



Holy Family Parish

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Sunday 25th August 2019

FIRST READING : Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 116

℟. *Go out to all the world and tell the good news*

O praise the Lord all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples. ℟.

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful forever. ℟.

SECOND READING : Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? *My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons.* Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. *So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread;* then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

GOSPEL : Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" "Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

**“THE MOST DEADLY
POISON OF OUR TIMES IS
INDIFFERENCE.”**

-ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
MARTYR, PATRON SAINT OF THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

“Those who seek applause for their gifts do not really give at all, they buy. They are not surrendering, they are purchasing. They are less impressed with the need of others, than they are with the heed that will be given to them. Their gift is a kind of a speculation. They made an investment in publicity, and they look for their adequate returns.” ~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen

**Be who you were created to be,
and you will set the world on fire.**

– St. Catherine of Siena

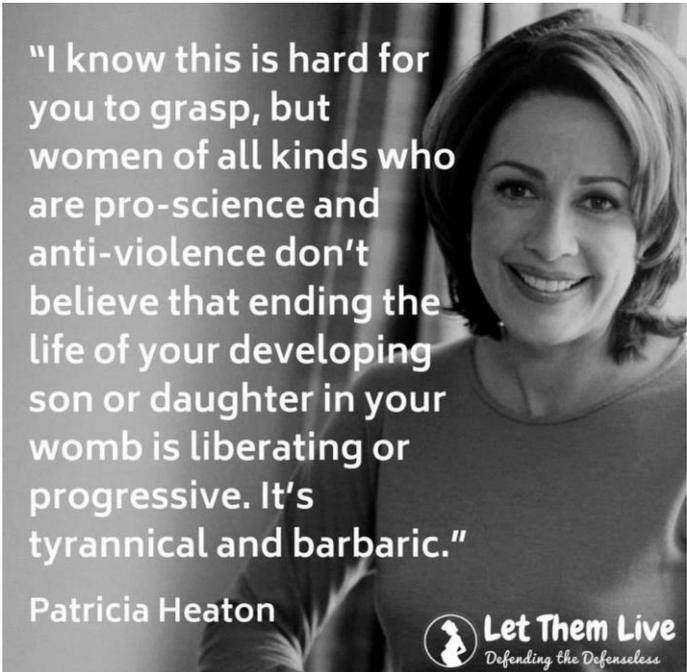
“The Father had a role in the Son’s suffering. We can compare it to a father bringing a son to a dentist. The son has a bad tooth that is infected. That bad tooth causes a toxic condition in the son’s body. The dentist says, this infection is in the tooth. Your son will experience considerable pain. I may have to remove the tooth; I certainly will have to drill it, and then I shall have to remove that toxic condition. Now, the human race had a point of infection: our first parents. That sin created a toxic condition in the human race. When the drill is applied by the dentist, does the father say, Do not do that; that hurts my son? Or will the father deliberately allow his son to experience pain? Is there not a cross in the very heart of God?” ~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen



*"Prayer is
powerful beyond
limits when we turn to the
Immaculata*

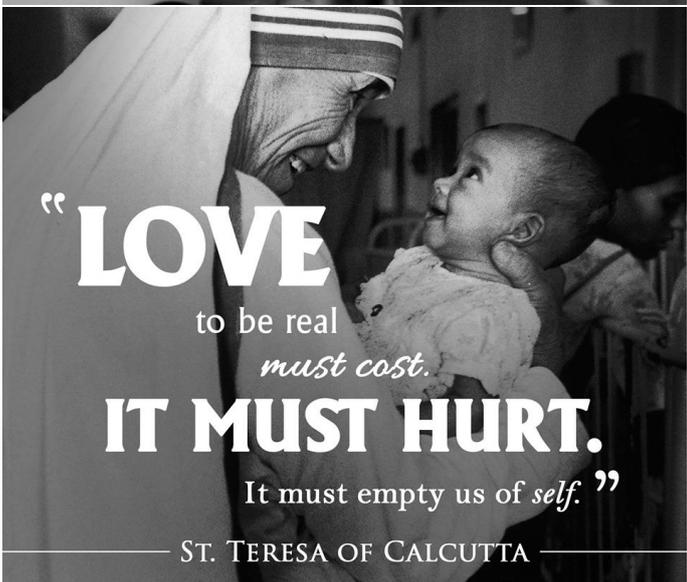
*who is queen even
of God's HEART."*

- St. Maximilian Kolbe



"I know this is hard for you to grasp, but women of all kinds who are pro-science and anti-violence don't believe that ending the life of your developing son or daughter in your womb is liberating or progressive. It's tyrannical and barbaric."

