



Christ the Good Shepherd

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Monsignor's Musings:

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul tells us that we are many parts yet all one body. When we join hands and work together, we can accomplish amazing things and fulfill God's will by becoming the Body of Christ here on earth. We have many talented people in this parish and when we work together, the parish will flourish and grow.



We took a giant leap of faith in April when we moved to our new location. Not only did we stretch our financial budget to the limit, but we also took on new responsibilities. This is an exciting time as we stretch and grow and learn to open our wings and flourish. As St. Paul reminds us, each of us has been given different talents and gifts that are meant to be shared. There are many ways we can work together to help make the parish grow and flourish as a place of shelter for all in Berkley, Michigan. I ask you to pray about how you may be called to share your talents with the parish.

The parish council is the governing body of the parish. Council members work closely with the pastor and pastoral staff to help give direction to the parish. Council members serve four-year terms and we do not have term limits. Currently our council is made up of six members, but we can have as many as nine people. We do not hold elections for the positions because sharing of one's gifts and talents is not a popularity contest. Rather, we draw names from a hat, much like the early church did to replace Judas with St. Matthias. This allows the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us.

In September, we have two members of the council who will have served their initial four-year term. On September 29th, we will again fill those two positions and possibly an additional seat, by selection of names from a hat if necessary. If you have an interest in serving on the council or would like to learn more about the parish council, please see me or Cindy Knox.

In addition to the parish council, we also have other liturgical roles and committees in which you can share of your time and talents. I understand that not everyone feels called to serve on a committee or to take on a role of ministry during the liturgy and I respect that. However, if you feel called to serve on a parish committee, the parish council, or to serve in a liturgical role such as lector, altar server, eucharistic minister, usher, or cantor, we welcome you with open arms.

Have a wonderful Autumn and enjoy the cooler weather.

- Blessings—*Fr. Harry*

September Birthday's

Tom Nelson 9/2

Suzie Hawkins 9/3

Joseph Fedorczyk 9/5

Farzan Rafieyan 9/5

Anne Marie McBrien 9/7

Paul Aska 9/12

Susan Posner 9/19

Joseph Tyrrell 9/30



If we missed your birthday, please let us know so that we can update our files.



Liturgical Schedule

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am

Monday Taizé prayer: 7:00 pm

Wednesday Mass: 7:00 pm

Confession: By Appointment

Weddings: Call the office to schedule

Funerals: Call the office to schedule

Baptisms: Call the office to schedule

Blessings: Call the office to schedule

Spirituality Today

Humility delivers personal Peace and Love today, tomorrow and beyond!

Great spiritual teachers in our Catholic tradition have taught about humility (e.g., **Mother Teresa** “*If you can’t feed a hundred people just feed one*”).

Real humility is living in the truth of who we are before our God of Peace and Love and who we are in relationship to one another.

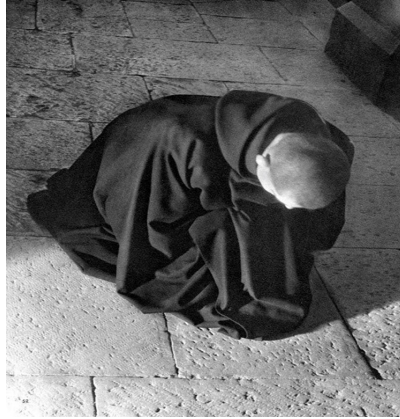
Such an action of positivity is **meeting** a person where s/he is in life; **suspending** personal judgement; and **checking** it out from her/his vantage point.

Our present culture **values** neither truth nor humility and so **today’s personal action of living a life of humility** might be difficult to accept and a challenge to model in our living; and yet humility is a **God-like quality** to adopt as transformative of our relationship with God and one another!

May almighty God grant you the necessary strength, perseverance and grace to more fully celebrate life’s Peace and Love.

Celebrate Life....

- *Fr. Charles*



Music Notes

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Are you willing to serve as a cantor? Is there a favorite song you like?

Please speak with Chris Kitzman, our music minister.

