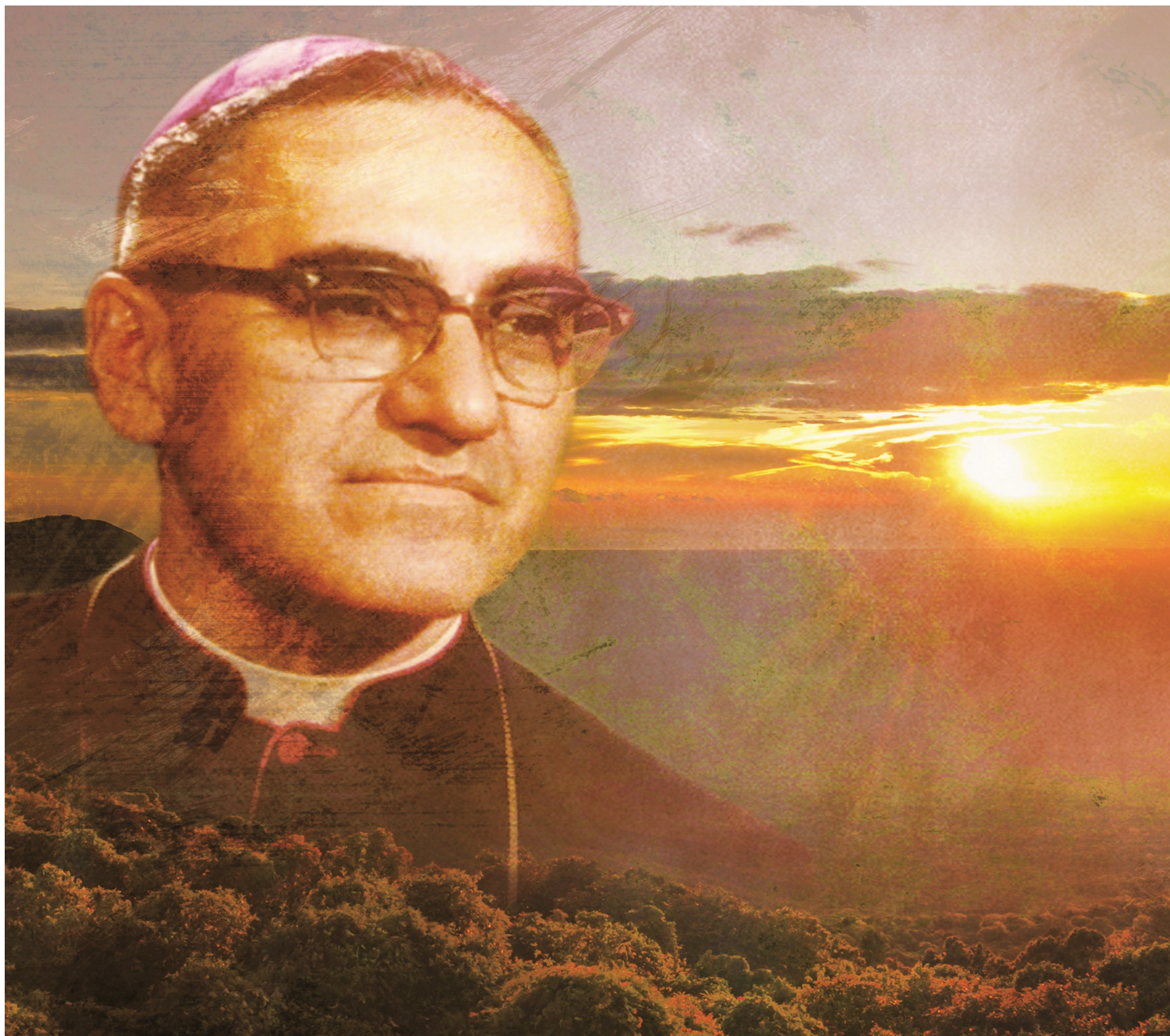




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ON PLANNING A TRUE SABBATICAL

A little more than two weeks remain, as I write this article, before I fly off to Edinburgh, Scotland. When I looked at the weather in Perth, it appears that I'll experience the same thing there except more wind. Yet everything else will be a change, especially my daily routine. One noteworthy aspect of a sabbatical is the variation in my daily and weekly life. I am definitely going to make a strong effort to not fall into any semblance of my life here in Northern Chisago County. I made that mistake during my previous sabbatical, although it was not planned.

Originally, back in 2007, when I was in the US Virgin Islands all I meant to do is live in the Cathedral rectory on Saint Thomas (first mistake), write my first book, and celebrate Mass and other sacraments on a limited scale (second mistake). It worked for the first few weeks that I lived on Saint Thomas. Then, due to an unexpected opening at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Saint John, I accepted their request for a priest and lived and celebrated all Masses there (third mistake). While I was generally free during the day, I was, nonetheless, "tied down" and had to prepare a weekly Sunday homily. Not that I didn't want to celebrate Mass, I did, but not in a way that tied me down to a parish, which then made for similarity to the routine that I had arranged to get away from. Not only that, but since I was the only priest living at the parish and on the Island, the parishioners treated me as their pastor. Again, not complaining, just that I ended up doing what I did back home, with the only exception being that I had lots of free time to write that novel.

For my sabbatical this time, I have put in some safeguards, with the purpose of being able to step back from the routine of pastoring two fantastic parishes and shepherding my parishioners. Living at a Catholic monastery with a structured program for seven weeks is going to be a welcome change. I look forward to four mornings of class with three-day weekends, and if I chose to do so, taking mini journeys to other parts of Scotland.

