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Confesión el Sábado:
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María—3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María— 9:40am

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración 7:00am y Misa a las 7:30am

Martes, Miércoles Jueves, Viernes:
Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

Viernes: a las 6:00pm Rosario Reina de la Paz con
Adoración

Sábado: Adoración: 7:30am y a las 8:00am
Misa en Honor de Virgen María



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

"Han oído ustedes que se dijo a los antiguos: No jurarás en falso y le cumplirás al Señor lo que le hayas prometido con juramento". - Mt 5, 33

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February 12th, 2023

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary - 3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

Friday: At 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with
Adoration

Saturday: Adoration: 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Mass
In Honor of the Virgin Mary

Jesus gives us the interpretive key to this long passage in verse 17 when he says, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.” Jesus’ original hearers, an audience primarily made up of Jewish men and women, would have recognized that he is making a messianic claim: He is the one whom God promised to send. In His very person, Jesus is bringing to fulfillment the Kingdom of God. For example, in Deuteronomy 18:15, Moses says, “A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kindred; that is the one to whom you shall listen.” Likewise we see Jesus as the fulfillment of the prophecy made in Isaiah 11:1, “A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,” King David’s father, “and from his roots a bud shall blossom.”

Jesus is trying to tell us how we are to interpret his coming: not to abolish everything that God had done up to that point in the history of salvation, but rather to fulfill it. In the Old Testament, God calls and chooses His people, he establishes a covenant with them, and only then does he give them the precepts of the law. Or, put another way, God first establishes a relationship with his people, and then he teaches them how to live in that relationship. The law teaches them how to conduct themselves before God and among one another.

In a similar manner, Jesus first calls his disciples to himself; he establishes a relationship with them. Then, here in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus begins to teach them. At this point in Jewish history, many saw the law of Moses as an end in itself. Think for example, of the Pharisees, who prided themselves on observing every detail of the law. Jesus, on the other hand, teaches that while the observance of the law is good (because it was given by God), its observance is meant to always lead us back to love: both love of God and love of neighbor. In other words, by observing the law externally, we interiorize what it is trying to accomplish.

Once we understand this, we can read Jesus’ teachings with fresh eyes. When he says, “You have heard it was said” followed by “but I say to you . . .” we see Jesus pointing us to the ultimate end of the law. For example, he calls us not only to observe the commandment not to kill our brothers and sisters, but to do something deeper: to avoid unjust anger with our fellows. Likewise, we are not only to observe the commandment to not commit adultery, but to avoid the lustful gaze that leads us to see others as less than who they truly are: beloved daughters and sons of God.

Truly Jesus is calling his disciples to something greater than a mere cursory observance of rules. He is inviting us to reflect upon how our behavior impacts our relationships, both with God and with others. Jesus is calling us to do what St. Paul invites the early Christians to do throughout his letters: to “put on the mind of Christ,” allowing our relationship with Jesus to mold and shape our hearts and our wills and make us more like himself.

When we place Christ at the center of everything in our lives, we begin to realize that following his teachings, even the difficult ones, is not so much about observing rules. Instead, we begin to desire the same things that Christ does because he is our close friend, and we want what he wants. The motivation behind living the Christian life becomes not so much an obligation as a daily observance of living in a way that glorifies God in everything we do.

Fr. Brent Bowen



Mission Bells

Monday, February 20, 2023

11:00am—Lite Lunch

Mission Bells meeting
following after lunch

Fr. Victor's Schedule

Fr. Victor is scheduled to be at “Our Lady of the Desert” the 4th Sunday of every month.

(Dates are subject to change)

Liturgical Life

“Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

- Mt 5:15-16

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The Jewish sage Sirach speaks of the wisdom in being obedient and loyal to God's will and commandments. How can you exercise obedience and loyalty to God this week?

Second Reading

Paul instructs the Corinthians about the power of the Holy Spirit who guides believers to a mature faith and to understanding God's wisdom. In what ways do you experience the Holy Spirit in your life?

Gospel Reading

As Jesus continues with his Sermon on the Mount, he addresses a variety of topics in the daily life of his Jewish audience (the Law, anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths), only now filtered through God's point of view. How can Christians today live daily life according to these standards?

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The heart with which we offer our good deeds matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ, the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

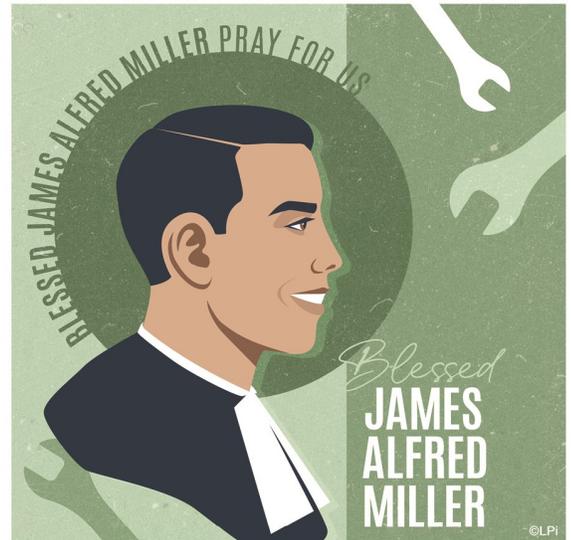
Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Blessed James Miller, the second ever U.S.-born martyr, served as a missionary and educator to the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Shot to death in front of his students in 1982, his legacy of love lives on today through the many schools he started.

Prayer

Official Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC

O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever-increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [mention request] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen.

(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

Feelings and Shiny Things

A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items — a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary — are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass...well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest. They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse. These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is an acceptable way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt primarily with actions. Do this. Do not do this. All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness.

Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison. *"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away."* — Matthew 5:30

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

- White: Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.
- Red: As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.
- Violet: The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).
- Green: A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.
- Other colors: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

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