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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Announcements**

Focus Mission Group to come July 8 – 15 to Nome.

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 Pancake Breakfast! Please join us after the 1:30 Mass on Sunday, July 8 as we meet and mingle with the Focus Missionaries for a pancake breakfast.

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**Vacation Bible School**

**July 10 – 13 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
**for our children and youth.**

*Please sign up!*  
***Sheets are in back of Church***

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**The Lord is my Helper;  
 I will not Fear  
 What man can do to me  
 (Heb 13.6)**



**Stewardship**

Envy fears the good fortune of another!

Envy kills. It does not tolerate the good fortune of another and cannot tolerate others having something that I do not have.

Because of envy people suffer. It is suffering from the heart for they do not think they have enough. They do not think they are worth enough. They do not think they are good enough.

But the worst kind of envy is not the destruction of another's property, but destroys people. Envious gossip destroys our neighbor. We know as Pope Francis teaches us that Gossip kills the other and gossip kills the self!

Being a good steward is taking care of what you already have. Stewardship is not wanting more but using what you have well. Become what you are!

Budgeting teaches us to use our income wisely: for what we need not merely for what we want or think we should have.

Stewardship demands we take care of the things we own and use them till they are no longer useful.

How many fail to take proper care of their cars, trucks, snow machines, and ATV's. How many fail to keep up the maintenance on their houses and other properties.

We look around and we see so much waste. We see so much disrepair. Being a good steward means we take care of the things we own and possess remembering we need to give an account of what we did with what God has given – especially our soul!

Remember the steward who stole from his master and had to give a full report. We too will have to give a full report of ourselves and possessions.

**Don't envy others;  
 Use well what you have.**

**Why be Catholic?**

How often we feel like Jeremiah in the First Reading today, with "foes on every side," the world falling apart around our heads. So many things are going wrong, and we just want God to come in and make everything right —make siblings stop fighting, cure friends of chronic illnesses, lead children to the true life they were designed for, reinvigorate struggling marriages—the list goes on.

We need God in our lives, and these difficulties that come our way certainly cause us to cry out to Him: Relieve us, O Lord!

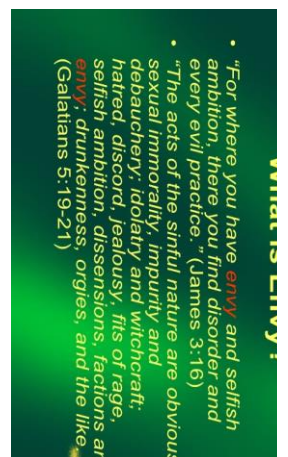
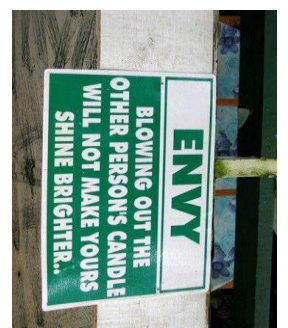
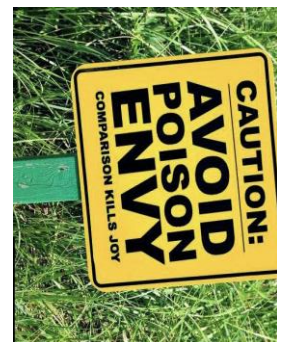
Yet, in the Gospel Jesus doesn't seem to be establishing 'the Church that will solve all our problems in this life.' In fact, He sometimes seems to stress the opposite: that those who follow Him will have to suffer, for if they treated the master poorly, why not the servants? What Jesus does, however, is to promise that the Father knows our affliction, and those who continue to stand firm in Him in spite of trials will find hope in eternal life.

The Catholic Church does not preach a so-called "prosperity gospel," which says that if only you will believe in Christ, your life will be perfect. In reality, the Church of Christ acknowledges our sufferings with an utter frankness. Yes, you are suffering. And so am I, Christ says: Be Not Afraid!

He teaches us the secret of suffering in the mystery of His Crucifixion and Death, as He shows us that in our suffering will never be alone, for now God has suffered with us. He still suffers with us too, as the Church is His Body, and we are members of that Body which will be raised up!

