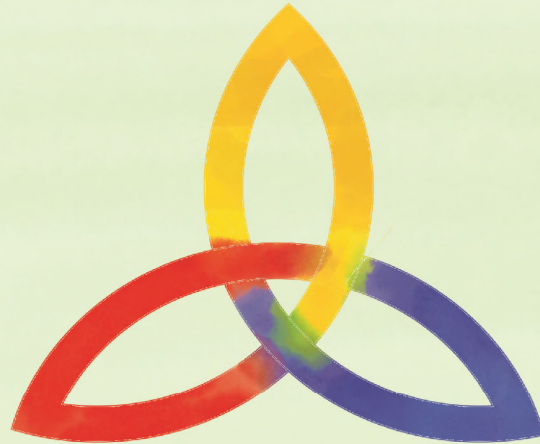


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DEUTERONOMY 4:39



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
MAY 30, 2021

SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

May 29 John George, Birthday blessings
May 30 Connie Scott †
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June 6 Jim Vranesh †

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May 31 Phoenix Carez †
June 1 Velma Pierce †
June 2 Susan Gargile †
June 3 Larry Gerber †

Saturday, June 5 and Sunday June 6
Angelica & Rachel Astudillo, healing
Leoncio Surla †
Jeff Perdiguerra †

Dear Friends,

In the past week and on the feast of Pentecost, Pope Francis delivered a very important reflection which I found very challenging and encouraging, truly pastoral, rooted in the Scripture but attuned to the world. He spoke about ideology and faith and how the two are incompatible. In his general audience Wednesday, Pope Francis warned Catholics to not turn their faith into an ideology, as St. Paul did when he was persecuting Christians before his conversion.

St. Paul, called Saul before his conversion, was “an ideologist; for Saul, religion had become ideology, religious ideology, social ideology, political ideology,” the Pope said a few months ago. Reflecting on Saul’s behavior toward Christians is a chance for everyone to consider how they are living their faith, he said, suggesting people ask themselves: “How do I live my life of faith? Am I going to meet others or am I against others? Do I belong to the universal Church, good, bad, everyone? Or do I have a selective ideology?” “Do I love God, or do I love dogmatic formulations?” he continued. “How is my religious life? Does the faith in God that I profess make me friendly or instead hostile to anyone who is different from me?”

Here are some excerpts from his homily which is a translation.

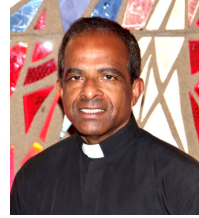
“The faith passes, so to speak, through a distiller and becomes ideology. And ideology does not beckon [people]. In ideologies there is not Jesus: in his tenderness, his love, his meekness. And ideologies are rigid, always. Of every sign: rigid. And when a Christian becomes a disciple of the ideology, he has lost the faith: he is no longer a disciple of Jesus, he is a disciple of this attitude of thought... For this reason, Jesus said to them: ‘You have taken away the key of knowledge.’ The knowledge of Jesus is transformed into an ideological and also moralistic knowledge, because these close the door with many requirements.”

The Pope continued. Jesus told us: “You burden the shoulders of people [with] many things; only one is necessary.” This, therefore, is the “spiritual, mental” thought process of one who wants to keep the key in his pocket and the door closed: “The faith becomes ideology and ideology frightens, ideology chases away the people, distances, distances the people and distances the Church of the people. But it is a serious illness, this of ideological Christians. It is an illness, but it is not new, eh? Already the Apostle John, in his first Letter, spoke of this. Christians who lose the faith and prefer the ideologies. His attitude is: be rigid, moralistic, ethical, but without kindness. This can be the question, no? But why is it that a Christian can become like this? Just one thing: this Christian does not pray. And if there is no prayer, you always close the door.”

The words of the Pope have particular relevance for us here in the United States and the world. Pope Francis said, “if we listen to the Spirit, we will not be concerned with conservatives and progressives, traditionalists and innovators, right and left. When ideology become our criteria, then the Church has forgotten the Spirit.” He reminded them that “The Paraclete impels us to unity, to concord, to the harmony of diversity. He makes us see ourselves as parts of the same body, brothers and sisters of one another.” He warned that “the enemy wants diversity to become opposition and so he makes them become ideologies.” Adding to his prepared text, Francis said: “Say no to ideologies, yes to the whole.”

On another note, I visited Fr. Mike Dibble recently on two occasions, and he has become quite weak and fragile. I am grateful to Dr. Francine and David Stone for offering a place for him to retire, and taking good care of him during the past years. Kindly keep Fr. Dibble in your thoughts and prayers.

Fr. Paulson



Trinity Sunday May 30, 2021

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

The book of Deuteronomy contains a lengthy speech that Moses addressed to the people as they prepared to enter the Promised Land. This was a place where the people worshipped many gods and goddesses. Moses reminds them there is only one God -- the One who brought them out of Egypt.

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Paul’s letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. In this portion of the letter, Paul stresses the importance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians. Through the Spirit’s presence within us, we enjoy not only new life but also a new relationship with God, whom we can call by a new name.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CTK: Monday - Saturday:

9 am Mass ~ Indoor (church) and live streamed on Facebook/YouTube

6 pm Thursday Mass indoor (church) includes devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Christ The King Weekends

Saturdays ~ 3 pm - 3:30 pm Private Confessions are available. Please meet in front of the church.

Saturdays ~ 4 pm Vigil Mass indoor

Sundays ~ 7:30 am indoor, 9 am outdoor, 10:30 am outdoor, 12:00 noon Spanish indoor and 4 pm indoor mass.

We also offer Drive through Communion from 11:30 am - 12 pm Sundays in front of the church.

Saint Stephen Weekends

Saturday Mass ~ 5 pm indoor mass

Sunday Mass ~ 9:30 am indoor mass

St. Stephen Corner

This weekend's second collection is for **St. Vincent de Paul's 5th Sunday Collection**.

Our office is closed this Monday because of the Memorial Day holiday. It will be open as usual on Wednesday at 11 am.

The best way to remember your loved ones is by praying for them. You can have a Mass offered for those that are deceased, for health and healing, in thanksgiving, and for special blessings like graduation, birthday or anniversary, etc. A number of weekday Masses are available during June. If you prefer a weekend, you will have to look toward July or later. A donation of \$10 per Mass is suggested.



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The CTK Faith In Action Ministry will once again be collecting baby items for our friends at **THE GABRIEL PROJECT** at Queen of All Saints Church in Concord. Collection will take place at CTK on Sunday June 13 after the 9, 10:30 and 12:00 Masses. There will NOT be a collection on Saturday. There will be someone hosting the tables from 8:45-1:30 on 6/13. The items will be picked up before 2pm.

We **cannot accept toys, strollers, car seats, or furniture.** We would prefer gift cards from Target, Safeway or Costco to give to moms for food or other items they need. We will take all **"gently used and spotless" baby clothing and items acceptable for their own child or grandchild.** Baby clothing sizes 0-24 months, maternity clothes for moms, diapers in all sizes, baby toiletries, wipes, bassinets, Pack N Play, and similar items.

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