



Holy Family Parish

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B-
Sunday 13th June 2021



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

℟ 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. *℟*

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
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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 not wrong. *℟*

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Paul Amerika**
- Dostella Amerika**
- Christan Cheong**
- Wikitoria Christensen**
- Moringa Christensen**
- Neall Kristoff Dela Cruz**
- Jacinta Doherty**
- Isabelle Kane**
- Daniel Matson**
- Andrew Matson**
- James Thotawattage**
- Brian Tovia**
- Ceide Villanueva**
- Benjamin Ward**

on receiving the
Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation Morning Tea After the 9:30am Mass,

All Parishioners are invited to
come and celebrate
With the candidates and their families.
Please bring a plate.

7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Here, the **Fourth and Final Part** of the Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Cordileone - Archbishop of San Francisco - is printed in serialized form.

"BEFORE I FORMED YOU IN THE WOMB I KNEW YOU"

A PASTORAL LETTER ON THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF THE UNBORN,
HOLY COMMUNION, AND CATHOLICS IN PUBLIC LIFE

SECTION 4. Catholics in Public Life

As followers of Christ, we must all heed the plea of St. Paul: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect" (Rom 12:2). This is not easy for anyone, but it is especially challenging for Catholics in public life, whose careers depend in large part on popularity. I want to express profound gratitude to Catholics in public life who labour to protect the human dignity of each and every person, especially of the defenceless unborn. This effort requires great courage in our culture, and you are a source of inspiration and pride to your fellow Catholics.

With regard to Catholics in public life who participate in abortion or seek to advance it through legislation or advocacy, precisely because these are actions of which many people are aware it introduces another consideration: scandal. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines scandal as "an attitude or behaviour which leads another to do evil" (CCC n. 2284). Prominent figures in society help to shape the mores of that society, and in our culture their advocacy of abortion definitely leads others to do evil. This must be stated with clarity: anyone who actively works to promote abortion shares some of the guilt for the abortions performed because of their actions.

But there is another source of scandal that pertains specifically to Catholics in public life: if their participation in the evil of abortion is not addressed forthrightly by their pastors, this can lead Catholics (and others) to assume that the moral teaching of the Catholic Church on the inviolate sanctity of human life is not seriously held. The constant teaching of the Catholic Church from her very beginning, the repeated exhortations of every Pope in recent times up to and including Pope Francis, the frequent statements by the bishops of the United States, all make it clear what the teaching of the Catholic Church is in regard to abortion. When public figures identify themselves as Catholics and yet actively oppose one of the most fundamental doctrines of the Church—the inherent dignity of each and every human being and therefore the absolute prohibition of taking innocent human life—we pastors have a responsibility both to them and to the rest of our people. Our responsibility to them is to call them to conversion and to warn them that if they do not amend their lives they must answer before the tribunal of God for the innocent blood that has been shed. Our responsibility to the rest of the Catholic community is to assure them that the Church of Jesus Christ does take most seriously her mission to care for "the least of these," as Our Lord has commanded us, and to correct Catholics who erroneously, and sometimes stubbornly, promote abortion.

This correction takes several forms, and rightly begins with private conversations between the erring Catholic and his or her parish priest or bishop. The experience of some of us in Church leadership over many years demonstrates the sad truth that often such interventions can be fruitless. It can happen that the conversations tend to go nowhere, thus leaving it easy for the individual to continue participating fully in the life of the Church. Such a situation is a cause of scandal to many of the faithful.

Because we are dealing with public figures and public examples of cooperation in moral evil, this correction can also take the public form of exclusion from the reception of Holy Communion.

As seen above, this discipline has been exercised throughout our history, going back to the New Testament. When other avenues are exhausted, the only recourse a pastor has left is the public medicine of temporary exclusion from the Lord's Table. This is a bitter medicine, but the gravity of the evil of abortion can sometimes warrant it. Speaking for myself, I always keep before me the words from the prophet Ezekiel: "When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked, you must die,' and you do not speak up to warn the wicked about their ways, they shall die in their sins, but I will hold you responsible for their blood" (Ez 33:8). I tremble that if I do not forthrightly challenge Catholics under my pastoral care who advocate for abortion, both they and I will have to answer to God for innocent blood.

