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Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time 1.29.2017

Announcements

Religious Ed Sunday: All students are asked to come to Mass at 10:30 AM first then class and experience God's love.

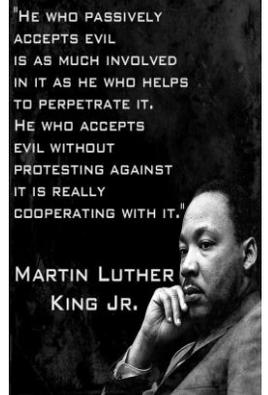
Junior and Senior Youth Group will be at 6:00 PM on Sunday. Come and meet Fredrick and learn about who Jesus is.

Fr. Kuffel will be on retreat/vacation Jan 29 – Feb 11. Call Cell phone if you need to contact him.

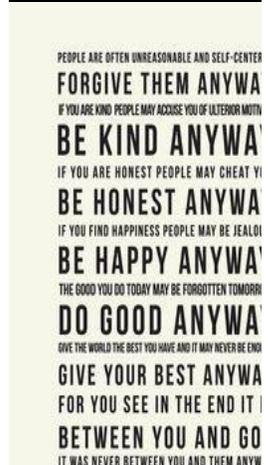
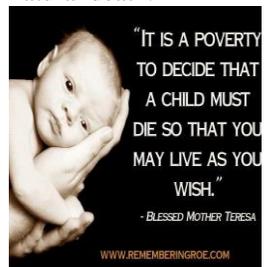
Eskimo Choir Practice Jan 29 following the 10:30 Mass

Fredrick our seminarian from Norway may visit during the month of Feb coming Feb 3 and leaving Feb 27. Signup sheet in back to invite him out for coffee, lunch, or dinner while I am away.

Fr. Kuffel/Fredrick will be in Kotz Feb 16 – 23



Pro-Life: Spend time praying each day (the rosary; read scripture) to promote respect for life from conception to natural death.



	St. Joseph	
1.22.2017 Deposit	\$535.00	
Fuel Bill	-\$674.00	
Salary Bill	-\$2311.18	
Prop Insurance Bill	-\$250.00	
Utility Bill	-\$443.88	
Other bills	-\$490.64	
Bill Total	\$4,169.70	
Jan Deposit Total	\$2,561.00	We are short \$1,608.70



Stewardship!
Faith and Finances go together.

In his book The Legend of the Monk and the Merchant, Terry Felber details the marriage between Faith and Finances showing that

“God gives businessmen and workers the resources to help fulfill the calling of the priests, who have given their own time and resources specifically to serving God and to bring blessing to the businessmen and workers” (Febler p. 37).

It is an unwritten rule, but one born through experience that financial prosperity is often connected to faith.

God's resources are infinite and He gives each person time, talent, and treasure to prosper. Some prosper with treasure, others with talent, and others prosper with the use of their time. But each person has an abundance, for God fills our “cup to overflow” (Ps. 23.5).

God desires that our souls prosper above all. He wants to know you intimately. That is He wants a personal relationship with you – not merely a financial relationship where all you do is ask for treasure, or talent, or time.

Jesus is clear, we are to seek the Kingdom of Heaven first and the rest will be added unto us. We who serve the Lord will have blessings of 30%, 60%, and 100% fold. Why? because we put God first.

As we put God first, we are able to help those who are dedicated to serving the Lord. We who work and run businesses are to support the priest, the parish, and the other ministers so they can serve the poor not just those who are financially poor, but also those who are spiritually poor. Mother Teresa explained that spiritual poverty is destroying America.

Do you seek the Kingdom first each day?

Those who are rich in faith easily finance the parish for they share what God has given to them.

Do You Know your Faith?
I Believe in God!

As we go through the creed, Christians believe that God is Creator and Father. But so many questions are still unanswered as to Who is God.

- **God is pure spirit:** there is no gender in God. We refer to God as Father only in human terms so we as humans can know that God is relational. He wants the best of us. He wants to perfect us so we use the term Father because our earthly fathers should want the best for us and do anything to bring out the best in us.
- **God is eternal:** In God there is no time, no history, and no sequence. All things are present to Him at once.
- **God is One:** Though we refer to God as Trinity of Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all are consubstantial that is they are one but have three different facets just as a triangle does.
- **God is all Powerful:** We know that He created out of nothing and we see his creation at work in the seas, stars, and sky. But God is not irrational. He cannot do what is contradictory as in forcing something square into a round hole.
- **God is all Knowing:** He is intelligent and all our intelligence comes from Him as we see advancements in science and technology reveal the hidden designs, such as DNA and Eye Prints.
- **God is Truth:** All knowledge seeks the truth and we as humans are made to seek and search for the truth especially the truth concerning God.
- **God is Just:** God gives each person what they want. If you do not want God, atheism which is to claim there is no God or Agnosticism which is unsure of God's existence, He gives each person what they deserve according to their choices.
- **God is Love:** The nature of God is not a creator, nor a watchmaker which so many see God as. Scripture reveals that He is a bridegroom longing for his bride. We are his bride!
- **God is Mercy:** Even though humans sin and deny God, He offers forgiveness and reconciliation for those who ask for it.
- **Finally God is Holy:** Holiness means more than just being good. Holiness is the power to make something good as He did when he created Adam and Eve. Even though they denied and rejected God, He restored them back to holiness and will do the same for you and me.

Holiness is the goal of every person. We are to strive to be fully human that is to mature using our time, talent, and treasure for the good of God and others.