A big heartfelt thank you to Judy Posner, Marcy Maierle, Elizabeth Dudzinski, and Susan Posner for all the hard work they put into the parish garage sale. They raised \$1,300.00 for the parish!



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Prayer and Reflection

Please silence phones and hold conversations in the social hall 15 minutes before the start of mass so that people can reflect and pray in a quiet space before mass. Your cooperation is appreciated.



“Not all of us
can do great things. But
we can do small things
with great love.”

Mother Teresa

September Saint

Saint Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions

In the Republic of Korea (S. Korea) nearly half of the 50+ million citizens consider themselves to have a religion. It is an interesting fact in S. Korean culture that one would consider themselves to have religion only if they actively practice a faith. This is very different then here in the U.S. where so many profess a faith but do not actively practice it in any meaningful way. Of those professing a faith in S. Korea, over 60% are Christians and 18% of the professed faith are Catholic.

The Catholic faith came to the Korean peninsula in the 17th Century and was met with fierce resistance from local authorities. Korea's first native priest was Andrew Kim Taegon who was born in the early 1800s to convert parents and whose father was martyred during an 1839 persecution. Andrew traveled to Macao, China to attend seminary and was ordained a priest six years later.

Fr. Andrew was tortured and beheaded at the Han River in the capital of Seoul - a river I crossed many times when I lived in S. Korea and visited Seoul. Before religious freedom came to the peninsula in the 1880s the Catholic faith rooted itself in a home church and in a few short years grew to thousands of the faithful. This gives me great hope in not only the faith of our past sisters and brothers, but also in the strength and importance of new church starts such as our new home church forming in Columbus, OH. May the Holy Spirit guide Tent and Isabella in their efforts to build a mission church of Christ the Good Shepherd in Columbus and may all our prayers be with them.

In his 1984 visit to S. Korea, St. Pope John Paul II canonized Fr. Andrew along with Paul Chong and nearly a hundred others, mostly lay men and women, who were martyred between 1893 and 1867 for their faith. The feast day for St. Andrew Kim Taegon and St. Paul Chong Hasang and their companions is September 20th.

We are so blessed to live in a society that grants religious freedom, but we must also be very much aware never to take that freedom for granted nor allow us to abuse others who may not hold the same faith as we do - we are all God's beloved creation and thus we shall always approach all people on that base of knowledge. I also wanted to raise up St. Andrew Kim and St. Paul Chong as a reminder of the fruits of hard work and dedication to the faith. They started with nothing, in a land that did not want them and they were an active part in building a strong vibrant church that remains so to this day. May we follow in their example and never stray from the path that God has put us on to build our church here in Berkley, and in Metro Detroit. May we continue to be open to God's leading us beyond our 'walls' and practice our faith as the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Patron: Korean clergy.

Symbols: Palm frond (for martyrdom); martyr's crown.

COLLECT PRAYER

O God, who have been pleased to increase your adopted children in all the world, and who made the blood of the Martyrs Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon and his companions a most fruitful seed of Christians, grant that we may be defended by their help and profit always from their example. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Blessings,

Fr. Mike



Anointing of the Sick

Everyone at some time or other will experience illness or suffering. The Gospels relate numerous times of Jesus healing the sick by the laying on of hands or a simple touch. He healed all who were in need of healing. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a continuation of this healing ministry of Jesus.

Because of its very nature as a sign, the sacrament of the anointing of the sick should be celebrated with members of the Christian Community or members of one's family. Communal anointing is a powerful witness to the church community. Those who present themselves for anointing are expressing their dependence on God and acknowledging their own limitations. It may also occur in the Home, Hospital, or at the site of an accident. The presence of family or friends is encouraged for anointing's outside of church.

“As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and the disciples told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.” Mark 1:30-31

Who should present themselves for Anointing?

Members of the faithful, of all ages, who are physically/ mentally ill or of old age may present themselves for anointing. Serious illness, disability or impending surgery is good reason to request Anointing. The question to ask yourself, will I benefit from Christ's healing touch and the prayers of the Church?