Patricia Heaton

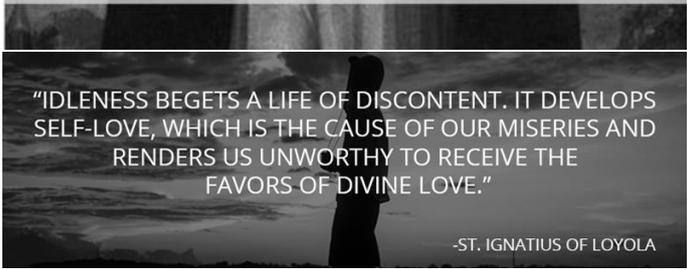


"LOVE
to be real
must cost.
IT MUST HURT.
It must empty us of *self.*"

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA —

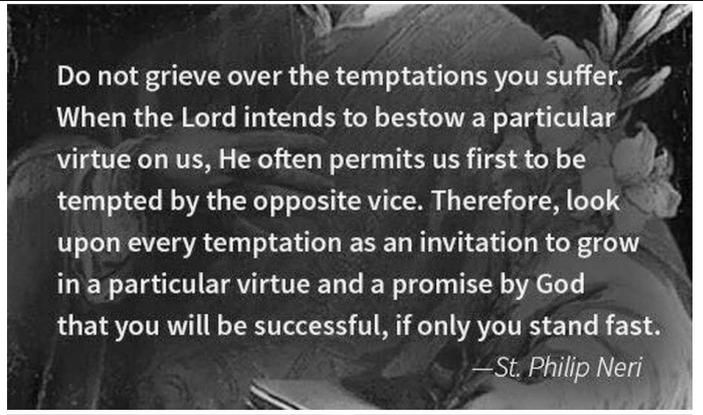
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St. Thomas Aquinas



"IDLENESS BEGETS A LIFE OF DISCONTENT. IT DEVELOPS SELF-LOVE, WHICH IS THE CAUSE OF OUR MISERIES AND RENDERS US UNWORTHY TO RECEIVE THE FAVORS OF DIVINE LOVE."

-ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



Do not grieve over the temptations you suffer. When the Lord intends to bestow a particular virtue on us, He often permits us first to be tempted by the opposite vice. Therefore, look upon every temptation as an invitation to grow in a particular virtue and a promise by God that you will be successful, if only you stand fast.

—St. Philip Neri

St. Benedict

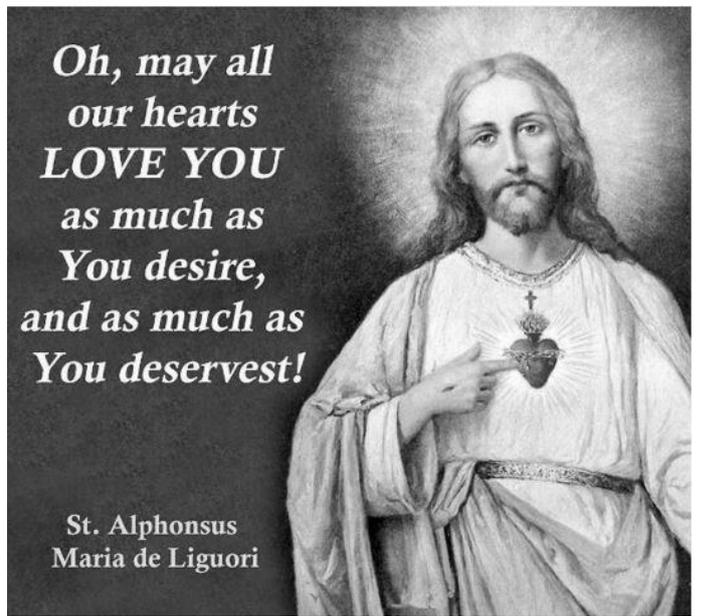
Idleness is the enemy of the soul; and therefore the brethren ought to be employed in *manual labor* at certain times, at others, in *devout reading*.