Weekly Schedule:

Date	Mass Time	Place	Feast Day	Lector/Minister	Intention	Activity
Mon Jan 30	No Mass				Chris Toubat	
Tue Jan 31	No Mass		John Bosco		Mary Renner	
Wed Feb 1	No Mass				M. Watson	Rosary
Thu Feb 2	No Mass		Presentation		M. Watson	Bible Study
Fri Feb 3	No Mass		St. Blaise		M. Waston	
Sat Feb 4	5:30 PM	Nome	Ordinary Time	Betsy Brennan	J. Tulumiero	
Sun Feb 5	10:30 AM	Nome	Ordinary Time	Betsy Brennan	St. Anne Parish	

"All of the beatitudes, like the virtues, go together"

The First Four Beatitudes deal primarily with our relationship with God and our need for God for we need God in times of poverty, sorrow, meekness, and injustice.

The second four Beatitudes deal primarily with our relationship with one another. The focus is on our responsibility to forgive, be pure in relationships, be at peace with other, suffer for a cause.

Happiness in being humble, in being poor in spirit? "Nonsense!"

Happiness is in serving others? "Foolishness!"

Being blessed in God's eyes and loving the poor and weak, being kind to your neighbor? Surrender of one's power into God's power? Rubbish! These are common-core beliefs today that I am to serve myself – not others!

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, a famous German philosopher, lived from 1844 to 1900. He is a philosopher of considerable stature — and an atheist and probably most responsible for the rise of the Nazi Third Reich and for the shaping and formation of Adolph Hitler's mind and his Arian Race of supermen and women. He designed the Culture of Death and Eugenics which promotes the selective removal of inferior human persons. The Superman is seen today on the covers of popular magazines where the bodies chiseled and defined oozing with feminine and masculine physis. This sort of caricature admired by many modern men and women of our day is fake, but makes us believe that we should be the fittest.

For the strong, the dominant, the ruthless; it is for those who understand power and its uses. Abundance, wealth and the ability to control and manipulate others comes only to the fittest of our species.

Nietzsche's philosophy provides the foundation for selective breeding that unwanted human life should be aborted or euthanized because I have rights over my body; I determine if or when life begins— God is dead, so there are no consequences to my choices!

Life, for Nietzsche and his followers, is for the sleek and the powerful. The fittest should rise to the top; those at the bottom should be selectively removed from society. We do this through abortion which removes almost a third of all children yearly from being born. We call it a woman's right; but in fact it is a mature form of Eugenics! So is Euthanasia!

Nietzsche also believed, and emphatically taught others to believe: God is dead! If not dead, then God is irrelevant, immaterial to our lives and ways of thinking and living. In his last great effort, Nietzsche wrote **The Antichrist**.

"I call Christianity the one great curse, the one enormous perversion, the one great instinct of revenge, for which no means are too venomous, too underhanded, too underground and too petty — I call it the one immortal blemish of mankind."

God is dead is so popular today with the contraceptive mentality. We see it expressed in politicians who claim to be personally opposed to abortion, but will not impose their views on others. Christians are influenced by this Eugenic Mentality and succumb to modern morality which promotes many immoral and antisocial behaviors that degrade the divine dignity of each and every person. Modern media and most specifically classrooms especially in science classes teach us that Science rules – not faith, not God's Design! God is dead!

The Beatitudes, Nietzsche asserted, are prescriptions for sheep and slaves in order to make them feel better. Christ is for weaklings who need to be propped up, something for shallow thinkers, and those without any strength of character. Life belongs particularly to those super men and super women who help themselves. The individual human self is God. The Imperial Self is not responsible or accountable to any God, or to any moral authority except himself or herself. This is so prevalent today and look where it brought us?

Nietzsche saw the threat that Christ posed his SuperBeing, which is why he reserved his most vicious attacks for Christ's teachings. Christ's way of life presented a devastating challenge to all that Nietzsche stood for. He howled and shrieked at Sacred Scripture:

"God chose those whom the world considers absurd to shame the wise; he singled out the weak of this world to shame the strong. He chose the world's lowborn and despised, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who were something; so that mankind can do no boasting before God."

The Christian belief is that Christ is our redemption and our justification. Nietzsche claims just the reverse, claiming that Super Man and Super Woman are their own justification; they redeem themselves, they do whatever they want. They decide morality; its personal.

Jesus, however, tells you, "Blest are you, when people insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because you obey me." Blessed are you when they drive me out of your schools and forbid that my Christ be mentioned or his picture shown in your public places and in your schools. Blessed are you when they tell you how stupid you are for being Catholic, when they call you fanatics, right-wing religious zealots who are divisive and want to impose morality on others. Blessed are you when you speak of human dignity and vote accordingly, even if you are told that you are stupid and dumb.

Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great.



The contradictions contained in the Beatitudes, where Jesus reuses the word Blessed contrasted with word that is negative and almost a curse in the minds of most persons. When cursed, a believer will receive a gift that truly transforms the person.

In fact, the gift that a person receives perfects the person in the eyes of God. In the eyes of humanity, it looks more like a curse.

When we read **Poor** in spirit Jesus sees humility.

When we read **Mourn**, Jesus sees that we truly repent for we understand the destruction of sin.

When we read **Meek**, Jesus sees us as kind the sister of love.

When we **Hunger**, Jesus feeds us not with daily bread, but with Himself which feeds our soul and makes us divine. We are just!

When we show **Mercy**, we truly are like God for our love is more powerful than sin.

When we are **Pure**, we see God for we are not ashamed of anything for we have been restored to innocence.

When we make **Peace**, we truly show divine love for we love our enemies.

And when we are **Persecuted**, we suffer, and sacrifice our self for something greater than life.

The 8 Beatitudes help us attain the state, perfection, necessary to enter the eternal kingdom of God.

Perfection happens daily. We are perfect when we struggle with life and all its emotions. The outcome of the struggles leaves us *rich* in the Spirit of God. We no longer hunger or mourning, but we are blessed in God's life: Made Perfect!