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Masses: Monday—Friday 8am
Saturday 9:00am
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May thru October

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Parish Office hours: Monday
through Thursday 8:30a.m. to
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Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Thurs. 8:30-
9:00a.m. Saturday 3:00 -
3:45p.m.

Baptisms: Please contact the
Office. **One** god-parent **MUST**
be a practicing, confirmed
Catholic.

Marriage: Four months no-
tice must be given. Please con-
tact the Parish Office.

Religious Education:

Sunday after Mass from Sep-
tember to May. Students fami-
lies must be registered in the
parish.

Choir: Rehearsals every
Wednesday from 4:30-6:00p.m.
September to June. All are
welcome.

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Thru Saturday, 9:00am to
2:00pm. Call 772-664-4007 for
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JULY
15
2018

Blessed be God

who chose us in Christ,
before the foundation
of the world, to be
holy and without
blemish before him.

Ephesians 1:3, 4



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S LETTER...

On his blindness.



This morning I have an appointment with the optician. It's just a check-up - my annual one. I suspect that there may be some minor correction to my prescription. As my previous optician told me 'it's to be expected at your age!' (That wasn't why I left him - I moved to BFB!) All too easily we can take things in our lives for granted and neglect them until something serious occurs and it's too late to correct the mistake or the problem.

The English poet John Milton, who went blind in middle age, wrote a poem called "On his blindness." In it he refers to the gift of sight as "that one talent which is death to hide." Here he is alluding to the Parable of the Talents in the Gospel of Matthew where the lazy and unprofitable servant buries his master's money instead of using it for their mutual benefit. (Mt. 25:14ff) Milton asks: is it fair of God to expect a return for the gift if the recipient isn't in a position to use it? He answers himself by remembering that what pleases God best is that we accept His will for us. And he concludes with the wonderful line "they also serve who only stand a wait." I love that line and it has rescued me many a time from my impatience. You'd never guess I get incredibly impatient if things don't happen exactly as I want them when I want them. (I wrote that with my tongue firmly in my cheek!) So often we are pleading with God for something and we don't seem to get an answer. It may be something obviously good - the health of a loved one, success in our career, happiness for our children or whatever - but there just seems to be deafening silence coming from heaven. And it can even happen that the exact opposite of what we were pleading for comes about. This is when the patience that Milton writes of comes into play.

One example from my own life. After my first three years in the US, I returned to Ireland and began the process of applying for a "Green Card." Boy, can the INS take their time! It took nearly 18 months to complete. All that time I was doing novenas to the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and anybody else in heaven I could think of. And the answer was the same each day - silence. Now what made it particularly hard was that I didn't have a job! I was 'between dioceses' so to speak, so I stayed with my mother for all that time.

My mother died a couple of years after my return to the States following a long battle with cancer. So with hindsight I can see that I was privileged to be able to spend the last good years of her life with her.

St Therese of Lisieux used a lovely image of herself: she wanted to be Jesus' ball that He could play with whenever He wanted. If He chose to leave the ball in the cupboard that was fine with her - as long as He was doing what He wanted, what she wanted didn't matter. Her happiness was precisely in making Him happy.

We constantly use the word 'see' to mean "understand, get it." When Jesus tells His disciples: "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear," (Mt. 13.16) He is speaking of something more than the physical presence that they can see with their physical eyes. He is talking about the fact that they 'get it.' They are the ones who recognize just Who Jesus is, and it is this that makes them blessed. Let us thank God for the many gifts He has poured upon us and ask Him for the help we need to use them for the praise of His name and the good of others.

God Bless.
Fr. Robert.





Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 15, 2018

Truth shall spring out of the
earth,
and justice shall look down
from heaven.
— *Psalm 85:12*



Blessings and Glory

The second reading from Ephesians is rather long and with only six sentences, it is not easy to follow. To put it simply, he is giving a description of the many blessings God has given us. First is Redemption, meaning that Christ saved us from punishment for our sins by forgiving them instead. Second is the plan of God for saving everyone, by making Christ ruler of the universe. We have to accept these gifts by letting go of the temptations around us and holding on to the love we have received from God. We then share that love with others, so that they know God loves them, too. As our experience of God's love grows, we begin to understand the mystery of how God lives in all people.

