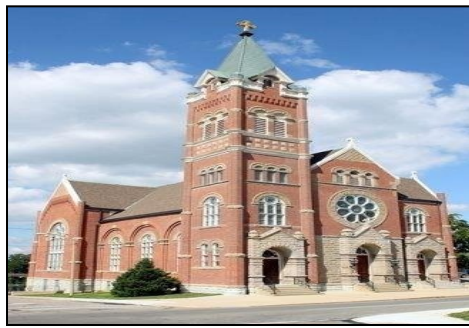




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The Most Holy Trinity

Mayo 30, 2021

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Off the Top of My Head...

For the last two weeks, my bulletin column has addressed the issue of prayer intentions at Mass that could be described as “controversial.”

I hope that I made two points effectively: First, praying for a particular intention never implies a prayer against any person or group. Second, some prayer does (and must) make us uncomfortable as we abandon ourselves into God’s hands and as we consider how we are being called to conversion and transformation. (Some of the prayer intentions make me uncomfortable!)

An objection was made that “controversial” prayers (my term) can be a source of division among the worshipping community. This is worth serious consideration. Prayer should never be offered for the purpose of dividing God’s people. And prayer should never be interpreted to mean what it doesn’t say, i.e. as a prayer against a person or group. Prayers that are omitted (when they should be included) can also be a source of disunity in the Church.

The intentions for our Prayers of the Faithful go through several drafts, and I ultimately edit them for length, expression, conciseness, etc. Sometimes I use my best judgment to add or delete a prayer intention. So I have the final responsibility for the shape and sound of these prayers.

On one hand, I believe that some prayers, even if they make us uncomfortable, should be included, because it is important to pray for that person or intention. On the other hand, I do not purposely include prayer intentions for the purpose of upsetting, insulting, or disparaging any person or group.

My plan is to continue to oversee the composition of the Prayers of the Faithful as I have been doing, as described above, including “difficult prayers” but never prayers “against” anyone. And you can help me with my blind spots. (Oh yes, I know I have them!)

If you believe that a particular intention should be included occasionally in the Prayers of the Faithful, or if you are aware of a event coming up that somehow connects with the mission of the church or our parishes, send me that intention at fr.tmetzger@dol-in.org. (This includes “difficult prayers.”) I’ll be keeping a list!

I can’t guarantee that every suggestion will be included, but your suggestions will help me to make these Prayers of the Faithful (also called the Universal Prayers) more universal.

Next week...no, not Part Four! I promise.

Fr. Tom Metzger
 May 30, 2021

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Durante las últimas dos semanas, mi columna del boletín ha abordado el tema de las intenciones de oración en la misa que podría describirse como "controvertido".

Espero haber expresado dos puntos de manera efectiva: primero, orando por una intención en particular nunca implica una oración en contra de ninguna persona o grupo. Segundo, algunas oraciones nos hacen (y deben) sentirnos incómodos mientras nos abandonamos en las manos de Dios y al considerar cómo estamos siendo llamados a la conversión y la transformación. (¡Algunas de las intenciones de oración me incomodan!)

Se objetó que las oraciones "controvertidas" (mi término) pueden ser una fuente de división entre la comunidad de adoradores. Vale la pena considerarlo seriamente. La oración nunca debe ofrecerse con el propósito de dividir al pueblo de Dios. Y la oración nunca debe interpretarse en el sentido de lo que no dice, es decir, como una oración contra una persona o un grupo.

Las oraciones que se omiten (cuando deberían incluirse) también pueden ser una fuente de desunión en la Iglesia.

Las intenciones de nuestras oraciones de los fieles pasan por varios borradores, y finalmente las edito por su extensión, expresión, concisión, etc. A veces uso mi mejor juicio para agregar o eliminar una intención de oración. Así que tengo la responsabilidad final de la forma y el sonido de estas oraciones.

Por un lado, creo que hay que incluir algunas oraciones, aunque nos incomoden, porque es importante orar por esa persona o intención. Por otro lado, no incluyo intenciones de oración con el propósito de molestar, insultar o menospreciar a ninguna persona o grupo.

