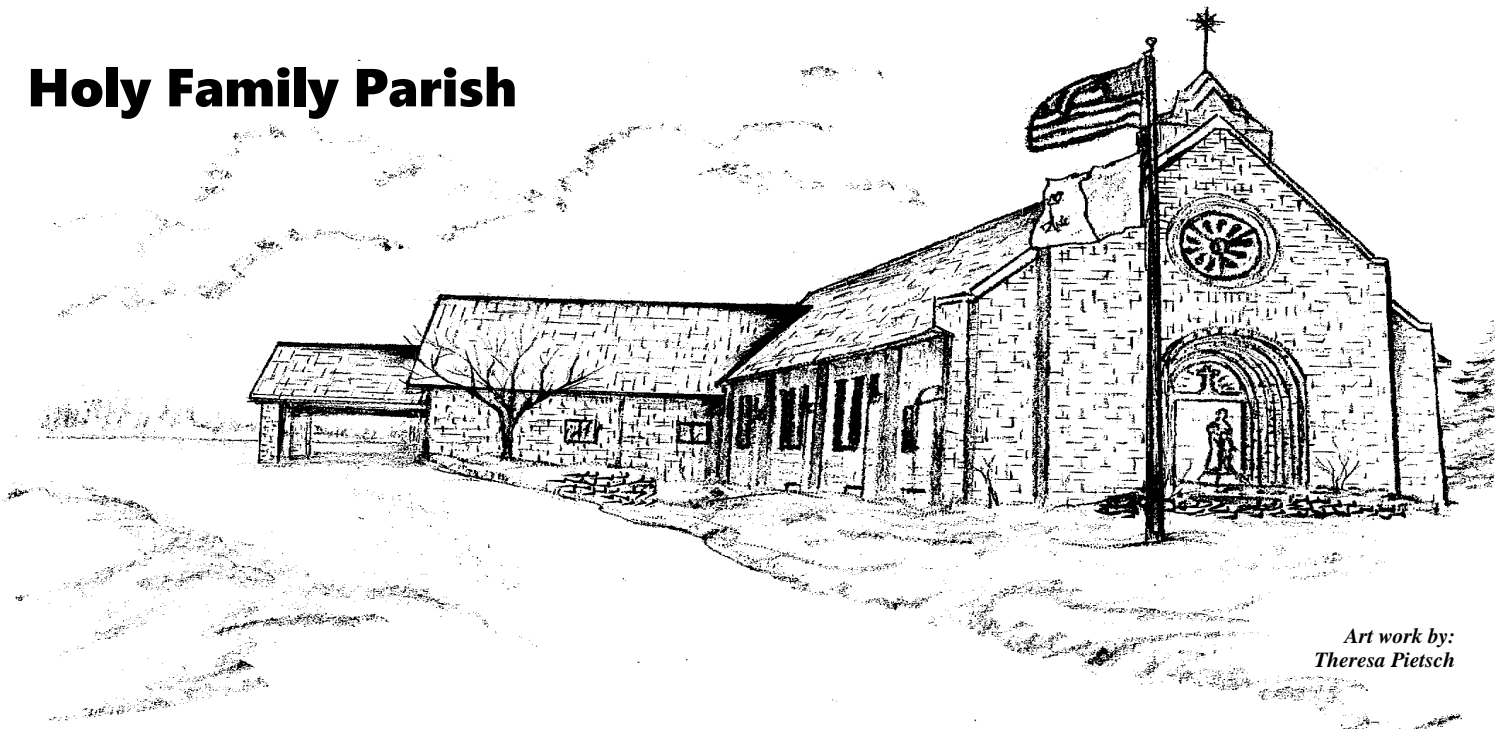


# Holy Family Parish



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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 30, 2020

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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.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We will strive to imitate the Holy Family: by being a loving, welcoming, and forgiving community – fully alive in the Spirit of God; by teaching our children the Gospel way of life and encouraging them always to share fully in the life of our parish; by celebrating the Liturgy as a joyful remembrance of our Lord's Sacrifice for us; by being a family of prayer; by respecting all life, and by having our arms open always to embrace the sick and needy.*

## CATECHETICAL CORNER

### Sacred Scripture the Book of Inspiration

There are millions of religious books available today and some of them are written by great saints. Most of the books are approved by the Church; but these books are not considered to be written by the special inspiration or intervention of God. But the Bible is the only Book recognized to be written by human authors with the special inspiration or influence they have received from God Himself. When Church speaks of the Bible as inspired, she is referring to the fact that God divinely influenced the human authors of the Scriptures in such a way that what they wrote was the very Word of God and what exactly God wanted. In the context of the Scriptures, the word **“inspiration” simply means “God-breathed.” Thus the Bible truly is the Word of God and makes it unique among all other books.** But as we have already seen the Jews and the Christian denominations vary in their views as which Books are inspired and which are not. Though human beings have recorded the Word of God, we can very well say that God is the author of the Bible.

