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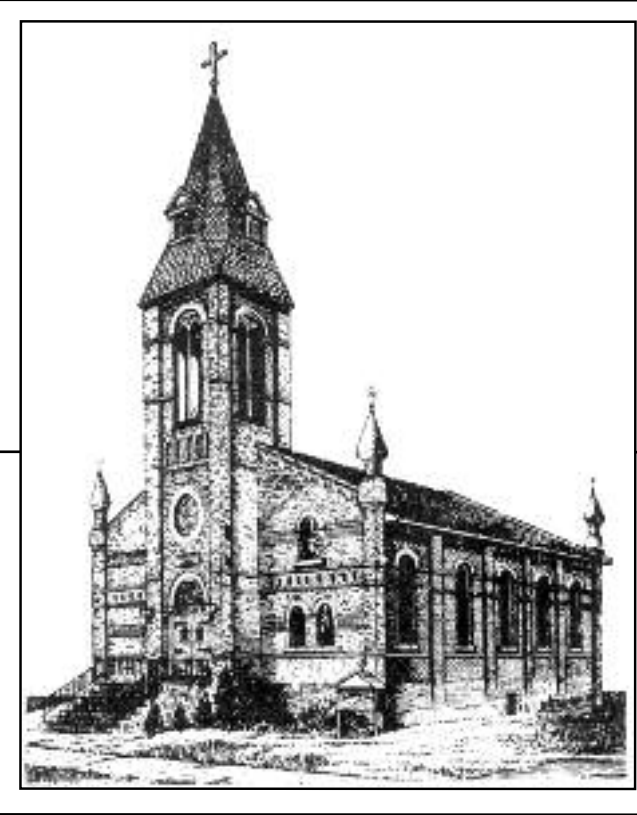
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Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

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1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
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THE MASS

It would do us all well to give some reflection on the miracle and mystery that is known as the Mass because the Mass, in its two-fold parts, the Liturgy of the Word (the Readings from Sacred Scripture, Old and New Testament) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (Consecration & Eucharistic Prayer) is the focal point of the Church and all that she believes and holds to be true. In fact, the Church teaches that the Eucharist itself, Jesus' Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, is the "Summit and Source" of the Catholic faith. It is the 'Summit' because there is nothing higher in all the world because it is Jesus Himself and, therefore, the Mass itself is the highest form of prayer on earth. It is the 'Source' because it is that which all power and nourishment comes from. Picturing a large wagon wheel with a great hub in the centre and all of the spokes running from that centre out to the edge of the wheel is a good image for us of what the Eucharist is to the lives which partake of it. And we mean this very thing. Our lives are drawn (or should be) to the centre of that wheel, that hub each week as we are drawn to the Mass. It is in that centre which is Jesus Himself, the Source, that our lives are summoned to and, nourished here with the power of God's Word and the power of Jesus Himself in receiving Him, truly. And then our lives flow out again from that centre to our day-to-day living. We leave each Mass, where we have participated fully with heart and mind, "fed" by Word and Sacrament.



It has always seemed a curious thing to me that many of those Catholics who lead the Church and go out to find a "Bible-believing" church will often say that they left the Catholic Church because they felt they weren't being fed, when in fact, the very

thing they missed to either see or experience at Mass was Jesus Himself who was feeding them with HIMSELF. And thinking that it somehow wasn't here in the Mass they went out in search to find Him elsewhere. What they missed and what they were perhaps drawn to look for elsewhere was a message, a sermon, a preaching that would speak to their heart. They wanted to hear someone tell them about Jesus found in the heart of the scriptures and they weren't getting that at their local Catholic parish. Preaching is important and there are priests who find giving a homily a difficult part of their ministry or that they might not have the gift of preaching. That is a challenge. But it is a challenge that priests must rise to, not simply to keep the people in the pews but to help and not hinder the power of God's Word in each of their lives. God has something to say to us each time we read the scriptures ourselves or hear them proclaimed (yes, proclaimed) by the lectors on Sunday. The readings from the Bible each week powerfully remind us that Our Great God wants us back! He wants us to know, love and serve Him here in this life so that He can lead us to the life that never ends, with Him.