To my fellow Catholics who openly advocate for the legitimacy of abortion, I beg you to heed the perennial call to conversion God Himself addresses to His people down through the ages: "I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the Lord, your God, obeying his voice, and holding fast to him. For that will mean life for you, a long life for you to live on the land which the Lord swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to them" (Dt 30:19-20). Your Catholic ideals inspire you in your work to help those who experience discrimination, violence, and injustice, and you deserve the gratitude of your fellow Catholics and our nation for this service. But we cannot empower the weak by crushing the weakest! A compassionate, inclusive society must make room at the table for the most defenceless, and it should help a woman to keep her unborn child, not kill her or him. If you find that you are unwilling or unable to abandon your advocacy for abortion, you should not come forward to receive Holy Communion. To publicly affirm the Catholic faith while at the same time publicly rejecting one of its most fundamental teachings is simply dishonest. Heeding this perennial call to conversion is the only way to live the Catholic faith with integrity.

THE MEDICINE OF EXCOMMUNICATION

During the struggle for civil rights after the Second World War, several American bishops did not hesitate to threaten excommunication to officials who opposed racial integration of Catholic schools. In 1947 Archbishop Joseph Ritter reminded the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis of this penalty, and a parents' group organized to fight the admission of black students to previously all-white Catholic schools was disbanded. In 1955 Bishop Jules Jeanmard excommunicated assailants of a teacher of an integrated catechism class in Erath, LA. In 1962 Archbishop Joseph Rummel of New Orleans excommunicated three Catholic segregationist leaders who attempted to block his school desegregation order. One of them, Leander Perez, quipped by describing himself as "a Catholic, but not an Archbishop's Catholic." Excommunication is a medicine of last resort to help erring Catholics return to the faith.

Conclusion

Some people may question why the topic of abortion should be addressed at this time, with all of the other crises our country is facing right now: the lingering devastation of an unprecedented pandemic, the scar of racism once again rearing its ugly head, the aftermath of a contested election, escalating and widespread violence, growing divisions and polarizations in our country, and so on. Abortion, after all, has been a contested topic for very many decades now.

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But it is for good reason that the U.S. bishops call it the pre-eminent issue of our time, for abortion is a specific act that perpetuates a grave moral evil. It is not an attitude that can manifest itself in more serious and less serious ways, nor a matter of prudential judgment in which one decides the best path toward achieving the good. Indeed, when one looks directly at what actually happens in an abortion, it is hard to imagine anything more heinously evil. One such thing is genocide. But with almost one out of five pregnancies in the United States ending in abortion, what we are witnessing before our very eyes is, effectively, a genocide against the unborn.

We all have a role to play in ridding our nation of this scourge, and building a society that respects all life. Some members of society have an especially critical role to play. I would like to address myself to you at this time.

To Catholics in public life who advocate for life: thank you for your courageous witness! Your bold and steadfast stand in the face of what is often fierce opposition gives courage to others who know what is right but might otherwise feel too timid to proclaim it in word and deed. What I said above bears repeating here: you are a source of inspiration and pride for all of us in the Catholic community!

