

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 19th, 2012



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

Mass Schedule & Intentions from August 18 — August 26, 2012

Saturday	5:00PM	†	Varghese Vellakunnath Antonio Gallo by family Ruth Cadieux by husband Murray Cadieux
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Stephan, Theresa & Raymond Horvat by mother Teresa Horvat Josefina Berardi by Ruth Cairns Gina Silvestri by Yoli Pellegrino & family
Monday	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish No Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM	†	Franc Horvat by wife Teresa Horvat
Wednesday	9:00AM	†	Mary Guzda by Mr. & Mrs. Ivo Delloso
Thursday	9:00AM	†	Concezio Ramunno by Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Carbone
Friday	9:00AM	†	Domenic Bruzzese by Mr. & Mrs. Terzo Pace
Saturday	5:00PM	†	George Czerlau by Linda Matchett Antonio Palermo by Franca & Frank Sdao
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Pierino Ioannoni by wife & family Pietro & Teresina Montemurro by daughter Ines Mauro Antonio Maddalena by Lina Maddalena & family
	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish



So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in them."

John 6: 51-58

**Last Sunday's Collection - \$1584 and \$360 for the Building Fund
Bless you for your continued generous support.**

Upcoming Parish Events

St. Andrew's Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser: Sunday September 9th, 2012.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Classes will begin in September. Individuals interested in learning more about their Catholic faith, or any adults who wish to be baptized or become a member of the Catholic church are encouraged to attend.

Great Adventure Bible Study for kids is an adaptation of Jeff Cavins' Bible study program. Mark your Saturday mornings starting **September 22nd**.

Fresh Homemade Pie Sale: just in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Saturday September 29th. Please Support this Youth Ministry Fundraiser.

The parish office will be closed this week for staff holidays. In the event of an emergency, please do not hesitate to call; Father Paul will be checking the messages.



St. Andrew's Annual Golf Tournament
A 2:00pm shotgun start at Water Park Golf & Country Club on Sunday September 9, 2012.
Dinner will follow at St. Andrew's church at 5:30pm.
Tickets are \$50 each and are available at the church office.
Enjoy a leisurely afternoon on the course with friends while supporting your parish's fundraising efforts.

Offering Mass for our loved ones

A Mass is offered to pray for a deceased person that they may be at peace in heaven. Masses are also offered for living members as a gift on their birthday or wedding anniversary, for healing of the sick, to give thanks to God for a blessing received or for any needs of a person or family. So Please offer Masses for your loved ones.

Salt of the earth and light of the world by St. John Chrysostom, bishop

You are the salt of the earth. It is not for your own sake, he says, but for the world's sake that the word is entrusted to you. I am not sending you into two cities only or ten to twenty, not to a single nation, as I sent the prophets of old, but across land and sea, to the whole world. And that world is in a miserable state. For when he says: *You are the salt of the earth*, he is indicating that all mankind had lost its savour and had been corrupted by sin. Therefore, he requires of these men those virtues which are especially useful and even necessary if they are to bear the burdens of many. For the man who is kindly, modest, merciful and just will not keep his good works to himself but will see to it that these admirable fountains send out their streams for the good of others. Again, the man who is clean of heart, a peacemaker and ardent for truth will order his life so as to contribute to the common good.

Do not think, he says, that you are destined for easy struggles or unimportant tasks. *You are the salt of the earth.* What do these words imply? Did the disciples restore what had already turned rotten? Not at all. Salt cannot help what is already corrupted. That is not what they did. But what had first been renewed and freed from corruption and then turned over to them, they salted and preserved in the newness the Lord had bestowed. It took the power of Christ to free men from the corruption caused by sin; it was the task of the apostles through strenuous labour to keep that corruption from returning.

Have you noticed how, bit by bit, Christ shows them to be superior to the prophets? He says they are to be teachers not simply for Palestine but for the whole world. Do not be surprised, then, he says, that I address you apart from the others and involve you in such a dangerous enterprise. Consider the numerous and extensive cities, peoples and nations I will be sending you to govern. For this reason I would have you make others prudent, as well as being prudent yourselves. For unless you can do that, you will not be able to sustain even yourselves.

If others lose their savour, then your ministry will help them regain it. But if you yourselves suffer that loss, you will drag others down with you. Therefore, the greater the undertakings put into your hands, the more zealous you must be. For this reason he says: *But if the salt becomes tasteless, how can its flavour be restored? It is good for nothing now, but to be thrown out and trampled by men's feet...*

...Then he passes on to a more exalted comparison: *You are the light of the world.* Once again, "of the world": not of one nation or twenty cities, but of the whole world. The light he means is an intelligible light, far superior to the rays of the sun we see, just as the salt is a spiritual salt. First salt, then light, so that you may learn how profitable sharp words may be and how useful serious doctrine. Such teaching holds in check and prevents dissipation; it leads to virtue and sharpens the mind's eye. *A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor do men light a lamp and put it under a basket.* Here again he is urging them to a careful manner of life and teaching them to be watchful, for they live under the eyes of all and have the whole world for the arena of their struggles.

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PONTIFF **BENEDICT XVI** FOR THE INDICTION OF
'THE YEAR OF FAITH'

Confessing with the lips indicates in turn that faith implies public testimony and commitment. A Christian may never think of belief as a private act. Faith is choosing to stand with the Lord so as to live with him. This "standing with him" points towards an understanding of the reasons for believing. Faith, precisely because it is a free act, also demands social responsibility for what one believes. The Church on the day of Pentecost demonstrates with utter clarity this public dimension of believing and proclaiming one's faith fearlessly to every person. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that makes us fit for mission and strengthens our witness, making it frank and courageous.

Profession of faith is an act both personal and communitarian. It is the Church that is the primary subject of faith. In the faith of the Christian community, each individual receives baptism, an effective sign of entry into the people of believers in order to obtain salvation. As we read in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: " 'I believe' is the faith of the Church professed personally by each believer, principally during baptism. 'We believe' is the faith of the Church confessed by the bishops assembled in council or more generally by the liturgical assembly of believers. 'I believe' is also the Church, our mother, responding to God by faith as she teaches us to say both 'I believe' and 'we believe'."

Evidently, knowledge of the content of faith is essential for giving one's own *assent*, that is to say for adhering fully with intellect and will to what the Church proposes. Knowledge of faith opens a door into the fullness of the saving mystery revealed by God. The giving of assent implies that, when we believe, we freely accept the whole mystery of faith, because the guarantor of its truth is God who reveals himself and allows us to know his mystery of love.

On the other hand, we must not forget that in our cultural context, very many people, while not claiming to have the gift of faith, are nevertheless sincerely searching for the ultimate meaning and definitive truth of their lives and of the world. This search is an authentic "preamble" to the faith, because it guides people onto the path that leads to the mystery of God. Human reason, in fact, bears within itself a demand for "what is perennially valid and lasting". This demand constitutes a permanent summons, indelibly written into the human heart, to set out to find the One whom we would not be seeking had he not already set out to meet us. To this encounter, faith invites us and it opens us in fullness. (To be continued next week)