Mi plan es continuar supervisando la composición de las Oraciones de los Fieles como lo he estado haciendo, como se describió anteriormente, incluidas las "oraciones difíciles" pero nunca las oraciones "contra" nadie.

Y puedes ayudarme con mis puntos ciegos. (¡Oh, sí, sé que los tengo!)

Si cree que una intención particular debe incluirse ocasionalmente en las Oraciones de los Fieles, o si está al tanto de un evento que se avecina y que de alguna manera se conecta con la misión de la iglesia o nuestras parroquias, envíeme esa intención a fr.tmetzger@dol-in.org. (Esto incluye "oraciones difíciles"). ¡Llevaré una lista!

No puedo garantizar que se incluyan todas las sugerencias, pero sus sugerencias me ayudarán a hacer que estas Oraciones de los Fieles (también llamadas Oraciones Universales) sean más universales.

La semana que viene... ¡no, la cuarta parte no! Lo prometo.

Padre Tom Metzger
30 de mayo 2021

CONFESSION TIMES on Saturdays-St. Mary Anderson will be 1:00-2:00 PM until further notice, to enable social distancing, Confessions will take place in the sacristy. St. Ambrose will be 4:00-5:00 PM. St. Mary Alexandria will be 3:30-4:00 PM

HORARIO DE CONFESIÓN los sábados-

St. Mary Anderson será de 1: 00-2: 00 PM hasta nuevo aviso, para permitir el distanciamiento social, las Confesiones se llevarán a cabo en la sacristía. St. Ambrose será de 4:00-5:00 PM. St. Mary Alexandria será de 3:30-4:00 PM



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	May 31	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Betty Brownfield Terry Myers
Tuesday	June 1	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Dec'd of Geroqe Mehling Family
Wednesday	June 2	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex. St. Vincent Hosp.	Jeremy Jones Charles Mack David Papai
Thursday	June 3	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Poor Souls Dennis Coppock
Friday	June 4	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Joanne Spencer Ronald Kempher
Saturday	June 5	4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St Ambrose	Jason Frazier Bill Mehling Intentions of Robert Laurenti
Sunday	June 6	7:30 AM 8:30AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Jason Frazier Pat & Regina Hellmann Antetmo Espirito Montes Poor Souls

Bulletin Deadline: To have announcements published in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate Bulletin, please email them to stambrose2801@gmail.com by Thursday at 12:00 Noon (at the latest) for publication the following week-end.

Anuncios para el boletín: Para publicar anuncios en el Boletín de la Pastora Anderson-Alexandria, envíe un correo electrónico a stambrose2801@gmail.com antes de los jueves a las 12:00 del mediodía (a más tardar) para su publicación en el fin de semana siguiente.

Eucharistic Adoration Will be June 6th at St. Ambrose. Adoration will begin with Benediction at the end of Mass and will continue with simple reposicion at 4:00 PM.

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be **July 19-23**. The theme is “**On A Quest For God’s Kingdom**” We need volunteers to help with music, passing out snacks, games, crafts, group leaders and decorating. Volunteers can be middle schoolers, high schoolers and adults. If interested, please contact Amanda Huffman by email at huffman.amanda5@gmail.com.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE: As summer arrives, we will be making some changes in our weekday Mass schedule due to our priests’ absences. The diocesan Priests’ Convocation takes place June 7-10 and all three priests are participating. The priests are planning on some vacation time and Fr. Dave Hellmann will be having knee replacement surgery. (Please keep him in your prayers!) In addition, now that school is out, we are moving the Masses on Thursday and Friday back to 8:00 am until the new school year begins at Holy Cross School in Anderson. Confused? Think of how confused the priests were as they worked on this schedule!

