

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Newsletter

August 16, 2020

My Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is the mid-point of August. This means that the summer of 2020 is almost done. Of course, in any other year, we would be finishing up our last days of vacation and our last summer gatherings and starting to get ready for a new school year. Sadly, as we know, this is unlike any other year. Yet, we also know that it is always darkest before the dawn, and the Dawn is Jesus Christ. So, we approach this fall with confidence because of our Faith in Jesus Christ, and we do so under the protection of the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

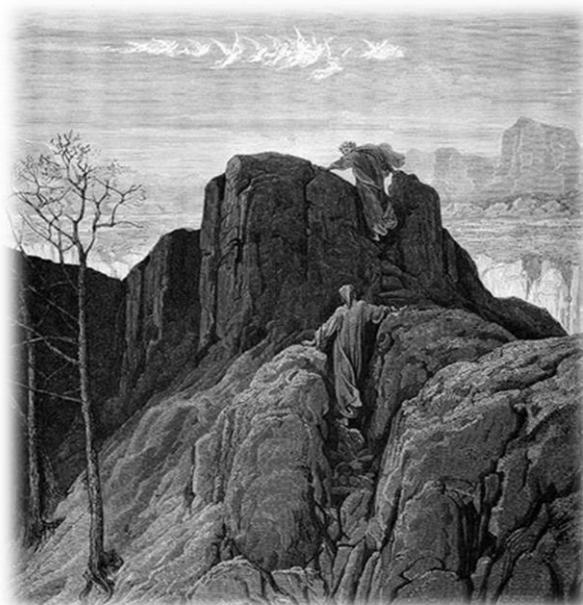
Sadly, because of pandemic, we have decided to cancel this year's Christmas Bazaar. The Christmas Bazaar is not just an important fund raiser, but it is also an important community builder, so cancelling it is a great loss to our parish. I do thank the entire leadership team of the Bazaar for their hard work and their guidance. At their suggestion, we will still have the Christmas Bazaar Raffle, so please watch for your Raffle tickets in the mail. Also, our Christmas Bazaar team is looking into the possibility of having a yard sale in the spring, so we will all still have a chance to find a treasure in "Grandma's Attic."

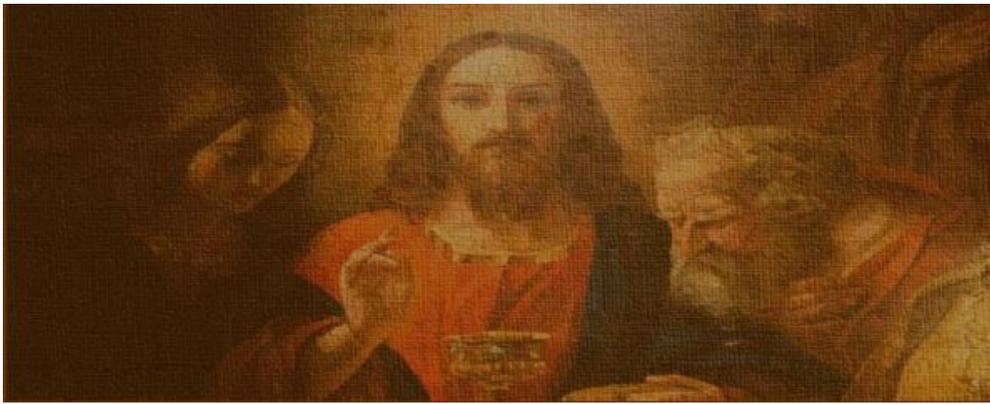
If you are looking for some late summer, early autumn reading, I recommend two excellent books that a good priest friend of mine recommended: *Spiritual Direction from Dante, Avoiding the Inferno* and *Spiritual Direction from Dante, Ascending Mount Purgatory* by Fr. Paul Pearson (TAN Books 2019 & 2020). These books are appropriate, since 2020 is the 700th Anniversary of the completion of *the Divine Comedy* by Dante Alighieri. The Divine Comedy itself is a three volume poem based on very sound Catholic theology, and it is a reflection on the beauty of God's Love and Mercy and also on the ugliness of sin. So, when we properly understand the poem, we see that the poem is really a guidebook on how to grow closer to God and how to avoid that which robs us of God's Love and Mercy. Fr. Pearson takes the poem and makes it easily understandable and relevant to our own times and our own spiritual journeys. I myself found these two books extremely beneficial spiritual and even motivational reading, and I myself am looking forward to Fr. Pearson's next volume, which will be on the last volume of the poem, the *Paradiso*. I hope that you find them just as beneficial.

Let us continue to pray our Rosaries and Chaplets for our first responders, for all of our sick and deceased, and for an end to the pandemic.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko





Sunday Mass Readings

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary

Reading 1: [IS 56:1, 6-7 \(118A\)](#)

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants—all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Responsorial Psalm: [PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8](#)

R. (4) **O God, let all the nations praise you!**

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| ▶ May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known
upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation. R. | ▶ May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth
fear him! R. |
| ▶ May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples
in equity;
the nations on the earth
you guide. R. | |

Reading 2: [ROM 11:13-15, 29-32](#)

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

Alleluia: [MT 4:23](#)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

▶ Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel: [MT 15:21-28](#)

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus’ disciples came and asked him, “Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.” He said in reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, “Lord, help me.” He said in reply, “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour.