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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm

Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices

Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2016

Mass Intention: Jean Damaduk

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #726

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

PSALM #912

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

OFFERTORY #630

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

COMMUNION #738

I Am the Bread of Life

RECESSIONAL #467

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Carolyn Alford, Anthony Arrighi, Rollo Brown, Steve Campbell, Stuart Cary, David Coffman, Bill Holzgreffe, Shirley Hudson, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor, Greg Stowers, Bob Webster. Thank you for your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

8:30 am: Maggie Wilkins Extraordinary Ministers:

Adriane Allen-Henderson, Bill Lipchak, Cathy Lipchak

FINANCE: Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Tom Fahed

10:45 am: Joe Naman Extraordinary Ministers:

Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli

FINANCE: Kathy Kelly, Richard Williams

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Will Rogers Extraordinary Ministers:

Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins

FINANCE: Bill & Cathy Lipchak, Gabi Wolz

10:45 am: Colin Schmidt Extraordinary Ministers:

Joe Naman, Kimberly Taylor, Mimi Schoof

FINANCE: Steve Gerloff, Chris Thomas

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: William Merritt

Tues.: Mass Intention: Leighann Seeds

Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed.: Mass Intention: Wilnette Alexander

Thurs: Mass Intention: Marion Buford

Fri.: Mass Intention: Flordeliza Ybanez

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Hello everyone,

There has been so much violence and sadness in the world as of late. It has been hard to witness it taking place. I pray for all the victims and all the families.

Before I comment on that, I want to tell you about a special feast day that occurred yesterday (Saturday, July 16th). It was the feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This is a very special

feast day honoring Our Lady, Mary, and is advanced by the Carmelites, who are a religious order in the Church.

One of the things that comes out of this feast day, and from the work of the Carmelites, is a very powerful sacramental that people often wear called a 'scapular.'

A scapular is a small cloth worn around the neck that symbolizes a special consecration to Mary. I wear a scapular. You can purchase them at Catholic bookstores and have them blessed by a priest before you begin wearing it.

The scapular has been very, very popular among Catholics for centuries because of the graces God bestows to those who wear it faithfully.

Unfortunately, devotion and the practice of wearing scapulars has decreased in certain Catholic cultures (usually in the same cultures where religious practice has decreased recently...this includes our own culture, in our own country).

I do not profess to have answers to all the problems that are causing this violence that we so graphically displayed in our midst. But I will say the one single largest problem that is causing these violent acts is the absence of God from the cultures, neighborhoods and relationships of these affected peoples.

I cannot think of any way to describe this violence other than a manifestation of evil. Regardless of who is to blame in every individual situation, it is ultimately a manifestation of evil run wild since there are only two forces that can fill our neighborhoods, our cities, and our hearts...goodness/godliness or evil.

When a society hopes people will simply 'get along' without recognizing peace is a gift given by God, it is setting itself up a situation where people, when hit, always hit back, turning into an endless cycle of violence and evil, spiraling out of control until all we can do is shake our heads in disbelief over these videos from people's cell phones. Humanity cannot do it alone. Humanity is too prone to temptation and too weak to defeat evil ourselves. Evil will beat humanity 10 times out of 10 times. Humanity is hopeless without the help and assistance of a power bigger than itself. We are helpless without God (Jesus continually referred to us as sheep for a reason...)

Is it the chicken or the egg? Humanity is becoming more overrun by evil because it has turned away from God and likewise evil is overrunning us (usually discreetly and subtly within our hearts and actions) is what turns us from God. Sorry...I am not trying to be a dooms-day kind-of-guy, but this stuff is ugly.

But let me come back where I started, the scapular. There is a promise that is made on behalf of God in conjunction with the scapular. It says "he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." That is to say, those who wear the scapular can be assured of a special grace to assist them in attaining heaven.

Obviously one cannot wear a scapular and intend to defy the virtuous lifestyle that it presupposes of those who make the

consecration to Mary in conjunction with wearing the scapular. But wearing the scapular is a symbol, a powerful one, of a person's openness to God, of a person's testimony that they desire the protection and assistance of God. And when we give God just a little bit to work with, even a small act of devotion such as wearing the scapular, He can do miracles...literally.

I cannot think of a reason why every person should not wear a scapular. Buy them for your kids and grandkids...in addition to one for yourself. Fr. Rossi

USCCB's NFP Awareness Week (July 24-30) For Couples: A Better Way – Come learn about a better, moral way to meet your family planning needs. The Creighton Model FertilityCare System is 99.5% effective to avoid pregnancy and has the side effect of improving your marriage!

On The Pill for gyn problems? The Creighton Model, combined with the medical approach of NaProTechnology, identifies the underlying cause of the problem and restores your gynecological health. Learn more at a free Introductory Session! Thursday, July 28th, 7:30pm at Dignitas Health, 2004 Bremono Rd, Suite 100, Richmond. <http://www.choosedignitas.org/> Registration required, space is limited: email ladeancrms@mail.com

For Moms and Daughters: A Better Way – Tired of only being offered the birth control pill to resolve your, or your daughter's gyn problems? The Creighton Model FertilityCare System, combined with the medical approach of NaProTechnology identifies the underlying cause of the problem and restores a woman's gynecological health. Introductory Session, Friday, July 29th, 10:30 at Dignitas Health, 2004 Bremono Road. Registration required, space is limited. Email ladeancrms@gmail.com.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Jean Damaduk who passed away on Saturday, July 9, 2016. Please keep them in your prayers.

Outreach & Social Ministry – 123 lunches were served on Tuesday, July 5. 52 dinners were served on Wednesday, July 6. 141 lunches were served on Tuesday, July 12. 47 dinners were served on Wednesday, July 13.
Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection – 7/3/16	<u>4,808.25</u>
Gain	\$1,520.25
Budget Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection – 7/10/2016	<u>2,844.00</u>
Loss	\$ 444.00

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