

**For The Bulletin Of  
June 25, 2017**

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN  
SUMMER'S ORDINARY TIME**



***From Father Robert***

Concealed and secret things tend to scare children (and sometimes adults, too!). Little ones are afraid of the dark because it conceals too much – they can't see what might be trying to get them so they look under their beds for the boogeyman. They are frightened when they see their parents whispering together with knitted brows and worry written all over their faces. Our natural tendency is to avoid whatever frightens us, and this is true for both children and adults. Fear paralyzes us, keeps us from acting and growing. Fear robs us of our freedom and hinders our judgment. Fear, however, can also at times be positive. A healthy fear can bring caution to a hasty response, can prompt us to go to the doctor when we don't feel quite right, can bring us to install an alarm system in our homes to protect body and possessions. In today's gospel Jesus talks about fear: whom and what we should fear and whom and what we need not fear.

Jesus begins with the bold statement, "Fear no one." Yet, in the next breath He tells us to "be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body." Does Jesus contradict Himself? No, not really. He is helping us sort out fear. We need not fear when we choose to live and "speak in the light" and acknowledge Jesus as Lord. Proclaiming the gospel can bring frightening results, for sure. People may misunderstand us, scorn us, turn on us. Certainly this happened to Jesus. We can overcome this fear, however. We know that when we align ourselves with Jesus and "proclaim on the housetops" what He has revealed to us, we are not alone. Our greatest source of audacity – of proclaiming Jesus' Good News and acting boldly – is the assurance that God has every hair on our head counted. God counts us worthy to be disciples of the divine Son, and even if others try to "kill the body," God will protect and bring to everlasting Life those who are faithful.

We do need to fear when we choose infidelity and denial of Jesus in any form. This kills. This death we ought to fear. This death is not from some outside entity, but comes from inside ourselves. This death is our own doing; it is choosing our own selfish interests above acknowledging our identity in Christ and being consistent with His call to be faithful disciples. This death destroys our joy and balance in this life and threatens our eternal happiness.

Yes, Jesus says to us, "Fear no one." While others might bring harm, disappointment, or sadness, these threats from outside ourselves cannot destroy God's protection and care. We only need to keep Jesus' continued Presence before us and act accordingly. Fear of

being unfaithful, self-centered, and totally self-reliant is actually healthy and life-giving. Most days most of us deal with both what we ought to fear and what we do not need to fear. Jesus challenges us to fear what is really death-dealing: denial of Him. The choice before us is to choose Him. Choosing Him will free us from the one thing that can kill us. Choosing Him will give us Life.

### ***Living The Paschal Mystery***

Fearless or fearful? Which does our daily choosing reveal? We are fearless when we acknowledge God's Presence and proclaim the Gospel by choosing integrity over dishonesty, by putting others' good ahead of selfish whims, by uplifting others in our speech rather than tearing them down. We need to be fearful when we don't think before we act, when we neglect thinking about God every day, when we estrange ourselves from what is right and good. When we turn our backs on Jesus.

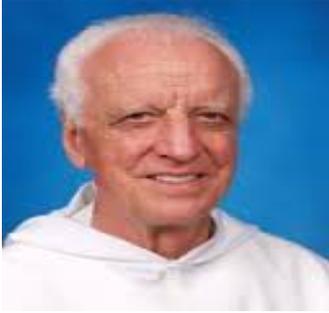
As we enter into these long weeks and months of Summer's Ordinary Time, how is living the Paschal Mystery being experienced in my own life? How have I grown in my own awareness of it in the last six months? Am I open to its invitation and challenge in the weeks and months to come?

- I fear most...What allays my fears is...
- I choose darkness when...What helps me faithfully choose to live and speak "in the light" is...
- I am fearless about being a follower of Jesus when...