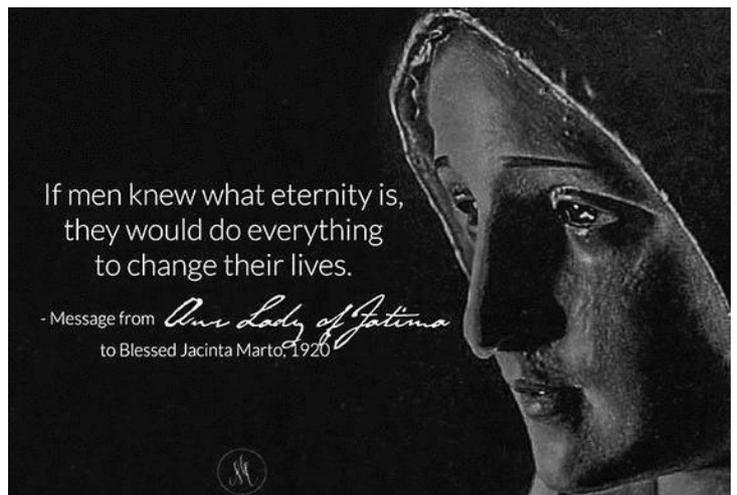
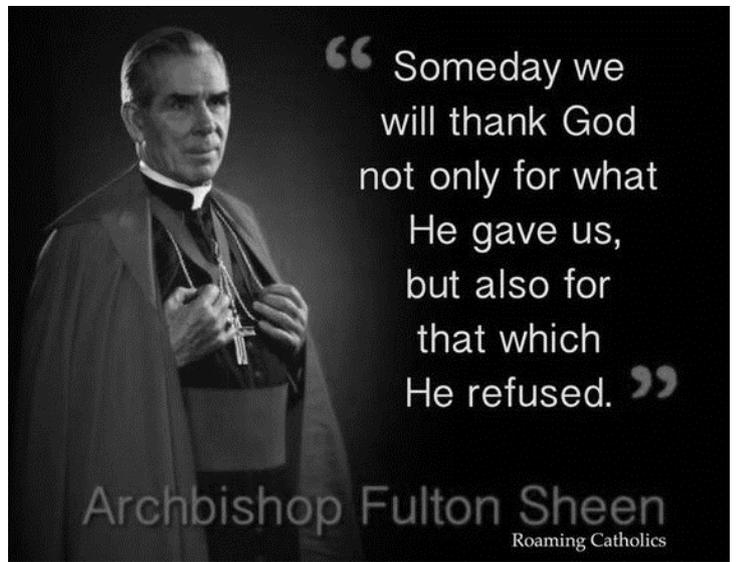
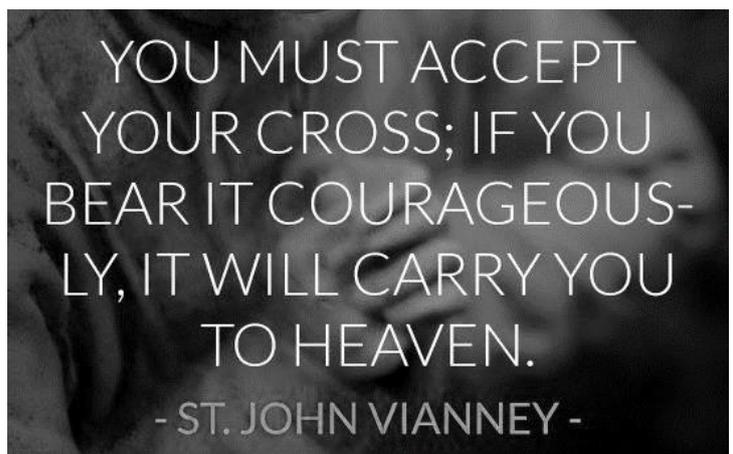
To those who procure abortion or are involved in any way in the abortion industry: look at the evil you are perpetrating square in the face: admit it, accept it for what it is, and turn away from it. Many of your former colleagues have done this, and are finding peace and are repairing their lives by revealing the horrors of the abortion industry from the inside out.

To Catholics in public life who practice abortion or advocate for it: the killing must stop. Please, please, please: the killing must stop. God has entrusted you with a prestigious position in society. You have the power to affect societal practices and attitudes. Always remember that you will one day have to render an account to God for your stewardship of this trust. You are in a position to do something concrete and decisive to stop the killing. Please stop the killing. And please stop pretending that advocating for or practicing a grave moral evil—one that snuffs out an innocent human life, one that denies a fundamental human right—is somehow compatible with the Catholic faith. It is not. Please return home to the fullness of your Catholic faith. We await you with open arms to welcome you back.

To women who have had an abortion and to those others who have been affected by it: God loves you. We love you. God wants you to heal, and so do we, and we have the resources to help you. Please turn to us, because we love you and want to help you and want you to heal. Because of what you have endured, you more than anyone can become a powerful voice for the sanctity of life. Many people have made this turn in their life. You can take this deeply painful and ugly episode in your life and turn it into something beautiful for God, with God's help. Let us help you to do that, so you can experience the healing power of the love of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

To all people of good will: let us work together to build a culture of life, starting at the very beginning. Let us work for a society in which every new baby is received as a precious gift from God and given a welcome to the human community. With God's help, we can, collaborating with mutual respect, build a society that, far from throwing it away, respects and affirms the goodness of every human life.

Given in San Francisco, on May 1, 2021
Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker



5 Spiritual Effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation

from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1303



CHILD OF GOD

It roots us more deeply as children of God which makes us cry, "Abba, Father!"

EFFECT 1



GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



EFFECT 2

CLOSER TO CHRIST

It unites us more firmly to our Savior Jesus Christ.

It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us: wisdom, counsel, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, piety, fear of the Lord.

EFFECT 3

FULLY CATHOLIC

It renders our bond with the Catholic Church more perfect.





DEFEND THE FAITH

It gives us a special strength to spread and defend the Faith as true witnesses of Jesus Christ.

EFFECT 4

EFFECT 5

the Catholic Company
Because Faith Matters

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Come Holy Ghost, Creator, come,
From thy bright heav'nly throne,
Come take possession of our souls,
and make them all thy own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sev'nfold in thy grace,
Finger of God's right hand
His promise teaching little ones
To speak an understand.

