

Sacred Heart

Catholic Church

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Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

Sunday — The Lord's Day:

8:00 ÅM Mass 10:00 AM Mass Child Care Available) 11:35 AM Latin Mass (1962 Missal)

Daily Mass Times

Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

Tuesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

Holy Day Mass Times

Consult the bulletin

Penance and Reconciliation

Tuesday — Saturday Morning:

7:40 — 7:55 AM

Saturday Afternoon:

4:00 — 4:45 PM

Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays in the

Sacred Heart Chapel:

8:35 AM — 8:00 PM

Parish Office Hours

Monday — Friday:

8:00 AM — 4:30 PM

Sunday Mornings:

8:30 — 11:30 AM

Parish Web Site

www.shrmn.org

Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

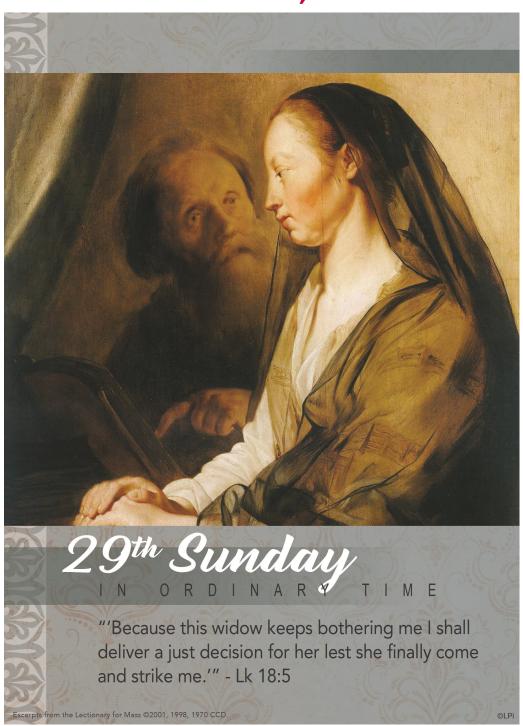
Sacred Heart Catholic School

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Noise and Distraction - Tools of the Evil One

A couple Friday's ago on October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, many parishioners went to St. Paul to pray at the Planned Parenthood Abortion Center for an international movement known as 40 Days For Life. Like the biblical fasts of old, 40 Days For Life encourages participates to fast and pray for an end to legalized abortion, and laws which protect preborn human life. Planned Parenthood reported 9,910 abortions at their facility in St. Paul in 2018. According to the Guttmacher Institute, between 1973 and 2018 there were 648,875 reported abortions in Minnesota. 40 Days For Life is one response to this staggering number.

On the day adopted by Sacred Heart I lead prayer on the sidewalk at 3:00 PM with several parishioners and Fr. Randal Kasel who comes up for prayer from Pine Island most every Friday. 3:00 PM, the time Jesus gave up His spirit on the cross on Good Friday, is known as the hour of mercy and is our usual time for prayer during 40 Days for Life.

This time I experienced something unexpected and disheartening. The location in St. Paul just off University Avenue and located on Vandalia street is a truck route with poor road conditions, so the place is already very noisy, but this time from across the street music was blaring with songs selected specifically to discourage us from praying. I learned that this loud music had been played most everyday when groups gathered for quiet prayer. Noise and distraction are one of the tools of the devil. Good Friday was filled with mocking noise. Excessive noise can drown out the voice of God that speaks to the human heart in silent prayer. When discouragement occurs hope wanes. Below is a reflection on hope.

A Reflection from the Respect Life Office of the USCCB

Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (Spe salvi 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2). For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

Appointed Sunday Readings

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time-10/20/19

First Reading: As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11a)

Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (*Ps 121*)

Second Reading: Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. (2Tm 4:2) Gospel: "I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:8)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Brethren: Be ye renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, who according to God is created in justice and holiness of truth. (*Eph. 4:23-28*)

Gradual: Let my prayer be directed as incense in Thy sight, O Lord. (*Ps. 140:2*) **Gospel:** At that time, Jesus spoke to the chief priests and the pharisees in parables, saying: The Kingdom of heaven is likened to a king, who made a marriage for his son; and he sent his servants, to call them that were invited to the marriage, and they would not come. (*Matt. 22:1-14*)

Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, Oct. 21—Saturday, Oct. 26

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps

40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Lk 12:35-38 **Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7

-8 [8a]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77,

93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember in your prayers

Those Who Are III: Tom Ambrose, Margaret Willger, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Bunny Dargis, Andrea DeOtis, Diana Weiss, Carol Borman, Owen Svien

Those Serving In Our Armed Forces: Sam Dahlgren-Castilla, Daniel Arnold, Justin Rathbun, John Aubart, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, and Andrew Gladitsch, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor, Lisette Knaeble

Administration

Stewardship

For Weekly Contribution Information:
Please Contact the Parish Office.

763-537-4561

Quarterly Contribution Statements will be mailed the end of October

Annual Catholic Services Appeal



Thank you to all who have responded to the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal.

We are still **\$5,280.00** away from meeting our goal of \$35,988. Sacred Heart receives 25% of its goal if met to use towards our ministries and mission.

Extra pledge cards are available in the Parish Office.

Mostaccioli Dinner

Our 23rd Annual Mostaccioli Dinner is next Saturday night! Please come, eat, enjoy, and support our parish. Details are below:

- Event Details
 - *Date -- Saturday, October 26
 - *Location -- Gymnasium, Sacred Heart Church/School
 - *Time -- 4:00 7:00 PM
 - *Price \$10 (\$5 for kids 10 and under)
 - *What it includes -- Mostaccioli (all you can eat!), bread, salad, water/lemonade/coffee, and dessert. Wine is available for an extra cost.
- Tickets: All men of the parish should have received tickets in the mail. We need each
 of you to sell your tickets to help us support causes close to the Sacred Heart parish
 community.
- Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for the night of the dinner, to serve, cook, and take down. Additionally, we need volunteers for Friday night, October 25, to set up. To volunteer for any shift, please visit https://signup.com/go/jvWHYYS.
- For any questions, please reach out to Shaughn O'Neill at 612-709-4154 or email the Men's Club email list at sacredheart.mensclub@yahoo.com.

PILGRIMAGE ANNOUNCEMENT: Join your pastor, Fr. Bryan Pedersen on a once-in-alifetime journey in the footsteps of Jesus to the Holy Land April 28 - May 8, 2020.

Reaffirm and celebrate your faith while traveling with fellow believers from the Twin Cities. Along the way you will visit the most important sites associated with the life of Christ. See where Jesus preached, lived, walked on water, and worked miracles for those who had faith. Bring your prayer intentions and be inspired. All meals included. You will never read the Bible the same way again. For more details contact John or Natalie of Orbis Catholic Travel LLC:

 $1-800-675-9088 \ / \ \underline{info@oc-travel.com} \ / \ \underline{https://oc-travel.com/holy-land-tour-april-may-2020/}$

Sacred Heart Catholic School



Professional Development

Our teachers and staff participated in the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence Summit of Excellence last Wednesday. We started the day with mass with Archbishop Hebda, breakout sessions, a dynamic keynote talk by Mike SACRED HEART Patin, and opportunities to connect with colleagues to the Archdiocese that CATHOLIC SCHOOL help make our Catholic schools excellent. It was a great staff development

day!

Marathon 2019

It was a rainy Saturday but our students, parents, and staff supported our Marathon, rain or shine. They especially enjoyed the donuts and hot dogs! As of October 15th, our students/staff have collected almost \$30,000, in pledge money. Our marathon is our largest fundraiser at Sacred Heart Catholic School and the best thing is that 100% of the profits stay right here to benefit our students. It is not too late to sponsor Fr. Pedersen of a SHCS student. We hope to meet our goal of \$36,000.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Sacred Heart Catholic school is looking for more substitute teachers. All substitute teachers must have a background check and attend a Virtus sessions. The Archdiocese offers a substitute training class to help prepare substitutes new to the position. The next training will be November 12th and 13th. Please contact Karen Bursey for more information.

Happy Wreath Selling Season to You All!

Our students are selling Christmas wreaths, swags, pine boughs and other holiday decorations. While the Wreath campaign falls right on the heels of Marathon, we're pretty certain you understand the value of wreath sales at this time.