### ***About Liturgy: Proclaiming The Gospel***

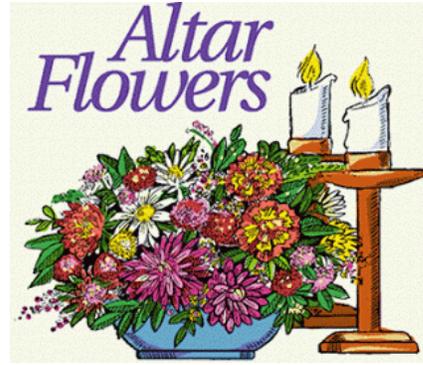
In liturgies when a deacon is present, he is to proclaim the gospel, announce the intentions at the Universal Prayer, and speak the dismissal at the conclusion of the liturgy (he does other tasks as well, but these three will be the focus of this article.) In a real way, these three aspects of the deacon's liturgical ministry are connected and help us understand better Jesus' command in today's gospel to "speak in the light" and "proclaim on the housetops."

The proclamation of the gospel is to be more than speaking and hearing words. The proclamation is to be *lived*. Living the gospel is what truly makes the proclamation authentic. Beyond liturgy, the deacon's ministry is that of service. He is one in the community who knows the needs of people because he is serving them. It is these needs that are the focus of the intentions of our prayer. His dismissal urges us to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" or "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Both of these newly composed dismissals by Pope Benedict XI and included in *The Roman Missal* alert us to not just *hearing* the gospel, but *living* it. We are to go forth to live our celebration of the Eucharist.



***Fr. Frank Vicente, OP***

As I write this, I have just learned that Fr. Vicente fell asleep in the Lord at 2:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, June 17<sup>th</sup>. He has been in failing health and his death comes as no surprise, however, he has been the face and the heart of priesthood here in the Delta Deanery for many, many years and has been beloved by countless families. We extend our deepest sympathy to the parishioners of Holy Rosary and to all those who loved him and included him as family in their lives. He has been the one who has married, buried, baptized, forgiven, counseled, and ministered to more people than we will ever know. He has preached the Good News faithfully and walked “The Road to Emmaus” with all those who have sought him out. He has been gentle, loving, and always there whenever he was sought out. I feel especially blessed to have been able to share ministry with him during the twelve years that I have been here at St. Ignatius of Antioch. His death will be felt deeply by many of our parishioners for whom he was their Pastor long before I arrived on the scene. And so we join all those who have loved him in commending him to God’s loving embrace for all eternity, believing that God has welcomed him with these words, “Well done, Good and Faithful Servant; enter into the joy of Your Master.”



**The Floral Arrangement at the Altar today is placed to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Ruben Tapia by his wife, Lorrie.**



***Welcome Pastor Will McGarvey***

This morning we have the privilege and honor to welcome Pastor Will McGarvey to our parish. He is preaching for our 10:00 a.m. Eucharist and then will be leading us in a workshop following the Liturgy entitled “Hatred to Love.” There will be a potluck lunch preceding the workshop which will conclude by 2:00 p.m. Pastor McGarvey is the Pastor of Community Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg and the President/Facilitator/Director of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. Welcome, Pastor Will!



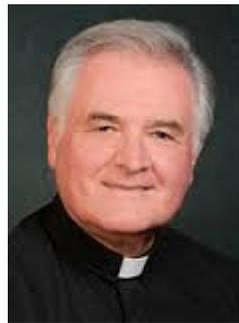
Beginning tomorrow afternoon, Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, I will join priests from the Diocese for the first of a series of retreats that we are required to attend each year. The retreat will conclude on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, and I will return to the parish that afternoon. The retreat will be held at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville and the Retreat Master is Fr. Dennis McManus who will speak on “Encountering Jesus: A Time of Healing and Reconciliation.” Please keep us in your prayers as we take this time to rest and be renewed in our relationship with Jesus. Be assured that I will carry you in my heart each day that I am away.

***Newly-sworn Chief Tammany Brooks To Visit Our Parish***



Next Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at our 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, we will have the honor of welcoming our newly-sworn Police Chief, **Tammany Brooks**, to the parish. We will have the opportunity to bless him for his new position and the great responsibilities that come with being the Chief of Police. It is also Hospitality Sunday so you will be able to meet and

congratulate him after the liturgy in the Gathering Plaza. Welcome, Chief “T!”