O guide our minds
with thy blessed light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with thy strength,
which ne'er decays
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;
True peace unto us bring;
and through all perils lead us safe
Beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,
Through thee th' eternal Son,
And thee, the Spirit of them both,
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
With his coequal Son;
The same to thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Come down, O love divine,
see 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,
til 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 mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own short comings
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass
the pow'r of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit
makes His dwelling.

POST COMMUNION HYMN:

Father most holy, gracious and forgiving,
Christ, high exalted, prince of our
salvation, Spirit of counsel, nourishing
creations, God ever living.

Trinity blessed, Unity unshaken,
Only true Godhead, sea of bounty endless,
Light of the angels, succour thou the
friendless, Shield the forsaken.

All things thou madest nothing doth
but preach thee,
Serving thee ever in it's course ordained
We too would hymn thee;
this our prayer unfeigned,
Hear we beseech thee.

Boundless thy praise be,
Whom no limit boundeth,
God in three Persons,
high in heaven living
Where adoration, homage and
thanksgiving, Ever resoundeth.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Let us sing to you, O Mary,
disciple first and best,
Join our voices sing with every age
that loves to call you blest.
Blessed you among all women,
first in faith, in hope, in love,
Blessed you who believed in the promise
from above, Chosen Woman, through
obedience untied the knot of Eve, Holy
Virgin, fruitful Mother of all who believe.

Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle!
Hail His Ark! His Shrine!
Hail His Home! His Throne!
His Servant! His Mother and mine!
Consecrated by the Father,
before time had e'er begun,
And prepared by the Spirit to mother the
Son, Spotless Ark, conceived immaculate
and spared from every sin,
Full of grace, you won God's favour,
enfleshed the Word within.

At the cross, a sword of sorrow
would pierce your loving soul,
As your Son is opened with a lance
and Blood and Water flow.
Hail Model of the Church
newly created from His side,
Called to mother Christ's children
and be His holy Bride,
And His words: "Behold your mother,"
And "Woman see your son," Are his gift
to His disciples while endless ages run.

To the Father, faithful daughter,
We join with you our praise,
To your Son, O Blessed Mother,
Our worship we raise.
To the Spirit by Whose power
you conceived The living Word,
our profound adoration will always be
heard, Turn your eyes,
O Holy Mary, Look lovingly and bless,
Take our prayer, in love transform it,
Unite it with your "Yes!"

NEXT SUNDAY:**20 June 2021****12th Sunday in Ordinary Time***Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17;**Mk 4:35 - 41;***LITURGY ROSTER****Readers:** L. Ahio, K. Cheong**Prayers of the Faithful:** J. Brodie**Offertory:** L & S Ahio**Special Ministers:** S. Molloy**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Thotawattage Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Lim/Hatzaw Family

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**13 June:** *Desmond Atkinson***14 June:** *Gerard Savage, Gwen Vernon,
Esley Urlich, Patric David***19 June:** *Joe Malcon, Harata Hohoia - Nathan***PARISH FINANCES****Parish** \$1,673.73**Priests** \$ 836.87**Total AP's and Cash** \$2,510.60**HOLY FAMILY NOTICES**

- **ORDINATION : Saturday 3rd July -**
Mass will be at 7am and there will be
No Reconciliations *that Saturday as*
Fr Jeremy will be attending the
Ordination all day. The Traditional Rite
Ordination of Deacon Brendan Boyce is
at St Benedict's at 10am.
- **YOUTH TALK : Friday 9th July, 7pm,**
Bugler Centre- *All youth welcome.*
Topic = Friendship, the source of real
happiness.
- **PARISH RETREAT DAY : Saturday 10th**
July - *"The person and nature of*
Christ" by Robert Loretz. A look at who
Jesus is.
- **MUSIC TALK and WORKSHOP :**
Wednesday 14th July, 7:30pm-9pm -
TOPIC = *"Origins and History of Sacred*
Music" by Robert Loretz. Will be very
entertaining.
- **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS**
(14 to 19 year olds): *August 7, 14, 21,*
& 28, Saturdays 2pm-6pm. Can be
opened to 13 yr olds on a case-by-case
basis, if parents think their child is
mature enough.
- **QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 4th September**
- Parish Quiz Night - start getting your
team of 8 together. The Latin Mass
community from St Anne's will join us.

First Friday and Saturday Adoration

on 2nd - 3rd July 2021 - We need your
help to cover 10am to 3pm on
Saturday 3rd July as our regular
adorers will be attending an
Ordination. If you are available to
cover their times, please contact the
Parish Office on 8346677 or
hfparish@xtra.co.nz