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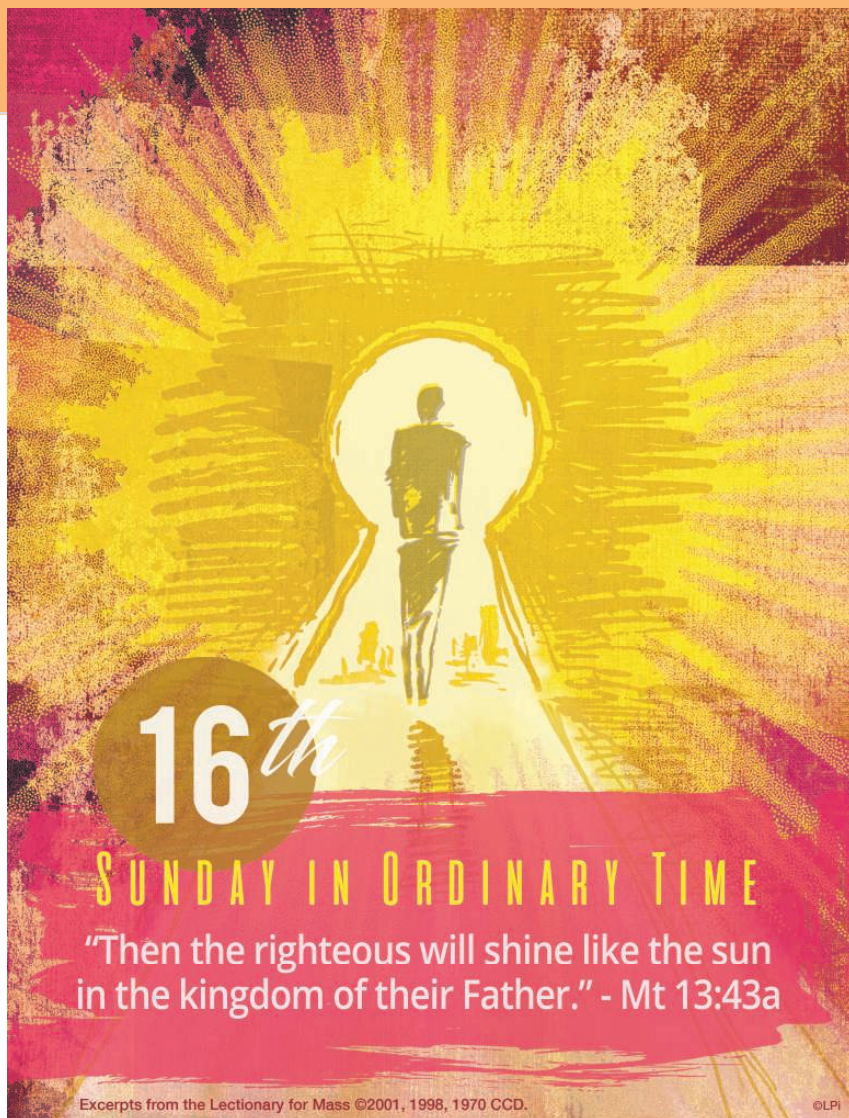
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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday 9:00 am

First Friday of each month 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday of each month 8:30 am

First Saturday of each month 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Or by appointment

July 23, 2017

On an Atlanta Trip-Part II

Back in June, I wrote about the first six of the seven days of my Atlanta trip. Now I would like to share with you the last day of my visit, which was a most rewarding one. The three highlights on that Saturday were: a visit to the Atlanta History Center, Eucharistic Adoration, and an informative chat with Father Ray, an associate at the Cathedral rectory where I stayed.

The main reason for going to the History Center was to see the Civil War exhibit; a brochure indicated that the center had one of the largest collections of Civil War artifacts. There were a lot! Besides looking at the relics, information on the stories behind them were located next to them on the wall. Even though I am quite familiar with the reasons (some of which aren't always in history books) for the North and South American conflict of the 1860s, the display captivated my attention.

After viewing the Civil War area, I went into the Native American exhibition, which focused on the early inhabitants of Georgia, namely the Creek People and Cherokee tribe. The most intriguing aspect I found was information on a plaque about the Creek People's annual town event called *postita*. During this occasion, the Creek People "celebrate the corn harvest, purify townspeople, restore community harmony, and welcome a new year." One aspect of the *postita* was, "The town priest prepared a large pot of purifying tea that everyone drank. All offenses from the past year were forgiven and erased. Sharing a ritual pipe, men smoked to confirm peace while women brought foods to the town square for a community feast...and he ignited a new fire to begin the new year." Although not exactly alike, I couldn't help but notice similarities between this celebration of the Creek People and our own rituals of Reconciliation and the Easter Vigil.

The next highlight of my day happened in the evening at the Alive in You camp. Saturday evenings every year at the camp are set aside for Eucharistic Adoration. Most years Adoration takes place in a school gym, and this year was no different. The four hundred or so teenagers and adults knelt on the floor at the beginning and end of this worship time. The smart ones bring pillows to kneel on; I was not one of them. In any case, as in past years, praying before the Blessed Sacrament always strengthens, as it did this night, my relationship with God.

After Adoration, I drove back to the Cathedral rectory where I saw, for the first time, Father Ray. During our lengthy conversation, one of the things we talked about revolved around Sunday church attendance. I explained how more and more parishioners work or participate in sports on Sunday mornings therefore not attending Mass. Then I asked if that was also the situation in Atlanta. He said "no," since in this part of the USA, Sunday is still spent as a day to worship, especially Sunday mornings, and that there is not much to do otherwise, he indicated.