Paul also reminds us that we are chosen and destined to help God bring his plan, his Kingdom, to completion. When we teach children how to love and share, when we are honest with customers or suppliers, when we are not ashamed to show our faith in Jesus, when we are respectful of the poor, elderly, or disabled, we are slowly building the Kingdom of God.

Paul mentions three times in this reading about "the praise of God's glory." (Eph 1:14) When we are able to help or forgive, or just be a good example to others, we want them to know that God is in all the good we do. Instead of taking credit for the results, we give God the glory. No, you don't have to take off your glasses and put on a red cape before helping others. Just mention that God does the real work, we just try not to get in his way.

PRAYER LIST... R.J. & Peg Laflamme, Jim Clinton, Frederick DeSimone, Gloria Palmeri, Jack Lehr, Janilla Colletti, Cheri Ferris, Thomas Bradley, Bobby Bryer, Carol Arcario, Karen Fay Nichols, Joseph Gusmerotti, Sandy Shell, James Dixon, Meghan Doherty, Nicholas Polo, Cynthia Ahearn, Judy Moss, Catherine Magdalen Helena Cestaro, Helen Davis, Barbara Mellenback, Marie Hannan, Bob O'Loughlin, Lori Sthelire, Mary Lou Kiernan, Nancy Arseco, Robert Diesu, Kay Capeta, Mary Lou Selzeer, Kenneth Butwell, Emily Jones, Kevin Donohue, Georgine Brandon, Natalie Siska, Dottie Pagenstretcher, Cathy Chenard, Joan Donohue, Karen Clifford, James Doherty, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Robert Breinlinger, Craig Johnson, William McGarry, Justin Marvin, Dolores Romola, Roy Southern, Carter Pechar, Kathleen O'Brien, Jerry Watts, Briana Galloway, Mary Lou O'Connor, Sara Dennis, Joanne Callen, Amanda Steckelbeck, Janice Vivian, Kevin Wilson, Rita Ryan, Larry Stoddard, Nancy Esposito, Michael Biase, Suzanne Murphy, Laura McGarry, John Buday, Domenic Demunda, Lauren Demunda, Shirley Ponzio, Matthew Boyles, Morgan Ross, Irene Rose, George Fraizer, Matt Marino, Abby Johnson, Charlie Brocket, MaryLou Callahan, Kyle Grazia, Neil Reardon, Joel Yeaton, Glenn Higgins, baby Jack Spring, Jacqline Berube, Barbara Briscoe, Maureen Birney, Joe Murphy, Lillian Zuccaro, JoAnn Blasius, Alice Cattanach, Judy & Joshua Dobbins, Brian Linn, Ralph Lavarro, Hank Digiser, Diane Brelinger, Laura Hardenburgh, Maryann Smith, Lauren Gardner, James Driggers, Miles Bishop, Joanna Sigouin, Rebecca, Ann Coyne, Mary Gemma, Pat Robin, Sophie Romano, Kathleen DeLuca, Barbara Cain, Gladys Cornea, Chad Norris, Herman Wessels, Betty Dukes, Paul Szoke, Jan Flanigan, Cheryl Smith, K Cavanaugh, Robert Lemay

Dear Jesus,
Help us to spread your presence every were we go.
Flood our souls with your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess our whole being
so utterly, that our lives may be only
a radiance of yours.
Shine through us, and be so in us,
that every person we come in contact with
may feel your presence.
Let them look up and see no longer us but only
you!
Stay with us,
and then we shall begin to shine as you shine;
so to shine as a light to others.
The light, O Jesus, will be all from you;
none of it will be ours; it will be you, shining on
others through us. Let us thus praise you in the
way you love best by shining on those around
us.
Amen

God loves a cheerful giver--

II Corinthians : 9 verse 7

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Amos said, “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34



Please join us every Thursday between 8:30 & 11:00a.m. for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Sacrament of reconciliation will be available from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.



IN MEMORY OF
KENNY DERENTHAL

Altar flowers this weekend are donated by Jane in honor of Kenny's birthday.



Prayer for protection
During hurricane season
O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands, including hurricanes.

Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



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MONDAY– JULY 16, 2018

8:00 a.m. †MR & MRS WILLIAM CAVANAUGH
By their son David

TUESDAY– JULY 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. †WILLIAM CAVANAUGH JR
By his brother David

WEDNESDAY–JULY 18, 2018

8:00 a.m. †MR & MRS WILLIAM CONSIDINE
By their son-in-law Dave

THURSDAY– JULY 19, 2018

8:00 a.m. †SOPHIA SCHOENNAUER
By her Family

FRIDAY– JULY 20, 2018

8:00 a.m. †KENNY DERENTHAL
By his wife Jane

SATURDAY– JULY 21, 2018

9:00 a.m. †THOMAS MALARKEY
By Anne Marlarkey Nichter

4:00 p.m. †ALBERT BOURGEOIS
By the Bourgeois Family

SUNDAY– 22, 2018

8:00 a.m. †KENNY DERENTHAL
By Cathy Gronlund



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. LUKE
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN YOUR
WILL.



The Rosary is prayed every morning at 7:30am before the weekday Masses, and will be prayed before all the weekend Masses, 20 minutes past the hour.

Call to Holiness continued...**ACTIVITY THAT SANCTIFIES**

27. Could the Holy Spirit urge us to carry out a mission and then ask us to abandon it, or not fully engage in it, so as to preserve our inner peace? Yet there are times when we are tempted to relegate pastoral engagement or commitment in the world to second place, as if these were "distractions" along the path to growth in holiness and interior peace. We can forget that "life does not have a mission, but is a mission".

28. Needless to say, anything done out of anxiety, pride or the need to impress others will not lead to holiness. We are challenged to show our commitment in such a way that everything we do has evangelical meaning and identifies us all the more with Jesus Christ. We often speak, for example, of the spirituality of the catechist, the spirituality of the diocesan priesthood, the spirituality of work. For the same reason, in *Evangelii Gaudium* I concluded by speaking of a spirituality of mission, in *Laudato Si'* of an ecological spirituality, and in *Amoris Laetitia* of a spirituality of family life.

29. This does not mean ignoring the need for moments of quiet, solitude and silence before God. Quite the contrary. The presence of constantly new gadgets, the excitement of travel and an endless array of consumer goods at times leave no room for God's voice to be heard. We are overwhelmed by words, by superficial pleasures and by an increasing din, filled not by joy but rather by the discontent of those whose lives have lost meaning. How can we fail to realize the need to stop this rat race and to recover the personal space needed to carry on a heartfelt dialogue with God? Finding that space may prove painful but it is always fruitful. Sooner or later, we have to face our true selves and let the Lord enter. This may not happen unless "we see ourselves staring into the abyss of a frightful temptation, or have the dizzying sensation of standing on the precipice of utter despair, or find ourselves completely alone and abandoned". In such situations, we find the deepest motivation for living fully our commitment to our work.

30. The same distractions that are omnipresent in today's world also make us tend to absolutize our free time, so that we can give ourselves over completely to the devices that provide us with entertainment or ephemeral pleasures. As a result, we come to resent our mission, our commitment grows slack, and our generous and ready spirit of service begins to flag. This denatures our spiritual experience. Can any spiritual fervour be sound when it dwells alongside sloth in evangelization or in service to others?

31. We need a spirit of holiness capable of filling both our solitude and our service, our personal life and our evangelizing efforts, so that every moment can be an expression of self-sacrificing love in the Lord's eyes. In this way, every minute of our lives can be a step along the path to growth in holiness.

MORE ALIVE, MORE HUMAN

32. Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our great dignity. We see this in Saint Josephine Bakhita: "Abducted and sold into slavery at the tender age of seven, she suffered much at the hands of cruel masters. But she came to understand the profound truth that God, and not man, is the true Master of every human being, of every human life. This experience became a source of great wisdom for this humble daughter of Africa".

33. To the extent that each Christian grows in holiness, he or she will bear greater fruit for our world. The bishops of West Africa have observed that "we are being called in the spirit of the New Evangelization to be evangelized and to evangelize through the empowering of all you, the baptized, to take up your roles as salt of the earth and light of the world wherever you find yourselves"

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