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Killing a person on the basis of their size, level of development, environment, or degree of dependency is as arbitrary and immoral as killing a person on the basis of their skin colour.

Our society hasn't progressed. We've just shifted our violence to a more vulnerable victim.



*Oh, may all
our hearts
LOVE YOU
as much as
You desire,
and as much as
You deservest!*

**St. Alphonsus
Maria de Liguori**

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Sr. Dn. Francisco Vera, anciano Sacerdote fusilado en Juicisco por celebrar la Santa Misa. 1927.
 Mexican Priest, St Francisco Vera, shot and martyred for celebrating the Mass during the Mexican Cristero War. On May 21, 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized a group of 25 saints and martyrs arising from the Mexican Cristero War. The vast majority are Roman Catholic priests who were executed for carrying out their ministry despite the suppression under the anti-clerical laws.

“Imagine two souls appearing before the sight of God, one in the state of grace, the other in the state of sin....Just as a father recognizes his own son because of likeness of nature, so too Christ recognizes the soul in the state of grace in virtue of resemblance to Him, and says to the soul: “Come ye blessed of My Father: I am the natural Son, you are the adopted son. Come into the Kingdom prepared for you from all eternity.” God looks into the other soul that is in the state of sin and has not that likeness and says to it “I know you not” – and it is a terrible thing not to be known by God.” ~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.”
 PSALM 103:2-3

“Be attentive not to allow yourself to be discouraged by any defect, and always be ready to begin at every moment. Only be faithful to this, and I promise you that you will become holy.”
 ~ *Venerable Bruno Lanteri*

“NOTHING PLEASES GOD MORE THAN TO BE HIS SON'S HELPERS AND TO UNDERTAKE THE CHARGE OF SAVING SOULS.”
 -ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

The further the soul advances, the greater are the adversaries against which it must contend. Blessed are you if the struggle grows fierce against you at the time of prayer.
 ~ *Evagrius of Pontus*

For Jesus Christ I am prepared to suffer still more.
 ~Saint Maximilian Kolbe

LIVE ACTION Live Action ✓ @LiveAction

“There is no difference between a first trimester, a second trimester, a third trimester abortion or infanticide. It’s all the same human.”
 -Arnold Halpern, former abortionist

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“I KNOW FULL WELL THAT THE MORE THE SOULS SEES OF GOD, THE MORE IT DESIRES HIM, BY HIS GRACE.”
 -ST. JULIAN OF NORWICH

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Gather, Lord, Your people,
called to be Your Bride,
formed by Blood and Water
flowing from Your side,
joined with You in baptism,
washed to give rebirth,
she filled with Your Spirit,
shall renew the earth.

You the one true Shepherd,
searching for the lost,
You the Lamb of offering,
counting not the cost,
You have called each one by name,
each Your precious choice,
May we enter by Your gate,
listening to your voice.

At Your mother's pleading,
You gave finest wine,
Now Your Church implores You,
Jesus fruitful vine.
Heed the thirsting of her heart,
and bring forth a flood,
Open wide the fountain
of Your Precious Blood.

Send Your Holy Spirit,
by that Blood outpoured,
making us one Body,
Temple of the Lord.
With Your sev'n fold gifts descend,
font of Charity, that we may cry
"Abba", and true children be.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

All highest glorious God,
Cast Your light into
the darkness of my heart,
Give me right faith, firm hope,
perfect charity, and profound humility,
with wisdom and perception,
O Lord, that I may do
what is truly Your will.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Though You are God,
with Father and the Spirit,
You did not cling to Your equality,
Emptied Yourself, became for us a slave,
and humbler yet,
You died upon a tree,
You give Your flesh that we be truly fed,
Your Risen Self, in form of lowly bread.

