



Holy Family Parish

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th August 2018

First Reading. Joshua 24:1-2,15-18;

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23;

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

*I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R.*

*The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth
the Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. R.*

*They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress
The Lord is close to the broken hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save R.*

*Many are the trials of the just man, but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. R.*

*Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R.*

Second Reading. Ephesians 5:21-32;

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel. John 6:60-69;

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

*'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.*

*The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.*

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Assailant attacks Byzantine priest, shouting 'This is for all the kids!'

August 20, 2018, by Deacon Greg Kandra

From my friend and brother deacon Daniel Dozier, who received this communication from the chancery of the Parma Eparchy: "Fr. Basil Hutsko was attacked and knocked unconscious this morning in the altar servers sacristy at his parish in Merrillville, Indiana after celebrating Liturgy. The attacker choked him and slammed his head to the ground. Fr. Basil lost consciousness. Before going unconscious Fr. Basil heard the attacker say, "This is for all the kids!" (reference to the clergy sex abuse coverage in the media.)" All clergy are now targets and need to be vigilant. However it must also be clear that Fr. Hutsko was a random target. He is NOT guilty of any sex abuse. Fr. Hutsko is being examined in the hospital at this time. Thank you, Fr. Thomas J. Loya.

Attack on Merrillville priest being investigated as hate crime

August 22, 2018, by Becky Jacobs, for *The Chicago Tribune*

Police are investigating an attack on a priest Monday in Merrillville as a hate crime, an official said. The Rev. Basil John Hutsko was knocked unconscious by an unknown person around 9 a.m. inside St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church, 557 W. 57th Ave, Indiana, USA. Commander Jeff Rice, Merrillville police spokesman, said. The attacker referred to national reports of clergy sex abuse involving children during the attack, Rice confirmed. Police did not release what the attacker specifically said because of the ongoing investigation.

Medics attended to Hutsko, 64, at the scene and he was transported to a local hospital for further treatment, Rice said. When officers were called around 11:30 a.m. to file a report, Hutsko appeared to be "definitely bruised and banged up," according to Rice. Police alerted the FBI Merrillville office to the situation because "it is considered a hate crime" due to what the attacker said to Hutsko, Rice said. Last month, Gov. Eric Holcomb called on the General Assembly to address the issue of hate crimes in the state after a Carmel synagogue was vandalized. Indiana is one of five states without hate crimes laws.

Attempts to contact Hutsko and St. Michael's were not immediately returned Tuesday. Two area priests who know him expressed disbelief. "He's a good priest and like everybody said, he's not accused of anything," the Rev. Steven Koplinka, of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish in Munster, said. "Why attack him?"

Hutsko was getting ready to celebrate liturgy when he was attacked Monday. Koplinka said that Hutsko "got attacked from the back and he didn't see who it was." Koplinka said that Hutsko is "an innocent man. It's just like they're targeting the wrong guys, you know? The rest of us try our best to be good priests and unfortunately this happened."

Earlier this month, a grand jury report was released that accused a systematic cover up of roughly 300 Roman Catholic priests in Pennsylvania who molested more than 1,000 — and possibly many more — victims since the 1940s. The Vatican released a letter by Pope Francis in response to the report. "It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable," Pope Francis wrote.

"Father Basil is just such a hardworking priest for his people," said Rev. Andrew Summerson, of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, commending Hutsko's commitment to visiting the sick and other duties. "He's up at four, five every morning at the grind. It's really tragic what's going on. We're certainly looking into ways we can maybe publicly do some prayer and some awareness to kind of both lift up a brother priest and kind of gather the community."

Summerson said there's a lot of hurt that's happened, such as with the grand jury report. "It's a real tragedy certainly what's going on in a national level. There's a lot of sins of our past. We have to take responsibility for it. We can't pretend it's not our problem," Summerson said. "At the same time, it's crushing to bear the weight of hatred. There's justice on the one hand and there's unbidden hatred on the other hand." Those two things "don't have to be mutually inclusive realities," he said.

"The situation we find ourselves in tears at our hearts and our souls and we are understandably angry and frustrated," Debbie Bosak, Diocese of Gary spokeswoman, said in an email. "But we cannot let that anger and frustration turn into violence against the innocent. That is never the answer to the problem. That is not what followers of Jesus Christ would be called to do."



St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Merrillville, Indiana, USA.



23 August 2018

STATEMENT FROM NZCBC PRESIDENT BISHOP PATRICK DUNN

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops welcome the Letter this week to the People of God from Pope Francis asking forgiveness for the sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults perpetrated by clergy and consecrated persons.

As Pope Francis notes, these heinous crimes inflict deep wounds on the victims themselves and on their family members, and on the larger community of believers and non-believers alike. These wounds never go away.

As a Church community, we apologise again to those who have been so deeply hurt. We acknowledge also that there must be significant changes in the Church, especially the rooting out of a culture of clericalism, whether among priests or people, which ignores the dignity of all the baptised.

Since 1998, we have had in place procedures for responding to complaints of abuse in the Church. These procedures are constantly being revised and are now managed by our National Office for Professional Standards.

