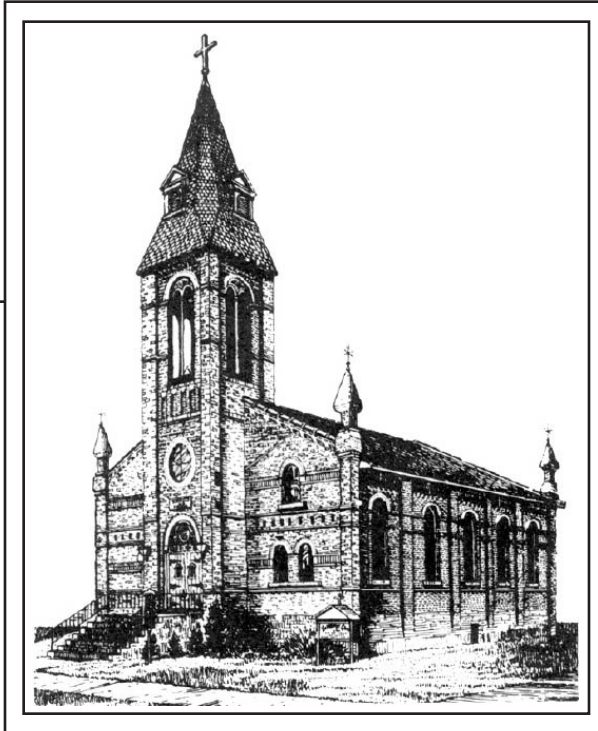


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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TRUTH



Truth requires a lived response in that it is not only known by falsehoods, which stand in opposition to it, but by making the truth known. Jesus said to His Apostles: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Matt. 28:18) He, God speaking, did not say some authority as if He shares it with other 'gods' for He speaks exclusively as when He said: "I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me". (John 14:6) Jesus is exclusive and excludes by clear teaching and authority all other would-be contenders for the position of God. And that is why our Christian response to the truth has to be with our witness in word and in deed to that truth. To not speak and live and act according to that truth is an affront to God. Henri Frederic Amiel says: "Truth is not only violated by falsehood; it may be equally outraged by silence".

I have written about the word, the idea and ideal of truth many times over the years and yet all of them would amount to a grain of sand compared to the scope, breadth and depth of this topic studied and covered by great minds over the centuries. Truth is the second of the three standards that Jesus is. He is truth personified as the God man. All truth leads to Him and all truth leads to the worship of Him in "spirit and in truth". But we humans tend toward either compromise or the self-writing proverbs that satisfy and lull our deadened consciences to a faith of our own choosing and made in our image and likeness.

How often have you heard someone say, "Well, I don't believe that you have to go to church or that you have to obey all that the Church prescribes to go to heaven. I believe that if you're 'a good person' that is all that matters." Or how many times have you heard people in more recent years say, "Well, you have your truth and I have my truth". Once again, this is clearly compromise and makes clear the belief that there is no such thing as 'the truth' but has variants, like calling a lie a white lie. But let's unpack that.

I'm reminded of a Dominican priest who gave a retreat to the priests of our Archdiocese a couple of years ago. As a campus chaplain he worked among young people, one of whom came to see him one day and told him, "Father, my pastor says that all of the religions of the world are just different paths up the same mountain that lead to the same God." And his response to her was perfect. He simply asked, "And how do you know this?" What he was saying was, unless you have personally known and lived fully every possible religion of the world, and died, and discovered that all of these gods are one in the same God, how else could you know that? It's a huge assumption and flat out wrong. The claims that Christ Himself makes is that He IS Truth. It's not just one of His attributes or some trait that He has within Himself. If someone called me an honest person no one would say that I am honesty itself. It would simply be a virtue practiced and witnessed imperfectly in me.

If Jesus is THE TRUTH, the summit and pinnacle of all truth as God, then He is the standard by which all truth is compared and known. The world of 'woke' cannot accept this as it desires, in the interest of a false equality, for all religions to be seen as the same. Yet, in truth – Jesus is the One and only God.

St. Thomas Aquinas, the great Angelic Doctor of the Church stated that "Every truth without exception – and whoever may utter it – is from the Holy Ghost". Again, this is possible only with the understanding that the Trinity of Persons is that Truth.

Truth also leads into all love for as St. John Paul II stated: "Truth does not allow us to despair of our opponents. The man of peace inspired by truth does not equate his opponent with the error into which he sees him fall." How true and how inspiring that we would love not only truth itself (Christ) but also those who oppose that truth as nothing but as loved and valued and therefore worthy of fraternal correction through that love.

There is an old saying that "Falsehood is halfway around the world before truth gets its boots on", which is to say that humans love a juicy tale about someone else or often even bad news about someone they don't like. In the information age we find ourselves living in, many things present themselves to us as the carriers of or defenders of the truth. Yet we have so much that is not true at all. Jesus calls us to not only be good but to stand for the highest good: Truth, which IS JESUS! (FrC)

New Lectors Required

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- be a practicing, every-Sunday Mass attending Roman Catholic
- have a genuine love of and humility before the Word of God
- have a willingness to not only read but proclaim the truth and good news of the Holy Scriptures
- possess a good, clear reading voice

If you are interested, please speak directly to me, Fr. Charles and I will meet with you and train you in the protocols of the Lector role. The Church teaches that the Word of God proclaimed on Sundays and weekdays is a "Living Word", and therefore should be delivered in all humility and love of it and its purposes for the people. Speak to me after Mass and we can discuss the possibility of you becoming a proclaimer of the Word. (FrC)

JUNE 9, 2024

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Tues June 11 7:00pm	+Sheila Skinner Requested by Fflo MacRae & Family
Wed June 12 8:30am	+Jadwiga & Szczepan Ryszard Targonski Requested by Richard Targonski Unannounced Mass
Thurs June 13 8:30am	+Barry Lawrence Requested by the Cudney Family
Friday June 14 7:30am 8:30am	Holy Hour In Thanksgiving Eva & Family +Fatima D'Souza Requested by Myla Belza & Family
Sat June 15 3:30 to 4:00pm 4:30pm	Confessions +Emilio Nella Requested by the Nella Family
Sunday June 16 9:00am 11:00am	For the People +Elizabeth Sanqua Requested by Mary Beth & Peter Sharpe

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Mary Little, Kaz Watroba, Albert Sant, Rose Flanagan, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Patrick McKee, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Joseph Crupi, Vera Petrovic, Ashley Zavitz.

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