Here’s what to expect for the next two months:

- Beginning June 4: Mass will be at 8:00 on Friday’s at St. Ambrose
- Saturday, June 5: 1:00 pm Confessions at St. Mary’s, Anderson
- Tuesday through Thursday, June 8-10: **No Masses at any parishes in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate. Communion Service only at St. Ambrose.**
- Beginning June 14 and ending September 3: Weekday Masses are as follows:
- Monday: 8:00 St. Ambrose (no Mass at St. Mary’s, Anderson)
- Tuesday: 8:00 St. Ambrose
- Wednesday: 8:00 St. Mary’s, Alexandria and St. Ambrose
- Thursday: 8:00 St. Mary’s, And. (no Mass at St. Ambrose)
- Friday: 8:00 St. Mary’s, Alexandria, and St. Ambrose
- ** Thursday’s Mass at 8:00 will move to 8:30 from July 29, and Friday’s Mass at 8:00 will move to 8:10 from July 30 the first week of classes at Holy Cross.

THE DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS IS BEING LIFTED:

Beginning June 12-13, 2021, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is lifted throughout the state of Indiana. This means that, except for the unique situations as described below, those who are otherwise healthy are obliged to participate in Sunday Mass beginning the weekend of June 12-13, 2021. The exceptions are:

- Those who are seriously ill, exhibit flu-like symptoms and/or may have a contagious disease (including quarantine due to exposure).
- Those who are unable to attend Mass through no fault of their own (e.g. transportation issue).
- Those who are homebound and/or incapacitated due to age, infirmity and/or medical restrictions.
- Those who have compromised health conditions and/or at high risk of contracting the virus.
- Those who are caretakers of person who are sick or of persons at high-risk of serious illness if they contract Covid virus.

If you have any questions about any specific needs, concerns or protocols, you are advised to contact the parish directly. As your pastor, Fr. Tom has the authority to dispense in individual cases and he and Fr. Marty and Fr. Dave can be helpful in addressing individual fears and concerns.

Vida espiritual

LA ESCUELA BÍBLICA DE VACACIONES (VBS) PARA NIÑOS

será del 19 al 23 de julio. El tema es "En busca del Reino de Dios" Necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar con la música, repartiendo bocadillos, juegos, manualidades, líderes de grupo y decoración. Los voluntarios pueden ser estudiantes de secundaria, secundaria y adultos. Si está interesado, comuníquese con Amanda Huffman por correo electrónico a huffman.amanda5@gmail.com.

SE LEVANTA LA DISPENSACIÓN DE LA OBLIGACIÓN DOMINICAL DE ASISTIR A LA MISA:

A partir del 12 y 13 de junio de 2021, se levanta la dispensa general de la obligación de asistir a la Misa en todo el estado de Indiana. Esto significa que, a excepción de situaciones únicas que se describen a continuación, aquellos que por lo demás están sanos están obligados a participar en misa dominical a partir del fin de semana del 12 y 13 de junio de 2021. Las excepciones son:

- Aquellos que están gravemente enfermos, presentan síntomas similares a los de la gripe y / o pueden tener una enfermedad contagiosa (incluyendo la cuarentena debido a la exposición).
- Aquellos que no pueden asistir a Misa por causas ajenas a su voluntad (por ejemplo, problemas de transporte).
- Aquellos que están confinados en casa y / o discapacitados debido a la edad, enfermedad y / o restricciones médicas.
- Aquellos que tienen condiciones de salud comprometidas y / o con alto riesgo de contraer el virus.
- Aquellos que son cuidadores de personas enfermas o de personas con alto riesgo de enfermedades grave si contraen el virus Covid.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre necesidades, inquietudes o protocolos específicos, le recomendamos que se comunique directamente con la parroquia. Como su pastor, el P. Tom tiene la autoridad para dispensar en casos individuales y él y el P. Marty y el P. Dave puede ser útil para abordar los miedos y preocupaciones individuales.

HORARIO DE VERANO:

A medida que llega el verano, haremos algunos cambios en nuestro horario de la Misa que se celebra durante la semana debido a las ausencias de nuestros sacerdotes. La Convocatoria de sacerdotes diocesanos se llevó a cabo del 7 al 10 de junio y los tres sacerdotes estamos de acuerdo. Los sacerdotes están planeando unas vacaciones y el Fr. Dave Hellmann se someterá a una cirugía de reemplazo de rodilla. (¡Por favor manténgalo en sus oraciones!) Además, ahora que terminaron las clases, vamos a mover las misas del los jueves y viernes para las 8:00 am hasta que comience el nuevo año escolar en la Escuela Holy Cross en Anderson. ¿Confuso? ¡Imagínense lo confundidos que estaban los sacerdotes mientras trabajaban en este horario! Esto es lo que puede esperar durante los próximos dos meses:

