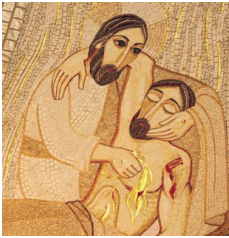


The Good Samaritan



This Sunday we have the well-known Gospel of the Good Samaritan. Marko Rupnik, a well-known contemporary mosaic artist, has an inspiring mosaic representing Jesus as the Good Samaritan. We can recognize him because of the Cross in the halo but also for the nail marks in his hands.

The nail marks are colored in gold, the same color of the oil, symbolizing that this oil which Jesus is pouring on the wounds is the Holy Spirit whom we receive through the sacraments.

But this artwork hides another story. The wounded man has Jesus' very same face. This adds new insight. Jesus heals me with his mercy. He transforms my heart and now he wants me to be a good Samaritan for others. By reaching out to others I find Jesus and serve him.

In this Jubilee of Mercy this parable is even more meaningful. It is a strong invitation to practice the works of mercy. We are already familiar with the corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, visit the sick...

Today I would like to recall two spiritual works of mercy: admonishing the sinner and instructing the ignorant. We just celebrated the Fortnight for Freedom to call attention to how religious freedom and some fundamental human rights are being threatened in our society.

In his homily for the Fourth of July, Cardinal Wuerl said "The founders uniformly agreed that freedom would be in grave danger if people were to live as if God did not exist or if God were to otherwise be excluded from the life of the nation".

Today we see God thrown out of the public square. He, the only guaranty and rock solid foundation for our dignity and rights is only tolerated if faith remains in the private realm. As a consequence, as Card. Wuerl said, freedom is in great danger.

What can we do? Aren't we insignificant before the media and political power? With the strength of the Holy Spirit, the twelve apostles preached the Gospel overcoming the Roman Empire's persecution. Today we are called to a new evangelization. And to not only practice mercy with others at a private level.

We are called to practice "social mercy", to admonish the sinner and to instruct the ignorant. We are called to remember that there is intrinsic evil and good, truth and falsehood. We are called to be beacons of light and a living memory of the foundational values of the U.S., to help others to find Jesus and their very dignity and vocation as children of God.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10A Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Saint Benedict - Monday, July 11:

6:00 am +Helen and Frank Zappacosta
9:00 am +Jesus A. Deduque

Tuesday, July 12:

6:30 am +Norman Bickart
9:00 am +Bridgetta Jenkins

Wednesday, July 13:

6:30 am +Joan Vargas
9:00 am +John Bartholme

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha - Thursday, July 14:

6:30 am +Members of the Bickard Family
9:00 am +John Bartholme

Saint Bonaventure - Friday, July 15:

6:30 am +Robert Young
9:00 am +Virginia Sandoval

Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Saturday, July 16:

8:00 am +Virginia Sandoval
5:00 pm (L) Clara B. Campagna
7:00 pm +Juana Chavez

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 17:

7:30 am +Annie Coleman
9:00 am +Annmarie Lang
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Virginia Sandoval

Toward a Family Friendly Parish (TFFP)

Outreach - July Theme

Mark your calendar for July's TFFP activity in Hannan Hall:

Saturday, **July 16** - 6:00 pm movie,
Jungle Book

(There will be no talk for the month of July.)



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time That all those now discerning their vocation will be attentive in prayer and active in their response to Jesus the Eternal Word who calls them, we pray to the Lord.

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Faithfulness to one's vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Timmy Burnway, Etelvina León-Duarte, Connie King, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristin Burns, Francis Walter, Eduardo Vega, Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, Clarissa Trono De Guzman, Lyda Tanco, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprahit, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith

This Week in Our Parish

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 10:

1160AM WMET Radio in vestibule

Church *Choose Life License Plate Initiative: Youth*

Hannan Hall 8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Saint Benedict - Monday, July 11:

No activities scheduled

Tuesday, July 12:

No Activities scheduled

Wednesday, July 13:

Hannan Hall 9:30 am-12 noon Women's Group

Parish Office 7:00-9:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha - Thursday, July 14:

