



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass

July 4, 2021

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

Wait no longer, part 2 is here...

We are talking about the unbaptized babies who die. Where do they go. Last week, we had the preliminary information. You will need to go back and read that if you have not already. It is on the web site.

We have seen that God has said that baptism is necessary for salvation. The word necessary does not mean optional. If God meant optional He would have said that baptism is sufficient for salvation, not necessary.

What do we mean by salvation? What is it that baptism is necessary for? The short answer is the beatific vision. By salvation, we mean that one actually goes to heaven and sees God face to face and enjoys a supernatural happiness for all eternity. This salvation is for those who are baptized which makes one a child of God and heir to the kingdom. While Jesus won this salvation for us, we must still merit it's effects (actual salvation). To do this we must love God and our neighbor, live the Faith, and die in the state of sanctifying grace.

This is what heaven is all about, being part of the inner life of the Trinity, seeing God face to face, forever giving Him the glory that is rightfully His, loving Him, honoring Him, being a part of the eternal liturgy as the book of Revelations describes the Lamb Standing before the alter making an eternal sacrifice to the Father, and singing with the angels that great hymn; Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus...

Anything less than this heaven is Hell. Hell is separation from God, not seeing Him face to face, and not getting to knowing Him. This is the best that Hell is. From there we speak of the pains of Hell, fire and torture. Yes, our God is a jealous God and a vengeful God. He will exact every last bit of justice He has coming to Him. To die in the state of mortal sin, that price is an infinite, never ending, ever lasting eternal sentence to pain and suffering.

But what of those who do not die in the state of mortal sin, who die before the age of reason and who were not baptized? They have no personal sin to pay a debt for. This is true, but they were not baptized and so were not incorporated into the Body of Christ.

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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

This Weeks Schedule

- Sun: 6th Sunday after Pentecost
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon
Mass 8 am United States of America
10 am Parish
- Mon: St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria
Open 11 am - 1 pm
Mass 12:10 pm +Harry Hawkins
- Tue: Feria
Open 5 pm - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm - Elizabeth Masacek
- Wed: SS. Cyril and Methodius
Open 7:30 am - 11 am
Mass 8 am John Deweese
- Thur: St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal
Open 5 pm - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm - +Christin Martin
- Fri: Feria
Open 7:30 am - 11 am
Mass 8 am Fr. John Lovell
- Sat: Seven Brothers & SS. Rufina & Secunda
Open 8:30 am - 11 am
Mass 9 am Connen O'Brien
- Sun: 7th 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
Rachelle 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	23 + Cash
Sunday Total	\$ 1980.25
Capital Campaign	\$ 90

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings

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

40 Days For Life

Praying at the Frandor (Planned Parenthood) abortion mill is a beautiful way to try to stop the murder of the innocent and most vulnerable.

These children are needlessly and inhumanly deprived their right to life and the opportunity to be baptized and have a chance for salvation.

There are open slots for you to join these courageous people fighting to save these poor innocent little souls (and their bodies too).

Please call our own Britteny Paptic with any questions and to sign up to do your part at 248-917-1225 or britteny.paptic@gmail.com

Thank you Britteny for your work.

Granted, it is due to no fault of their own. This only helps us to see the grave duty a parent has to get their child baptized as soon as possible. For those who are miscarried, there never was that possibility. For those who were murdered in the womb, the possibility was taken from them.

But these things are the parents fault, not the child's! How could a just God punish them for their parents crime? To think in these terms is to think according to that insidious word "Fair." It is not "fair" that they are punished for their parents sin. To this, we must remember that God is not fair. He is JUST. The idea of fairness is a human construct.

The fact is that God gave the law. If we violate it we pay the price, but so do others. The sins of the Father...

To continue this discussion, we must eliminate the idea of what is "fair" and think in terms of what is God's justice with the full and certain knowledge that His justice is more than fair and better than fair. God's goodness will not subject anyone to anything that is unjust.

Parish Picnic

July 17, 2-5 pm Washington Park

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.

When something bad (unfair) happens to us, we can ask the question "why did God do this to me." or "why did God allow this to happen to me?" We think, where is this just God? Bad things happening to us, things we dislike, hurt, offends, humiliates, is not good and even evil. And sometimes, God does it to us (except evil, He could never do that, but He can allow it.) Is this Justice? If I hurt someone I get sewed. How does God get away with it? We remember that he acts according to His love and justice, not by what is fair. He also acts according to His omniscience. He knows everything. He knows that if I continue in my life, that I will go to hell. He loves me and does not want to send me to hell as my actions deserve (justice), so He intervenes. His intervention generally is not comfortable. Remember that He is trying to get me to do what is good, to go against my corrupt passions and desires. So from my human standpoint, what he is doing or allowing to happen to me seems unfair, unjust, hurtful, unnecessary, wrong, violent, mean...

The goal of God doing this is that He knows that if I respond to His correction, that I will not go to Hell. He loves me and wants me in heaven with Him, but if I do not respond, I will still go to hell. The fact is that God already knows if I will respond or not. So, if He knows that I will not respond, why would He wast His time and grace

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on me? Because He is just. He does everything He can without violating free will to get us to respond to Him in this way. Now we can understand why, when we stand before Him upon our death; why we have no excuses; why His punishment is so severer and absolute. He gave us every opportunity to convert and to do the right before Him and we rejected Him. He gave us every grace we needed to become holy and we rejected Him. Even still, He loves us and had to try. Not try in the sense of satisfying Himself that He did everything He could to save us but in the sense that we understand that when we go to hell, that we did it to ourself. It is justice.

As to the unbaptized children, God gave the parents every opportunity to do the right thing. They refused.

Miscarriages are different. The parent did not refuse. Rather, they did not have the chance. With this, we must submit to our Faith that God is good and knows what he is doing.

Abortion, though, that is different again. And this is the insidiousness of abortion. Not that they committed murder, that is evil enough in itself, but that they stole from that child the opportunity to be baptized; to know, love and serve God in this life and to be happy with Him forever in the next. How sick, selfish, twisted, demented, perverted and evil is that?

With this, we still have the problem of what happens to them. It seems just that they be deprived salvation according to God's law. But Hell? Do they deserve that?

Remember that I spoke of hell in two ways. The first was separation from God, the deprivation of the Beatific Vision. The second is the pains of Hell for the rejection of God and for the sins committed against Him.

They do not deserve the second. They did not reject God. They never knew Him to reject Him. And because they did not commit personal sin with knowledge of right from wrong, they do not deserve punishment either.

Let us stick with the first level of Hell, separation from God. Because they are separated from God, it is a type of Hell. But this separation knows no pain or suffering. Rather, they experience a natural happiness as different from the supernatural happiness we will have that comes from the Beatific Vision. But, they are happy.

There is no need to morn for them any more than we would morn for the souls damned to hell. It is justice. The same for the souls in heaven, it is justice.

I guess what I want to say is that we need not worry about it. What ever it is, we know that it is just, even if it does not seem "fair" to us here and now.

What we do need to worry about is justice it self. That is, the JUSTICE that we each have coming our own way.

God Bless, Fr. Robideau

Explain this logic to me please...

We are not allowed to sell, lend or give guns to people who are dangerous to the welfare of themselves or to others or who have mental problems. I understand that part, it is right and just. What I do not understand is why the government thinks we should then give our guns to them.

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