



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

2 & 3 JULY 2022

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Mission Leader

Fr Peter Danh CSsR

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Assistant Parish Priest

Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

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Fr Joselito Asis

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Deacon George B.P.Meat

MASS TIMES

- ◆ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ◆ **Saturday:** 5:00pm
6.30pm Vietnamese
- ◆ **Sunday:** 9:00am, 10:30am,
6:00pm
12:00pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

- 1st & 2nd Sun. Sudanese Mass 3pm
- 3rd Sun Samoan Mass - 2.00pm
- 4th Sun Filipino Mass - 3.00pm

SOCIAL OFFICE

Contact: Son Nguyen & Tammy Le
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FOODBANK open Fridays
10.30am until 2.00pm. More details call Charlie 03 9366 1310.

RCIA: Please contact Br. Anthony Gatt on 0419 115 692 or call the Parish Office for more details.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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BAPTISM – JULY

Congratulations to: **Isaac Anh Duc Pham-Nguyen, James Pham, Joseph Flynn Tran, Joseph Matthew Le, Maria Sophie Chau, Maria Ha Vy Le, Maria Phuong Vy Le, Phanxico Xavier Kobe Nguyen, Vincent Raymond Huynh, Teresa Elizabeth An Nguyen, Thomas Anh Tu Le**, who were baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are welcome to be a part of our community faith.



THE LIVING WORD

First reading Isaiah 66:10-14

Towards Jerusalem I send flowing peace, like a river

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm Ps.65(66):1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;

shall sing to you, sing to your name!

Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He turned the sea into dry land,

they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second reading Galatians 6:14-18

The marks on my body are those of Jesus

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person

is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15a,16a

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:1-9

Your peace will rest on that man

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you."

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Crises often function as catalysts for the development of new initiatives. In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is first and foremost the People of God and the Body of Christ and not primarily a hierarchical institution. While there is little doubt that we are living in the time of the laity in the Church, it has taken a drastic reduction in the numbers of clergy and religious for lay Catholic women and men to recognize that they are called, by virtue of their baptism, to much more prominent roles in the life and mission of the church than they have exercised over the past 500 years or so. Prior to Vatican II, access to theological and biblical education was largely restricted to the formation of clergy. That has changed and will need to change even more dramatically if lay women and men are to be properly resourced to take their rightful place in the Church. Instead of bemoaning the crisis and looking for interim measures to "fill the gaps", we might look for signs of the Spirit at work in leading us into new ways of being Church.

In today's gospel, we hear that Jesus chooses "seventy others" and sends them out in pairs. Thirty-five couples or "pairs" constitute a formidable resource for the mission, for the "harvesting". These missionary couples are authorized to be bringers of peace and healing, proclaimers of God's kingdom. They are to travel light and accept the hospitality of-

ferred them. Given the presence of women in the inner circle of Jesus' followers (Luke 8:1-3), it is likely that at least some of these pairs were married couples. Further support for this comes from Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, which features a married couple, Priscilla and Aquila, as prominent itinerant missionary associates of Paul. They are Jewish refugees who find a home in Corinth in the aftermath of Emperor Claudius' expulsion of the Jews from Rome. They are tent makers and offer hospitality to Paul when he comes to Corinth. When Paul leaves for Syria, they accompany him as far as Ephesus. In Ephesus, Priscilla is presented as a confident woman theologian who takes the initiative in calling aside the eloquent and well-educated Jewish teacher, Apollos of Alexandria, who has an "accurate" but "incomplete" knowledge of Jesus.

In our communities, there are faith-filled, talented, and courageous couples like Priscilla and Aquila, as well as countless single lay women and men, who commit their talents and personal resources for the sake of the gospel mission. Many of them are prepared to do more if they can find the acceptance to function effectively. They need the authorization of leadership and the unfailing support of local communities. The earth imagery of harvest and "lambs among wolves" might serve as a reminder in our times that the mission is one that necessarily embraces care of every element that constitutes the Earth community.

By Veronica Lawson RSM

HOW TO CHOSE BETWEEN TWO GOOD THINGS

God is pure goodness. The devil, having no creative properties of his own, has only one option- to take the goodness and turn it into evil.

That means that all sin spawns from something good. The soul-darkening things we do always start with a small decision between two good things.

Example: "I have some free time today. I can exercise or read. You know what? I am tired today so I think I will read."

That situation might seem trivial. It might seem like both are valid options and would not lead to sin. However, when reading becomes the consistent choice time after time, you begin to ignore your physical health and then become guilty of the sin of sloth.

