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Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass

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Mission Statement

We have a nice blank spot in the bulletin to put such a thing... if we had one.

Hint, hint pastoral council

Fr. Robideau - What will he say next? I can't wait!

I am not sure what has happened as of recent, but I keep getting the question of salvation of the unbaptized asked a lot recently.

Let us start with scripture first: Scripture makes it clear that baptism is necessary for salvation. Note that baptism does not guarantee salvation. One must still live a holy life and die in the state of grace to receive salvation. Salvation requires merit and there is no merit if one is not in the state of grace. Baptism is the entryway into all of this being possible. The other important factor concerning baptism is the removal of original sin and gaining of Sanctifying Grace and how it empowers the individual to receive God's grace to make a holy life possible.

We must distinguish living a good life from a holy life. We all have a natural desire to live a good life and so can do much good in our life. We can say that this makes one a good person. They have no real desire to go around harming people, but they, like the baptized, our disordered passions get the better of us at times. For some it is all the time and we can call these bad people.

We recall that we are not called to be good people on the natural plain. We are called to be good people on the supernatural plain. We are called to be holy, *nee*, to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. This can only happen for the baptized in the state of grace.

We need to look at the teaching of all grace comes through the (Catholic) Church. All God's grace comes through His Bride, the Church. All this grace is made possible by Mary's cooperation with God's plan and so she is called Mediatrix of all grace, but it all comes from the hand of God. He is the source of all grace, though He may use different agents to distribute His grace. So all grace comes from God, made possible by His Mother, through His Bride (the Church) to the individual, situation or event, sometimes through a secondary agent like a holy person or a saint. This grace even extends to the world outside the Church. God graces people by intervening in their life. Not like He does for us though. His grace for them is to inspire them to recognize Him and to want come into the Church (be incorporated into the Body of Christ).

Now there are baptized people who are not part of the Church. They are called protestants. Please do not call them christians as if we are not christians. The division is not between christians and

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This Weeks Schedule

- Sun: 5th Sunday after Pentecost
 Open 7:15 am - 12 noon
 Mass 8 am Silvano Alvarado and Family
 10 am Parish
- Mon: Vigil of SS. Peter and Paul
 Open 11 am - 1 pm
 Mass 12:10 pm Alexis Loebig
- Tue: SS. Peter and Paul
 Open 5 pm - 7 pm
 Mass 6:30 pm - Kiah & Gabriella Hester
- Wed: Commemoration of St. Paul
 Open 7:30 am - 11 am
 Mass 8 am Minor children of the George Family
- Thur: Most Precious Blood of our Lord
 Open 5 pm - 7 pm
 Mass 6:30 pm - +Alfred Martin
- Fri: Visitation of BVM
 Open 7:30 am - 11 am
 Mass 8 am Kiah & Gabriella Hester
- Sat: St. Irenaeus
 Open 8:30 am - 11 am
 Mass 9 am +Christine Martin
- Sun: 6th Sunday after Pentecost
 Open 7:15 am - 12 noon
 Mass 8 am Parish
 10 am +Hudson Deweese

Confessions

Confessions are available Monday - Saturday during open hours outside of Mass times.

You may also call to make an appointment outside of these times.

Weddings

Please call me as soon as you can after the engagement so we can get things started.

Do not schedule a date or rent a hall until church matters are cleared first (That will take 1-2 months)

The whole marriage prep process requires a minimum of 9 months of prep.

Please pray for:



**Oh Lord,
 hear our
 prayers for
 our family
 and friends
 in need.**

Tim Copernoll
 Amy Sobie
 Rachele Koenigsknecht
 Ed Reichstetter
 Melissa Dorbeck
 JoAnn Brock
 Chuck Campanella
 Hal Schneider
 Timothy McLin
 Dean Lind
 Rhoda Greenhoe
 David Makara
 Sharon Etzel
 Bob Wilson

Money Counters

I almost have the counting room ready.

I am now working on the cabinets.

As soon as it is complete, we will have a training session.

More information to come.

Last Sunday's Collection

Of Contributions 16 + Cash
 Sunday Total \$ 2372
 Capital Campaign \$ 194

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings

Pastoral Council – July 13
 Security Council –
 Men's Group – July 15
 Woman's Group – July 3

Catholics. The division is of Christians as Protestants and Catholics. Because of this division, we need to recognize that they are separated from the Catholic Church, the only church established and recognized by God.

