

Holy Family Parish



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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 P.M.

7:15 am – 7:45 am and 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm
before daily Mass or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament is for anyone you know who has any continuing or serious illness, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

Lincoln Noel, Bob Gascon

Attention parishioners. We will start with our prayer list back in the weekly bulletin. If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. This will be the new corner for the names. The Mass intentions are now listed in the weekly calendar.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

SUPERNATURAL REVELATION (Cont.)

DIVISION OF THE BIBLE (Cont.)

Last week we saw the division of the Books in the Bible according to the Hebrews or the Jews. We also came to know that the Jewish people recognize only **24 Books** as inspired by God.

CATHOLIC DIVISION

I have already mentioned it in my previous episode that there are many Books written as part of the Old Testament and out of which only certain number of Books are selected to be inspired by God. According to Catholic Church there are 46 Books Old Testament which are considered to be inspired. These Books are put in different categories as the Jews did.

Pentateuch/Torah/Books of Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy (Same in the Jewish Bible too).

Historical Books: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1Samuel, 2Samuel, 1Kings, 2Kings, 1Chronicles, 2Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1Maccabees and 2Maccabees.

The Jews don't have a historical division of the Bible. They omit some of the Books in the above list and others are scattered in different categories.

Sapiential Books or Books of Wisdom: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Wisdom and Sirach. Most of these Books are found in Hebrew Bible under the division of Books of the Writings.

Prophetic Books: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. The Jews consider the twelve books of the Minor Prophets as one Book. Thus total Books recognized by Catholic Church are **46 Books**.

Orthodox Division: Besides approving the 46 Books approved by the Catholics, the Orthodox Church approves seven additional Books from the Old Testament such as: 3Kings, 4Kings, 2Ezra, 3Maccabees, 4Maccabees, Susanna and 2Daniel. Thus total **53 Books**.

Protestant Division of the Bible: The Protestant Churches recognize only 39 Books as inspired. They have removed seven Books from the Catholic list. These are: Books of Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Baruch, parts of Esther and parts of Daniel.

Division of New Testament Books

The New Testament Books are divided into two: The Gospels and the Letters. In the section of Gospels, besides the four Gospels the Book of the Acts of the Apostles is counted with the Gospels. The letters of Paul which are also known as the Epistles and the letters of James, Peter, John, Jude and the Book of Revelation are counted in the category of Letters. All the Christians denominations recognize the entire Books in the New Testament as inspired by God. As I have already mentioned, the Jews never approve any of the Books in the New Testament as part of the Hebrew Bible. They don't even consider Jesus as a Prophet, let alone to be the Messiah.

(Will be continued next week).

Twenty-First week in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Aug. 24 th	<i>Saint Bartholomew, Apostle</i> 8:00 A.M. - Tina Kelloniemi
Tues.	Aug. 25 th	<i>Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i> 6:00 P.M. – John Lynaugh 1 st Anniv. 6:30 P.M. - St. Vincent DePaul Society meets
Wed.	Aug. 26 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marion Sodergren
Thurs.	Aug. 27 th	<i>Saint Monica</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Bob Gascon
Fri.	Aug. 28 th	<i>Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – John Marcella ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	Aug. 29 th	<i>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</i> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:30 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – 50 th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Nancy Chenier
Sun.	Aug. 30 th	<i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the parishioners of Holy Family 10:00 AM - Mass – Marianne Poe

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

69 envelopes were returned Sunday, Aug. 16th

Adults.....	\$2,195.00
Loose.....	54.00
General Maintenance.....	25.00
Fuel.....	50.00
Roof Fund.....	25.00
Donation for Altar Cloth.....	105.00
Seminary Fund.....	20.00
Mass Stipends.....	395.00
Total.....	\$2,869.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83
Shortfall..... 917.83

Diocesan Collection.....	362.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	15.00
Total.....	\$ 377.00

Thank you to all who sent in or dropped off your weekly contribution to Holy Family. We are very grateful for your support of your parish.



We welcome Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, STD, JCL to Holy Family Parish this Sunday, August 23rd.

Bishop John will be here only for the 10:00 AM Mass to do the Installation of Fr. Sebastian as our pastor.

REMEMBER
WHEN LIFE KNOCKS YOU DOWN TO
YOUR KNEES...YOU ARE IN
THE PERFECT POSITION TO
PRAY



SPIRIT LIFTERS

Aug. 23rd - Kindness is becoming at any age.

Aug. 24th - Are your troubles causing you to lose your religion or USE your religion?

Aug. 25th - Those who won't mind their own business, soon have no business to mind.

Aug. 26th - Feed your faith, and your doubts will starve to death.

Aug. 27th - The ornaments of a house are the friends who visit it.

Aug. 28th - If life were a bed of roses, some people wouldn't be happy until they developed an allergy.

Aug. 29th - Trouble is usually produced by those who produce nothing else.

Religious Education Classes -Time to Register

You should be receiving a registration packet in the mail by August 28th from All Saints Parish. If you have students in grades 1-12 and did not receive a packet, please contact Chris Olesak at 420-1260, 428-9431 or Holy Family at 786-1209.