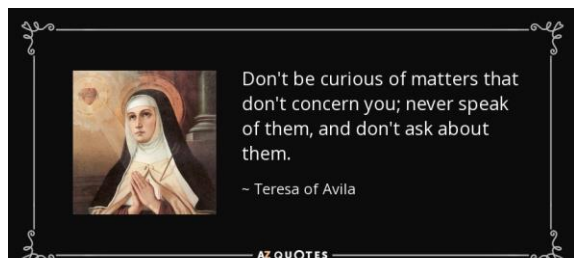
What a joy this can bring us, to know that God doesn't just tell us that our sufferings are a mystery we cannot fully understand here, but that God Himself suffers with us. And as this is the path that Christ took through the Cross to the Resurrection, so He has declared that it is the best path for us to take on our own journey through this life to the joy in the Resurrection.

-by Ben Doudna



## Weekly Schedule:

Date	Mass Time	Place	Feast Day	Lector/Minister	Intention	Activity
Mon June 26	5:30 PM	Kotz			Vivian Young	
Tue June 27	5:30 PM	Kotz			Joanna Choi	
Wed June 28	5:30 PM	Kotz			Juri Choi	
Thu June 29	5:30 PM	Nome	Sts. Peter & Paul		Annes Kye	
Fri June 30	8:00 AM	Nome			Ja Il	
Sat July 1	5:30 PM	Nome	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		Klaudia Sook	
Sun July 2	10:30 AM	Nome	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		St. Francis	



### Perfect Love Casts Out All Fear! (1 Jn 4:19).

Fear is the greatest factor today for fear causes all types of evil, but the greatest evil it creates is envy. Envy makes us despise others. Instead of being inspired by others and their gifts and talents and treasures; an envious person will degrade, defile, and even desecrate another.

Envy is the root of Satan's sin. He envies us for we have a communion with God that Satan could never have. His soul purpose in life is to attack and destroy us so that we cannot be united to God. He inspires us to envy making us hate God and degrade others which translates that we defile anything that images God – namely ourselves.

He enjoys nothing more than to see us human persons damage and destroy others out of envy and greed. He relishes when we self-destruct over petty differences and trivial matters. He delights when we put politics, possessions, and pleasures before God and persons. He savors when we sin for when we sin we choose something less than our best. Sins as we know chooses anything less than what God wants to give us. We disinherit ourselves from God's Family.

Because of our shame and our guilt, we fear. We fear God, we fear others, and we fear ourselves. We feel inadequate and in so feeling, instead of encouraging and empower ourselves, we diminish ourselves as we demote others. That is what sin does. That is envy!

Sin degrades our image and likeness of God. We lessen our divine dignity and become animal, even beastly. It is dog eat dog, swim with the sharks, and eat like pigs.

All sin is a result of fear. Sin separates us from embracing God's gift of love and forgiveness for we realize how little and small we are on our own. Experiencing our fears we feel insufficient – utterly undignified. We are afraid to embrace and experience our true dignity as human persons. Yet, Jeremiah teaches us (Jer20:11).

*O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!* The wicked one is Satan!

Evil does not win. Envy does not conquer. Vice cannot destroy the dignity within. God's goodness fills us. He grace frees us from sin; but we cannot hide behind our shame and guilt; but we must expose evil, even our own evil to the mercy of God.

That is why Jesus teaches us to shout and proclaim his message to all, to all living in fear and darkness. He has destroyed our fear and so tells us not to be afraid!

Our dignity does not come from what we are; but who we are. We are children of God, the Father. Our name is Christian and we belong to the family of Jesus. We don't have to earn our inheritance; we have our inheritance. What we have to do is live our Christian name.

Kindness and Joy fruits of the Spirit are true signs of our Christian Dignity. Amidst challenges and difficulties; envy and evil, we express joy and kindness for we are free from the fears of losing our Christian Identity.

Kindness and Joy create a happiness that money cannot buy; you cannot earn it; you cannot destroy it. As Christians, we are to exude kindness and joy despite the envy and evil of our world, for we know God's grace has destroyed sin by his death and restored us to divine life.

**"Do not be afraid.**

**Do not be satisfied with mediocrity."**

*Be the best*

**Pope John Paul II**



**"Have the courage to be truly happy!"**

*Pope Francis*



You do not walk away from a person you love.  
You reach out and help the person.  
Even if they hurt you; you still love them and offer to forgive for true love casts out fear!