

**For The Bulletin Of
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**THE TENTH SUNDAY IN
SUMMER'S ORDINARY TIME**

From Father Robert

Limericks are five-line, rhyming poems that became popular during social gatherings in the eighteenth century. They were a way for the partygoers to engage in creative poetry-making whereby individuals would make up a limerick followed by a group response. Often sung, they had a cadence and rhythm accompanying movement.

This Sunday's gospel has all the makings of a limerick: crowd, special occasion, group interaction. We might come up with a five-liner like this, for example:

There once was a widow from Nain
Whose life had become a great pain.
Her son was dead
From the city she fled.
But her life was not to wane.

But the seriousness of the situation draws us far beyond the whimsical. Many details reveal the power and depth of Jesus' words and deeds. Jesus has power over life and death; He clearly chooses life for this widow. Her life was not to wane upon losing her "only son." His death became the occasion for Jesus to take the initiative in proclaiming God's desire that we share life to the fullest. The cadence and rhythm of His words and deeds move us toward the celebration of life and hope.

The widow of Nain had lost everything dear to her: her husband and her only

son. By losing her husband, she had lost her life support; at that time most women were totally dependent upon their husbands for livelihood. She had a son, and he no doubt supported her after his father's death. Then he dies and any hope of posterity ceases. She is utterly alone; she is now the last in her ancestral line. The widow and a "large crowd from the city" were processing to bury her son. Without even being asked, Jesus with great compassion comforts her, touches the son's coffin, raises her son from the dead, and gives him back to his mother. By word and deed Jesus restores the widow's life and hope. She is no longer alone in this world without support and hope of posterity.

In Jesus, "God has visited His people." He brings gifts that are only God's to give: life and hope. No wonder news of Jesus' words and deeds spread rapidly! In Him something new is happening. Death is not an end, but a sign of God's power and saving grace. In Jesus, God continues to visit us, offering hope and life, even without our asking. Do we accept?

Living The Paschal Mystery

Life and death are great mysteries. We know we are born to die. We know that we live in gradual diminishment. With the coming of Jesus, we also are people of hope in Life beyond this life. We need not even ask for what will enhance our life; Jesus comes with all we need. WE accept the Life and hope He offers us when we in turn give this to others. A smile showered on an overly exhausted parent towing a youngster along in the supermarket can bring Life and hope. A word of encouragement to the insecure can bring Life and hope. A touch of comfort for the sick can bring Life and

hope. None of these simple gestures needs to be requested. Like Jesus, our compassion spills over without asking. Like Jesus, we die to self for the good of the other. The cadence and rhythm of our daily living is the paschal mystery where Self-giving and Life-receiving are a defining rhythm of all our words and deeds.

What effect will today's Liturgy of the Word have on you and your life?

- Without even asking, Jesus gives me...
- God visit me when...I respond with...
- That for which I hope most dearly is...The life I seek with all my being is...

About Liturgy: Burying The Dead

We probably rarely think that when we attend a funeral we are undertaking a corporal work of mercy: burying the dead. This act is far more than disposing of a deceased human body. It is the final rite of the Order of Christian Funerals. Called "The Rite of Committal," it is preceded by a procession, usually from the place of the Funeral Liturgy to a cemetery. Processions are always symbolic: they physically take us from one place to another. This procession takes us from a celebration of the joy of the Funeral Liturgy and the new Life the deceased entered into to a final celebration of the respect and dignity we accord the human body, which was once the temple, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. There are prayers for both the deceased and the loved ones who bring the body for burial.

In the Prayer Over the Place of Committal, we call to mind Jesus' three

days in the tomb, the hope and promise of resurrection, and the anticipation of eternal glory. The rite acknowledges the sadness of taking a final leave of the deceased person, at the same time it continues its prayer for peace and consolation. The coffin may be sprinkled with Holy Water, reminding us again of our baptism and incorporation into the Body of Christ. The Prayer Over The People begs for strength before the assembled people are blessed and sent forth with the peace of Christ.

The Funeral Liturgy focuses on the joy of the resurrection. The Rite of Committal recognizes the sadness of this final act of leave-taking. The church walks with us through the rhythm of joy and sorrow, life and death. This walk is always with the risen Christ, who has died and risen, and shows us the way to eternal Life.

The Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of William Joyce by his wife, Natalia, and their family.

CCISCO Night Walk Against Violence

The next Night Walk Against Violence takes place this coming Friday, June 10th, at the intersection of "L" Street and Sycamore Drive. We will meet at International Christian Ministries, at the intersection of "G" Street and Madill where we will park our cars and then walk to the L St./ Sycamore Dr. site for the peaceful witness. We begin at 7:00 p.m. at the church with orientation and prayer, followed by the walk, the witness which lasts approximately one hour, and then back to the church for reflection and concluding prayer.