During my almost four months at Cocoa Beach I will be living in a condo, not at a rectory, and will be certain to keep a distinct schedule from the one I have now. I envision that the routine I have planned will adequately remain intact, that is, unstructured days with hours of writing, reading, praying, exercising, and sitting on the condo deck overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. I do intend to attend Mass at Our Savior Catholic Church located a few miles away from where I am staying.

There are a few things that I shall miss. First, being away from my close friends. Second, being with you my parishioners and the time we're together at Mass and other activities. Third, being away from pastoring, and not having to concern myself about the day to day operations of each parish. Fourth, being away from Flannery my cat and Sheldon the fish. Fifth and finally, I will certainly miss a Minnesota winter-Not!

See you in the Spring, Father Shane

Daily Prayer This Week

On Sunday we hear about the rich young man. He wants to "inherit eternal life" but has no real interest in changing his life. Don't we all feel that way? Isn't there something we can just read? Some money we can donate? We go away sad because Jesus asks a lot of us - to really follow him.

Whether or not we have a clear picture of where we are being called by Jesus, we can feel the invitation, the call to our hearts, in the silence. We can take just a few minutes each morning as we awaken to sit by the side of the bed and open our hands and hearts and pray, "Jesus, in this quiet moment, I feel my heart being drawn to you. Help me to see where you are calling me this day."

We can repeat this small act on our way to work, taking our children to school and walking to the store. "I know you are in my heart, Jesus. I know you are calling me this day, but my heart is not always open to listen. Help me to answer your call today. At the end of this day, help me to be joyful in answering your call through those in my life."

So many of the stories this week are clashes between Jesus and the Pharisees. We can ask ourselves: Where in my life do I worry more about appearances than I do the poor who are in front of me? Who are "the poor" in my life? Who are the outcasts, the unpopular or the rejected people I see each day? How can I minister to those people and be a leaven in this world?

At the end of each day this week, we can be grateful for the many opportunities we were given to follow along with Jesus. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us see the invitation in our lives every day and ask for the clarity to recognize "the poor." When I see the poor, the outcasts, those whose health or habits make them unappealing, do I love them the way Jesus would? Can I look at the brusque and rude people in my life as people Jesus would have gravitated toward, sensing how much they need love?



October 14, 2018

Celebrants

Wednesday, October 17th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, October 20th

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

Fr. Nygaard St. Gregory's 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 21st

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Fr. Nygaard St. Gregory's 9:30 am



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Oct. 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Mary Stenger, Paul Wendorff

Gifts: Drevecky Family

Ushers: Dennis Kaufmann

Servers: Maggie Roth

Sunday, Oct. 21 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Sue Roth, David Prickett

Communion: Scott Tryon*, Kristi Frazier, Jean Peno

Gifts: Peno Family

Ushers: Rodney Swanson, Joe Moore, Bill Peno

Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz

Financial Update

Week of 10/9/2018

Plate	300.36
Envelopes	1246.00
EFT Money.....	224.00
Candle Money.....	60.00
Fall Festival	245.00
Bldg. Maint. Env	138.00
Stipends/Stole.....	7.00
Fr. Shane sabbatical	55.00
Faith Formation	135.00
Total	\$2410.00

Mass Intentions



October 17

The Brett Kavanaugh Family

October 20

† Parishioners

October 21

Amy Frasier Wallace (Prayers)

Needing our Prayers

"When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine...in HIS own time and HIS own way."

Sue Roth
Jim Bartz
Bill Peno
Jim Kirchberg
Dina Scandinato



News

Natural Disaster collection today

These occurrences of such disasters just seem to be increasing. And the Church is there to help support our brothers and sisters in need. Archbishop Hebda asks all parishes in the Archdiocese join with Catholics around the country and take up an emergency collection for 2018 Disasters, including damage from Hurricane Florence, this weekend. Funds collected will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA/Catholic Relief Service for water, food, shelter, medical care and long-term rebuilding. Thank you for your contribution to this collection.



CENTER of MISSION

World Mission Sunday Oct. 20-21

On World Mission Sunday, Catholics around the world unite to recommit to their missionary identity. This celebration and appeal of the Society for the

Propagation of the Faith supports our brothers and sisters in over 1,100 mission dioceses worldwide. This year's theme, Witnessing Faith through the Hearts of Youth, echoes the energy and joy of youth serving the poor and elderly in mission dioceses as witnesses of the Gospel message. This year, as an example, the activities of St. Vincent de Paul Society youth at the mission parish of Jesucristo Resucitado in Venezuela are highlighted. Please offer prayers and gifts of support on World Mission Sunday to aid those witnessing the faith in mission dioceses like the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

No Faith Formation Classes:

There will not be Faith Formation classes on October 17th.

Meetings:

There will be a CCW meeting on Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30pm in Wey Hall. All women of the parish are welcomed and are encouraged to come.

The Finance Council will meet Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00pm in the Parish house.



*† Mary Ann Rohlf
Parishioner*

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



A November Memorial

All Souls Day encourages us to remember and to pray both with and for the vast numbers of unsung Christians who were once the Church on earth, just as we are now. We invite you to bring pictures of your departed family and friends to church on All Saints Day or on the weekend of Nov. 3-4. Pictures will remain until the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday in November. For more information see the bulletin boards or the insert.