Stop by the parish office or reach out to a SHCS student that you know. You may also choose to purchase an item for out of town family and friends shipped via FedEx from Evergreen Industries. Order deadline is October 25, 2019.

Like our Facebook Page - Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, MN Alumni/Parent

http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale

Follow us on Twitter - https://twitter.com/SHCSRobbinsdal1

Children's Holy Hour



Children's Holy Hour

Attention Parents of young children! Every Thursday, from 10-11am, we have an hour of Adoration tailored to young children. Bring the babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and home-school children to catch some rays in the presence of the Son! There will be songs and prayers in an environment that kids and parents can enjoy alike. This guided holy hour is a great opportunity to help teach your children how to

pray and to introduce them to the beauty of Eucharistic Adoration. Silence is golden, but there will not be much of it in this hour. Questions/concerns or more information, contact Emily Fitzgerald at emilyfitzgerald317@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

BUY COFFEE-SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

WE HAVE A NEW SHIPMENT OF COFFEE FOR SALE FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP. MEDIUM ROAST-WHOLE BEAN, OR GROUND BAGS OF COFFEE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE PAR-ISH OFFICE. \$13.00 A BAG. THANK YOU.



To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Initiation — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

Sunday School

Open to children ages 3 years through Kindergarten. Meets during the 10 AM Mass October through April. Please call Morgan Timmerman in the Parish Office.

Religious Education

For students grades 1—10. Meets Wed. evening 6:30pm-7:45pm, Oct. through April. Please call Morgan Timmerman or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

OCTOBER

Sun. 20	8:00 AM	Parishioners		
	10:00 AM	Tom & Jim Shannon+		
	11:35 AM	Fr. Eugene J. McGlothlin+		
Mon. 21	8:00 AM	Communion Service		
Tues. 22	8:00 AM	Terry & Eugene Fink+		
Wed. 23	8:00 AM	Martha Carrow+		
Thu. 24	8:00 AM	Kenny Lehn+		
Fri. 25	8:00 AM	James DeMorett+		
Sat. 26	8:00 AM	Philip W. Andrzejek+		
	5:00 PM	Mary Whiting+		
Sun. 27	8:00 AM	Carl Murphy+		
	10:00 AM	Parishioners		
	11:35 AM	Fr. Eugene J. McGlothlin+		

Liturgical Ministers

October 22-26, 8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers

Oct. 22: Andrew Thibault
Oct. 23: Tommy Heifort
Oct. 24: Sebastian Salazar
Oct. 25: Leo Fisher, Aidan Laue
Oct. 26: Tommy Heifort

Saturday, Oct. 26, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Altar Servers: Xavier & Sebastian Salazar,

Eli Hippen

EMHC: Mary Trombley, Diane Kunzman

Lector: Andrea DeOtis

Sunday, Oct. 27, 8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers: Cadence and Keira Haines,

Breena Bucsko

EMHC: Charlie Julien, Francine Wilson

Lector: Theresa Gooley

Sunday, Oct. 27, 10:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers: Mark & Andrew Thibault, Pe-

ter Fisher

EMHC: Dianne Detloff, Linda Timmerman,

Steve & Tery Haik **Lector:** Ken Timmerman

Money Counters, Oct. 27, 9:00AM

Tony Bangasser, Jim Sobraske



Faith Formation



"Mystery of God," a film series and study program by Bishop Robert Barron. Session 3 "Divine Attributes of God" will be Tuesday November 5 at 1:00PM and 7:00PM in the Marian Rooms.

Once we understand who God is, we naturally wonder, "What is he like? How does he act?" We never fully answer those questions. Yet we can know that God is self-sufficient-He doesn't need the world but creates it out of

love. God is omniscient, knowing all things. God is omnipresent, everywhere in existence. Through these attributes we discover a God who presses upon the qworld, always and everywhere, not aggressively, but only with love.

Pre-Baptism Class



PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES

Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if it has been over

three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. Our next scheduled session is Tuesday November 12, at 7pm in the Activities Building. If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office 763-537-4561.

Adult Confirmation

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"Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or 'confirm' the baptized in unison with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church" (The Glossary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church).