Staff Retreat / Parish Office Closed All Day

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary

Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, July 15:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

NDI 4:30-6:00 pm High School Bible Study

School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym Night

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Saturday, July 16:

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group

Hannan Hall 6:00-9:00 pm TFFP Movie Night

School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 17:

Church *Religious Education Registration Sunday*

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Exchange Program: Meet Our Guests from Spain

My name is Ignacio: I'm 14 years old. I live with my family in a village close to Madrid, called Tres Cantos. I wish go to the USA again. The previous trip was fantastic and I have a great memory from my host family, Kevin and Lucia. They showed me lot of new things like playing golf and cooking. I also made good friends with the rest of the students. My English has improved a lot since then, and my English teacher at school has been very happy with me during this school year. Last summer I also had the opportunity to visit all the famous monuments and museums in Washington, D.C. I love the idea of going back to Washington and having the opportunity of seeing all the people I know there, especially the Ketchmark family. Kind regards, Ignacio.

Dear host family, my name is Mercedes and I am very interested to share some days with your community in the United States. I was born in 1967 in Madrid. I am the eldest of five brothers and sister. I have been married for 21 years, living in Madrid as well, and we have been blessed with three really good children, two boys and a girl. I am a teacher and I work at Stella Maris Elementary School with five year-old kids, and I love my job and my school. I am a very optimist person and a very hard-worker. I like to work in a team because it is more wealth-producing than to work alone. One of my favorite things is to visit new countries. Not only like a typical tourist running around but knowing thoroughly the country. I think the best way to know a country is sharing experiences with its people. Some of my interests include history, art history, reading, listening music, enjoying nature and friendly meetings.

Choose Life License Plates This weekend, QofA's high school youth group will be providing information about purchasing the bright yellow *Choose Life* Virginia license plates. Help support the pro-life message by "Turning the Parking Lot Yellow". You can purchase your Pro Life License Plates today by going to www.vachoose-life.org.

Parish Youth are invited to participate in Summer Exchange Program activities. Contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org. A participation form must be signed by a parent.

Religious Education - Registration Sunday, Jul. 17 Religious Education Program families who have not registered their child/ren for the 2016-2017 Religious Education school year, may do so next Sunday, **Jul. 17** after Mass. Visit the table in the church vestibule. Please bring a copy of the child's birth and baptismal certificates. Tuition is \$70-1 child; \$120 - 2 children; \$150 = 3+ children in the same family. Classes, kindergarten (age 5) through high school, begin on **Sep. 11** and are taught in English.

Attention High School Youth: Attend "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" Summer Bible Study followed by Open Gym Meet with Fr. Juan and other leaders every Friday in **Jul.** and **Aug.** from 4:30-6:00 pm for a high school bible study. The bible study will be held at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street). Following the bible study, join other high school youth for open gym from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the school gym. To register and for more info, contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

RCIA If you are an adult and are curious about the Catholic faith, thought about becoming a Catholic, or you were baptized Catholic, but have not celebrated the Sacraments, Queen of Apostle' Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Program begins in September, Monday nights. Adults from all faith traditions, or no religious background at all, are welcome to participate in our **Sep. 2016 - Jun. 2017** program of instruction and discussion. Please contact Susan Gray for more information and to register: (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

ACCA Annandale Christian Community for Action will meet at Queen of Apostles on Tuesday, **Jul. 19** at 7:30 pm in Hannan Hall. All are welcome to attend this meeting. The Ruffing College Scholarships for disabled students will be presented.

Hispanic Pilgrimage to Pray for Vocations Join the Hispanic Pilgrimage to Pray for Vocations in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, led by Madre Maria González, PSSJ, and conducted in Spanish. This year's pilgrimage will be on Saturday, **Jul. 30** to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestohowa in Doylestown, Pa. Transportation is provided. The bus will depart Queen of Apostles located at 4401 Sano Street in Alexandria at 6:30 am. and return between 8-9 pm. Cost is \$20 per person. Bring your lunch and money to pay for dinner on the way home. For more information and to sign up, contact Madre María González or Eneyda Martinez at (703) 354-0395 or pssjalexandria@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA and the Missionaries of Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**.