

Dear Visitation Family,

Shalom (Peace)!

As I am winding up my vacation and getting ready to return to the parish, I have mixed feelings. I am glad I am getting out of this "HOT spot". Yes, it is extremely hot here! No rains for a year! Of course no air-conditioning in the rectory too! But let me focus on things that were cool! It was cool to visit mom after about twenty months. It was cool to have some native delicacies. It was cool to visit several shrines and sacred places. It was cool to go to the southern most tip of India where one can see both sunrise and sunset. There I gazed at the three seas (*the Bay of Bengal, the Arabian Sea, and the Indian Ocean*) converge in unity and beauty. As I stood on those majestic rocks amidst the sea and watched the waves come fast and furious and slam against the solid rocks to raise galaxies of foams that were carried high by the strong winds, I couldn't help remembering the scene of this Twenty-first Sunday's gospel (Mt 16: 13-20).

High on Caesarea Philippi, a hill city of Roman- Greek culture known for the worship of many false gods and a panoramic view of the expanse of the dominant world empire, stood Jesus, the Lord of heaven and earth, with His apostles and asked them the question "Who do you say that I am?" And then comes the most wonderful words that could ever be uttered by a true disciple of Christ: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Peter recognized something within Jesus that others failed to. **Peter saw in Jesus someone divine!**

Jesus in response saw something in Peter that Peter himself, and much less others, could see. Going beyond appearances, **Jesus saw with penetrating insight the best that was within Simon, the rugged fisherman from Galilee. Hence, He said to Simon: "You are Peter! And upon this rock I will build My Church!** The gates of the netherworld cannot prevail against it!"

No matter how other people or we ourselves see something imperfect or weak in us, God who made us in His image sees within us the ability to become the best version of ourselves. The good news of Jesus Christ is all about who we really are and what we can become. **Inside each of us there is a person God has meant us to be. Jesus sees that and if we allow it, He can bring out that person in us.** "*The highly exalted God sees the lowly and builds strength within that person, because His love endures for ever*" (Ps 138). St. Paul praises God's inscrutable judgments and His unsearchable ways as he utters "*Oh, the depths of the riches, wisdom and knowledge of God!*" (Rom 11:33-36)

We too then, must see the good in ourselves and in others. For as an old saying goes: "*Even in the worst of us, there is something best*". St. Augustine described it beautifully in these words: "*Dig deep enough in any person and you will find something divine.*" **How different our world would be, if we recognized the best in everyone we see. We would BE JESUS to the people in our family and the community, when we could encourage others and draw the best out of them for the greater glory of God and for the sanctification of God's people.**

I am just informed that the whole nation is focused on **Hurricane Harvey**, especially as it is predicted to cut across Texas and Louisiana. Rest assured of my prayers for your protection and ask you to pray for those who may be in harm's way. Looking forward to being with you soon! Please pray for my safe return! God bless and Mary protect you and yours!

I am blessed to be your father in Christ,

Rev. Edwin Kagoo

THY WILL, LORD!

Announcements

(Please submit bulletin announcements 2 weeks in advance of the expected publication date.)

DID YOU KNOW?

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8 Modern Errors Every Catholic should know and avoid (contd.)

by

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8. Role reversal – Jesus said that the Holy Spirit whom he would send to us would convict the world (see [John 16:8](#)). And thus, the proper relationship of a Catholic to the world is to have the world on trial. St. Paul says, *Test all things. Hold fast to what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.* (1 Thess 5:21-22). So, again, the world is to be on trial based on the light of the Gospel.

But too often Catholics have things reversed and put the Word of God and the teachings of the Church on trial, judging them by the perspective of the world. We should judge all things by the light of God. And yet it is common to hear Catholics scoff at teachings that challenge worldly thinking or offend against worldly priorities. Many Catholics have tucked their faith under their political views, worldviews, preferences and thoughts. If the faith conflicts with any of these worldly categories, guess which usually gives way.

Jesus says, *If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.* (Mk 8:38). But many *are* ashamed of the Lord's teachings that do not conform to worldly and popular notions.

All of this amounts to a tragic role reversal wherein the world and its notions overrule the gospel. It should be the world that is convicted by the Holy Spirit. Instead we put very God himself in the role of defendant. It should not be so. *Do not be deceived: God will not be mocked. Whatever a man sows, he will reap in return. The one who sows to please his flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; but the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.* (Gal 6:7-8)

So here are just eight entries onto our compendium of modern errors. More need to be added and you can help. (End).

Building Fund Collection will be next weekend. Please be generous.