Alaska Tour Group Meeting

All those who are going with me on the Grand Princess cruise to Alaska between August 9th and 19th, are invited to a pre-cruise meeting on Tuesday, June 14th, facilitated by **Linda Grelli of Black Diamond Travel**. It will be held in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

Installation Invitation

It is with joy and thanksgiving to God that you are invited to join our parish in the celebration of myself as the Third Pastor of St. Ignatius of Antioch on Sunday, July 3rd, at 3:00 p.m. The Liturgy will be Sung Evening Prayer.

Father Jerry Brown, the Dean Emeritus, will preside for the Installation and the homily will be given by **Fr. George Griener, SJ**. Clergy from the Diocese along with Ecumenical and Interfaith clergy and their spouses will also be in attendance for this historic occasion. The courtesy of a reply to indicate your presence at the reception that follows in the parish tent is requested by calling the parish office and leaving your name, telephone number, and the number in your family attending in order to help the caterer plan accordingly. Our caterer is **Louie Zandonella of Zandonella Catering** and he will be preparing appetizers plus a full dinner and dessert. Wine, beer, and champagne will be served as well.

There is NO CHARGE to attend.

In lieu of gifts, I have requested that donations in honor of the occasion be made to The Building Fund of the parish for the building of the new parish hall.

I am deeply grateful to **Marla Plurkowski**, the **Knights of Columbus**, and all those who are serving on the Installation Committee for all they are

doing to make this a truly wonderful celebration and reception.

Knights of Columbus Installation of Officers

Our Knights of Columbus will be having their Installation of New Officers on Tuesday, July 5th, at 6:00 p.m. in the church, followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to assume their offices and leadership of our Council. Our thanks for the outstanding job done by the outgoing officers.

The Deanery Pilgrimage

Please plan to join us for our Delta Deanery Pilgrimage to the Cathedral on Saturday, August 27th. We have chartered two buses to transport 110 parishioners from the parish to the cathedral and back. Please see the bulletin for detailed information. The cost to ride the bus is only \$20 per person round trip. The liturgy will be celebrated by **Fr. Mark Wiesner** who will also preach. Fr. Mark was commissioned by **Pope Francis** as a Missionary of Mercy on Ash Wednesday last year. The liturgy will be multi-cultural and multi-lingual. You are invited to wear dress/attire that is indicative of your culture. We are also looking for people to participate in the liturgy who speak the various languages that represent the people in our deanery. One person from our parish who speaks Italian fluently has already come forth to offer to lead one of the petitions of the Prayer of the Faithful. Our Choir will be a part of a massed choir, consisting of musicians and singers from each parish. All the clergy from the Deanery will concelebrate with Fr. Mark and assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. Each parish has been

asked to create a banner representing their parish and which will lead each faith community up the Pilgrim's Path, through the Holy Year Doors, and into the Cathedral. This promises to be a thrilling and unique experience. Please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number to reserve your place on the bus. The \$20 for the bus trip can be dropped by the office, mailed in, or even placed in an envelope and placed in the Sunday Collection. Reserve your place now!

Thank You

...to our faithful (and beautiful!) church cleaners: **Angela Bueno, Mercy Osborne, Kathy Bueno, Carole Miller, Rose Salamanca, Mila Rodrigo, Nancy Santos, "Jun" Bajet, and Steve Rojek.**

...to our faithful volunteer parishioners who clean and maintain the bathrooms in the church and parish hall throughout the week: **Bob Goncalves, Steve Rojek, Harlan Young, Patricia Britton, and Mary Ewing.**

...to the members of our Art & Environment Committee for their work this past Wednesday in removing the environment for Pentecost and creating the beautiful, calming environment for Summer's Ordinary Time: **Denise Moss, Pablo Villegas, Tom & Stevie Catchings, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Lorraine Lohmeier, Rich Confetti, and Theresa Nelms.**

....to our **counting teams** who are here every week to count the weekly collections.

...to our volunteers who assisted in the parish office last week: **Mary Ng, Harlan Young, Melodye Costanza, Karen Oliver, Alicia Perez, Rowena Cayaban, Joe Fanfa and Bev Iacona.**

....to our St. Vincent de Paul and Mobile Mall volunteers who transported last week's donations: **Bob Carvalho and Barbara Jackson.**
...to our faithful weekly bulletin assembly team: **Bob Carvalho, Carole Miller, Judy Quicho and Belen Farin.**