February 16, 2020

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Monday—Friday 9 am to 4 pm

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Monday — Friday 7 am to 3 pm

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6TH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”
— Mt 5:17

6º DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

“No crean que he venido a suprimir la Ley o los Profetas. He venido, no para deshacer, sino para traer lo definitivo.”
— Mt 5:17
I had two startling conversations last week about priests and parish membership. I was asked by a millennial about the point of joining a parish. “What’s the point of parish membership if I’m going to Mass and already have a strong young adult community on my own?” A faithful Catholic, this young woman honestly didn’t see the value of being in a parish community.

I relayed this story to an older gentleman, also a practicing Catholic. He surprised me as well and said, “I go to two or three churches for Mass. I’m not surprised any more when Catholics are part of several communities for worship.”

I reflected on all of this. **Is parish membership still a thing?**

The increasing mobility of young people, the continued “bigness” of many parishes and the decreasing lack of relationship with our priests and one another - all of this can lead one to doubt the value of parish membership. **But wait- hold the phone. Let’s push back on this a bit.**

When we get emergency calls, we drop everything in order to respond as quickly as possible if the caller is a registered parishioner. Otherwise we need to do triage based on what other activities require our attention.

A good priest who knows you because he sees you Sunday after Sunday and stops to visit with you at coffee and doughnuts after Mass can...

- enliven a community
- equip people in unique ways
- bring healing to our lives when we need it most
- keep us accountable in objective ways
- remind us of our true dignity as sons and daughters of God

In my own life, several priests have had such a profound impact on me that I can’t imagine my discipleship without their influence. Jesus knew what he was doing when he gave the Church priests. Even with the current landscape of scandal and infidelity among some of our priests, I’m not ready to throw in the towel. Our priests need our encouragement. Think of the last time that you prayed fervently for a priest by name- has it been a while?

As Lent draws close, I invite you to hold up for reflection the relationship you have with your local priests and your parish.

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La semana pasada, tuve dos conversaciones sorprendentes sobre sacerdotes y ser miembros de una parroquia. Una joven milenio me preguntó sobre cuál es el punto de ser miembro de una parroquia. “¿Cuál es el punto de ser miembro de la parroquia si voy a misa y tengo una fuerte comunidad de jóvenes por mi cuenta?” Una católica devota, esta joven honradamente no vio el valor de estar en una comunidad parroquial.

Le pase esta anécdota a un hombre ya mayor, también católico practicante. Él también me sorprendió y me dijo: “Voy a dos o tres iglesias para la misa. Ya no me sorprende que los católicos formen parte de varias comunidades para la devoción”. Reflexioné sobre todo esto. ¿**Ser miembro de una parroquia sigue siendo todavía algo?**

La creciente movilidad de los jóvenes, el continuo “incremento” de muchas parroquias y la disminución de la falta de relación con nuestros sacerdotes y entre nosotros, todo esto puede llevar a alguien a dudar del valor de pertenecer a una parroquia.

Pero espera—abstente del teléfono. Vamos a retroceder un poco en esto.

Cuando recibimos llamadas de emergencia, dejamos todo para responder lo más rápido posible si la persona que llama es un miembro de la parroquia. De lo contrario, debemos hacer una distinción y priorizar basándonos en otras actividades que requieren nuestra atención.

Un buen sacerdote los conoce porque los ve domingo tras domingo, y se detiene para visitarlos en un establecimiento donde venden café y donas después de la misa puede...

- vivificar a una comunidad
- preparar a las personas de maneras únicas
- traer sanación a nuestras vidas cuando más lo necesitamos
- mantenernos responsables de manera objetiva
- recordarnos nuestra verdadera dignidad como hijos e hijas de Dios

En mi propia vida, varios sacerdotes han tenido un impacto muy profundo en mí que no puedo imaginar mi discipulado sin sus influencias. Jesús sabía lo que estaba haciendo cuando se dio a los sacerdotes de la Iglesia. A pesar con el panorama actual del escándalo y la deslealtad entre algunos de nuestros sacerdotes, yo no estoy listo para tirar la toalla.

Nuestros sacerdotes necesitan nuestro apoyo. Piensen en la última vez que oraron fervientemente por un sacerdote por su nombre. ¿Ha pasado mucho tiempo?

A medida que se acerca la Cuaresma, los invito a que reflexionen un poco sobre la relación que tienes con tus sacerdotes locales y tu parroquia.

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John Doye, SSF

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Daily Bread is in need of

Cooks: willing to start at 6:00 AM, as many days of the week as able.
Hygiene area volunteers: Fridays, year round, and 7-days per week seasonally between April and November.
Mail sorters: Tuesdays and Thursdays year round.