How do I arrange for an anointing?

- ◆ Attend the church community anointing.
- ◆ Call the Church and request an anointing.
- ◆ Make a personal request of one of the priests.

Prayer For Renewed Strength O Lord, my God, Please give me the grace to maintain my hope in you through all of life's changes and to taste and see your goodness. I praise you for the gifts you have showered on me for so many years.

Help me find joy in a renewed strength of spirit. Please bless me with good health, and inspire me to be a good example to others. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.



Parish Game Night

Come and enjoy an evening of games and laughter on 9/27/2019 at 7:00 pm. Beverages will be provided. Bring a game or a snack to share if you wish. All are welcome.

Healing Mass

Please join us for a Healing Mass on Wednesday September 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm. We will be offering an anointing and blessing during mass. Please plan to join us.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

September 1

Ushers: Tom H and Suzie H
Altar Server: Debbie D
1st Reading: Anthony A
2nd Reading: Paul C
Prayers of the Faithful: Carla M
Eucharistic Minister: Pat M

September 8

Ushers: Farzan R. and Tom N.
Altar Server: Paul C
1st Reading: Cheryl R
2nd Reading: Aaron T
Prayers of the Faithful: Cindy K
Eucharistic Minister: Debbie D

September 15

Ushers: Suzie H and Cheryl R
Altar Server: Aaron T
1st Reader: Betty P
2nd Reader: Jonathan Q
Prayers of the Faithful: Pat M
Eucharistic Minister: Carla M

September 22

Ushers: Bob C and Tom N.
Altar Server: Pat M
1st Reader: Anne Marie M
2nd Reader: Farzan R.
Prayers of the Faithful: Debbie D
Eucharistic Minister: Paul C.

September 29

Ushers: Tom H and Suzie H
Altar Server: Debbie D
1st Reading: Paul C
2nd Reading: Carla M
Prayers of the Faithful: Anthony A
Eucharistic Minister: Pat M

October 6

Ushers: Bob C and Lamont M
Altar Server: Paul C
1st Reading: Camille T
2nd Reading: Aaron T
Prayers of the Faithful: Anthony A
Eucharistic Minister: Carla M

October 13

Ushers: Suzie H and Tom N
Altar Server: John
1st Reading: Jonathan Q
2nd Reading: Carla M
Prayers of the Faithful: Betty P
Eucharistic Minister: Aaron T

October 20

Ushers: Aaron T and Johnathan Q
Altar Server: Debbie B
1st Reading: Pat Moylan
2nd Reading: Farzan R
Prayers of the Faithful: Tom N
Eucharistic Minister: Paul C

October 27

Ushers: Debbie B and Cheryl R
Altar Server: Pat. M
1st Reading: Paul C
2nd Reading: Anne Marie M
Prayers of the Faithful: Cheryl R
Eucharistic Minister: Carla M

Sunday Treats

If you are able to bring snacks for our Sunday after mass social, please see the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Mass 10:30 a.m.	2 Labor Day Tom Nelson's Birthsay	3 Suzie Hawkins' Birthday	4 Mass 7:00 p.m.	5 Joe Fedorczyk and Farzan Rafieyan's Birthday	6	7 Anne Marie McBrien's Birth- day
8 Mass 10:30 a.m.	9 Taize Prayer 7:00 p.m.	10	11 Mass 7:00 p.m.	12 Paul Aska's Birthday	13	14
15 Mass 10:30 a.m. Religious Edu- cation Meeting 12:00 pm	16 Taize Prayer 7:00 p.m.	17 Worship Com- mittee meeting 7:00 pm	18 .Mass 7:00 p.m.	19 Susan Posner's Birthday	20	21
22 Mass 10:30 a.m.	23 Taize Prayer 7:00 p.m. Parish Discern- ment Meeting 7:45 pm	24	25 Healing Mass 7:00 p.m.	26	27 Game Night 7:00 pm	28
29 Mass 10:30 a.m. Parish Council Election and Blessing	30 Taize Prayer 7:00 p.m. Joseph Tyrrell's Birthday					