

Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



10th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him." - Mk 3:26

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**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 10, 2018**

This might be tough for you to imagine, but some parishioners complained to me last week. It's tough for me to imagine how our complaints department was actually open at the time. Their complaint was with the red and white "Go Caps!" message on our new sign. Our department head responded to their gripe with a link to the following article from Zenit.org which summarizes the Holy Father's recent document on sports. I included a quoted from the best line of the doc which also explains the meaning of the message on our sign: "Sports can open the way to Christ".

Go Caps!

May you know the peace of Christ,
Fr Greg

"Sports can open the way to Christ in those places or environments where, for different reasons, it is not possible to announce Him directly; and people, with their witness of joy, practicing a sport as a community, can be messengers of the Good News."

Pope Francis stressed this to Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life, which June 1, 2018, published a new document entitled "Giving the Best of Yourself. On the Christian Perspective of Sport and of the Human Person."

Cardinal Farrell was sent the following letter from the Holy Father, thanking him for the dicastery's having prepared such a document "with the aim of highlighting the role of the Church in the sports world and how sports can be an instrument of encounter, formation, mission, and sanctification."

Sports, the Pope stressed, is a meeting place where people of all levels and social conditions come together to reach a common aim.

"In a culture dominated by individualism and the gap between the younger generations and the elderly," Francis observed, "sports is a privileged area around which people meet without any distinction of race, sex, religion, or ideology, and

where we can experience the joy of competing to reach a goal together, participating in a team, where success or defeat is shared and overcome; this helps us to reject the idea of conquering an objective by focusing only on ourselves.”

The need for others, the Pope said, includes not only teammates but also managers, coaches, supporters, the family, namely, all those people who, with commitment and dedication, make it possible to “give the best of oneself.” All this, he said, makes sports a catalyst for experiences of community, of the human family.

“When a father plays with his son, when children play together in the park or at school, when an athlete celebrates the victory with his or her supporters,” the Pope said, “in all these environments we can see the value of sports as a place of unity and encounter between people. We reach great results, in sports as in life, together, as a team!”

Sports, the Pope highlighted, is also a formative vehicle.

“Perhaps today more than ever, we must fix our gaze on the young, because the earlier the process of formation begins, the easier the person’s integral development through sports will be.”

Likewise, the Pope encouraged, they should make their contribution to the group spirit, to respect, healthy competition, and solidarity with others. “It is essential for all of us to be aware of the importance of examples in the practice of sports,” he said, “because a good plow on fertile land favors the harvest, provided that it is cultivated and the work is done properly.”

Lastly, the Pope, highlighted the role of sports as a means for the mission and sanctification.

“The Church is called to be a sign of Jesus Christ in the world, also through the sports practiced in oratories, parishes, schools, and associations... Every occasion is good for announcing Christ’s message, “whether the time is favorable or unfavorable.” (2 Tm 4:2)

It is important, the Pope highlighted, to bring, to communicate this joy transmitted by sports, “which is none other than the discovery of the human potentials that incite us to unveil the beauty of creation and of the human being, made in the image and likeness of God.”

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To give the best of oneself in sports, the Jesuit Pope noted, is also a call to aspire to holiness. He also urged for a deepening of the close connection that exists between sport and life.

Sport is a very rich source of values and virtues that help us to become better people. “Like the athlete during training,” Francis said, “practicing sport helps us to give our best, to discover our limits without fear, and to struggle daily to improve.” Pope Francis concluded, praying for the Blessed Virgin Mary’s intercession, and asking all athletes and pastoral workers “who recognize themselves in the great “team” of the Lord Jesus” to pray for him, and offering his heartfelt blessing.



Healing Prayers for: Delores Abrams, , Sharon Williams, George Thomas, Yvonne Lesesne, Juanita Watkins, Deacon Ralph Cyrus, Burdell Thomas, Angella Greene, Frederick McNeil, James Anthony Murphy, Earnest Ingram.Jr., John Howard, Iris Best, Dorothy Hollis, Calvin Best Gisele Best, Lezeal Rorie, Lillian Taylor, Veronica Brown, Deacon McBurnett Smith, Marsha Carlson-Meyers, Dr. Dee Jones Adams, Barry Robella, Father Dan Vitz, Eleonora Best, Jane Rhyne, Faye Lyon, Abby Fargo, Mildred Selmar, Heather Wooten-Rollins, Brenda Newman, Courtney Barlow, Christine Jones, Benjamin Davis, Ronald Horton, Veronica Harris, Teresa Wilkinson, Pauline Haggins, Dorothy Sylvester, Darlene Jones, Paul Higgins, Audrey Saunders, Pauline Johnson, June Murphy **Our Homebound Parishioners:** Corinne Bachiller, Sybil Depeazer, Louvenia Gray, Fr. Charles Green, Pauline Johnson, Barbara Thompson, Yvonne Samuel, Audrey Saunders, Joan Shields, Viola Walker

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK-June 10, 2018

A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. Is the kingdom of your soul divided? We are often confronted with choices that appear to be good but in essence are not. We struggle with choosing good over evil and right from wrong. Conflicts often exist within, and we walk through life with a divided heart. We realize what is needed to live with God but find ourselves doing the exact opposite. As we gather with our brothers and sisters and seek God's gift of Christ in the Eucharist, may we not only be united with one another in faith but united with God within. All conflicts and divisions can cease, and we can act with a focused, strong, and determined heart.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK Mt 28:16-20

Why do you think the scribes from Jerusalem attributed evil intent ("He is possessed by Beelzebul.") behind Jesus' power to heal people and exorcise demons?



READINGS FOR THEWEEK

Monday: Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3 Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24 2 Cor 5:6-10 Mk 4:26-34

ONE MONTH MEMORIAL MASS CELEBRATIONS AND MASS INTENTIONS

All daily Masses are available for Mass Intentions. Please give the office a call if you would like to have a Mass offered for someone.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS – KEEP WITH YOUR BIBLE... USE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!

HANDY REFERENCE LIST OF EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

When in sorrow.....	call John 14
When men fail you.....	call Psalm 27
When you have sinned.....	call Psalm 51
When you worry.....	call Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....	call Psalm 91
When God seems far away.....	call Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring.....	call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....	call Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....	call I Corinthians 13
When you feel down and out.....	call Romans 8:31
When you want peace and rest.....	call Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God.....	call Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance.....	call Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel.....	call Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	call Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task.....	call Joshua
When you think of investments and returns.....	call Mark 10
If you are depressed.....	call Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty.....	call Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people.....	call I Corinthians 13
If people seem unkind.....	call John 15
If discouraged about your work.....	call Psalm 126
If self-pride/greatness takes hold.....	call Psalm 19
If you want to be fruitful.....	call John 15
For understanding of Christianity.....	call II Corinthians 5:15-19
For a great invention/opportunity.....	call Isaiah 55
For how to get along with fellow men.....	call Romans 12
For Paul's secret to happiness.....	call Colossians 3:12-17

ALTERNATE NUMBERS

For dealing with fear.....	call Psalm 34:7
For security.....	call Psalm 121:3 For
Assurance.....	call Mark 8:35 For
Reassurance.....	call Psalm 145:18

PLEASE NOTE: Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines to Heaven are open 24 hours a day! Feed your FAITH, and DOUBT will starve to death! Please use and feel free to pass on!



Announcements

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

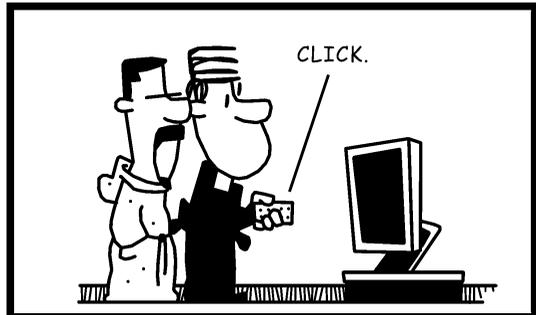
Cathrine Beal	7 th
Alberta Lesesne	8 th
Carolyn Poston	10 th
Althea Davis	12 th
Otis Williams	17 th
Gwendolyn Jarmin	21 st
Sybil DePeazer	22 nd
Norman Bryan	25 th
Corinne Bachiller	27 th
Edward Wheeler	29 th



To All Our Visitors Welcome to Assumption Catholic Church. We are glad that you are here! To become registered parishioners, please obtain a registration form, from one of our ushers.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration “Come Let Us Adore Him”. Could you commit to one hour per week? Transform your spiritual life and your relationship with Our Lord by committing to spend more time with Him. We have Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

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