Daily Bread is located at 815 E Fee Avenue, Melbourne, FL
Contact: Ed McCarthy (321) 347-5068, ed@dailybreadinc.org; Bob Birmingham (321) 693-6291

Mass Schedule

Monday, February 17
8:15 am Fr. Karl Bergin

Tuesday, February 18
8:15 am Living & Deceased Members of the Dunning Family
+Philip Versage

Wednesday, February 19
8:15 am +Nick Monteleone

Thursday, February 20
8:15 am +Jennifer Dansby

Saturday, February 22
4:00 pm +Kathleen Reilly
6:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, February 23
8:00 am +Cresensill Caraballo / Stephen McKone
10:30 am +Andrew Ann Cannella / +Mary Alchermes
6:00 pm The Cavin Family / Blanca DelRinion

This Week In Our Parish

MONDAY, February 17
7:25 am Rosary Church
8:45 am Temple Tenders Church
6:00 pm MOMS Ministries Building

TUESDAY, February 18
7:25 am Rosary Church
3:30 pm CCW Craft Group Ministries Building
6:30 pm Baptism Class Ministries Building
7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group Hall

WEDNESDAY, February 19
7:25 am Rosary Church
9:00 am - Noon Adoration Church
12:00 Noon Benediction Church
5:00 pm Adoration Church
6:00 pm Benediction Church
6:00pm Spanish Rel. Ed. School
7:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal Church

THURSDAY, February 20
7:25 am Rosary Church
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Church
6:30 pm RCIA Ministries Building
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

FRIDAY, February 21
7:25 am Rosary Church
8:45 am Temple Tenders Church

SATURDAY, February 22
4:00 pm +Kathleen Reilly
6:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, February 23
8:00 am +Cresensill Caraballo / Stephen McKone
10:30 am +Andrew & Ann Cannella / +Mary Alchermes
6:00 pm The Cavin Family / Blanca DelRinion

Looking to increase your faith? ... CURSILLO!

WHO SHOULD MAKE A CURSILLO? The Cursillo is designed for those Christians who desire to grow in their Christianity, to share their faith, and to seek more joy and purpose to their faith. Come and find out if Cursillo is for you, Monday, February 24 at 7 pm in the church.

Upcoming Weekends - Spring 2020
Men’s #104: April 2-5
Women’s #112: April 16-19

Contact Dennis Lobmeyer for more information at 321-537-7617 or DennisL968@aol.com
Food Pantry Donations . . . Sincere thanks to our parishioners for their ongoing donations of non perishable food items. Items are distributed to Daily Bread and the Sharing Center. These organizations continue needing non perishable food items and personal hygiene items, i.e. shampoo, soap, etc. The collection basket is in the church vestibule. Thank you for your on going support.

Marriage Annulment Advocate . . . Sister Lucy Vazquez, O.P. is the Marriage Annulment Advocate for our parish. Sister Lucy has worked with the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal since 1978 and will be happy to assist any parishioner who is interested in seeking a church annulment and have his or her marriage situation addressed by the church. We encourage you to call the parish office to set up an appointment with her.
Religious Education Classes
PreK-3 through 8th Grade

Sunday 9:00 – 10:15 am [English]  Wednesday 6:45 – 8:00 pm [Spanish]

Save the Date!
Vacation Bible School
June 15 through June 19

Pre-K through Grade 6
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
OLL Parish Hall

Sacrament of Baptism  Parents and godparents must complete a baptism class. The next class is February 18 and February 25 (two-part class) from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Ministries Building, 1626 Oak Street.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - If you have not received all the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation) or have an interest in becoming Catholic, the RCIA group meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Ministries Building, 1626 Oak Street.

Sunday-by-Sunday – Sunday’s 9:00-10:15 am  A time for adults to discuss scripture, enjoy coffee, donuts and fellowship. Come join us in the St. Joseph’s Room in the Ministries Building, 1626 Oak Street.

Watch “The Adventures of Carlos Caterpillar”
Go to Formed.org and enter Parish Code 7RWM7V
Do YOU want to be the very best YOU can possibly be?

For further information about Religious Education at OLL, contact Patty Taylor at (321) 723 3636 or pattytaylor@ollmlb.org
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Challenging the Mind
Nourishing the Spirit

PreK singing "Glory to God"

February 14
End of 2nd Trimester

February 21
Spirit Shirt Day

February 24 - March 12
Terra Nova Testing
All grades

At school Mass

At 10:30 Mass on Sunday

See the full videos on the school’s Facebook page.

Mission Statement
“Our Lady of Lourdes School exists as a ministry of the Catholic Church to proclaim the gospel message. Recognizing that each person is a unique creation of God, we endeavor to provide a strong spiritual, academic, and emotional foundation enabling students to realize their full potential.”

Student Action Code
“I believe that Jesus is present in each of my classmates and in my teachers; therefore all my actions will show respect for Jesus.”
Virtud de la Semana
Responsabilidad

Es el cumplimiento de las obligaciones, o el cuidado al tomar decisiones o realizar algo.

Cada uno debe examinar su propia conducta. Si es buena, podrá sentirse satisfecho de sus acciones, pero no debe compararse con los demás. Cada uno es responsable ante Dios de su propia conducta. Gálatas 6,4

Espíritu Santo, sé mi guía. Ayúdame a asumir la responsabilidad de mi vida haciendo elecciones correctas y buenas, amables y compasivas. Amén.