Another example: "I have some work to do, but it can wait until tomorrow. I should be with my family and play with my kids. You know what? I can let them watch TV for a bit while I finish my work. Two birds with one stone. (Thanks TV!)"

This one is a bit more obvious. Granted, work is a good thing; it provides economic stability for your family and personal satisfaction for a job well done. But time with your family is a higher priority, especially when work can wait until tomorrow. Hence, the sin of greed and/or pride consumes us.

Two good things. That's all the devil needs to convince you that the lower option is the most important. More often than not, we are tempted to do that lower thing because, as St.

Thomas Aquinas put it, “[we] desire evil . . . insofar as [we] think it good. Hence [our] intention primarily aims at the good and only incidentally touches on the evil” (*Thomas’s Commentary on the Nicomachean Ethics, Book I: The Good for Man, Chapter 1, Section 2, under Commentary, # 10*).

Thus, “incidentally,” we refuse God’s fresh and natural goodness and settle for the knock-off version through which we fall short of building up the spiritual nourishment we need to thrive.

So, how to de overcome this catch-22?

We pull a “St. Francis de Sales.”

St. Francis de Sales had a giant intellect. Strangely enough, his written work was not nearly as prolific as other saints that had similar mental capacities such as Aquinas or even Fulton J. Sheen. The majority of his writing came from letters that he wrote to the people in his diocese, especially lay men and women. He chose to be a pastor more than a writer.

De Sales had two very good things to choose between in his ministry: to write about God or to pastor his people. He chose the latter and, as a result, he was canonized as the patron of writers and journalists. He sought wisdom over knowledge and, as a result, was given knowledge *and* the highest credit for his writing that one could ever receive. He “[sought] first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things [were] added to [him]” (Matthew 6:33). St. Therese of Lisieux had a similar experience. She was a mere teen when she entered Carmel. Prior to her immersion into the cloister, she pondered the vocation of becoming a missionary. In her memoir, *The Story of a Soul*, she wrote: “I long to bring light to souls, like the prophets and doctors; to go to the ends of the earth to preach Your name, to plant Your glorious Cross, my Beloved, on pagan shores. One mission field alone would never be enough; all the world, even its remotest islands, must be my mission field. Nor would my mission last a few short years, but from the beginning of the world to the End of Time.” She never made it to the ends of the earth physically, but her spirit was deemed worthy of the honor of Patroness of Missionaries after her canonization. While God withheld the satisfaction of her holy desires on earth, He gave her all missions in abundance after receiving her eternal reward.

We often have to choose between two good things in our lives. The devil will try to convince you to go for the one that will have the least impact on your salvation and of those you were meant to serve.

To truly know what way to go when confronted with two good things, prioritize your choices with God at the forefront of your decision-making process in prayer. Allow Him to be the fulcrum by which you make each and every daily choice. Unite your conscience with steadfast prayer. You’ll find that, at some point during your spiritual journey, you’ll be given the cross of detachment, just like St. Francis de Sales and St. Therese, through which you’ll be given the gift of humility and wisdom.

Guided by the will of God through these gifts, your choice will be obvious.

By T.J. Burdick

TIMES LIKE THESE, WE NEED TO FIX OUR GAZE UPON HEAVEN

“Heaven is fixing our gaze upon Christ; hell is simply choosing to look the other way.”

Let us fix our gaze on Jesus. Look to no other. Do not be swayed to turn either to the left or to the right. Do not be disheartened by the many voices that move you to be anxious and afraid. Keep your eyes on Christ for only His loving gaze can help you.

Many times, we become tempted to look at things that rob us of courage and take away our peace. We become curious to look back at the things of the world, at the problems that threaten us, and instead of holding on to hope, we become so immersed in our worries that we could hardly turn away.

St. Peter was able to walk on water through the Lord’s command, but after seeing the strong wind, he started to sink in fear.

“Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’” – Matthew 14:31, WEBBE

Never make the mistake of lifting your eyes away from Jesus. Never think that by your own strength you can defeat the foes that surround you or the darkness the looms ahead.

Looking at our troubles often magnifies them and we do not see them for what they really are. But when we look at our Lord, we see how much bigger He is than all our problems and sufferings altogether. We find strength when we look at Christ. In Him is our hope and our peace.

