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# "like a mustard seed..."

#### **MASS INTENTIONS** SAT, June 12 5 PM Parish Family SUN, June 13 + Fr. Philip Krogman 8 AM 10 AM + Emil, Mary & Jerry Polzean MON, June 14 8 AM + For All the Poor Souls in Purgatory -especially those forgotten 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM ADORATION TUE. June 15 8 AM + Ronald Wahoske WED, June 16 8 AM + Dr. Burt Bloch THU, June 17 8 AM + Stephen Walker FRI. June 18 8 AM + Heather Benesh SAT, June 19 5 PM + Bud & Bernadette Lubarksy SUN, June 20 8 AM Parish Family

**Vourvoulias Family** 

10 AM

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome to our Parish Family! If you wish to register, please stop in the parish office to pick up a new membership form, or print out a copy from our website: www.OLOL.center. **CONFESSIONS:** Sat: 4 - 4:45 pm, Sun 7:30 - 7:45 am, 9:30 - 9:45 am, and by appointment anytime. **BAPTISM:** Please contact Fr. Peter as soon as possible, even before the birth of the baby. MARRIAGE: Please contact Fr. Peter at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

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## LOOKING AHEAD...

**June14** 8:30am - 12:30pm, OFFICE OPEN 8:30-11:30 am ADORATION

June 15 8:30am - 12:30pm, OFFICE IS OPEN

June 20 Father's Day

June 27 Parish Picnic after 10 am Mass sign up, sheet on kitchen counter

July 4 Independence Day
July 5 Independence Day

observed

July 13 Fr. Peter moves to new place Fr. Anthony arrives sometime this week.



# PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Country, Dea Shimpach and her son, Mike Dudzinski, Ellie Hahnl, William Stevens, Pat Green, Bill & Elaine Riebe, Marie Pitre, Kathryn & Ed Wabiszewski, John Robert Katsibubas, Dusty Walker.

### WHAT'S IN OUR CHURCH

STATUES Most centuries had uneducated, hard working people. And through the years, holy Mother Church has looked for ways to educate them. Schools were far and wide and mostly were unaffordable. For this reason, stained glass windows were used to teach, so did pictures, and so did statues. St. Francis made popular the Nativity scene, and artists all through the ages have tried to depict Bible passages into works of art.

Having been to the Vatican in 1993, I was able to peruse through these timeless treasures in the Vatican's halls. The secular world used artists for profane use, Catholic artists helped people to make the Sacred Scriptures come alive. The latter helped people to grow in holiness, the secular often lead people away from GOD.

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# From the DESK of... Fr. Peter

## **BACK IN ORDINARY TIME**

GREEN is the liturgical color of Ordinary Time. The color stands for life and hope.

Ordinary Time is divided into two time periods. Following the Baptism of our Lord is the first period, which continues until Ash Wednesday. Pentecost Sunday starts the second period of Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, as it continues until the Advent season begins again.

It is a time of quiet, silent growth. The Gospels deal with Jesus teachings and miracles during His three years of public life. A symbol of this first part are fishes and loaves.

The second part of Ordinary Time is imbued with the workings of the Holy Spirit. This unseen Person of the Blessed Trinity is at work, quietly, and urgently, He knocks on people's hearts.

The final Sunday of the 2nd part in Ordinary Time is Christ the King Sunday. All creation must eventually submit to our LORD. It tells us of a final judgment during which the sheep are separated from the goats. Have we made Christ our LORD even while in this body of ours, or did we live a life of dissipation, without much thought about GOD. How would you like to send your son to die for the people and they don't give a hoot about what you did? Yet this is what many people do. Let us be fervent in our love for GOD.

## **FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS**

# Modifications to the Five First Saturdays Devotion to facilitate its observation

The original request of Our Lady asks one to confess and receive Communion on five consecutive first Saturdays; to say five decades of the Rosary; to meditate during 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary for the purpose of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in reparation for the sins of men

In subsequent private visions and apparitions however, Sister Lucia presented to Our Lord the difficulties that devotees encountered in fulfilling some conditions. With loving condescension and solicitude, Our Lord deigned to relax the rules to make this devotion easy to observe:

Confession may be done within 8 days (before or after) so long as one receives Our Lord worthily and has the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Even if one forgets to make the intention, it may be done on the next confession, taking advantage of the first occasion to go to confession.