"Summit and Source" reminds us of who Jesus is for us as Catholics and members of the Church Christ Himself founded. While mainline Christians believe in Jesus and that He is the Son of God and Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Catholic Church from her foundation in Christ has always

believed in Jesus in the Eucharist while for Protestants, this centre was dropped and was largely lost when the reformers eliminated the priesthood, the Mass and the sacraments when the Word of God alone became the rule of faith.

Yet we are living at a time when, following events that have taken place in the world (the sexual revolution) and in the Church, a watering-down of Catholic faith and a failure to teach the faith in truth, we have been devolving into the church of the few in that most Catholics don't believe that Jesus is really and truly present in the Eucharist. I say 'most' because the 2019 Pew Research Poll in the U.S. showed a whopping 75% of Catholics or even higher, do not believe that Christ is really present in His Body and Blood in the Mass. While many a priest and bishop has cited this reality in their preaching and writings it is a falling away from the faith and a movement more to the world in which we live. But the world can't save us as we continue to need to be saved in the world and from the spirit of the world which is godlessness.

Why the Mass? Because of Jesus, who knows what we need because He made us and hardwired us from the beginning to be able to live with Him. This reality was broken when man fell as a result of sin from our first parents, Adam and Eve. But it was restored when Jesus came as the new Adam (and Mary, His Blessed Mother, the new Eve) receiving the punishment we deserved and taking upon Himself our sins and human weakness, restoring us to relationship with the Father. We do that in the Mass. We begin under the sign of our salvation tracing the cross on our bodies with our hands and then acknowledging with one another, whether we are rich or poor, intelligent or not, black or white, that we are sinners before God. Then we listen to God speak to the very lives we are here to live about a different way of living and a destiny that is founded in the here and now in beautiful, unbelievable friendship and relationship with the Living God. The 'readings', as we call them, taken from among the 73 Books of the Bible, Old Testament and New, the psalms, the Gospels, is a living Word in that it has the power to speak directly to our interior self about the God of Jesus Christ who loves, not only us collectively but YOU personally. It's personal. And from the readings and the homily, which is to connect the Word of God to our lives today, we move to the celebration of the Eucharist when in light of what God has just spoken to us, we meet afresh the same Jesus who taught and touched the human heart with His words, now present on the altar in bread and wine become Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity by the power of the Holy Spirit and through the words and actions of the priest... Jesus Himself under the form of bread and wine just as the Apostles saw and received on the night before Jesus' Death; the night He instituted the priesthood and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and commissioned His followers to serve one another as He Himself had served them.

As we continue to live our lives in this world for such a brief time, we are meant to discover our way out from living for this world only, as sadly so many live today. The commission at the end of every Mass "Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord" is the same sending Jesus did with His Apostles as his feet left the earth He had made, the feet that had walked in the flesh for such a brief, salvific moment in time. At the end of Mass, we need to know and remember that we, too, are being sent, fed by Word and Sacrament to make Jesus known. Just do it. (Fr.C)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday September 28th
8:30am + Karen Quilao & Tomasa Malabanan

Wednesday September 29th
7:00pm + Will Ferguson
Requested by the Cudney Family

Thursday September 30th
8:30am + Michael Flood
Requested by Susan & Fred Holmes

Friday October 1st
7:30am HOLY HOUR
8:30am + Ursula Szabunio
Requested by Ann & Larry Voisin

Saturday October 2nd
4:30pm Confession
5:15pm + Denis Fonseka
Requested by the Family

Sunday October 3rd
9:00am + Robert Ironside
Requested by Pat & Family

11:00am Intentions of the Ford Family
Requested by Clare & Gene Bisogno

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