- Empezando 4 de junio: las misas de viernes son las 8:00 en St. Ambrosio
- Sábado 5 de junio: Confesiones a la 1:00 pm St. Maria, Anderson
- De martes a jueves, del 8 al 10 de junio: **no se celebran misas en ninguna parroquia de la pastoral Anderson-Alexandria. Servicio de Comunión solo en St. Ambrose**
- 14 de junio al 3 de septiembre: las misas entre semana son las siguientes:
- Lunes: 8:00 St. Ambrosio (No Misa at St. Maria, Anderson)
- Martes: 8:00 St. Ambrosio
- Miércoles: 8:00 St. Maria, Alexandria, and St. Ambrosio
- Jueves: 8:00* St. Maria, Anderson (No Misa en St. Ambrosio)
- Viernes: 8:00* St. Maria, Alexandria, and St. Ambrosio
- *La misa del jueves a las 8:00 se moverá para las 8:30 a partir del 29 de julio, y la misa del viernes a las 8:00 se moverá a las 8:10 a partir del 30 de julio, la primera semana de clases en Holy Cross.

Community News

Knights of Columbus

The Knights will be having a fish fry on Friday, June 4th, from 5:00-7:30 PM. On Saturday, June 12th, they are having a chicken fry from 5:00-7:30 PM. Adult dinners are \$10 and children's are \$5. Please bring your friends and family and help the Knights. Hope to see you there!

Career Opportunity:

The Catholic Pastorate of Anderson-Alexandria is seeking a talented, motivated, and faith-filled person to serve as the Director of Operations for the pastorate. This person will oversee the day-to-day operations for the three parishes of the pastorate. Any interested and qualified candidate should contact Molly Clark at mclark@dol-in.org. This position is posted on our diocesan website at <https://www.dol-in.org/employment-opportunities>.

Taking Orders for Grotto Sidewalk Memorial Bricks

St. Mary (Alexandria) has a lovely memorial sidewalk that leads to our grotto. Many bricks of this sidewalk are engraved with the names of former pastors, teachers, family members, and parishioners of St. Mary Church and School. To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the parish, you may order memorial bricks which will be installed in this special sidewalk later this year. Consider ordering a brick as a gift for Father's Day, or just to remember a loved one and former parishioner. Look for order forms in the Narthex of St. Mary (Alexandria). Each brick costs \$50 (which covers the engraving and installation materials). Orders accepted until June 30th. Checks can be made out to St. Mary with "Memorial Bricks" noted on the memo line.

Marian Pilgrimage to Wisconsin

Join Bishop Timothy L. Doherty on a Marian pilgrimage to Wisconsin July 10-12. Celebrate Mass at the only church approved Marian apparition site in the USA declared in 2010. Space is limited and accepted on a first come first served basis. Cost is \$273.00 per person. Itinerary and registration at www.PeaceLovePilgrimage.com. You can call Kerin Buntin: 317-250-5108 for more information. "Bring your prayers to Jesus under the mantle of Our Lady of Good Help."





The following is an excerpt from the May 2 edition of The Catholic Moment about the Uniting in Heart Pastorate Guide

“The Pastorate Guide was envisioned as part of the Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan almost from the beginning,” said Father Ted Dudzinski, Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia and Chancellor for the diocese. “Many of our priests and leaders had expressed a desire for resources under the various pillars to help them implement Uniting in Heart. So, as we discerned the structure

of the 3 Pillars and the pastoral vision plan, we realized that a guidebook that spoke specifically to each of the pillars and their subpoints would be of benefit,” he said.

