Reflections

THE HIGHEST STANDARDS FOR UNITY

“If your brother should sin against you, go and point out his sin.” —Matthew 18:15

Jesus prays that His Church would be one as He and His Father are one (Jn 17:21). Jesus has exceptionally high standards for unity in His Church so that the world would believe that the Father sent Jesus (Jn 17:21). This may come as a surprise to us, for our experience in our local churches may be that of denominational and factional disunity. Yet Jesus never changes His standards. He insists on His Church reflecting the unity of the Trinity.

To prevent disunity, dispel disunity, and build unity, the Holy Spirit works in the following ways. He gives us:

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation,
- The responsibility and wisdom to correct our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ez 33:8; Mt 18:15),
- The charity and discipline to keep our differences with another brother or sister private (Mt 18:15),
- The deeper presence of Jesus and the power of prayer when Christians gather in unity in Jesus’ name (Mt 18:19-20),
- Submission to the authority of the leaders of our church (Mt 18:17), and
- Redemptive suffering (Jn 11:51-52).

The Holy Spirit enables us never to have to settle for less than the best unity in the Church. However, we must be docile to the Holy Spirit and follow His ways of reconciliation and unity exactly and sacrificially. Come, Holy Spirit of unity! (see 1 Cor 12:13; Eph 4:3) Come and give us a new Pentecost of unity!

Prayer:

Father, free the Church to accept her participation in the unity of the Trinity, as soon as possible.

Promise:

“Owe no debt to anyone except the debt that binds us to love one another.” —Rm 13:8

Praise:

“How have you ever been put in jail for ‘proclaiming the resurrection of the dead in the person of Jesus’? (see Acts 4:1-3) Risen Jesus, give me the strength of Your apostles!
Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 8

The Nativity of Mary is celebrated nine months after the Solemnity of her Immaculate Conception (Dec 8th). Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us offer all our joys and sorrows to her on her birthday. Let us commend our souls and bodies to our Heavenly Mother. Her maternal intercession will lead us to her beloved Son. When we entrust our lives to Mary, we can be assured that her holy intercession will take care of all our spiritual needs.

When you follow her: you will not go astray: When you pray to her, you will not despair: When you think of her, you will not err: When she holds you up, you will not fail: When she leads you, you will not be fatigued: When she favors you, you will arrive safely: She keeps her Son from striking us: She keeps the devil from hurting us: She keeps our virtues from escaping us: She keeps our merits from being destroyed: She keeps our graces from being lost.

(St Bernard)

Hail Mary, Full of Grace

Sun  Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8 10; Mt 18:15-20

Mon  Labor Day
1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tues  Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Wed  Memorial of Saint Peter Clave
1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thurs 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13 14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Fri 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Sat  The Most Holy Name of Mary
1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil - this is the gift of God. Ecclesiastes 3:12-13
WE WELCOME OUR Newest Members to Our Faith Family: Joe & Rhonda Meyer

**Holy Trinity**

**Mass Intentions**  
8:00am Weekday Mass Week of Sept 6

- **Mon** 9am John Kuntz Sr †
- **Tues**  Richard Stark †
- **Wed**  Len Seliga †
- **Thurs**  Grimaldi Family
- **Fri**  8:30am David VujoVich †
     12pm Carl Danielson †

**St Augustine**

**Mass Intentions**  
Sat & Sun

- **Sat Sept 12**
  8am Mitzi & Jim Hildman  
       61st Anniversary
  5:15pm Faithful of Holy Trinity

- **Sun Sept 13**
  8am Betty Pickar †
  9am Virgil Pawlenty †
  10am Marian Deilke †
  11am Patricia Eichorn †
  12pm Fr. Mark Wehmann

**Meetings**

NOTICE: All group meetings that normally start up in the fall are postponed until further notice

**Synod Process: Praying with Scripture Series**

Beginning Sept 13, this five-part virtual series on praying with Scripture offers practical tools for growing in holiness, drawing upon the rich tradition of the Catholic Church. Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens will teach the fundamentals of praying with Scripture and explain how to use a Prayer Companion resource to enrich your prayer experience. Watch at your convenience with family, friends or on your own. Find more information at archspm.org/synod.

**Changes Coming for Friday Masses at Holy Trinity**

Starting the First Friday of September the Mass schedule on all Fridays will be 8:30am English and Noon Tridentine. Both Masses will be at Holy Trinity. Once school Masses start on September 11 priority for seating in the church will be given to our school community and overflow for others will be in the Holy Trinity church hall, where a large screen live feed is set up.

**Monday, September 7th is Labor Day**

This Labor Day, we pray for the men and women whose jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. We pray for their continued perseverance and determination as they continue to seek ways in which to participate in God’s creative work.

**Thursday, September 11th is Patriot Day**

We remember all those who lost their lives in the 2001 attacks. We pray for all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families—that they may find comfort and peace.

**Archdiocesan Synod Focus Areas Announced**

Based on the information already gathered in the Prayer and Listening Events, as well as the information gathered for the Ad Limina visit with Pope Francis in January, and the results of the Disciple Marker Index, Archbishop Hebda has discerned the initial set of focus areas for the Archdiocesan Synod. Those areas will set the parameters for discussions at the deanery and parish levels:

1. Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization
2. Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus’s love and respond to his call
3. Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young

Read more, watch the video of Archbishop Hebda announcing the topics, and stay in the loop about upcoming ways to get involved at archspm.org/synod.

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