When I went to my room, I thought about Sunday Mass attendance around our country. Could this be one reason why the Catholic Churches in the South are growing in leaps and bounds while in the Midwest and Northeast, the opposite is occurring? I think it is worth pondering!

Have a good summer week, Father Shane

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, July 25th at 7pm is the Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday, August 1 at 7pm is the Finance Council meeting.

Father Shane will be in Colorado August 8-17 visiting his mother.

Driver needed:

There is a resident in the Rush Oaks Apt complex that would like to attend the 4pm Saturday Masses but needs a ride to and from church, if you or someone you know may be able to give this person a ride please contact the office or Kim at 952-992-3017. Thanks.

Money Counter Needed to help count the weekend parishioner donations on the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning July 25th. Counting of the previous weekend's collections is done at the Parish House beginning at 9:00 am and takes from 1-2 hours to complete. Training is provided with the added benefit of being paired with a seasoned veteran. Please call the office if interested.

A Place for You will be holding a Bass fishing contest on August 19, 2017 to raise money for A Place For You transitional homeless shelter.

Visit <http://apfy.org/> for more information.



Save the Date! Our Fall Festival will be Sunday, September 17.

Envelopes for donations to help offset the cost of Fall Festival are now in pews. Donations will go towards cost of food and prizes. Donations in these envelopes can be put in offertory baskets.

Sign up sheets are in the back of church for many different activities for the festival. We need everyone's involvement to make the festival a success. Please sign up with your name and number where you would like to volunteer. Coordinators will then contact you.

Letters with raffle and meal tickets will be mailed out this week. Watch your mail for these and please pay attention to the deadline dates.

Again this year we will need donations for prizes for children's games and bottles of pop (2 liter size). Bins will be in the back of church for these donations.

MASS INTENTIONS



July 26 Open
July 29 Open
July 30 Open

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included in the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful, contact the Parish office. Also, any prayer request or needs can be written in our Parish Intercessory Book in the back of church AT ANY TIME.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 7/18/17

Plate	241.00
Envelopes.....	1871.00
Bldg. Maint. Env.	75.00
Fall Festival	45.00
Peter's Pence	153.62
Prison Ministry	25.00
TOTALS	2410.62

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Thank you for your generosity and supporting your parish.

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
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Mary Knack	Gerald Mollberg	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Betty Erickson	Elsie Moore
David Gaul	Phyllis Swanson	Tom Solorz
Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski	Colleen Najewski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Cathy Gamache	Ariel Thull-Rulfzen	Fran Reding
Jim Bartz	Bob Wilbur	

Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed. Thank you.

"Loving God, we ask that you enfold in your tender compassionate care all those in our community whose hearts are breaking and whose worries consume them."

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 29 at 4:00 pm

Lector: Jeremy Albright
Communion: Jeanne Kay, Chuck Debevec
Gifts: Wegleitner Family
Ushers: Joe Wegleitner, Ken Opatz
Servers: Brodrick Larson

Sunday, July 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Wayne Herberg, David Prickett
Communion: Mary Pat Hestbeck, Liz Herberg*, Elsie Moore
Gifts: Moore Family
Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin Murphy, Joe Moore
Servers: Elena Herberg, Isabelle Harer

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 26

Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
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Saturday, July 29

Fr. Fitzgerald	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm

Sunday, July 30

Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Fitzgerald	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	10:30 am

Daily Prayer This Week

These weekly guides offer us an opportunity to practice being "contemplatives in action." For us busy people, it is possible to pray - "to lift our minds and hearts to God" - in the midst of our everyday, active lives. Prayer is really about our relationship with the Lord, a relationship that is always a gift of the Holy Spirit. That relationship can stay alive, and grow in its intimacy, to the degree we can let the daily events, responsibilities and relationships of our lives become a part of our relationship with our Lord. All it takes is a little focus and some practice.

Every morning this week, we can begin our day with a brief conversation with our Lord that expresses a desire that comes from within us and is shaped by the scriptures this week. We might say, "O Lord, help me trust your presence in what you call me to do today, letting me remember how tiny seeds grow." I may pray: "Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me trust your care for me. Let me not be afraid or grumble, but fill me with the nourishment of your presence today." Or we might ask, "Lord, let me do your will today, and experience the closeness you offer me as I do so." Perhaps, we can pray, "Thank you, Lord, for the gift of my children. Help me to trust that not everything I say or do will seem to work, but that you will take care of them and allow my efforts to be fruitful." And, on the weekend, we might be praying, "Dear Lord, the relationship you are offering me is like a treasure that makes me want to sell what has seemed to be so important to me so that I might buy that field - investing more deeply in my relationship with you."

Throughout each day, we can repeat and refine these desires and prayers in our hearts. Each thing we do, each person we relate to, each request that is made of us will help us say this or that expression of gratitude or request for grace.

The practice comes in doing this ongoing conversation and connections with our Lord in the background of our day - in the brief in between times: in the shower, while getting dressed, on the way to work, while walking to a meeting, during a meeting, while shopping, as we transition from any part of our day to the next. It all comes together as we take a brief bit of time at night, before we go to bed, to say thanks for the graces we have received, for the opportunity to feel connected and know that we are not alone throughout the day. Sometimes, we'll ask the same thing for several days. At times, we'll notice a pattern in what we are asking for and what we experience ourselves as receiving. In this very simple way, with just a little focus and practice, we will find a pearl of great value - a growing relationship with our Lord that transforms our spirits in the midst of our busy lives.



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