



Holy Family Parish

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Sunday 6th October 2019



FIRST READING : Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

℟. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come ring out our joy to the Lord, hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. ℟.

Come in, let us bow and bend low, let us kneel before the God who made us, for he is our God, and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. ℟.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert, when your fathers put me to the test, when they tried me though they say my work. ℟.

SECOND READING : 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

GOSPEL : Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT

Bishop of Philadelphia

Posted on his Blog, August 5, 2019

"When the most dangerous place in the country is a mother's womb and the unborn child can have his or her head crushed in an abortion, even in the process of being born, the body language of that message is that life isn't sacred and may not be worth much at all. In fact, certain kinds of killing no longer even count officially as "killing." Certain kinds of killing we enshrine as rights and protect by law. When we live this kind of contradiction, why are we surprised at the results?"

The Columbine murders will mark my [Denver] community for years to come. They're a wound felt by the entire country — but I don't think they'll be the last. We live in the most violent century in history. Nothing makes us immune from that violence except a relentless commitment to respect the sanctity of each human life, from womb to natural death. The civility and community we've built in this country are fragile. We're losing them. In examining how and why our culture markets violence, I ask you not to stop with the symptoms. Look deeper. The families in Littleton and throughout the country deserve at least that much.

In separate incidents over the past two weeks (back in July/August), gunmen have killed three persons and wounded 13 others in Gilroy, CA; killed at least 20 and wounded 26 others in El Paso TX; and killed at least nine and wounded 27 others in Dayton, OH.

These are just the latest in a long pattern of mass shootings; shootings that have blood-stained the past two decades with no end in sight. Now begins the usual aftermath: expressions of shock; hand-wringing about senseless (or racist, or religious, or political) violence; bitter arguments about gun control; heated editorials, earnest (but brief) self-searching of the national soul, and eventually — we're on to the next crisis.

I buried some of the young Columbine victims 20 years ago. I sat with their families, watched them weep, listened to their anger, and saw the human wreckage that gun violence leaves behind.

The experience taught me that assault rifles are not a birthright, and the Second Amendment is not a Golden Calf. I support thorough background checks and more restrictive access to guns for anyone seeking to purchase them.

But it also taught me that only a fool can believe that "gun control" will solve the problem of mass violence. The people using the guns in these loathsome incidents are moral agents with twisted hearts.

And the twisting is done by the culture of sexual anarchy, personal excess, political hatreds, intellectual dishonesty, and perverted freedoms that we've systematically created over the past half-century.

So I'll say it again, 20 years later. Treating the symptoms in a culture of violence doesn't work. We need to look deeper. Until we're willing to do that, nothing fundamental will change."

~Archbishop Chaput

**"DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT
OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD."**

-ROMANS 12:21

SPY WEDNESDAY



The Wednesday of Holy Week is also known as 'Spy Wednesday', during which Judas Iscariot acts as a spy for the Sanhedrin.

During this day, Judas accepted payment of 30 pieces of silver in return for information that led to the betrayal of Jesus Christ.

SIMBÁNG GABI



Literally means "Night Mass", *Simbáng Gabi* is a novena (nine-day series) of dawn Masses practised by Roman Catholics in the Philippines from 16th to 24th of December in anticipation of Christmas.

The nine successive masses held in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary represent the nine-month stay of the Infant Jesus in the womb of His Mother, that leads to the celebration of the Solemnity of Christmas on December 25.

Did you know?



On the day of the Dedication of the Temple built by King Solomon, there were **120 priests** present (2 Chron 5:11); the **Ark of the Covenant** was brought into the Temple (2 Chron 5:7) and **fire came down** from heaven to consume the burnt offering (2 Chron 7:7).



