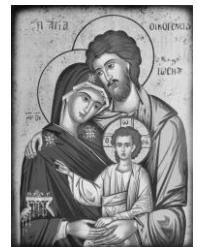
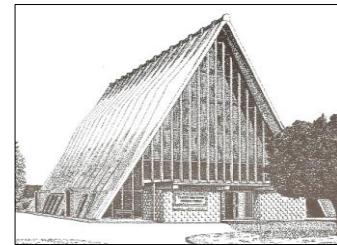


HOLY FAMILY PARISH

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th JUNE 2018



First Reading. Ezekiel 17:22-24;

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

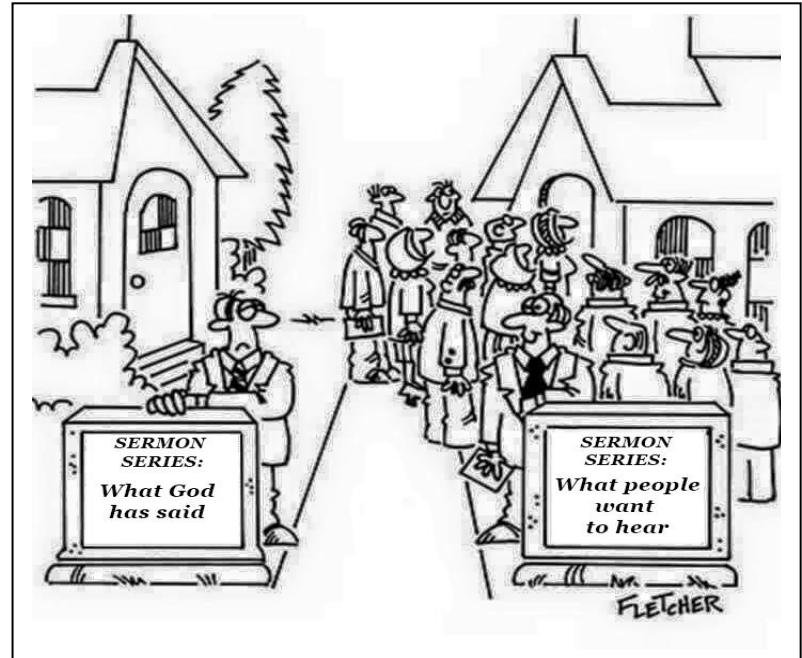
Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

R/. *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. R/.*

*The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R/.*

*Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R/.*



Second Reading. 2 Corinthians 5:6-10;

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel. Mark 4:26-34;

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

By willing to become man, God clearly displayed the immensity of His love for man, so that henceforth men might serve God, no longer out of fear of death, which the first man had scorned, but out of the love of charity.

~ St Thomas Aquinas

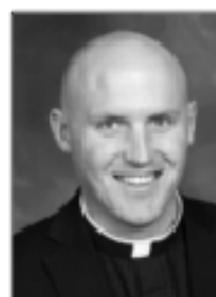
Is Sunday Mass optional for teens?

QI have a son who is a sophomore in high school and every week it becomes a battle to get him to go to Mass. Do you think it's good to force religion upon teenagers; won't it just cause them to further reject the faith?

AI hated asparagus when I was a teenager. We seemed to eat it all the time and the rule of the house was that everybody had to have at least a small amount whenever it was served. Today, asparagus is among my favorite vegetables. What gives? My parents knew that when I was growing up there were things that I thought I knew, but didn't. So often teenagers think they know what they want, but they (not too different from adults) often overlook what they legitimately need.

As a priest, naturally I don't fully experience and understand the struggles of being a good parent, especially of teenage children. Honestly, in many ways, I do not envy parents of teenagers. You have an extremely difficult task — to strive to keep the flame of Baptism alive within hearts of your children in a world ready to extinguish it around every corner.

First piece of advice: pray for and offer small sacrifices on behalf of your kids. Let them see the power of



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prayer in your life and it will become more important in theirs. You cannot raise a successful teenager on your own, so rely upon God's grace.

SECONDLY, DO NOT always expect to be popular with your children. In fact, if your teenagers always appreciate you and the rules you set for them, chances are, your rules are pretty weak or you're not enforcing them very well. Why do you think basketball referees get yelled at by fans? They are often unpopular because they enforce the rules of the game from a perspective that does not always coincide with the perspective of the fans. The best referees are those who do not react to the taunts and jeers of fans because they are confident and they know that they control the best perspective. So too, with parents.

Lastly, is smoking optional in your house? How about sex with a girl-friend/boyfriend in your home? Is that left up to the discretion of your teenagers? What about mature movies and video

games? Are there any parameters with those things? It seems that parents today are willing to set certain moral parameters but when it comes to religion, it is often seen or treated as optional.

There exists the possibility that if you force your children to go to church, they could rebel and run away or leave the faith. However, if you do not force them, how important do you think religion will become for them? Left to my own discretion, a Big-Mac and fries would have been the regular menu for me as a teenager, and I would have become a very unhealthy adult. Similarly, had I been given the option to sleep in on Sunday morning, I would have happily missed Mass. Had that been the case, I wouldn't have continued to attend Mass in college and thus, would have never been involved enough in my faith enough to realize God was calling me to priesthood.

Let us offer a prayer today for those parents who battle their children when instilling the faith and thank God for giving us parents who handed on to us (sometimes against our will) the amazing gift of our Catholic faith.