Adult Catholics (18 & Older) who have been baptized and received First Communion and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to begin instruction for the reception of this sacrament at the Easter Vigil on Saturday April 11. Please call Bunny in the Parish Office at 763-537-4561 for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thank you to all our COMMITTED ADORERS and to everyone who regularly attend Adoration every Thursday. We are always looking for additional adorers for each hour. If you would like to be a Adorer for any of the time slots when our regular volunteers cannot be present on Thursday or would like to commit to a regular hour of adoration please call Bunny in the Parish Office 537-4561 VM#105. Hours of Adoration are after the 8 AM Mass to 8 PM Ending with Benediction.

Love and Mercy-Faustina



Don't miss your ONE-TIME, ONE NIGHT ONLY opportunity to see "Love and Mercy: Faustina" in theaters on October 28.

The docudrama follows the incredible call of St. Faustina to religious life and the healing effects of this message on countless people around the world.

Fathom Events

BUY TICKETS AT THE BOX OFFICE OR AT FATHOMEVENTS.COM

Respect Life Ministry



To commemorate <u>Respect Life Month</u>, Sacred Heart is hosting the "Cemetery of the Innocents" October 12–27, on West Broadway. Each pink & blue flag represents 50,000 babies killed by abortion since 1973 when the USA Supreme Court legalized abortion in the Roe vs Wade decision.

We know that Jesus is with these babies and that He brings healing and hope.

But what can we do? We can peacefully pray together during the **"40 Days for Life",** at the <u>Planned Parenthood mega mill</u>, 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul.

HELP NEEDED at SH: Sunday Oct. 27, 1pm, to take down the pink & blue flags.

Monday, Oct. 28, 7pm, Holy Family Catholic Church, 5900 W Lake St, St. Louis Park

MCCL's Fall Tour helps pro-lifers stay informed, engaged, and energized to save lives.

- * Learn about current trends and issues, legislation, elections, and more.
- *Become equipped to make a difference in your community.
- *Receive a packet of crucial information.

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, Since 1968 612-825-6831, MCCL@MCCL.org, www.mccl.org



PRO-LIFE GATHERING

Appalachia Mission Program



Appalachia Mission Program -2019

Another year has passed and it is time to respond to the Appalachian Christmas Program. Thank you so much for your generosity in past years! We will continue to help stock their "Christmas Tree Store." The people of Kentucky really appreciate all of the wonderful gifts that you give and we send. The gifts are not wrapped so a family member

can choose the gifts that meet their family needs. Please be generous as possible for many families these are the only gifts they receive for Christmas. All gifts can be dropped off between Monday, October 14 and Monday November 4.

Infants to 1 year of age: Diapers, Powder, Lotion, Blankets, Shirts, Sleepers, Rattles Crib Mobiles, Teethers and other baby toys

Toddlers: Pull toys, Blocks, Soft toys, Balls, Cars & Trucks, Dolls

(War toys are dangerous toys and are discouraged)'

Ages 6-12: Games, Cars & Trucks, Marbles, Jacks, Jump Ropes, Dolls, Markers, Coloring Books & Crayons, Basic School Supplies, Socks & Underwear

(No articles that can be damaged by freezing & avoid heavy items like canned goods, etc.)

Age 12 to 16 & Teenagers: Cosmetics, Jewelry, Sports equipment, Radios, Batteries Watches, Music Boxes, Purses, Wallets, Belts, Large Sweatshirts, Fishing Equipment Toiletries, Hunting Clothes, Camouflage vests, Socks & Underwear, Balls (soccer, basketball, football, etc.)

For the Elderly: Powder, Lotion, Slippers, Socks, Billfolds, Jewelry, Shirts, Knee Highs Purses, Nail Clippers, Scarves, Blankets & Bedding, Sweatshirts, Towels, Kitchen items, Socks & Underwear

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 20-29th Sunday in October; 19th Sunday after Pentecost, *Trad*. Coffee and Donuts sponsored by Men's Club

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM NO Sunday School 11:00 AM Confirmation

11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Monday, October 21– St. Hilarion 171, Trad.

8:00 AM Communion Service 6:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, October 22-St. John Paul II 2005

7:40 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Wednesday, October 23-St. John of Capistrano 1456; St. Anthony Mary Claret 1870, *Trad*.