While there are different views as to the extent to which the Bible is inspired, there can be no doubt that the Bible itself claims that every word in every part of the Bible comes from God. **St Paul says in 2 Timothy 3: 16, “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”** This view of the Scripture is often referred to as *“verbal plenary”* inspiration. That means the inspiration extends to the very words themselves (verbal)- not just concepts or ideas-and that the inspiration extends to all parts of Scripture and all subject matters of Scripture (plenary). Some people believe that only parts of the Bible are inspired or only the thoughts or concepts that deal with religious doctrines are inspired; but these views of inspiration fall short of the Bible's claim about itself. Full verbal plenary inspiration is an essential characteristic of the Word of God. It means all the Books starting from Genesis to Revelation are fully inspired by God, no matter what subject matter they deal with. Because it is inspired by God, the Scriptures are therefore authoritative when it come to establishing doctrine, and sufficient for teaching man how be in a right relationship with God. The Bible claims not only to be inspired by God but also to have the supernatural ability to change us and make us complete. In the Letter to the Hebrews the author speaks about the Word of God in these words, **“Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart (Heb. 4: 12).**

Another verse that deals with the inspiration of the Scripture is 2Peter 1:21 where **Peter says, “For no prophecy ever came through human will, but rather human beings moved by the holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God.”** This verse helps us to understand that even though God used men with their distinctive personalities and writing styles, God divinely inspired the very words they wrote. Jesus himself confirmed the verbal plenary inspiration of the Scripture when he said, **“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Amen I say to you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place” (Matthew 5:17).** In this verse Jesus is reinforcing the accuracy of the Scripture down to the smallest detail and the slightest punctuation mark, because it is the very Word of God.

As we know the authors of the Books of Bible are human beings specially chosen by God. They lived in different period of time, places and they had different language and literary style. God used these situations. That is why, for instance when we read the four Gospels we see the difference in style and presentation. And also they have chosen the materials which are useful for their particular community. Because the Scripture is inspired Word of God, we can conclude that it is also inerrant and authoritative. The correct view of God will lead us to a correct view of His Word.

**(Will be continued next week).**

*Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time*

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	NO Mass
Tues.	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b> -	Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke
Wed.	Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Gloria Gereau
Thurs.	Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Marvin Nelson
Fri.	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Marie Theoret
		-----	Parish office closed
Sat.	Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saint Teresa of Calcutta</i>	
		3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:30 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Joe Gareau
		10:00 AM -	Mass – Larry Beauchamp

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

65 envelopes were returned Sunday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Adults.....	\$2,900.00
Loose.....	66.00
General Maintenance.....	125.00
Fuel.....	25.00
Mass Stipends.....	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,166.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83**  
**Shortfall..... 620.83**

Diocesan Collection.....	120.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	<u>80.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>

*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.*

REMEMBER

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



**Mass for your intentions!**

As I have mentioned in my letter, we are going to change the intention of the Monday Mass for your special intentions. Hence, starting **on Monday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>** we will not schedule this Mass for any particular individual for a special intention; rather it will be for all. When you participate at this Mass on Monday you can keep your special intentions. Besides that, you will find the prayer cards sitting on the desk where our Prayer Intention Book was kept. Please take a prayer card and write your intentions on that card and drop it in the Box sitting nearby. On every Monday morning during my Eucharistic adoration I will go through each card and pray for the people/intentions you have mentioned in it. And also those cards will be placed at the Altar during Mass. Hereafter you will not find the Prayer Intention Book on the desk, but only prayer cards. Please write your intention with legible handwriting.

With Love  
 Fr. Sebastian

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>** - Love is never afraid of giving too much.

**Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>** - A parent cannot in simple justice demand from any child a standard of conduct which he does not himself fulfill.

**Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>** - The way you go must be your decision.

**Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.

**Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - When God allows extraordinary trials, He also prepares for His people extraordinary comfort.

**Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>** - I saw tomorrow look at me from the little children's eyes, and I thought how carefully we'd teach, if we were really wise.

**Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>** - Guard against the loss of spiritual power that comes through hasty words and judgments.

### 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

To register or get more information :E-mail: [endthesilencewalk@hotmail.com](mailto:endthesilencewalk@hotmail.com) Website: [www.endthesilencewalk.com](http://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**

1 Cor 2:1-5  
Lk 4:16-30

### **Tuesday**

1 Cor 2:10b-16  
Lk 4:31-37

### **Wednesday**

1 Cor 3:1-9  
Lk 4:38-44

### **Thursday**

1 Cor 3:18-23  
Lk 5:1-11

### **Friday**

1 Cor 4:1-5  
Lk 5:33-39

### **Saturday**

1 Cor 4:6b-15  
Lk 6:1-5

### **Sunday**

Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

### Life of Saints

**Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, pope and doctor** – Born in Rome around 540, Gregory was a senator and civic administrator who at age 35 entered the Benedictine monastery. After five years he was legate to Constantinople, and on this date in 590 became Pope. For 14 years he worked in comparable fashion - guiding the church in decadent times, facing the Lombard invasions, sending out missionaries, writing, advancing the liturgy. Gregorian chant is named for him. One of the greatest Popes in centuries, equal to the crises of his age, Gregory the Great died in 604.