“Let us . . . remember Peter: three times he denied Jesus, precisely when he should have been closest to him; and when he hits bottom he meets the gaze of Jesus who patiently, wordlessly, says to him: **“Peter, don’t be afraid of your weakness, trust in Me.”** Peter understands, he feels the loving gaze of Jesus and he weeps. **How beautiful is this gaze of Jesus - how much tenderness is there!** Brothers and sisters, let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God!” – **Pope Francis**

There is only one way to gain heaven: it is to look at Jesus without fail. Only by looking at Him can we find strength, hope and consolation. Only by looking at His gaze can we really understand what love is—what true happiness means.

If we look at the world, all that we may see is a looming darkness. We see injustice everywhere; we see chaos, lies and anxiety. Looking at the world, we forget where our true future is.

Looking at Jesus, we do not despair even amidst the troubles of the world.

In Christ, we remember how fleeting and small they are. With God, all things are possible, and all things work for our good—even our many sufferings.

Indeed, by looking at Jesus, we remember our true home, which is heaven. Our hearts are filled with foretastes of its warmth.

We know how frail we are, but we hold on because we have Someone who will always be there for us. We do not focus on ourselves – we fix our gaze upon Him! **We rest upon His infinite mercy and compassion.**

Jesus is the light that guides our way and enlightens our darkness.

Without Him, we instantly fall. With Him, we rise again. We are kept safe in His unfailing love.

“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.” – Hebrews 12:2, GNT

“Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are on the earth.” – Colossians 3:2 (WEB)

“I look forward, not to what lies ahead of me in this life and will surely pass away, but to my eternal goal. I am intent upon this one purpose, not distracted by other aims, and with this goal in view I press on, eager for the prize, God’s heavenly summons. Then I shall listen to the sound of Your praises and gaze at Your beauty ever present, never future, never past. **But now my years are but sighs. You, O Lord, are my only solace. You, my Father, are eternal. But I am divided between time gone by and time to come, and its course is a mystery to me.** My thoughts, the intimate life of my soul, are torn this way and that in the havoc of change. And so it will be until I am purified and melted by the fire of Your love and fused into one with You.” – **St. Augustine, Confessions**

By Jocelyn Soriano

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 05-07-22

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 06-07-22

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thur 9:00 AM, 07-07-22

Readers Mary
Eucharistic Min. Volunteer

Fri: 9:00 AM, 08-07-22

Reader: Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 09-07-22

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Violeta Montoro
Readers: Angeline Veigas
Wendy Forbes-Perera
Eucharistic Min. Miriam Vella
Anthony Naidu
Reno Attard

Sun 9.00 AM, 10-07-22

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator Helen Maddela
Readers: Mini Eddy
Wilma Marmur
Eucharistic Min: Helen Maddela
Mini Eddy
Monica Lomen

Sun 10:30AM, 10-07-22

Lit. Coordinator: Cristina Pedroso
Commentator Joh Cablao
Reader: St Francis choir
St Francis choir
Eucharistic Min. Cristina Pedroso
Ed Cablao
Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 10-07-22

Lit. Coordinator Lani Laririt
Commentator Larnie Mendoza
Reader Xuan Duong
Lorraine Ward
Eucharistic Min. Lani Laririt
Xuan Duong
Rod Lalunio

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 9th July 2022

* 5pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 10th July 2022

* 9am - Charlie Schembri

* 10.30am - St Francis Choir

* 6pm-Youth for Christ Choir

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 6th July 2022
Group 7 - Sudanese Community.

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Manel Pandithakoralege, Dominica C., Wasana Fernando, Nelia Robas, Adan Wiczek, Marko Dorinko, Arnord Fernandez, Ash Dominic Marguerite, Rachel Piskon, Toni Antonowicz, Linda Ratbone, Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Jessie Spiteri, Stella Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Passed

Dominico G..., Mary Azzopardi, Elmo Reginald Perera.

Anniversaries

Da Minh Khack, Maria Tinh, Anna Suy, Baoxita Ngu, Giuse Long, Giuse Hai, Richard Curmi, Iro & Jessie Vella, Angela Chircop, Peter Disco, Wayne Camilleri, Bartolo family, Brincat & Galea family, Maria Vu Thi Yeu Thuong, Vincent Duong Kham Su, Michael Alphonsus Schiller, Peter Do Van Tri, Inne Maria Le Thi Bien, Mollie Rise (Marie), Raymond Abela and All Souls

SAFETY FOR ALL

Holy Eucharist Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Holy Eucharist parish respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we reside and worship.

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus says: “The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the harvest-master to send workers to the harvest.” Pray for Vocations.

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