The Uniting in Heart Pastorate Guide is a 45-page document filled with guidance and resources on how to execute the 3 Pillars of Mission, Community and Witness that make up the vision of Uniting in Heart. “The pillars of Uniting in Heart and their respective sub-categories are the vision of UiH and serve to provide the general direction the diocese is heading,” said Rob Hartley, Director of Evangelization, Family Life, and Pastoral Ministries. “The Pastorate Guide provides specific objectives to focus pastorate planning, elaborates on finer points of the vision and includes an abundance of resources to equip pastorates to achieve the vision. Most importantly, the guide serves to get the whole diocese on the same strategy while also having the flexibility to be responsive to the specific pastorate needs identified by the surveys, the missionary pastor and his leadership team.”

The guide also contains a 10-page supplemental resource document that includes hundreds of websites, books and online programs that can help educate the Missionary Pastors and their lay leadership, while providing practical applications on how to implement Uniting in Heart at their pastorates. Hartley said that while the Pastorate Guide itself was developed to be enduring, the accompanying resource guide will be updated more regularly.

“We believe the objectives in the guide are enduring and will last for the 10-year scope for Uniting in Heart,” he said. “The accompanying resource guide will be updated roughly every three months. When we find a good resource, pastorates can stick with it for as long as it bears fruit. At the same time, we recognize that new resources are being developed constantly. As a parish exhausts a particular resource and it becomes stale or has diminishing interest, we want to provide the pastorates with something fresh.”

For more about the pastorate guide, read the May 2nd edition of *The Catholic Moment*!



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El siguiente es un extracto de la edición del 2 de mayo de The Catholic Moment sobre la guía Pastoral Uniting in Heart

“La Guía Pastoral fue concebida como parte del Plan Pastoral Uniting in Heart 2030 (Plan Pastoral Unidos de Corazón, 2030) casi desde el principio”, dijo el Padre Ted Dudzinski, Vicario General, Moderador de la Curia y Canciller de la diócesis. “Muchos de nuestros sacerdotes y líderes habían expresado su deseo de obtener recursos bajo los diversos pilares para ayudarlos a implementar Uniting in Heart. Entonces,

al discernir la estructura de los 3 pilares y el plan de visión pastoral, nos dimos cuenta de que una guía que hablara específicamente de cada uno de los pilares y sus subpuntos sería beneficiosa”, dijo.

La guía Pastoral Uniting in Heart es un documento de 45 páginas lleno de orientación y recursos sobre cómo ejecutar los 3 pilares de la misión, la comunidad y el testimonio que conforman la visión de Uniting in Heart. “Los pilares de Uniting in Heart y sus respectivas subcategorías son la visión de UiH y sirven para proporcionar la dirección general que está tomando la diócesis”, dijo Rob Hartley, Director de Evangelización, Vida Familiar y Ministerios Pastorales. “La Guía de Pastorados proporciona objetivos específicos para enfocar la planificación pastoral, elabora puntos más detallados de la visión e incluye una abundancia de recursos para equipar a los sacerdotes para lograr la visión. Lo más importante es que la guía sirve para que toda la diócesis adopte la misma estrategia y, al mismo tiempo, tenga la flexibilidad de responder a las necesidades pastorales específicas identificadas por las encuestas, el pastor misionero y su equipo de liderazgo”.

La guía también contiene un documento de recursos adicionales de 10 páginas que incluye cientos de sitios web, libros y programas en línea que pueden ayudar a educar a los pastores misioneros y su liderazgo laico, mientras proporciona aplicaciones prácticas sobre cómo implementar Uniting in Heart en sus pastorados. Hartley dijo que si bien la Guía Pastoral en sí fue desarrollada para ser duradera, la guía de recursos adjunta se actualizará con mayor regularidad.

“Creemos que los objetivos de la guía son duraderos y durarán el alcance de 10 años de Uniting in Heart”, dijo. “La guía de recursos adjunta se actualizará aproximadamente cada tres meses. Cuando encontramos un buen recurso, los pastores pueden quedarse con él mientras dé frutos. Al mismo tiempo, reconocemos que constantemente se están desarrollando nuevos recursos. A medida que una parroquia agota un recurso en particular y se vuelve obsoleto o tiene un interés decreciente, queremos proporcionar a los pastorados algo nuevo”.

Para más información sobre la guía de pastorado, lea la edición del 2 de mayo de *The Catholic Moment*.



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