Sister Lucia also clarified that it is not necessary to meditate on ALL mysteries of the Rosary on each First Saturdays. One or several suffice.

With much latitude granted by Our Lord Himself, there is no reason for the faithful to hesitate or delay this pious practice in the spirit of reparation which the Immaculate Heart of Mary urgently asks.

#### **MAKING A VISIT**

Being invited to someone's home for a visit or for a dinner is always a great honor. We do dress up and we want to be on our best behavior. If possible we bring a small gift to show our appreciation. I learned much about this during my stay in the Philippines. They even have a word for bringing a gift: it is called:

**Pasalubong** (Tagalog, "[something] for when you welcome me") is the Filipino tradition of travelers or visitors bringing gifts. Even if it is the smallest of gifts, it counts. Sugary treats are especially welcome, or baked goods, since they are rare among the poor people on most of the 7000 islands, but I digress.

If I now visit someone I become part of that family - with all its rules and regulations (except maybe doing dishes afterwards). Guys often go to the man-cave, ladies gather in the living room and children have their own space to run and have fun. And when we have talked enough, we gather for the meal, with children often having their own table. All is good and well as long as we follow the often unspoken rules of the house.

Going to Church is just like that. We dress up, we are on our best behavior and we even bring a gift. We dress up because we are going to meet the LORD of LORD's, the King of Kings, right before us on the altar as He is immolated for our sins. We are on our best behavior - especially on the inside, meaning that we have been cleansed of our sins in the Sacrament of Confession and are ready to enter into Communion with GOD.

Our **Pasalubong** is our tithing (which is a gift to GOD, according to our means. Think of the poor widow with only 2 small copper coins, all the money she had (Lk 21:2, et al). We give our tithing not to impress the priest or show off, but we give according to what GOD had blessed us with. Biblical tithing consisted of 1/3 to the Temple, 1/3 to the poor, 1/3 to live on. Since this seemed too much, the biblical rule of 10% took it's place. The truth is that most people give less than 1% of their income to GOD.

Our holy Mass is a recapitulation of the Last Supper, culminating in the death of Christ on the cross and finally His resurrection. When the host of heaven stands in awe before the LORD, they bow in most profound adoration, and we earthlings are invited to participate in this worship. All our attention ought to be focused on the action of the priest, who has become an alter Christi - another Christ. And truly he is, since he says in unison with Christ: "This is MY body" "This is MY blood." We encounter JESUS - a most sacred and hallowed moment.

Vatican Council II calls it: "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that full, con-

scious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, ..." (Sacrosanctum Concilium 14). The nature of liturgy is worship - adoration - praise!

Taken this phrase, the priest is to lead the people into this FULL, ACTIVE and CONSCIOUS participation. He is most reverend towards this end and as "host of this church" he expects the congregation to follow the "rules of the church," as proposed.

At this point we now turn to our children, and how they fit in. As stated at my homily last Sunday, "there were no children at the Last Supper;" - but there were children whenever Christ was about among His people. There "He welcomed them and blessed them, for the Kingdom of GOD belongs to such as these." (Lk 18:16).

One of the rules of our Church is that if there are lively children, we have a place for them (and their parents), where they can be children - in the foyer. There they are no distraction to others, who want to participate fully, active and conscious. For the thing is, when we focus on Christ on the altar, and there is a commotion or talking or a cell phone going off - our attention is diverted, and it is hard to get back into our mental participation to which Christ calls us. It is not the children who are the nuisance, but it is the parents who do not want to follow the rules of the church. It is a lot easier to label a priest as children hater, when he tries to lead people to a deeper union with Christ.

And to add insult to injury - the priest is then called names. Any person who had a bit of philosophy or theology, knows the principles of a debate: one of which is an "argument ad hominem," which is an argument against a person. It attacks a person and not the argument at hand; and this argument is invalid, not admissible. But this is what the world does, that has no understanding of the reality of GOD, the Sacraments, grace and the working of grace in the person. It is so easy to blame others, rather then take responsibility for one's children. Children act out only as much as their parents let them. If there would be no place where children could be during this sacred mystery, that would be a different story...

And when the rules of this church are announced at the beginning of holy Mass and these rules are ignored, our worship becomes less of what it ought to be. If people chose to leave instead of following the house rules, this just show the unwillingness of the parents to humbly submit to this request. And is this not the most noble act

that a human person can perform, - the union of living GOD with men. Even angels wish they could receive the LORD as we do in Holy Communion, but the can't.