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Kenneth Beauchamp. Ken's funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

*Lord,*

*Grant that I may always bear in mind the very great dignity of the life you have called me to and all its responsibilities. Never let me dishonor it by being cold, or unkind, or impatient. ~Mother Teresa*

*With much sadness we will have to cancel our annual Harvest Dinner and the raffle this year because of the COVID! Hopefully we will have our pasty sale in November. Keep posted for updates!!!*

**22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – A; Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

In all ages mankind struggled to understand the reason and meaning of suffering. Many ancient religions like Judaism considered suffering as the punishment which God inflicts upon the sinners. Then the question comes, why do many innocent people suffer even unjustly? Of course, the modern world does not agree with the concept of sin and punishment. The secular world does not see anything positive in suffering, other than it is a tumor on the body of mankind. Even the believers, sometimes, are perplexed and confused, especially when they see bad things happening to very good people who were doing a lot of good things to the society. We all wish the great men like Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King could live longer and do some more service to the mankind. But their great lives were brutally eliminated from the world. We all question, **‘why there is suffering and why often the bad things happen to good people?’** No religious founders gave us any convincing answer to our question, *‘why?’* except Jesus Christ. He is the only religious leader who suffered the most tragic death and showed us what one can gain by suffering; he is the only one who can help us to bear the suffering.

In today’s first reading we find Prophet Jeremiah getting upset with God who had chosen him to be the Prophet of Israel. The reason was that when he started prophesying against the wrong doing of people, they started torturing him. Jeremiah could enjoy his position as a Prophet, but he didn’t want to suffer and pay any price for his call. The same negative attitude we find in the disciples too. Today’s gospel passage is the continuation of last Sunday’s reading. Last Sunday we heard Peter recognizing Jesus to be the Messiah and in reply Jesus announced the institution of his Church on Peter, the rock. The whole situation was overwhelming and exciting. The disciples were long waiting for that day. Then there comes the prediction of Jesus about his suffering and death. In a way Jesus ruined the whole good mood of the disciples. No one can blame Peter for his futile attempt in persuading Jesus not to go with his plan of tragic death. Of course, Peter was an ordinary human being with a lot of material ambitions and he could not think as God does, but as human beings do. Peter had an expectation as what should be the life style of the Messiah. He wanted the Messiah to be the new King of Israel and drive out the Romans from the land; he wanted to enjoy important position in that kingdom.

During the time of Jesus the cross was the symbol of suffering and tragic death. The Romans used it to execute the criminals and revolutionaries. No Palestinian could forget the terrible image of cross and the people hanging on it. But Jesus asks his

followers, **“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”** What does Jesus mean by ‘cross?’ *Jesus knows that human beings are imperfect and they live in an imperfect world. When the imperfect beings live and act in an imperfect world, nothing perfect can come out.* So naturally, the human actions alone cause a lot of sufferings. Very often, most of the crosses we bear *come out of our own greed, selfishness, bitterness, unforgiving attitudes and of wrong choices we make or others make.* Of course, there are certain things like physical ailments and natural calamities which are not under our control. *When Jesus asks us to follow him taking up our cross, he means to take up our daily sufferings and follow him which may come in the form of physical ailments, family problems, parting of dear ones, job loss, financial crisis, violence, accidents etc.* **When we follow Jesus bearing these crosses with positive attitudes, the ultimate gain is nothing but eternal life.**

Many people go to heaven by their virtuous life; many don’t reach heaven at all. But some people conquer the heaven by enduring their suffering. And also every suffering brings blessing to the person suffering as well as in the family. One thing we notice that when somebody is seriously sick in the family, the siblings forget all their differences and come united. Secondly, the history shows that the great men and women contributed something good to humanity only through their great sacrifices. If they are remembered by all generations, it is because they sacrificed their comforts and even lives for the good of the mankind. **Had Jesus not been crucified, and sacrificed his life, perhaps he would not have been known to the world.** His suffering and death for mankind make him alive in the hearts of millions of people. Jesus always practiced what he preached. Before he asked us to take up our cross and follow him, he himself bore the cross and reached Calvary before us and hung on it. Now it is our turn to climb up to the same Hill of Calvary and being crucified one day. Please remember, there are crosses scattered all around us and out of which one is mine. When I pick up that cross and follow Jesus to the Mount of Calvary and being crucified, then Jesus will be hanging on the other side of our cross to support me. Jesus is the only religious leader who could say to his followers, **“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Mt. 11:28).**