In addition, we are asking all parishes and communities to adopt our National Safeguarding Guidelines which mandate police vetting and ongoing formation for priests, employees and volunteers who have interaction with children and vulnerable adults. The Catholic Church will also co-operate fully with the New Zealand Royal Commission on abuse, whatever its Terms of Reference may be.

In his letter, Pope Francis writes:

“It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion.”

May the Holy Spirit give us the grace of conversion before these crimes and the resolve to courageously combat them.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Gather, Lord, Your people,
called to be Your Bride,
formed by Blood and Water
flowing from Your side,
joined with You in baptism,
washed to give rebirth,
she filled with Your Spirit,
shall renew the earth.

You the one true Shepherd,
searching for the lost,
You the Lamb of offering,
counting not the cost,
You have called each one by name,
each Your precious choice,
May we enter by Your gate,
listening to your voice.

At Your mother's pleading,
You gave finest wine,
Now Your Church implores You,
Jesus fruitful vine.
Heed the thirsting of her heart,
and bring forth a flood,
Open wide the fountain of Your Precious
Blood.

Send Your Holy Spirit,
by that Blood outpoured,
making us one Body, Temple of the Lord.
With Your sev'n fold gifts descend,
font of Charity, that we may cry "Abba",
and true children be.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour
glowing; O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions
turn to dust and ashes in its heat
consuming, and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight, and clothe me
round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture
be and lowliness become my inner
clothing, true lowliness of heart, which
takes the humble part, and o'er its own
shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which
the soul will long shall far outpass the
power of human telling, for none can
guess it's grace, till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a
dwelling.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Godhead here in hiding,
whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows,
shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service
low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder
at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching,
tasting are in thee deceived:
How says trusty hearing?
that shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me,
take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly
or there's nothing true.

On the cross thy godhead
made no sign to men,
Here thy very manhood steals
from human ken:
Both are my confession,
both are my belief,
And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas,
wounds I cannot see,
But can plainly call thee Lord
and God as he;
Let me to a deeper faith
daily nearer move,
Daily make me harder hope
and dearer love.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever
one, grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "thy will be
done." O may we all one Bread, one
Body be, through this blest Sacrament
of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we
intercede; make thou our sad divisions
soon to cease; draw us the nearer each
to each, we plead, by drawing all to
thee, O Prince of Peace; thus may we all
one Bread, one Body be, through this
blest Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from
thy fold; O bring them back, good
Shepherd of the sheep, back to the faith
which saints believed of old, back to the
Church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one Bread, one Body
be, through this blest Sacrament of
unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments
shall cease, may we be one with all thy
Church above, one with thy saints in
one unbroken peace, one with thy
saints in one unbounded love; more
blessed still, in peace and love to be one
with the Trinity in Unity.

Our prayers and sympathies are with

Carl Vonk and family as they
mourn the loss of Julie.
May she rest in peace.
Julie's funeral will be on
Monday 27th August
at 11am, here at Holy Family.



Acts of the Apostles

Thursday at 7pm, in the Bugler Centre

NEXT SUNDAY:

2 September 2018

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22,27;
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: R. Lopez, R. Cardoza
Prayers of the Faithful: F. Xavier
Offertory: Thotawattage Family
Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Murrell Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Cardoza Family

FLOWER ARRANGING ROSTER

S. Molloy

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

26 Aug: Joseph Stowers, Ruth Wentzel
27 Aug: Patrick Hogan, Sonny Johnson,
Ronald Corkill, Terrance D'Lima
28 Aug: Floss Lyons
30 Aug: Josie Eade, Eugenia Reyes
31 Aug: Francis Karl, Anthony Doherty,
Ellen Matthew
1Sept: Hilda Strong, John Honeycombe

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$ 1,100.10
Priests	\$ 550.00
Total Cash	\$ 1,650.10

Parish Notices

Confirmation - Sunday 16th September -
Please pray for Grace and Jerome Jarvie -
Otufangavalu and Emma Ngau, as they
prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

- **Sunday Evening Series with Fr. Linus Clovis:** in the Bugler Centre at 7pm. All welcome. For more information call Michael on 021 825 955.
- **Legion of Mary Auxiliary Day:** TODAY starting at 2pm in the Bugler Centre.
- **Mark in your Diary: QUIZ NIGHT, Saturday 1st December,** start thinking about your teams (maximum 8 people per team), more information to come soon.

Diocesan Notices

- **'Living the Splendour of Truth' International pro-life, pro-family conference:** 5-7th October. Epsom Girl's Grammar School. Register now at www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018
- **LifeFest 2018: Attention young people!** A one day hands-on event providing young people, 13 to 19 years. Formation-Food-Prayer-Prizes. An October holiday day well worth the \$20! Sponsorships available. **Thursday 4th OCTOBER: 9 am to 9 pm** . Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Auckland. For more info or to book the accommodation email: clare.fli@xtra.co.nz txt: 021 2317954 ph: 04 2378343 or Michael on 021 825 955.
- **International Food Fair:** on **15th Sept 2018 (Sat) 12pm** at Holy Cross Parish Hall, 2 Lavelle Road, Henderson, For more info., contact: Holy Cross Parish Office 838 1558 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 1pm).