

Pope Francis and the Media

Since the beginning of his pontificate it seems Pope Francis has consumed the media's attention. Now that he is about to visit our country, his presence in the media has increased. However this information can be confusing.

Sometimes parishioners approach me to ask about what they heard or watched in the media about the Pope. I normally respond that before taking a position we should go directly to the source and read what the pope actually stated. That said, I appreciate that people approach the priest to ask and get some guidance and I am concerned that many others, remaining in silence, could be misguided.

In particular, I learned that there was some confusion about the Pope giving permission to all the priests to absolve the sin of abortion. Rather than downplaying the seriousness of abortion, what Pope Francis does is to extend the faculty of forgiving abortions (reserved to the Bishops) to all the priests during the Year of Mercy. In doing so the Pope is directing women hurt by abortion to the confessional for forgiveness and healing. By the way, in the United States it is a common and well established practice granted by bishops that priests absolve abortions. If you want to learn more about this topic you can find good articles on the internet, such as an article by Sr. Marianne Lorraine Trouvé at www.patheos.com: "Five Quick Facts: Pope Francis, Abortion and the Year of Mercy".

More recently, Pope Francis has announced a reform of the declaration of nullity process to take effect on December 8th. The reform is an effort to make this process more accessible particularly in countries where this judicial process can be extremely difficult. We also know that going back to the past can be hurtful. Contrary to media headlines, this reform changes the judicial procedure, not the doctrine of indissolubility. A good explanation of the change can be found at: "Pope Francis Reforms Annulment Process: 9 Things to Know and Share" by Jimmy Akin at www.Catholic.com.

However, I would like to focus on the main points: mercy and conversion.

The permission to forgive abortions is part of the letter that Pope Francis sent to Msgr. Fisichella on the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy's indulgence. We have the whole text in this weekend's insert and I would like to invite you to read it and let the text instill in you the spirit of the jubilee. "It is indeed my wish that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective."

May the Father of Mercies bless Pope Francis' visit to the U.S. and the extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."
-POPE FRANCIS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Monday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Cross

6:30 a.m. +Rosemary Byrne Greenbaum

9:00 a.m. +Purificacion Mercado Floren

Tuesday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30 a.m. +Constancia Monillas

9:00 a.m. +Harold Baker

Wednesday, September 16: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6:30 a.m. +Elizabeth Honore Laurer

9:00 a.m. +Max E. Green

Thursday, September 17: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Emily Peckman

9:00 a.m. +George R. Kelly

Friday, September 18: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +The Sargis Family

9:00 a.m. (L) Barbara Mazur

Saturday, September 19: Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Ronald Lehaney

5:00 p.m. +Ann Glennon

7:00 p.m. +Cristobal Pinto Ribera

Sunday, September 20: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. +Clara Zalakar

9:00 a.m. +Rosita Jarrell

10:30a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

12:00p.m. +Raymond and Vasso Harikiopoulou

Faith Nugget

The Works of Mercy

On December 8 the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy begins. The Pope asks the Church in this Jubilee Year "to rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us."

Do you remember the Works of Mercy? There are seven spiritual and seven corporal. As you refresh them you can practice them with your family. One work of mercy each day. You'll be busy for two weeks!

Ministries Fair This Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.!

We hope you enjoy learning about our parish's many ministries this weekend. There will be a raffle with some great prizes, including tickets for the **Sept. 23** Papal Mass at the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. You'll get a raffle ticket for each time you write your name down on a ministry interest sheet! More info in the vestibule after Masses.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Jas 3:16-4:3

Mk 9:30-37

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Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Luta "Cornie" McGrath, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Barbara Mazur, Irma Mori, Nadine Montegu, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Bridgetta Jenkins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith, Andres Encinas Fernandez, Sabrina Fernandez Numbella, Lula Tesfu, Monte Moyer, Joseph Luong Bui, Jeanie Miller, Carol D. Otani, Jean Seitz, Noah Mabaya, Robert McMurrer, Anne Jenkins.