Baptism Class will be Saturday, September 2nd. For more information contact Eileen Lewis at 254-931-0640.

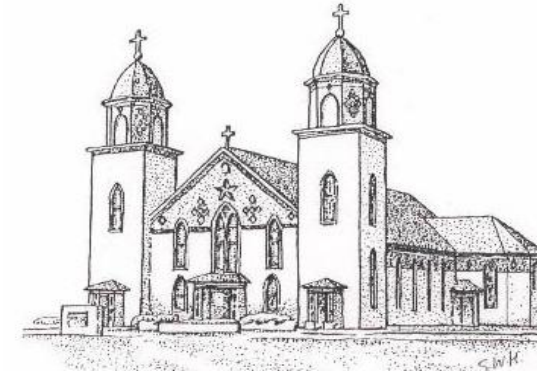
RCIA classes will start Sept 3, call Gary Ketterman for information. 985-2533.

10 WEEK SERIES ON CATHOLICISM: Look forward in September to an awesome series on different aspects of our Catholic Faith taught by the well-known author and evangelist Bishop Robert Barron in our parish as part of our spiritual growth as disciples.

Westphalia Volunteer Fire Department Fund Raising Raffle & Hamburger supper will be held September 30th at 7:00pm at Celebration Park. Tickets \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Don't have to be present to win.

NCCW Convention Sept 6-9, 2017, Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX. If any member wishes to attend register at www.nccw.org by Aug 15.

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Saturday Mass – 6:00pm
Sunday Mass – 8:00am

Reconciliation: Sat. 5:20pm - 5:50pm and Sun. 7:20am – 7:50am

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

Our Mission is:

TO SEE JESUS
In life and liturgy

&

TO BE JESUS
In family and community

<i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				<i>August 27, 2017</i>
	August 26th	August 27th	September 2, 2017	September 3rd, 2017
	<i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	<i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>	<i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	<i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>
Intentions	+Larry R. Hoelscher +Leonard Wilde +Erwin Kahlig +Gladys Kahlig	Parishioners	Special Intentions for the Boeselt Family +Manard Moeller +Margaret Moeller	Parishioners
Altar Servers	Emma Hering Preston Hering Nate Hoelscher Elizabeth Ordner	Adam Herwald Mike Lewis Helen Gausemeier James Loren z	Adam Herwald Mike Lewis Helen Gausemeier James Loren z	Brenden Doscocil Kasen Ordner Bryce Fikes Logan Kleypas
Lector	Laurie Hoelscher	Susan Neumann	Tammy Ryan	Ray Rabroker
Gift Bearers	Mike Heise Family	Jerry Loden Family	Carl Hubik Family	Jimmy Thorntor Family
Ushers	Red Carson & Joey Hoelscher	Todd Doscocil & Jeff Hering	Walton Hering, Jr. & Carl Hubik	Johnny Polach & Charles Moeller
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Greneta Ordner	Geraldine Kahlig	Amanda Moeller	Gary Ketterman
Money Counters		Lonnie Ranly & Bill & Kitty Reid		Chris & Peggy Hrabal and Georgia Ketterman
Rosary Leaders	Charles & Greneta Ordner	Johnnie Thornton & Gary Ketterman	Melvin & Helen Ranly	Perry & Connie Petru
Vocations Cross Family		Perry & Connie Petru		Ed & Debby Meyer
Church Cleaners	8/26 & 9/2	Valerie Gausemeier, Patriia Simecek, MaryAnn Crowell, Lou Buckholt, Rosey Carter, Dorothy Dewey Smith		
Weekday Mass Intentions	August 29th <i>Tuesday, 8:00am</i>	August 30th <i>Wednesday, 7:20am</i>	August 31st <i>Thursday</i>	September 1st <i>Friday</i>
	+Keith Zajicek +Manard Moeller	+Ronnie Ranly +Robert Hoelscher +Charlotte Ann Thornton	NO MASS	NO MASS

Sanctuary Candle – *in Memory of Wilbert & Mildred Bruggman*

Please pray for the sick & suffering:

JoeAnn Kalmbach, Jeff Bernsen, Carla Welch, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Steven Pletzke, Sr. Clemence Ribitzki, Pattie Pletzke, Mike Meyer, Kyla Frei, Bobby Bulls, Cathy Didner, Sr. Benedict Zimmerer, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Hudson John Halfmann, George Wright, Charles Ordner, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, and Grace Hoelscher.

Meetings:

Choir 8/30 @ 7:00pm

Altar Society 9/3 after Mass

Offerings:

8/20 \$1,888.22

Assumption \$321.00