

Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



16th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a
deserted place and rest a while." So they went
off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place.
- Mk 6:31b-32

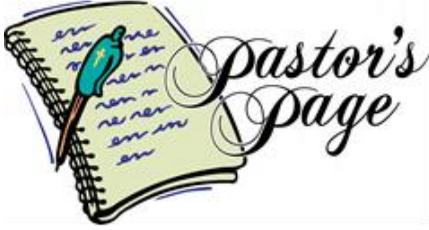
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 22, 2018

“You can't take it with you: Estate planning with a conscience”

By Laura Fletcher

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Till death do us part

...In the case of baby boomers, the most common reason given for not drafting a will is the desire to avoid thinking about death. Chicago estate attorney Katarinna McBride urges her clients to think differently about the legal document. “The concept of your legacy is not a death concept. It’s really a lifetime concept,” she says. “What do you stand for? What does your family stand for? You really need to impart your lifetime values.”

When it comes to the 40 percent of Americans who do have wills, few have included charitable organizations in their estate plans. The number of charitable bequests has dropped by 46 percent since 1998, thanks in part to estate tax cuts that reduce the incentive to give. According to Indiana University’s Lilly Family School for Philanthropy, only 8 percent of Americans have named a charitable organization in their wills...

Generational dynamics might also play a role in the decline of planned gifts. Baby boomers as a group give significantly less of their income than their parents did, and the Lilly Family School has found that this correlates directly with their level of church engagement, which among Catholics has declined steadily since the 1970s. Kathryn Horning, the CEO of the St. Jude League and Claretian Publications (which publishes *U.S. Catholic*), reports that for many decades the religious order of the Claretian Missionaries has helped fund some of its ministries, including the National Shrine of

St. Jude, through donations to its St. Jude League from devotees to the patron saint of seemingly hopeless cases...

Giving that hurts

For Christians who are called to serve the least of these, and particularly Catholics, whom Pope Francis has called to be a “poor church for the poor,” it makes a difference what type of nonprofits they choose to remember in their wills. Former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich recently published several scathing attacks on current tax benefits for charitable giving. He noted that too much of American philanthropy goes to nonprofits and charities that do not actually help the disadvantaged or reduce economic inequality. Wrote Reich in the *Los Angeles Times*, “I’m all in favor of supporting the arts and our universities, but let’s face it: These aren’t really charitable contributions. They’re often investments in the lifestyles the wealthy already enjoy and want their children to have, too.”...

Jesus famously told his disciples to leave their families and follow him; in Matthew 19 he also told the wealthy young man to sell all his possessions and give the money to the poor. Although it’s very rare, there are individuals who leave a disproportionate amount of their estate to the church or to charity and very little or nothing to their own children...

Catholics should solicit help from friends and relatives in investigating charitable organizations before they make a commitment through a planned gift...

How much is too much?

What is the right amount of money to leave to charity versus friends and family? Balmadier of CRS cites the common notion of tithing. “I don’t think if it’s 10 percent that anyone would raise eyebrows,” he says. That’s true for most people, although Jim Hellige, a Chicago estate attorney, says that for multimillionaires the figure is typically 30 to 50 percent. Regardless of a person’s income, a University of Georgia study found that whether people had grandchildren was the primary determinant of whether they would include a charity in their will at all, with most grandparents choosing to cut charity out.

The right amount of money to leave an heir, according to attorney McBride, is enough to “alleviate some of their struggle without removing motivation or spoiling their drive.” Warren Buffett has pledged to give 99 percent of his billions to charitable

causes, saying that he will leave his children “just enough so that they would feel that they could do anything, but not so much that they feel like doing nothing.”

Passing it on

...While many parents fret that they are depriving children or grandchildren by leaving some of their money to social or religious causes, Reilly reports that “family members are understanding and often proud of a donor’s charitable estate contribution. A lot of potential heirs of an estate feel they are partly involved in making the gift because it might have otherwise gone to them.”

Charity is, after all, a virtue that many Catholic parents want to transmit to their children, and one that many children are happy to receive. Sister Peggy Scarano of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, New York tells of a father who phoned her to explain that he and his wife would be setting up a charitable trust so that their children would continue to give to the Sisters and other groups after he and his wife passed away. “He said, ‘You know, Sister, one of the things that my wife and I want to teach our children is that they need to give back. They can’t just keep everything for themselves . . .’



