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Good News!

August 26, 2012

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Eph 5:21-32 or
5:2a, 25-32 / Jn 6:60-69

It's True Confession time: I'm a returner. I prefer to make decisions about clothes, shoes, and decor at home. Even though I thoroughly research quality, user reviews, and price, I usually still need to bring the item home. If it's not right, I readily return it—unused, of course. I'm ruthlessly teased about my compulsion by my husband, friends, and even my mother (from whom I inherited this trait, though she flatly denies it).

Today's first reading and Gospel are all about decision-making, but the choices they describe aren't easily undone with a return to the store. These choices are life-changing: Which god are you going to serve? Are you going to stay with Jesus, or leave?

Major decisions—changing jobs, marrying, beginning a family, pursuing medical treatment—involve a leap of faith in addition to studious research. Sure, you can explore a particular company, do thorough marriage preparation, or research a particular treatment. But we can never know with certainty how the job will suit us, how the marriage will evolve, or how this treatment will affect our body. The biggest decisions involve big trust and big faith.

It's no different in our choice about God. We shouldn't base our faith on what others have to say about God on the Internet, nor can we return our trust in the Lord at the customer-service counter. We have to decide here and now whether we're going to put our faith in the Lord. Peter claimed, "You have the words of eternal life." Not "the words of complete happiness" or "utter prosperity," but "eternal life."

Can we make that daily leap of faith in God?

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Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUG. 25 -26, 2012
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, AUG. 25 –
5:00 P.M. Mass offered for + Ray Lemaire request of Georgette & Lionel Pelletier

SUNDAY, AUG. 26 –
7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Marion & +Bill Miller request of The Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino request of Samuel Guglielmino

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, AUG.27 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Robert Rose request of the Armstrong Family

5:00 P.M. – Parish **BINGO** – Food available from 5 P.M. **GAMES** begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, AUG.28 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Levi Fournier request of Solange Fournier

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, AUG.30 – No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG. 31 – No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – August 19 – \$2,721
Last year's Offertory – August 21 – \$2,691

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time, talent and treasure. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something!

NEXT WEEK
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPT. 1 - 2, 2012
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, SEPT.1 –
5:00 P.M. Mass offered for John & Barbara Sposito on their 50th Wedding Anniversary request of their Children and Grandchildren

Altar Servers: Stephanie Leiner, Maria Cinea
Lector: Kyle Toce
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2 –
7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard
Altar Servers: ShirleyWarbeck
Lector: Joel Cohan
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Raymond Lemaire request of Yolande Tellier & Ruth Gousy
Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine
Lector: Evelyn O'Connor
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, SEPT. 3 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond request of Elaine Gaumond

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6 – No Mass

7:00 P.M. – Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7 – No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8
ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of August 26, 2012
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 /Mk 6:17-29
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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There are three opportunities for employment at St. Mary-St. Joseph School in Willimantic. Call 860-423-8479 for more information.

- 1) Food manager position available at School is willing to pay for SafeServe certification license. Part-time position (22.5 hrs/wk)
- 2) Science/P.E./Health Teacher (full time position or two part-time positions)
- 3) Music teacher (grades Pre-K to 8th) part-time position

AN EARLY CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN IN HAITI

The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti is collecting toys for children enrolled in the Education Scholarship Program in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Over 300 children attend school because of this program, through which sponsors in the U.S. pay the tuition for students whose families could otherwise not afford to send their children to school.

Saint Maurice is a participant in an effort to collect new, unwrapped toy donations for students in kindergarten through high school. In order to ship the toys to Haiti in time for Christmas, the toy drive will run through September 23, 2012. You can drop your gifts off in the box with the **Christmas in August for Haiti** label, located in each vestibule of the Church.

Thank you for your participation in this effort.

Questions? Contact Esther Haloburdo, Haloburdo@comcast.net or (860) 643-0764

LEARN ABOUT ONGOING WORK IN HAITI

Dr. Better Gebrian, a graduate from the University of Connecticut School of Nursing will be presenting a program about her award winning work in Haiti on Tuesday, August 28, 7 p.m. at the Congregational Church on the green in Tolland.

The program is free, but a free-will donation will be accepted to help buy Dr. Gebrian's clinic a mule-ambulance. Please spread the word about this program.

For more information on Dr. Gebrian and Haiti Health Foundation, please see the recent feature from UConn Today at <http://today.uconn.edu>

Dr. Gebrian's story is under the Science and Health news section entitled, *Nursing Alum providing Health Care in Haiti.*

EXCERPT - CATHECHISM FOR CATHOLIC

VOTERS – Fr. Stephen F. Torraco, Ph.D.

What if none of the candidates are completely pro-life?

As Pope John Paul II explains in his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), "...when it is not possible to overturn or completely abrogate a pro-abortion law, an elected official, whose absolute personal opposition to procured abortion was well known, could licitly support proposals aimed at limiting the harm done by such a law and at lessening its negative consequences at the level of general opinion and morality. This does not in fact represent an illicit cooperation with an unjust law, but rather a legitimate and proper attempt to limit its evil aspects." Logically, it follows from these words of the Pope that a voter may likewise vote for that candidate who will most likely limit the evils of abortion or any other moral evil at issue.

What if one leading candidate is anti-abortion except in the cases of rape or incest, another leading candidate is completely pro-abortion, and a trailing candidate, not likely to win, is completely anti-abortion. Would I be obliged to vote for the candidate not likely to win?

In such a case, the Catholic voter may clearly choose to vote for the candidate not likely to win. In addition, the Catholic voter may assess that voting for that candidate might only benefit the completely pro-abortion candidate, and, precisely for the purpose of curtailing the evil of abortion, may decide to vote for the leading candidate that is anti-abortion but not perfectly so. This decision would be in keeping with the words of the Pope quoted in the question above.

ST. MAURICE CHRISTMAS FAIR

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

Americans who have difficulties understanding the teachings of the Catholic Church on the subjects of contraception, sterilization, abortion and same-sex marriage, should also recognize that the government has no right to tell the Catholic Church to violate its faith-filled principles. As Pope Benedict XVI has stated, "It is imperative that the entire Catholic Community in the U. S. come to realize the grave threats to the Church's public moral witness."

If you haven't done so already, please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate. For addresses and phone numbers, please visit: www.ctcatholic.org or www.norwichdiocese.org.

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