They are outside the Church as are the Jews, Muslims, infidels, pagans, Hindus, Buddhists... Either you are Catholic or you are not. And being Catholic means something. It means that you believe in all the essential teachings of the Catholic Church on Faith and morals. If one does not, they are not Catholic in the truest sense of the word. This does not mean that one cannot be ignorant or mistaken about a teaching of the Catholic Church. They can and still be a Catholic so long as it is not intentional. The other point here is that if they are ignorant or mistaken, it must NOT be on a point that they should reasonably know and know and believe correctly. An example is the teaching on abortion. No serious and self-respecting Catholic could ever have this point wrong. The other point is that once you are made aware of a teaching of the Faith or are corrected in a matter of the Faith, you are morally obliged to incorporate it into your understanding and belief of being a Catholic. To willfully and manifestly continue in ignorance or error is to sin gravely except in the case of mental incapacity or invincible ignorance. Now, if Biden and Pelosi want to claim mental incapacity, I could probably give them that one. Sorry, I digress.

Back on point, God told us to go out and teach all nations (all people), including all Jews and Protestants. We are to go out and teach them the TRUTH of Jesus Christ (Protestants believe in much error about Him). We are then to introduce them to the Church. We are to encourage them to come into and be incorporated into the full Body of Christ; The Church Victorious, the Church Suffering and the Church Militant (His Church on Earth) of which the other religions, Protestants included, have no real part.

Now we remember another teaching; There is no salvation outside the Catholic Church. This is doctrine and so must be believed. Jesus Established the Catholic Church for a reason. He did not say that the Catholic Church is the

Parish Picnic

July 17

2-5 pm

Please start thinking about what you will be bringing for food and beverages.

As usual, we will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs and buns

I also need a volunteer to coordinate the event. I am very busy taking care of all you sinners.

privileged way (Bishop Barron!) as one way among many ways to God, but somehow the most special way. He said that we must be incorporated into the full Body of Christ, the ONE, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

As we started out this article, we know that baptism is the entry into the Church and the possibility for salvation. It is the means by which God gave us to bring salvation to His people.

There is some theological speculation that while baptism is the only means that God gave to the Church, He Himself is not limited by this one way, that He might have other ways to save souls. This is stated in the Vatican II documents and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

While God is all merciful, he is not a Democrat who applies the law without equality. We must remember that mercy without justice is discrimination and favoritism. Something that I would not apply to God. He is pure Justice and applies mercy according to merit.

I have told the story before of the mother who had two sons. They got into HUGE trouble and were grounded for a week. As to the party they were looking forward to this weekend... Well, they will not be going to that. The first son showed no remorse and made Mother's life

miserable. She felt the full weight of his displeasure. The second son felt sorry and spent his time of punishment doing his homework, cleaning his room and making the best of a bad situation. The Mother recognized this and decided to apply his meritorious (merit) behavior toward a little mercy. She told him that while he was still grounded, he could go to the party. The other son was excited, thinking he was going to the party also, until his mother told him he would not be going, that he did not deserve special consideration based on merit.

We notice that mercy applied according to merit is not unjust, but is justice itself. Merit tempers justice because it is a demonstration of the desired effect of justice; sorrow, repentance, reparation and a change of life to do good rather than evil.

Because justice demands merit for mercy, God cannot violate this without being unjust. He cannot just willy-nilly apply mercy however He feels like it. It must be earned or merited.

Now we remember that salvation is God's mercy for those who EARN it. He sent His only Son to come into the world to let us know how it is that we can obtain this mercy and what He told us was that we must be washed in the waters of baptism, live a holy life and die in the state of grace. At no point did He say "and for those that fall through the cracks, I will save those myself another way." God gave one law and He will not violate that law. Jesus even said that He came not to abolish the law, but to teach it and fulfill it.

Why would God teach one thing and then act in another? He cannot deceive nor be deceived. Nor is He a hypocrite, saying one thing and then doing another.

Now when it comes to salvation (the baptized), we have two classes of people. Those who have

obtained the age of reason and those who have not. We remember that being of "the age of reason" means that one is able to know and distinguish right from wrong, good from evil. Once people have obtained this age (assumed about the age of 7) they are accountable to sin. Hence the importance of getting our children to sacramental prep for the sacrament of confession in the 2nd grade.

Before the age of reason, one is still subject to punishment by the parents, but not due to sin, but as a way to help them learn right from wrong, since they cannot discern it for themselves. Before God, they are still guiltless because sin requires the ability to know right from wrong. Should they be baptized and die before obtaining the age of reason, they go strait to heaven.

Those who have been baptized and obtained the age of reason must live a holy life and die in the state of grace to go to heaven and most of these still have to go to purgatory first. All others go to hell.

Well, look at that, I have run out of room. More to come next week. I know, you can't wait!

God Bless, Fr. Robideau

Have you noticed that when petitions like one to recall a governor are turned over to the state that they go over every single signature to verify that they are legally able to sign?

Should an election ballot not be given the same consideration?

The voter ID check is not discrimination. It is a moral duty.

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