12TH ANNUAL END THE SILENCE WALK

Raising proceeds to fund suicide awareness programs throughout Delta County. Due to the pandemic, this year's event will be held virtually. We still need your help to raise awareness about the impact that suicide has in our community.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2020/VIRTUALLY

ANY LOCATION OF YOUR CHOICE

To register or get more information :E-mail:

endthesilencewalk@hotmail.com Website:

www.endthesilencewalk.com Facebook: End The

Silence Walk Call: 906-789-0003

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday

2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18

Mt 23:27-32

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25

Mt 25:1-13

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17

Mt 22:23-26

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9

Mt 24:42-51

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mk 6:17-29

Sunday

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

Life of Saints

Aug. 24th - ST. BARTHOLOMEW, apostle – One of the twelve foundation stones of the Church, this Apostle was born at Cana in Galilee. He was brought to Jesus by Philip. Tradition holds that after the Ascension he preached the Gospel in India and there met martyrdom. Because of differing lists of the Twelve Bartholomew is usually identified with the Nathanael described in the Fourth Gospel.

Aug. 27th - ST. MONICA - - Born in 332 of a Christian family in Roman Africa, Monica as a young girl was married to an older man, Patricius. Monica converted her pagan husband, to whom she bore four children. For the conversions of her oldest son Augustine, Monica pursued him and poured out tears and prayers to God. She died at age 55 in Ostia, just as Augustine was returning to Africa and to his monumental work for the Church.

Here is another paradox: When you don't have anything, then you have everything. Having nothing liberates you in unimaginable ways. Be careful what you become attached to. In the end we have to give it all up anyway. But it is not true that we leave this world with nothing just as we came into the world with nothing. We can't take things or money with us, but we take all the love we have allowed God to fill us with. ~Mother Teresa

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – A; Aug. 23rd 2020
Isaiah 23:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

In the modern age, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism are considered to be the major religions in the world. They come in the list of major religions because of the volume of followers they have. But **Christianity, remains on the top of them with 2.2billion followers and out of which 1.2billion people are Catholics.** It is amazing to notice that when Peter was entrusted with the Keys of the Kingdom of God on earth, (*the Church*), there was no official Church even existed; but the promise of Jesus to Peter: **“The gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it”** literally became true and overcoming all the obstacles the Church grew.

The main theme of today’s first reading and the Gospel is **‘the Keys.’** In popular language key is the symbol of authority. Shebna, the Administrator of King Hezekiah was divested of his power by God and the keys were given to Eliakim. He was given the material power whereas Peter is given the Keys of the Kingdom of God which is the Church. In Caesarea Philippi Jesus makes an unusual announcement regarding the institution of his future Church. He said to Peter, **“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.”** This is the only passage we see in the four gospels where we have the clear indication of the divine foundation of the first Church. Of course, in John chapter 21 we have the reference to the appointment of Peter as the head of the Church. Jesus asks Peter the same question three times, *‘Do you love me more than these?’* and as a response to his answer, *Jesus says to him three times, “Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep and Feed my sheep” (Jn. 21:16 & 17).* Here Peter is appointed to be the head of the Church. **Among all the religions and denominations today Catholic Church is the most organized body in the world. It is divine in origin, universal, Biblical and Apostolic in nature.** We can be proud of being the members of this Church. Among the 33,000 Christian denominations only Catholic Church can claim the divine origin, means founded by Jesus himself. And also Catholic Church is the only Church where we enjoy the gifts of the **Seven Sacraments**, and through the worthy reception of them we are filled with grace, especially by the Sacrament of the **Eucharist**. *When we enter a Catholic Church we are not simply entering a prayer hall rather we stand before the very presence of the Lord in the Eucharist.*

Of course, Catholic Church never had a smooth sailing in the history. She has been bothered by many problems and crisis. These days many good Catholics are worried over the future of the Church. Today the vocation to priesthood and religious life is on the lowest level. These days not even 25% of Catholics practice their faith. A few years ago scandal by the priests shook the American Church. So, many think that after another 50 years the Church may not be existing at all. Here we go wrong in our knowledge of the Church history. If the Church had to die it could have died in the very first century itself. On the day of Pentecost itself the Jewish authority came down upon the apostles very heavily and the apostles were imprisoned, flogged and warned against preaching. The Roman imperialism which occupied the entire Palestine for years fought against the Church for three centuries. Humanly speaking the Roman Empire could have wiped out the

small band of Christians within a day. But even after torturing Christians for three centuries with all vengeance, the Emperors failed to destroy the Church and finally they hit against the great rock of Peter and perished. The reason is very simple which we have just heard in the words of Jesus, ***“And upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”***

In the Acts of Apostles we see Gamaliel, the Sanhedrin member, warning his fellow members against the arrest of the apostles, in these words, **“If this endeavor or activity is of human origin it will destroy itself. But if it comes from God you will not be able to destroy it. You may even find fighting against God” (Acts 5:38&39).** Unfortunately, today the attacks on the Church are coming not only from outside but from her own leaders and members too. Once, Napoléon, the French Emperor, had some differences with the local Bishop. Napoléon warned the Bishop, “Your Excellency, if I want, I can destroy your Church in no time.” The Arch Bishop retorted, “Your Highness, we the Bishops and priests tried for 1800 long years to destroy it; but we failed.” When Pope John XXIII assumed the office, the Church was filled with crisis in every area of her life. He worked hard to fix things. One day after a very hectic day of work, at night he went to do his Eucharistic adoration. But could not keep his eyes open. So he got up and said, **“Lord, the Church belongs to you and you need to take care of it. I am going to bed.”** Remember, all those who hit that great rock collapsed and disappeared from the earth and also will collapse; but the Church will continue. **Because it is founded by Jesus Christ, who lived, lives and will live till the end of the world and his Church too will live.**