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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

27th Sunday of Year C - 2nd October 2022

Today, with great joy, we "Welcome" His Lordship Bishop Stephen Robson as he is coming to St Mary Magdalene's Parish Community and we ask Him to preside at the Holy Eucharist; support us with God's Word; and with His pastoral blessing.

Thank you Bishop Stephen for being with us and we wish you to feel comfortable in our Parish Family.



Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time.

In the gospel today, the apostles ask Jesus, "Increase our faith." Jesus doesn't instantly do as they ask. Instead, he tells them that they first need to get their priorities in the right order. And it isn't right, Jesus says, for the master to come in and serve dinner to the field hand.

This isn't about doing a nice deed for the hired help. Jesus' point is that - if we really want to increase our faith - we first need to "walk the walk". Our first priority should be to give ourselves body and soul to God's plans for us. "The Church's faith is essentially a eucharistic faith, and it is especially nourished at the table of the Eucharist."

In other words, all of the Scripture readings, songs, and prayers in the Mass communicate to us what the church believes. What grounds all of our prayer and wor-

ship is the powerful vision described in the first reading.

Yes, our world suffers from greed, violence, destruction and sin. We who follow Jesus try to bring peace now by living his life here on earth. But we also hope for his coming again in glory to fulfill all his promises. The Lord says: "Write down the vision clearly... For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late."

We believe in God, and God's timing, and God "will not be late." Thank God, we are waiting together! And we can hope together, too, because "... faith is not an isolated act....The believer has received faith from others and should hand it on to others...I cannot believe without being carried by the faith of others, and by my faith I help support others in the faith." (Catech., para. 166).

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

God bless you all!

Fr Bogdan SDS

MASS SCHEDULES

Monday
No public Mass

Tuesday - Saturday
9am

Friday
7pm (Polish)

Sunday
10am (English)
12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
9:30am (after Mass)
or call to make an appointment.

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of Jimmy Gallagher and Dennis Kirk and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Important Memorials

Memorials can be dedicated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion—birthdays, anniversaries, living and dead etc... or for your own special intention by ordering a Holy Mass. Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priest. It is a donation. Thank you for all your orders!

Priest's Musing

The Pope had just finished a tour of the East Coast and was taking a limousine to the airport. Having never driven a limo, he asked the chauffeur if he could drive for a while. The chauffeur didn't have much of a choice, so he climbed in the back of the limo and the Pope took the wheel.

The Pope got on the expressway and started accelerating to see what the limo could do. He got up to about 90 mph, and suddenly saw the blue lights of the expressway patrol in his mirror. He pulled over and the trooper walked up to his window. The trooper took one look at who was driving and said, "Just a moment please. I need to call the station."

The trooper got on his radio and asked to speak to the chief. He told the chief that he's got a really important person pulled over, and asked how he should handle it. "Is it the governor?" asked the chief. "No sir!" replied the trooper, "This guy's more important." "Is it the president?" asked the chief. "No! Even more important!" the trooper said. "Well who is it?" the chief screamed. "I don't know, sir," the trooper replied. "But the Pope is his chauffeur."

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd October
27th Week of the Year

Tuesday 4th October
Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

Wednesday 5th October
Memorial of St Faustina Kowalska, virgin

Thursday 6th October
27th Week of the Year

Friday 7th October
Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday 8th October
27th Week of the Year

Italian Association

Wednesday 5th October, at 12 noon, Holy Mass and Confessions in Italian at St Mary Magdalene's Church.

Sunday Collections Thank You!!!

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated! Last Sunday's Collection: 25th September — £721. **The Second Collection last Sunday for the Catholic Education Services raised £153.70. Thank you.**

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

O that today
you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Speak, Lord,
your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

October -

The Month of the Rosary

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (7th October). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. But why is it that on October 7th the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary? On 7th October 1571, a great victory over the mighty Turkish fleet was won by Catholic naval forces primarily from Spain, Venice, and Genoa under the command of Don Juan of Austria. It was the last battle at sea between "oared" ships, which featured the most powerful navy in the world, a Moslem force with between 12,000 to 15,000 Christian slaves as rowers. The patchwork team of Catholic ships was powered by the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a distinct material disadvantage.

The holy pontiff, St Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. We know today that the victory was significant, prevented the Islamic invasion of Europe, and evidenced the Hand of God working through Our Lady. At the hour of victory, St. Pope Pius V, who was hundreds of miles away at the Vatican, is said to have gotten up from a meeting, went over to a window, and exclaimed with supernatural radiance: "The Christian fleet is victorious!" and shed tears of thanksgiving to God.

What you may not know is that one of three admirals commanding the Catholic forces at Lepanto was Andrea Doria. He carried a small copy of Mexico's Our Lady of Guadalupe into battle. This image is now enshrined in the Church of San Stefano in Aveto, Italy. At Lepanto, the Victory over the Moslems was won by the faithful praying the Rosary. Even though they had superior numbers, the Turks really were overmatched. Saint Padre Pio, the Spiritual Father of the Blue Army, said: "The Rosary is the weapon," and how right he was! The Battle of Lepanto was at first celebrated liturgically as "Our Lady of Victory."

Later, the feast of 7th October was renamed "Our Lady of the Rosary" and extended throughout the Universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1716 (who canonized Pope Pius V in 1712). And with that we are back to Fatima, Portugal where Our Lady, when asked her name, said: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." At Fatima, Our Lady taught us to pray the Rosary every day.

Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us!

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Fr Bogdan after Mass