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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

The Patron Saint of Youth and Purity

The Lord can make saints anywhere, even amid the brutality and license of Renaissance life. Florence was the "mother of piety" for Aloysius Gonzaga despite his exposure to a "society of fraud, dagger, poison and lust." As a son of a princely family, he grew up in royal courts and army camps. His father wanted Aloysius to be a military hero. At age seven he experienced a profound spiritual quickening. He left his powerful family at the age of 18 to become a Jesuit priest and died as a young man caring for plague victims.

“*I am but a crooked piece of iron,
and have come into religion
to be made straight by the hammer
of mortification and penance.”*

Because St. Aloysius attained holiness so young and under such difficult circumstances, he was named by the Church a patron of youth.

1568

Aloysius (Luigi) Gonzaga was born the eldest of seven children, at the Castle of Castiglione, Italy.



At the age of 5, St. Aloysius was sent to a military camp to get started on his career. His mother and his tutor were less pleased with the vocabulary he picked up there.

1576

His father took him and his younger brother to Florence to further their education.

While there, he fell ill with a disease of the kidneys, which was to trouble him throughout his life. While he was ill, he took the opportunity to read about the saints and to spend much of his time in prayer.

1578

At the age of 9, he made a private vow of chastity.

1580

Aloysius returned to Castiglione. On July 22, he received First Communion from St. Charles Borromeo who was then the Archbishop of Milan.

A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him the idea of entering the Society of Jesus.

While still a boy, he taught catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week and practicing great austerities.



1582

He traveled with his parents to Madrid and acted as a page for the young Infante Diego (1575–82).

While there he formed the resolution of becoming a Jesuit.

His mother was supportive but his father did everything he could to prevent Aloysius from becoming a religious. His goal was for his eldest son to be his heir, to continue the glory of the Gonzagas.

1584

In July, a year and a half after the Infante's death, the family returned to Italy.

1585

Finally, in Nov., his father consented and Aloysius gave over all rights of inheritance to his younger brother.

On Nov 25, Aloysius enters the Society of Jesus in Rome.

1591

A plague struck Rome. Aloysius offered himself for the service of the sick.



He died at the age of 23, six years short of his ordination as a Jesuit priest.

1726

On Dec 31, St. Aloysius was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII.

1926

He was named patron of Christian Youth by Pope Pius XI.



The altar of the Lancelotti Chapel, Rome, containing the relics of St. Aloysius.



The Vocation of Saint Aloysius (Luigi) Gonzaga, ca. 1650
by Guercino (Giovanni Francesco Barbieri). Oil on canvas.

An angel holds a heavenly wreath over the saint's head, while at his feet are a sheaf of lilies, representing chastity, and a crown, symbolizing the marquisate he had renounced.



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PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make;
we are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom Heav'n and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

All highest glorious God,
cast Your light into the darkness of my
heart, Give me right faith, firm hope,
perfect charity, and profound humility,
with wisdom and perception,
O Lord, that I may do what is truly
Your holy will.

Even if I had committed
every possible crime,
forever would I have the same
confidence, because I know that this
multitude of offences is but a drop of
water thrown into a blazing fire,
is but a drop of water thrown into a
blazing fire.

Oh how I need a heart
burning with tenderness,
On whom I can rely with no turning back
who loves me as I am and even my
weakness, and who will leave me not
throughout both day and night,
and who will leave me not
throughout both day and night.

I was not able to find any other living
creature who loved me in this way
and who would never die,
because I need a God who makes Himself
like me, whom I can call a brother,
and who can suffer too, whom I can call
a brother and who can suffer too.

Oh yes I know this well, that all our acts
of justice do not have in your eyes
the slightest worth at all,
and so to give a price to all my
sacrifices, I want to throw them all
into your heart divine. I want to throw
them all into your heart divine.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all,
How can I love thee dearest King;
O! with what bursts of fervent praise,
Thy goodness Jesus would I sing.

*Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore,
O make us love Thee more and more!
O make us love Thee more and more!*

O, see, within a creature's hand,
The vast creator deigns to be,
Reposing infant like, as though
On Joseph's arm, on Mary's knee.

*Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore,
O make us love Thee more and more!
O make us love Thee more and more!*

Thy body, soul, and Godhead,
all O mystery of love divine!
I connot compass all I have,
For all thou hast and art are mine.

*Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore,
O make us love Thee more and more!
O make us love Thee more and more!*

Sound, sound His praises higher still,
And come ye Angels to our aid;
'Tis God, 'tis God, the very God,
Whose power both man and angels
made.

*Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore,
O make us love Thee more and more!
O make us love Thee more and more!*

RECESSATIONAL HYMN:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your
health and salvation! All those who
hear now to His altar draw near, join in
profound adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
is wondrously reigning and, as on
wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
have you not seen all that is needful
has been sent by his gracious
ordaining?

Praise to the Lord who will prosper
your work and defend you; Surely his
goodness and mercy shall daily attend
you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can
do as with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in
me adore him! All that has life and
breath, come now with praises before
him! Let the Amen, Sound from his
people again; Gladly forever adore
him!

NEXT SUNDAY:
24 June 2018

The Nativity of St John the Baptist
(Yr B)

Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80.

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: S. Shaw, E. Shaw

Prayers of the Faithful: E. Taffard

Offertory: Thotawattage Family

Special Ministers: P. Venon

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Tagiilima Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Thotawattage / Molloy Families

FLOWER ARRANGING ROSTER

S. Molloy

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

19 Jun: Joe Malcon,
Harata Hohoia - Nathan

21 Jun: Donald Sargent, Joyce Hogg

23 Jun: Mary Bugler

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Priests	<u>\$ 546.90</u>
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