7:40 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

2:15 PM Open Youth Room

6:00 PM SAC 6:30 PM Rel. Ed.

7:00 PM Youth Core Team

Thursday, October 24-St. Anthony Mary Claret 1870; St Raphael the Archangel, *Trad*.

7:40 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

8:35 AM – 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 PM Pastorial Council— Marian Rooms

Friday, October 25– The 40 Martyrs of England & Wales 16th C.

7:40 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen

8:00 AM School & Parish Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Saturday, October 26– St. Evaristus 107, *Trad.*

7:40AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

4:00 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Mostaccioli Dinner till 7PM

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, October 27-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Feast of Christ the King, *Trad.*; 20th Sunday after Pentecost, *Trad*.

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen 10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Monday, October 28-Sts Simon & Jude 1st C.

8:00 AM Communion Service 6:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, October 29- St. Narcissus 222, Hist.

7:40 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen 9:00 AM Home Communion

7:00 PM Finance Council—Marian Rm. 1

Parish Prayer Line

To be placed on the prayer line call the Parish Office 763-537-4561. You can also send in your request via e-mail: cshadmin@shrmn.org

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Render a just decision for me against my adversary." Today's Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? "Because the widow keeps bothering me." Jesus' recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We've all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something "fair," which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones." Sometimes, He may well seem "slow to answer them."

In the face of these very real questions, it's important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God's thoughts "are not [our] thoughts." His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God's better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to "faith on earth."

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

As we live out our life of faith, it is easy to lose heart and lose confidence in God's power and effective presence. We can fall into apathy. Given the immensity of the concerns that abound, we feel powerless and can become unmotivated to persevere. To combat this weariness, Jesus tells his friends to pray always. Persisting in prayer allows us to find the determination, strength, and conviction to continue on course even when presented with difficulties. If we are determined in our pursuit of God, we will eventually find God breaking through our darkness with the light of His presence, gifting us with contemplative sight so that we can see as He sees and love as He loves. It is only when we take on the person of Christ that we are able, with God's help, to touch the world's pain and loneliness.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Question:

God rarely seems to answer my prayers. Is He really listening? **Answer:**

Throughout Scripture, God promises to answer the prayers of His people. Sometimes things don't turn out the way we'd hope. God won't miraculously do evil or fulfill selfish intentions. If we're praying for something immoral, God isn't going to answer that prayer for us! Of course, we still have the freedom to make choices, but it isn't God's movement. Sometimes we're not praying for something evil, but our intentions are less than honorable. For example, "Please convert my mother-in-law so she goes to church more and visits us less!" While God is no doubt at work in the woman's life, He likely won't answer that prayer in the way you'd expect!

After all, God knows what He is about. He has plans in mind for us, but they might not be what we think. For most of us, winning the lottery would bring about a material benefit. That said, funds used in continually purchasing tickets to provide the means for God to "work" could likely go towards better avenues of financial stability. God is concerned with our ultimate good. When we pray, we're invited to surrender our lives to Him. One of the first petitions in the Our Father is "Thy will be done." Sometimes the lack of an answer is an answer! Are we prepared to receive it?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Where Is the Evidence?

The US Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," sees a life of stewardship as the fruit that comes from an authentic life with Jesus. Faith in Jesus is the minimum requirement that begins this journey from discipleship to stewardship living. There are those who believe in Jesus but do not know him. It becomes very hard to contemplate responding to the call of someone you do not know.

The last sentence of Luke 18:8 should give a reason to pause and reflect. Jesus says to his disciples, "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on Earth?" We can easily respond affirmatively to the question, but if we want to look at the Earth ourselves without being able to see into people's hearts, where is the evidence of the faith that Jesus seeks? When we look at our world, do we see evidence of large amounts of faithful people living in a way that faith would lead them to live?

Our stewardship way of life is evidence of our faith. It is hard to argue that one truly has faith if they do not seek to live as Jesus calls us. An unfortunate cycle is then created when those who not believe do not see any reason to have faith. Our stewardship is not only evidence, but it is our testimony and witness to faith. If Jesus returned today, what would he see? Where is your evidence? Has your witness brought others to him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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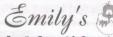
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