On the day of Pentecost, a company of **120 disciples** was present in the Upper Room (Acts 1:15), the **Mother of Christ**, (the New **Ark of the Covenant**) was present (Acts 1:14), and the Holy Spirit came down as **tongues of fire** (Acts 2:3)



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday is also known as "Maundy Thursday." The word maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum* (commandment) which is the first word of the Gospel acclamation:

Mandátum novum do vobis dicit Dóminus, ut diligátis invicem, sicut diléxi vos. "I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)



The Fruit of The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil:

Was it really an apple?



The Book of Genesis **never identifies** the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (Gen 2:17) **as an apple.**

The popular notion that the fruit was an apple is a result of the Latin translation of the Bible in Vulgate. The Latin word for evil is **malus** and the word for "apple" is **malum**; "apple tree" is also **malus**. The word **malum** appeared in the Vulgate translation of Genesis in the phrase "the tree of knowledge of good and evil" and readers began associating the apple with the fruit eaten by Eve.

'Unblemished Lamb'



In the Old Testament, any animal offered to God in sacrifice had to be **examined** by the **High Priest** and judged as **perfect and without flaw** (i.e. unblemished) (Ex 12:5).



In the New Testament, Caiaphas the **High priest**, convicted Jesus of blasphemy (Mt 26:25), and sent Him to Pontius Pilate to be tried (i.e. **to be examined**).



And Pilate, after examining Jesus, the **Lamb of God** (Jn 1:29) said to the chief priests and the crowd:

"I find **no guilt** in this man."
(Luke 23:4)



Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil, the Church states, ranks as "**the mother of all vigils**" (General Norms, 21).



Being a vigil — a time of anticipation and preparation — it takes place at night, starting after nightfall and finishing before daybreak on Easter, **thus beginning and ending in darkness.**

SHROVE TUESDAY



"Shrove Tuesday" is the name of the day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

The word "shrove" is the past tense of the English verb "shrive" which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and by doing penance.

On this day, Catholics are encouraged to go to confession in preparation for the penitential Season.

MARY, ARK OF THE COVENANT



Catholics also view Mary as the New Testament Ark of the Covenant. The Old Testament Ark of the Covenant contained three items: (1) The Word of God in the form of stone tablets (i.e., The Ten Commandments), (2) The Manna (bread) from Heaven, and (3) the rod of Aaron that resprouted and came back to life

Just so, the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary contained Jesus Christ—the living Word of God (John 1:1), the Bread of Life (John 6:48), and the Ruler with a rod of iron who also came back to life (Rev. 12:5)

"FROM HEAVEN EVEN THE MOST MISERABLE LIFE WILL LOOK LIKE ONE BAD NIGHT AT AN INCONVENIENT HOTEL."

-ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

"THE MORE DESPERATE THINGS SEEM, THE MORE MUST WE HOPE IN GOD. WHEN MAN'S AID FAILS, GOD'S IS CLOSE AT HAND."

-ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



ST. MARY OF CLEOPAS (MOTHER OF JAMES)

The wife of Cleopas (brother of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary), she is identified as the 'sister of the Mother of the Lord' and mother of St. James the Less (i.e., Mary of James or *Maria Jacobi* in Latin). She, together with the Mother of Christ, Mary Magdalene and St. John the Evangelist, stood at the foot of the cross and witnessed the final hours of Jesus. She was present at the entombment and on the first day of the Resurrection.

TRANSUBSTANTIATION



The Transubstantiation is the sacramental act by which the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ.

This great miracle, which happens in every Mass, cannot be rationally demonstrated, but is accepted by faith.

"HOLY CONTRITION, HOLY HUMILITY, HOLY CHARITY, HOLY DEVOTION AND HOLY JOY MAKES THE SOUL HOLY AND GOOD."

-BL. GILES OF ASSISI

"WE EAT THE BODY OF CHRIST IN ORDER THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO BE PARTAKERS OF ETERNAL LIFE."

-ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN

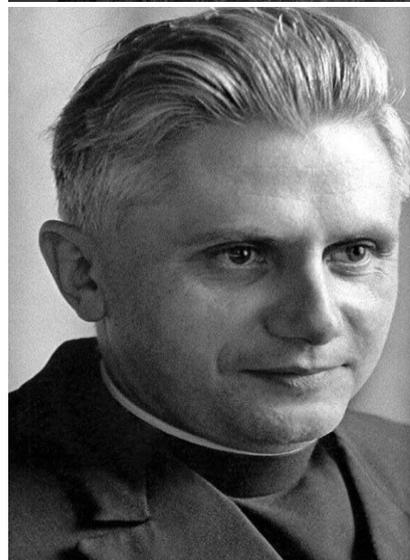
"Prayer is dynamic, but only when we cooperate with God through surrender. The one who decides to pray for release from the slavery of carnal pleasures must be prepared, in every part of his being, to utilize the strength that God will give him and to work unreservedly for a complete freedom from sin." ~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"THERE IS NO WORD MORE 'DANGEROUS' THAN LIBERALISM, BECAUSE TO OPPOSE IT IS THE NEW 'UNFORGIVABLE SIN.'"

-ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN

"YOU SAY TO ME 'SHOW ME YOUR GOD.' I ANSWER YOU, 'EVERYTHING YOU SEE IN YOUR HEART THAT MIGHT SADDEN GOD, REMOVE.'"

-ST. AUGUSTINE

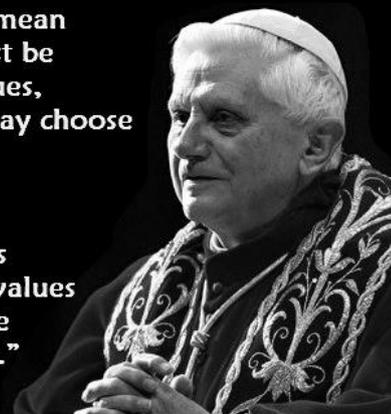


"From the crisis of today the Church of tomorrow will emerge - a Church that has lost much."

She will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning."

- Fr. Joseph Ratzinger
Radio address, 1969

"The legitimate separation of Church and State cannot be taken to mean that the Church must be silent on certain issues, nor that the State may choose not to engage, or be engaged by, the voices of committed believers in determining the values which will shape the future of the nation."
-Pope Benedict XVI



PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Faith of our fathers!
 living still in spite of dungeon,
 fire and sword:
 O how our hearts beat high with joy,
 whene'er we hear that glorious word!
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer
 shall win all nations unto thee; and
 through the truth that comes from God,
 mankind shall then indeed be free.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers!
 we will love both friend and foe in all
 our strife: and preach thee, too, as love
 knows how, by kindly deeds and
 virtuous life.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death.

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:

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do
 adore, Masked by these bare shadows,
 shape and nothing more,
 See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a
 heart. Lost, all lost in wonder at the God
 thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee
 deceived: How says trusty hearing?
 that shall be believed; What God's Son
 has told me, take for truth I do;
 Truth himself speaks truly or there's
 nothing true.

On the cross thy godhead made no sign
 to men, Here thy very manhood steals
 from human ken: Both are my
 confession, both are my belief, And I
 pray the prayer of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot
 see, But can plainly call thee Lord
 and God as he; This faith each day
 deeper be my holding of, daily make me
 harder hope and dearer love.

O thou reminder of Christ crucified,
 Living bread, the life of us for whom he
 died, Lend this life to me then;
 feed and feast my mind, There be thou
 the sweetness man was meant to find.

Jesus, whom I look at shrouded here
 below, I beseech thee send me what I
 long for so, Some day to gaze on thee
 face to face in light and be blessed for
 ever with thy glory's sight.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Let us sing to you, O Mary,
 disciple first and best,
 Join our voices sing with every age
 that loves to call you blest.
 Blessed you among all women,
 first in faith, in hope, in love,
 Blessed you who believed in the
 promise from above, Chosen Woman,
 through obedience untied the knot of
 Eve, Holy Virgin, fruitful Mother of all
 who believe.

Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle!
 Hail His Ark! His Shrine!
 Hail His Home! His Throne!
 His Servant! His Mother and mine!
 Consecrated by the Father,
 before time had e'er begun,
 And prepared by the Spirit to mother
 the Son, Spotless Ark, conceived
 immaculate and spared from every sin,
 Full of grace, you won God's favour,
 enfleshed the Word within.

At the cross, a sword of sorrow
 would pierce your loving soul,
 As your Son is opened with a lance
 and Blood and Water flow.
 Hail Model of the Church
 newly created from His side,
 Called to mother Christ's children
 and be His holy Bride,
 And His words: "Behold your mother,"
 And "Woman see your son," Are his gift
 to His disciples while endless ages run.

To the Father, faithful daughter,
 We join with you our praise,
 To your Son, O Blessed Mother,
 Our worship we raise.
 To the Spirit by Whose power
 you conceived The living Word,
 our profound adoration will always be
 heard, Turn your eyes, O Holy Mary,
 Look lovingly and bless,
 Take our prayer, in love transform it,
 Unite it with your "Yes!"

DIOCESAN NEWS

Fiji Day Mass held on Sunday 6th
 October 2019 at St Anne's Parish, 126
 Russell Road, Manurewa at 2pm

Fiji Day Celebrations held on Saturday
 12th October 2019 at Mangere Centre
 Park, 101 Robertson Rd, Mangere from
 9am to 5pm

**Fun Day out for Children with Special
 Needs and their Families** - Auckland
 Interfaith Council share this unique
 family day, which is organised by an
 interfaith group of volunteers as a service
 to the larger community, **on Saturday 19
 October**, 11am to 3pm, North Shore
 Events Centre. There will be food, games,
 educational activities, music, and it's all
 free.

NEXT SUNDAY:**13 October 2019**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)
 2 Kg 5:14 - 17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: S. Shaw, E. Shaw
Prayers of the Faithful: L. Ahio
Offertory: L & S. Ahio
Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Adoration

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

School Holidays

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**6 Oct:** Terry Tuck**7 Oct:** Hera Epukura Pou**8 Oct:** Randall Turner, Margaret Hall,
Lasela Visesio, Francis Cross**9 Oct:** Peter Rooney, Colleen Moroney,
Raymond Barlow, Thomas Sadgrove**10 Oct:** Doris Shaw**11 Oct:** Ingrid De Jongh**12 Oct:** Sr Savio, Edward Moore,
Angne Kessler**PARISH FINANCES**

Parish	\$1,095.30
Priests	\$ 547.70
Total Cash	\$1,643.00

HOLY FAMILY NEWS**Rosary Procession**

Today @ 3pm

**Don't Forget: 24 Hour Adoration from
 Friday 11th October at 7pm till Saturday
 12th October at 6pm.**

Fundraising for the fence by the Presbytery:
 if you would like to donate to the rebuilding
 of the fence by the presbytery, please contact
 the Parish Office on 8346677.

Pray and Play Day: For all those children
 who are between the ages of 8 - 17 years old
 on **Friday 11th October** from **9am to 3pm**
 in the Parish Hall. Please bring something to
 share for lunch. To register please contact the
 Parish Office on 8346677.

Operation Christmas Child: We will be
 collecting the shoeboxes before and after all
 Masses this weekend and next weekend.

**Sacramental Programme - First Holy
 Communion:** starts on the 19th October at
 4pm in the Bugler Centre. The Last day to
 register is Saturday 26th October. Contact the
 Parish Office on 8346677 or Erin 8320258

**Annual Parish Quiz Night: Saturday 30th
 November at 7:30pm.** It's time to start
 registering your teams. Register with the
 Parish Office on 8346677.

Organ Festival Concert: at the Cathedral
 of St Patrick & St Joseph are hosting an Organ
 Recital 6 pm Saturday 19 October. Michael
 Stoddart and Paul Rosoman. The concert is
 free with a retiring collection.