINISTRY We have various projects around the church that need to be completed. Any adult or child would be welcome. If you want to volunteer, please contact Martha Davie by phone or text at 240-434-3510. Thank you!

IT SHOULDN'T HURT AT HOME The Catholic community cares about families experiencing violence and unhealthy relationships. Visit www.CatholicsforFamilyPeace.org to learn more about this issue, how to help, who to call, and the rich Catholic teaching that supports survivors. If you need help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY); www.ndvh.org to find assistance near you.

PARISH COOKBOOK SALES Our 75th Anniversary parish cookbook "Favorite Recipes to Feed the Heart" is here and available at the parish office. Each cookbooks is \$20. Payment accepted in cash, check or credit/ACH through cookbook.ihmrcc.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Please email your submission to bulletin@ihmrcc.org by Wednesday at 10 am prior to the Sunday of publication. All entries are subject to editing.



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming catholic or you know a catholic desiring to learn more about the faith, please contact Tess Crowe via email at rcia@ihmrcc.org or contact the office at 301-863-8144 to register.

PEWS AND BENCHES FOR SALE, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If interested in purchasing a pew (with ends) or a bench (without ends), please contact Linda Hidalgo at 240-298-5264. We are also looking for volunteers with carpentry skills to help out with the orders.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

THAT THEY MAY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH

Audrey Somers, Helen Daye, Kathleen Floyd, Mary Oliver, Judith Ann Allgood, Vince Guerin, Jane Keyon, Linda F. Gieser, Ralph Gough Sr., Betty LePore, Bill Wagoner, Vincent Campanella, Joseph Hugh Weiland, Rylee Corliss, Rose Marie Weiland, Alan Stapanon, Ruby Garcia, Mia Garcia, Matthew Riddell, Marie C. Williams, Jim Hoffman, Kaylee Klier, David Kalil, Wanda Slate, Enedina Melendez, Hector Perez, Josephine, Glenn Thompson III, John Worrell, Tim Brosnihan, Jim Makin

Please note: names will remain on this list for two months, unless otherwise notified. To keep a name on the list, please resubmit by contacting bulletin@ihmrcc.org, or call the Parish Office.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Follow us on



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altar. It was stained a slightly darker brown and the front side now has a gold outline. The outline goes well with the corpus (body of Christ), whose loincloth and inscription ("INRI" tablet) are also outlines in gold. Both the gold outline and the slightly darker wood serve to subconsciously indicate that this Wood is different and more important than the wood in the rest of the church. On the Wood of the Cross, Jesus Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice to atone for our sins, and so (re)opened for us the possibility of friendship with God. Yes, the Cross was a terrible instrument of torture, but Christ has turned it into something reflecting His own Beauty, who out of his Goodness willingly chose to suffer and die so that we might experience communion (Unity) with God. This Truth tells us Who God is: not a distant architect who set things in motion, but a close and personal Creator who continues to be active in the lives of His creatures, wishing nothing more than we might turn our eyes towards Him and rest in His peace.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Marco

KoC PANCAKE BREAKFAST The next Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, October 23rd from 9 am until 11 am. \$10 suggested donation.



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. MARY'S



Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's is hosting a series of events in the coming weeks: Discover Chesterton Day on October 27 or November 3; Middle School Movie Night on November 4; Open House on November 13th. For more information www.chestertonstmarys.org/events.

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Little Flower School will be hosting an Open House for prospective families on Monday, October 17 from 4-6pm. Come and meet our principal, teachers, and take a tour with our student ambassadors! Learn about the benefits of a Catholic education for your child(ren). Please pre-register at: <https://forms.office.com/r/yQXwSPJWST>. We look forward to seeing you there!

MASS IN THE PARKING LOT As a reminder, during IHM's weekend Masses we have in-parking lot options available. While parked at IHM, if you tune to 99.7 FM you can hear the Mass broadcast live. If you park in the second, smaller parking lot, we will bring out Communion at the appropriate time.

CLERGY CYCLE Fr. Marco and Deacon Juan were able to complete Care Net's 2nd Annual Clergy Cycle this month to support Care Net Pregnancy Center of SOMD. This is the last weekend to pledge on their behalf! Pledge cards are available or you may scan the QR code to make an online pledge. Care Net will contact you soon to satisfy your pledge. Thank you to our parishioners who generously give to this life saving ministry.

Pledge for Fr. Marco

Pledge for Deacon Juan



ST. MARY'S RYKEN OPEN HOUSE St. Mary's Ryken welcomes families to our Fall Open House on Sunday, October 23 at 1 pm. Join us learn more about what St. Mary's Ryken offers 9 – 12th graders in the Southern Maryland community. During this event, meet students, faculty and administrators, tour our campus and get to know our community. Opportunities will be available to learn about: academics, campus ministry, fine arts, athletics, learning resources support, transportation, clubs and so much more! Please RSVP: www.smrhs.org/openhouse

BABY SHOWER FOR CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER Throughout the month of October we will be holding a Baby Shower for Care Net Pregnancy Center. Bring items (Diapers, Formula, Wipes, etc.) , and place in the bassinets in the back of church. The need has grown since the overturning of Roe vs Wade, so please help.

HELP FOR VETERANS DAY On November 4 at 9:30 am the Knights will be placing flags on the veterans graves in the IHM cemetery. We have over 150 Vet's buried in our cemetery. The task takes about 1 1/2 hours,, but the more help we have the quicker it goes. Please come out and help!