***Welcome Father Mangini!***

Father Richard Mangini is no stranger to our parish or to anyone in our Diocese. He has served as Pastor of St. Bonaventure Catholic Community for the last 22 years and has just retired after 50 faithful years of service. Some time ago he and I had a conversation in which he expressed his desire to be with us here at St. Ignatius of Antioch and to continue ministry with us. Needless to say, I was thrilled that he asked to be here and will share in the preaching and presiding on weekends and weekdays. He will be with us next weekend, July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the first time and I know you will welcome him joyfully. His presence with us will begin a wonderful new chapter in ministry with and among us.

***Relay for Life Bunco - A Success!***

Bunco! Bunco! The sounds filled the parish hall as the 32 players enjoyed the evening’s social event. Even those who had not played before picked up on how to play and soon the room was buzzing with excitement and happy calls of Bunco!

The Bunco evening began at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, with appetizers prepared by Rich Confetti, Alicia Perez, Maryann Peddicord, and Marla Plurkowski. Bunco is a very fast paced

dice game that has players moving from table to table (four to a table) as winners move on to the lead table and losers stay and try their luck in getting an elusive three of a kind (bunco!) After the four games were over, the fun continued with ticket numbers being called out for a chance to win raffle prizes.

The St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life Team would like to thank the following volunteers for helping make the evening very successful and enjoyable, from the kitchen staff to those who donated prizes, from the ladies who helped run the bunco and raffle, to the ladies who checked in guests at the door: **Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Pam Confetti, Marla Plurkowski, Maryann Peddicord, Lorraine Lohmeier, Jose Palomino, Carol Huff, Fina Villalpando, Pat Dunleavy.**

Congratulations to the following Bunco Players: **Corinne Ruth**, most wins; **Jane Enos**, most losses; **Dave Simpson**, most Buncos. Also congratulations to the following raffle prize winners; **Emily Douville, Carol Huff, Karen Oliver, Fran Barbanica and Sherry Webb.**

Our evening fundraising effort brought in \$805 for the American Cancer Society. If anyone is interested in joining us as we walk the 24 hour Relay for Life event on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, please see Alicia Perez or Maryann Peddicord for more information.

With many blessings,

Alicia Perez & Maryann Peddicord  
Co-Capts., St. Ignatius of Antioch  
Relay for Life Team

...Thank You to the members of the Environment Committee who removed Pentecost and installed Ordinary Time: **Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Nancy DiMaggio, Denise Moss, Tom & Stevie Catchings, Harlan Young and Theresa Nelms.**

...to our faithful volunteer parishioners who come early each Saturday morning to clean and prepare both the church and parish hall for the weekend: **Steve Rojek, Cathy Romeo, Jack Goncalves, Angela Bueno, Rose Salamanca, Emilia Freking, Jun Bajet, and Heather Hatteroth.**

...to those who clean and maintain the bathrooms in both the church and parish hall: **Robert Goncalves, Steve Rojek, Virginia Noack, Mary Ewing, Patricia Britton, and Harlan Young.**

...to **Dilcia Aparacio** who does such an excellent job of washing, ironing, and caring for the Sacred Linens.

...to our Sacristans and Altar Guild who prepare the sanctuary for the celebration of Eucharist each week: **Peter Degl'Innocenti, Pam and Rich Confetti, Vincent Rodriguez, Harlan Young, Rowena Cayaban, Monika Kauer, Cynthia Enrique, Belen Farin, Nancy Santos and Rose Salamanca.**

...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: **Harlan Young, Melodye Costanza, Yvette Young, Alicia Perez, 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, Dave Costanza, Judy Quicho and Belen Farin.**

...to our wonderful Parking Lot Security who keep watch over our vehicles during weekend liturgies: **Don Benson, Steve Rojek and Bob Goncalves.**

*A Special Thank You*

Thank you to St. Ignatius of Antioch and **the McCoy family** for providing a delicious Pizza Party at our annual end of school year celebration at Los Medanos Village in Pittsburg! The children, parents, volunteers and staff so look forward to this day. We love to recognize the hard work and dedication from all parties who work with the children to increase their confidence in all subjects. Rosemary, thank you for hosting this fun event! Homework Club Volunteers: We can't do any of this without you. CCIH is forever grateful. Everything you do for the children in Homework Club matters. ☺ Please enjoy our token of appreciation and have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely, Gloria Bertolozzi,  
Volunteer and Outreach Manager



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.