



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass

August 15, 2021

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

Compelled to Act

The Good Samaritan is trumpeted precisely because he acted freely. He chose to help the man in need. No one forced or compelled him to do so. It was a genuine act of charity.

Most laws restrict action much like the 10 commandments; Thou shalt not... Laws are generally made to correct abuses and so restrict behavior so as to protect the rights of others. Few laws ever compel action. There are a few "good Samaritan laws" where one is compelled to help someone in need, but only if it does not put you at risk.

The reason for this is that it is easier to restrict behavior than it is to compel it. It is easy to command that one may not kill. It is another to say pick up that gun and shoot that man over there. One of the limiting factors involved in compelling action is the question: can this person even do the action? Do they have the physical, mental, intellectual or financial ability to do the act? Do they have the knowledge or time to do it? Another limiting factor is the question: by asking them to do something, are we violating some fundamental right they have to life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, possessions, religion, free speech...

Compelling action is generally not good law as not everyone is able to act.

In general, most harm is caused by action more so than by inaction. It is what people do to me that hurts more often than what they do not do to me.

Arnold Schwarzenegger made a statement the other day and it was not pretty so please forgive me as I quote him. He said, "Screw your freedom! With freedom comes duties and responsibilities." Look at the illogic and self defeating point he makes. If freedom is the source of the duties and responsibilities he says we have, then you cannot "screw"

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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

St. Gregory says:

"No sacrifice is more acceptable to God than zeal for souls."

Now think about a mission statement.

This Weeks Schedule

- Sun: Assumption of the BVM
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon
Mass 8 am Fr. James Altman
10 am Parish
- Mon: St. Joachim
Open 11 am - 1 pm
Mass 12:10 pm - Tim Coppernoll
- Tue: St. Hyacinth
Open 5 pm - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm - Tim Coppernoll
- Wed: Feria
Open 7:30 am - 11 am
Mass 8 am - Reparation to the Holy Family
- Thur: St. John Eudes
Open 5 pm - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm - Mathew & Christina Biewer
- Fri: St. Bernard
Open 7:30 am - 11 am
Mass 8 am - Reparation to the Twin Hearts
- Sat: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Open 8:30 am - 11 am
Mass 9 am - Lora Klein
- Sun: 13 Sunday after Pentecost
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon
Mass 8 am Mathew & Christina Biewer
10 am Parish

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 marriage prep process can take 9 or more 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

This Week

Julie Snitgen
Linda Cremer

Next Week

Linda Cremer
Michael Nickerson

Last Sunday's Collection

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| # Of Contributions | 24 + Cash |
| Sunday Total | \$ 3440.25 |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 380 |
| July Online Giving | \$ 3216.66 |

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings

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| Pastoral Council | – Sep 14 |
| Security Council | – |
| Men's Group | – Aug 19 |
| Woman's Group | – August 7 |

freedom and maintain the duties and responsibilities that are derived from it. By rejecting our freedom, he also rejects our duties and responsibilities.

Rather the source of duties and responsibilities comes from God. Think about it... If there was no "higher power" then there would not be duties or responsibilities. Who would hold us accountable to them? With no ultimate authority, there is no accountability and so no duties or responsibilities.

The reason we are able to have a civilized society is precisely that we believe in God or at least a god. We can see what happens to civilized behavior when people do not believe in God or a god. We see it in socialism, Communism, the direction the Democratic part is going, BLM, Antifa, abortion, gangs, big business and so many other places. Unfortunately, we even see it in the Catholic Church with clergy and laity who do not believe (not truly).

In any case, it remains true that we do have duties and responsibilities that come from God. But it is also true that we have freedom that comes from God as well. So Arnold, if you are going to deny freedom, you have to deny God first.

What we will notice is that while God gives us duties and responsibilities, He also gives us freedom. That is to say that even God does not compel us to action. Freedom is the very essence of our human dignity. Duties and responsibilities are the measure of how well we live that dignity. That means our first duty is to remain free. To lose freedom is to lose our very God given dignity as human beings.

The point that Arnold was trying to make is that we have a duty to get the vaccine. He was saying that we do not have the freedom to choose for ourself on this matter. He is saying that we need to be compelled to act for the love of our neighbor and for the common good.

Men's Group

Ladies, I ask that you please excuse the men in your life from all domestic duties this Thursday evening starting at 6:30 pm so that they may participate in their monthly masculinity booster program.

I promise to give you back a better man then you send me.

This argument that we loose our freedom for the common good is bogus. The very act of taking away freedom violates and destroys the very fabric of the common good. What is good is that we are free. Freedom is from God and so is a good and an inalienable right. It is for the good of all, the common good, that we all be free and that we work with each other to maintain our freedoms in a civilized manor. To start picking and choosing which freedoms and which rights would only destroy the common good which is freedom itself.

I understand that there are a lot of people who think they are right and that everyone else is wrong. But even if you are right, you do not have the right to impose your believe on me. Saying "it is the right thing to do" does not make it the right thing to do as if you have some magical wand that you wave over it that makes it so. There are many facts, scientific facts, religious facts, socio/political facts, that contradict you. The best you can really say is that it is the right thing for you, not me. That is why we live in a pluralistic world, because we each make our own choices.

Sometimes those choices step on the toes of others and causes some disharmony, but with cooperation and personal sacrifices that do not compromise our human dignity, we work through it.

Now, speaking specifically to the question

at hand. Is there a duty to receive the vaccine? The quick answer is no. But lets go deeper.

Duties come from God. There is no specific command from God to take vaccines. Many, though, want to point to God commanding that we love our neighbor as being the command that we are to protect them by getting the vaccine. They say we have a duty to protect our neighbor. If we love them, we certainly would not want to get them sick. Would we?

While this may sound good, the fact is that God commanded that we love our neighbor AS OURSELF. We must love self first. We must look out for and protect self first. This includes our own spiritual, mental, intellectual, physical, financial and material well being. This even includes things like our honor, reputation and social status. Then as we come to understand our own value and worth as an individual, we fan then understand it for others and desire for them what we would want even for ourself.

Now some seem to think that because they want the vaccine that others should take it also. But this is not how it works. Just because I want something does not mean that others should want what I want. What I really want is the right to choose what I want and so then I should want that others have the same liberty to want what they want. God's law being the only limiting factor for each of us.

One of God's limiting factors is that He did

say that we are to love our neighbor as our self, therefore, so we are to afford them the same liberty we would want for ourself, **THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE.**

The fact that people are wanting to take away the rights of others and force the vaccine on them only shows that they have failed to love their neighbor. We know they have loved themselves because we see them thinking only of themselves all the time; selfish, arrogant, self-righteous pride, putting their rights over the rights of others. Notice that the pro natural immunity people are not asking anyone to give up their rights, only that we each get to make our own choice.

The pro vacc'ors try to justify their sin by saying it is the natural immunity people who fail to love. But not so. We are each called to manage our own health in our own way according to the laws of God, not according to their fear. Only once I know I am sick, do I have an obligation to protect the health of others. Before that, I live life like anyone else.

"But you could be a carrier and not know it." True enough. But I do not spread it. It spreads itself. Viruses do what viruses do. I am not the virus. Nor do I take responsibility for the virus.

Do you know that every time you get in a car, you could kill me? Does that stop you? No. You drive according to standard and acceptable practices and we all take our risks. That is called life. Every time we go out into the world we are at risk in any number of ways. We do not ask people to stop living for us so that we can feel safe. Nor do we ask them to take unreasonable precautions or violate their faith to do so.

God Bless - Fr. Robideau

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