Healing Prayers for: Delores Abrams, , George Thomas, Yvonne Lesesne, 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-July 22, 2018

The many images we have of God help frame our relationship with Him. Have we ever imagined Jesus so deeply moved with emotion and engulfed with pity for us? We often are sheep without a shepherd who are lured by the emptiness of worldly attractions and superficial desires. We become lost. God, in the depth of His being, is deeply moved by our pain, loneliness, and heartache. God does not judge or condemn. He loves and is mercy itself. He knows firsthand the pain that comes with being lost and alone and desires to teach us about His merciful love. Do we want to be taught? Listen to God's word and be open to God's presence in the Eucharist.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK -Mk 6:30-34

Jesus taught his disciples the importance of rest. How does rest bring about spiritual renewal for you?



READINGS FOR THEWEEK

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| Monday: | Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Mt 12:38-42 |
| Tuesday: | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Mt 12:46-50 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28 |
| Thursday: | Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Mt 13:10-17 |
| Friday | Jer 3:14-17 Mt 13:18-23 |
| Saturday: | Jer 7:1-11 Mt 13:24-30 |
| Next Sunday: | 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15 |

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.



Announcements

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.

DC Padres Final Game of 2018

The DC Padres, a baseball team consisting entirely of Catholic priests and seminarians, will play their last game of the 2018 season on Sunday, August 26, against St. Vincent Pallotti High School, at the Baysox Stadium in Bowie, MD. The Padres game begins shortly after the 1:35pm Baysox game ends (i.e. ~4:30-4:45pm). For updates and info about tickets, please see the DC Padres webpage (www.dcpadres.com) or the DC Padres Facebook page, or contact Bill Wannall at wwannall@sacredheartlaplata.org. Mark your calendar now and tell your friends. Let's fill the stadium in support of our priests and seminarians!

World Youth Day 2019 Join the Archdiocese of Washington for the 2019 World Youth Day

The celebration to be held in Panama from January 21–29, 2019. The theme of the event is “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38). Registration is open to ages 16-35, If you are under 18 years old, please register with parent or parish chaperone. For info or to register contact Tex Phelps in the Office of Youth Ministry at phelpst@adw.org

Triumph of the Cross Celebration Sister to Sister: Proclaiming Our Season of Faith and Power! A Day or Recollection hosted by the Sisters in the Spirit Archdiocese of Washington here at OLPH on September 8th. Registration begins at 9:00 am. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Roy Lee, PhD, Archdiocese of Atlanta. Tickets: \$35 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Bring your bibles! Tickets will go on sale July 1st. For info contact Burman Hill at 240-620-4556 or Cherry Neal at 301-6413719.

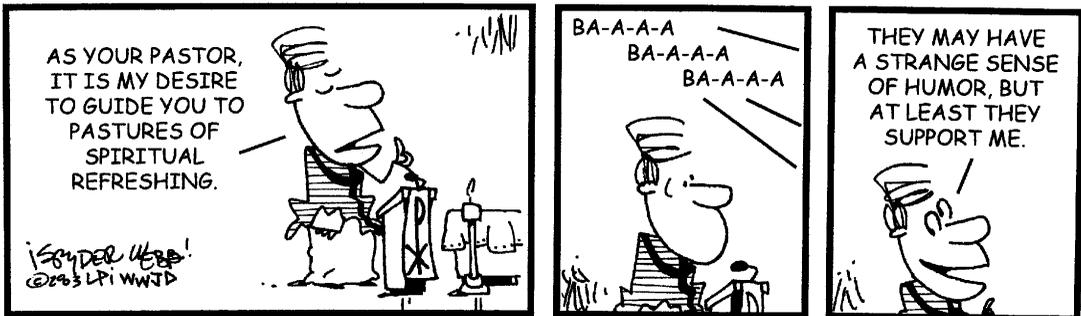
Let's Talk About Faith and Life

Through Sunday, September 23, a series of talks on various topics concerning the dignity of human life will be held each Sunday evening (except Labor Day weekend) from 6:30-8:30pm at St. Dominic Church in Washington, DC (630 E Street, SW). Co-sponsored by the parish and the archdiocesan Department of Life Issues, topics include abortion, just war, foster care and adoption, persons with disabilities, the sexual revolution, euthanasia, poverty, sex trafficking, capital punishment, racism, and immigration. The talks will take place in the Parish Meeting Room, and please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner. For more information, please email prolife@adw.org

Save the Date - Tolton: From Slave to Priest

Starting Thursday, November 15 through Sunday, November 18, the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington are collaborating to bring the Saint Luke Productions play, *Tolton: From Slave to Priest*, to Bishop Ireton High School (201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314) for five performances during Black Catholic History Month. The play tells the story of Servant of God Father Augustus Tolton, who journeyed from slavery to become the first African-American Catholic priest. There is no charge for this event, but a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, contact Sandra Coles-Bell at culturaldiversity@adw.org or 301-853-4469.

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