To satisfy our hunger for Your love,
You come to us as flesh and blood
outpoured, and then to quench
your thirsting for our love,
You come again, as poorest of the poor,
that what we do to these
the least of brethren, we do to You,
our Saviour and our Lord.

Emmanuel, You're longing
to be with us, You bid us share Your
one true sacrifice, offer ourselves, with
You the Holy Lamb, washed by Your
Blood, you call us into life, so fed by You,
made holy and made one. We, now Your
Body, for the world. become.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise with us the God of grace.

**ABORTION LAW REFORM in NEW ZEALAND:
'Have Your Say by 19 September'
A Message from the New Zealand
Catholic Bishops to Parishioners**

Every pregnancy involves at least two lives – the child and the mother. Every abortion takes away an innocent life.

Protecting and caring for life from conception to natural death stands at the core of our Catholic faith. From the moment an embryo comes into existence, a genetically and spiritually unique human life has begun. It is already the human being it will always be. It will only grow in size and complexity and is therefore entitled to be treated with the same respect as other human beings.

Our parliament is currently debating a significant revision of our abortion laws. This is a matter of serious concern. There are three ways we need to respond:

Political: We are called to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We have an obligation to advocate for the right to life of the unborn child and the well-being of mothers. We encourage every one of you to exercise your democratic right to make a submission to parliament and to contact your local MP.

Prayerful: Every human life is a gift from God. Just as parents spontaneously pray for their unborn child, so we are called to pray for all the unborn, as well as for their parents and extended families. We also pray for wisdom for our MPs.

Pastoral: Our belief in the sanctity of life is demonstrated in the way we show love for both unborn children and their mothers. The message others hear from us will be shaped not just by our words, but also by the way in which we speak and act. We need to ask: 'After this debate is over, will our faith communities be seen as places of love, compassion and care that women facing the challenges of a pregnancy will want to turn to?' **(continued →)**

NEXT SUNDAY:**1 September 2019****22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)***Sirach 3:17-20, 28 - 29;**Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14: 1, 7-14;***LITURGY ROSTER**

Readers: R. Cardoza, R. Lopez
Prayers of the Faithful: F. Xavier
Offertory: Thotawattage Family
Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

La'akulu Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Thotawattage Family

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**25 Aug:** Elizabeth Gillespie**26 Aug:** Joseph Stowers, Ruth Wentzel**27 Aug:** Patrick Hogan, Sonny Johnson,
Ronald Corkill, Terrance D'Lima**28 Aug:** Floss Lyons**30 Aug:** Josie Eade, Eugenia Reyes**31 Aug:** Francis Karl, Anthony Doherty,
Ellen Matthew, Sebastian Louise Cross.**PARISH FINANCES**

Parish	\$ 1,156.30
Priests	\$ 578.20
Total Cash	\$1,734.50

We urge you to inform yourselves about this issue and take a stand for life. **Submissions close Thursday 19 September.**

There will be handouts available before and after Mass.

HOLY FAMILY NEWS

Legion of Mary - Auxiliary and Open Day, TODAY at 2pm, in the Bugler Centre.

Saturday 31st August: Please note: there will be **NO Reconciliations** at all on that Saturday as Fr Jeremy will be attending an Ordination in Hamilton.

Sacramental Programme: First Holy Communion classes start 19th October 2019. Register with Ellen on 8346677 or Erin on 8320258 *Please note: to register for First Holy Communion your child would need to have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation earlier this year.*

Bonds of Marian Love - Consecration to Jesus through Mary starts 28 August 2019 (Every Wednesday) in the Bugler Centre at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join. Please bring Bible, Rosary, and Notebook to take notes. Register at bml.auckland@gmail.com

Missing: Silver Umbrella - if you have accidentally taken a silver, larger than normal umbrella from the Church. Can you please return it to where you found it. Thanks.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Birthday Celebrations of our Blessed Mother of Good Health, daily from 29th August to 8th September 2019 at 6.30pm. We invite all families and friends to come to St Mary's Parish, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale and join the pilgrimage.