IHM FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY The Next Fellowship Sunday is on Sunday, October 30th. Join us in the Parish Hall for coffee, donuts, and fellowship after mass!

IHM 2nd ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT Decorate your car and join us for fun and games on Sunday, October 30th. Set up is at 2:30 pm with the trunk or treaters arriving at 3 pm. Candy and prize donations are welcome! Participants are encouraged to wear a costume of their favorite saint or Church figure. To sign up or for more information contact Martha Worrell at mfworrell1@hotmail.com.

October 16, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13 | 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 | Lk 18:1-8

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

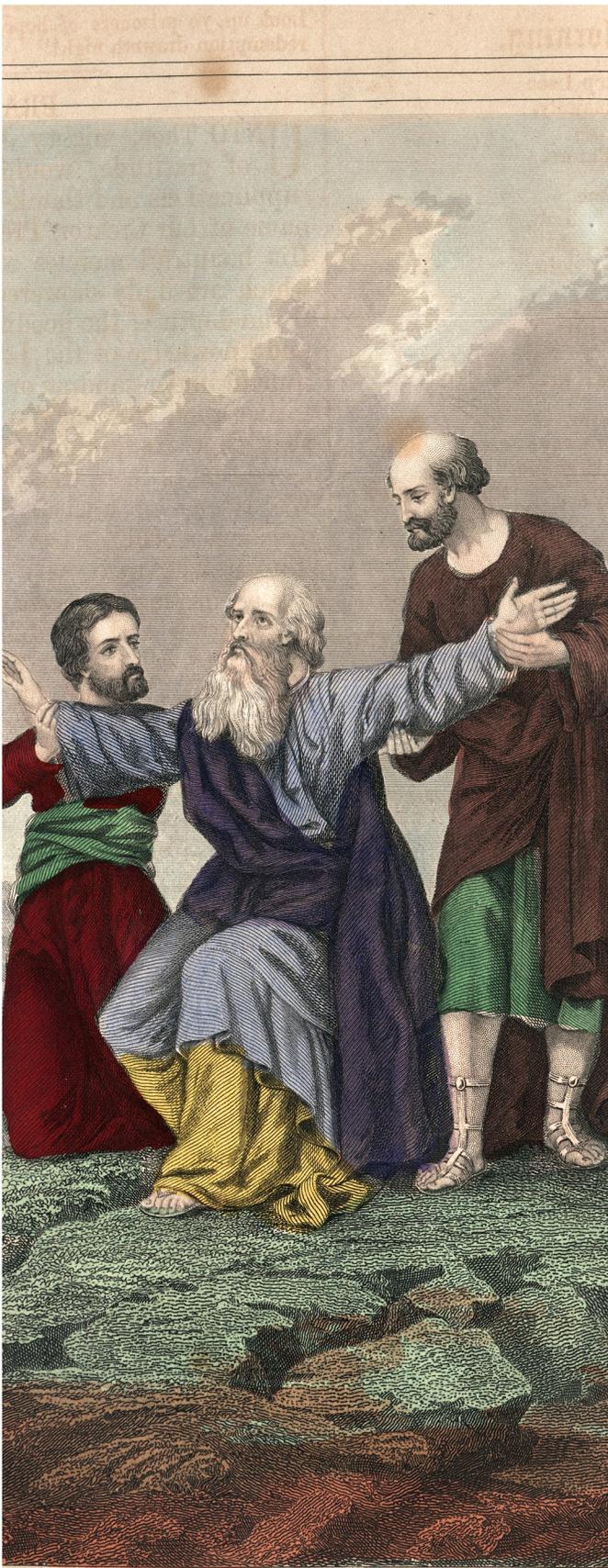
We're all familiar with the refrain to pray without ceasing. It starts with Moses, who keeps his hands raised with the staff of God while war waged against Israel. It carries over to the Apostles, and St. Paul gives Timothy the exhortation to "be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." Jesus affirms in the parable of the persistent widow how important it is "to pray always without becoming weary." As Christians, we understand the importance of prayer, but to pray always and constantly? Especially in today's world filled with distractions, this seems like an impossible task. Even Moses grew weary! But persistence is the name of the game in prayer. When prayer becomes difficult and no longer flows, we, like Moses receiving support to keep his hands steady until the battle was won, can receive support from the Holy Spirit. We simply must push forward and ask for help because Christ assures us God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Prayer does not only consist of mental or vocal pleas to God; rather, it includes praise and thanksgiving and petition, all of which can be offered through simply living. We can consecrate our daily actions and offer them up to God as a living prayer: dropping the kids off at school with a special blessing in Christ's name to conquer the day; biting our tongue and inviting the Holy Spirit into a situation when dealing with a difficult person; or sitting at the dinner table filled with thanksgiving for our food and family. Prayer then isn't something we simply *do*, it is something we *live*.

PRAY Choose an action that will serve as a trigger to encourage you to pray. Do you hear sirens as you're heading to work? Say a "Hail Mary" for those who may be in harm's way. Are you scrolling through social media and find a friend sharing their struggle? Offer a quick prayer for their need. Train yourself to pray - something as simple as, "Lord Jesus have mercy on (N.)" or "Lord look graciously upon their need" - and you'll find yourself praying without even thinking about it.



...and His staying the hands of...