This Week in Our Parish

Sun., September 13: *Ministries Fair and Sunday Social*

School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group
Chapel 6-8p.m. Prayer Group

Mon., September 14:

Parish Office 7-8p.m. RCIA

Tues., September 15:

Hannan Hall 7:30-9:30p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wed., September 16:

Hannan Hall 7-9p.m. Ghana Group
Parish Office 7:30-8:30p.m. Baptism Class in Spanish

Thurs., September 17:

Parish Office 6:30-8p.m. Legion of Mary
Choir Room 6:30-7:45p.m. High School Bible Study
Church 7:30-8:30p.m. Holy Hour

Fri., September 18:

Chapel 11a.m.-12 Noon Children's Adoration Hour
Hannan Hall 3:30-5:30p.m. Nazareth Group
Cupertino Room 7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary

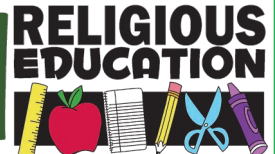
Sat., September 19:

Hannan Hall 10a.m.-12:30p.m. Ghana Community Meeting
School 4-6:30p.m. Spanish Prayer Group
Choir Room 7-9p.m. Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Sun., September 20:

School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group

First Day of Religious Education Today, Sunday, Sept. 13



Doors will open at 8:30a.m. for parents and their children to check-in for the first day of Religious Education class at Queen of Apostles School. Fr. Leopoldo will meet with Spanish-speaking parents in the school's Multipurpose Room. Fr. Juan will meet with students in grades 6, 7, 8, and high school and English-speaking parents in the school's gym. Both meetings are at 9:00a.m. Following the meetings, parents may visit their children's classrooms and meet the catechists. Registration is still open to students, kindergarten (at least age 5) through high school (for students who have not received the Sacraments).

Abortion Clinic Rosary All parishioners are encouraged to join together after the 8a.m. Mass on Saturday, **Sept. 19** to pray the Rosary outside of the abortion clinic on 101 S. Whiting Street. Over 1,000 abortions take place at this clinic every year, less than a mile away from our parish.

Religious Education Second Collection—Today, Sunday, Sept. 13 The Second Collection this weekend is for Religious Education. Thank you for contributing to this annual collection that helps support Queen of Apostles' Religious Education Program.

One Day Abortion Recovery Retreat for Women—Sept. 26 This retreat is a safe place to renew and rebuild hearts broken from abortion. It offers a confidential environment where you can begin the process of healing. For more info or to register email: info@helpafterabortion.org, visit: www.helpafterabortion.org or call: (888)-456-HOPE (4673).

New Parish Website

In our continued effort to improve communication with parishioners, we are excited to launch a new parish website, timed in conjunction with our Ministries Fair this weekend. You may go to www.queenofapostles.org to see the new design and content. This project has been many months in the making, and will continue to be updated over the coming months. May this announcement also serve as a reminder that if you currently do not receive our weekly parish e-mail, *This Week @QofA*, you may sign up at bitly.com/QofAemail. We hope you enjoy the new site!



PSSJ Collection—Thank you! We thank the priests and our family of QofA for your support and generosity towards our mission in the collection two Sundays ago. May God reward you with special blessings. -Poor Sisters of Saint Joseph

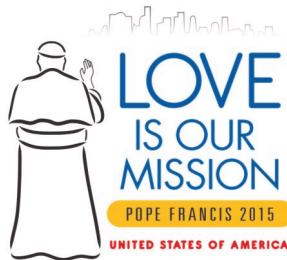
Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend, the collection will go **ACCA** and the **Little Sisters of the Poor**. Next weekend, the collection will go towards **Christ House** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.

QofA Students Soar! A fifth grade student at QofA has been selected as the 1st Place Grand Prize and Virginia State Winner for the Library of Congress essay contest for the Mid-Atlantic region (6 States). This student read her winning essay at the National Book Festival at the Washington Convention Center last week. This student also received an invitation from the White House for the welcoming ceremony for Pope Francis on September 23. We are very proud of our students' accomplishments!



Welcome Pope Francis to America by following the Diocesan Blog and Social Media!

In the lead-up to Pope Francis' Apostolic Visit to the U.S., the Diocese is launching #FrancisontheFamily, a Diocesan-wide campaign that focuses on the catechesis of #PopeFrancis pertaining to family life. We have chosen to highlight some of Francis' most repeated challenges to us — encounter, accompany, witness, and welcome — as a way of sharing the joy of family life. By subscribing to and sharing the blog, www.encourageandteach.wordpress.com — especially on social media — with colleagues, friends and family, you are helping to welcome Pope Francis during his Apostolic Visit to the U.S., and supporting Bishop Loverde in his goal of welcoming the Holy Father. All Diocesan platforms showcase educational and faithful content pertaining to Pope Francis' challenges in the lead-up to and during his visit. Connect with us to see and share! #FrancisontheFamily



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