

So, have you been working on that question I posed to you? Yes.....that one.

Why do you come to Church?

I have continued to reflect on that question throughout the week, too.

And, as I reflect on the facts and statistics, I can't help but wonder will we survive?

Will there still be a Church, and people going to Mass 50 years from now?

There just seems to be such a lack of enthusiasm such a lack of commitment to going to Church on a regular basis anymore.

The statistics tell us that more than 70% of our Catholic people don't go to Church on a regular basis any longer. Does that shock you? I think it should shock us, but it doesn't seem to surprise us.

Can you imagine if the Catholic Church were listed on the Stock Exchange? We would be in that "worst performer" category. Why is that the case?

Is it an issue of Faith? A question of belief – or, a lack thereof? Is it our image of God? Or, is it that it is boring and I want to be engaged? Is it an unawareness of God and who He is? Or, simply that I just don't want to go? I only do anymore what I want to do!

Here is a story:

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. Bobby answered, "I couldn't decide between going to Church and coming to this football game. So, I tossed a coin!" "But, that shouldn't have taken too long," said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times!"

Bob Dylan, that great philosopher / song writer, many years ago crooned that great classic, "For the times they are a-changing." Wow! How much they have changed?

So, why do you go to Church? It is certainly worth asking!