

May 14, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Easter



CLERICALISM?

Time to get this experience in motion! I have asked you for a few weeks now to look at and think about **Clericalism**. *What is it? What does it mean? How does it help or how does it restrict?*

It's pretty an amazing concept because some people can speak of **Clericalism** as a valuable experience. For others, just the very mention of the word conjures up dark and distressing emotions, and generates an immediate sort of resistance.

The Merriam Webster definition of **Clericalism** is:

- a policy of maintaining or increasing the power of a religious hierarchy.

So, is this your understanding of Clericalism?

On December 17, 2013, Pope Francis prays for the Church to be 'Free of Clericalism'

"Lord, free your people from a spirit of clericalism and aid them with a spirit of prophecy," Pope Francis prayed.

A prophet is one who "has in his heart the promise of God," explained the Holy Father. "He lives it, he remembers it, [and] he repeats it."

Dr. Jeff Mirus of CatholicCulture.org says:

The Clericalist Thesis

...Many an effort of the Catholic laity to find their true identity as members of the Church has been marred by clericalism or the reaction against it. **On the one hand, the laity have often been cast in a passive role, merely awaiting the direction of the clerical betters. On the other, as the culture has reacted against clericalism, the laity have too often fallen into a sort of democratized laziness, taking no kind of direction from anyone, including spiritual direction. And on the third hand (for we are ever plagued in serious discussion by an insufficiency of hands), too often a sort of compromise has been effected by which lay persons are turned into "clerics lite" by expressing their vocations purely through various "ministries", typically within church buildings.**

What is your experience of Clericalism?

- Fr. Gerry

Mass Intentions

Week of May 15, 2017:

7:30 am Mon.: Fr. Martin Ruane (RIP)
7:30 am Tues.: Karina Vertrano (RIP)
6:00 pm Wed.: Peggy Hamilton (RIP)
7:30 am Thurs.: LCpl Philip Clark (RIP)
7:30 am Fri.: Elie Wiesel (RIP)
5:30 pm Sat.: Ann Zummo (RIP)
8:00 am Sun.: People of the Parish
10:30 am Sun.: Wanda Zebrowski (RIP)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat 4:30-5:00pm or by appt.

Prayer Intentions

Julie Middleton Gunter, friend of Marilyn Stefka

Pray for the Repose of the Souls

Carol Regnier, mother of Steve Regnier
Jane Corbitt, mother of Chris Flowers & Tim Corbitt
Cybil Mallernee, sister of Gene Lafhameyer

Adoration This Week: Monday-Friday 8:00 am- 12:00 pm
Wednesday 6:30 pm-7:30 pm



New Announcements

Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Breakfast-
THIS SUNDAY after both masses- Join us in the
Family Life Center!



Altar Flowers

(included with our baptismal font display)

*In memory of Clarence and Helen Schmidt
~ Tony and Karen Schmidt*

Blessed Mother Flowers

*In honor of all mothers of special needs children.
~ Bill and Kelly McBride*

Reminders

* **Please help us keep your records up-to-date!** If you have a change of address, phone number, email address, or a new member to add to your family, please email the office.

***Following Christ Sessions will begin on Tuesday, June 6th for all who have completed a Discovering Christ Session.** Sessions will be held June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25. Retreat will be on Saturday, July 15th. **Registration is now open on our website!! If you are interested in a daytime session, please call the office.**

***Baptism prep classes** are required for all those needing a child baptized. Our next class is **May 21st at 2pm.** Classes are offered approximately every 3 months

SAVE THE DATE:
CRAFT FAIR- Nov. 11th and 12th

Weekly offering for May 7, 2017- \$27,330

***St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church** would like to extend an invitation to our **2017 Cajun Fest** which is held on the church grounds, 4000 W. Tidewater Lane, Madison, MS 39110 on May 21, 2017 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

***All are invited to celebrate Fr. Al Camp's 60th Anniversary Mass and Celebration** on May 25th- 11 am at St. Francis of Assisi.

***Travel with Fr. Jason Johnston, Associate Pastor of St Francis of Assisi, Madison, MS on our "Shrines of Italy with Fr. Jason and Catholic Charities Jackson."**

Where: Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Florence, Loreto, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Pietrelcina, Monte Cassino

Trip Dates: Oct 07-18, 2017 Cost: \$4,499.00 Airfare and ALL-Included

To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.

***Disaster Ministry** More than 25 counties in Mississippi were affected by the storms on April 30, 2017. Major damage to homes were reported for the counties of Adams, Holmes, Montgomery, Yazoo, Tunica, Hinds and Calhoun. Assessments are still being conducted by MEMA and the County Emergency Management Agencies. Immediate volunteer help is needed for **skilled labor** to help with debris removal. Please contact Dorothy Balseer at 601-326-3785 or dorothy.balseer@ccjackson.org if you can volunteer with skilled labor. Monetary donations can be made online at <http://www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org/givetocci>

Assisi Learning Center is accepting application for a secretary at their school. Must have experience in office work and knowledge of computer programs. If interested, please call 601-856-9494 to set up for an interview.

***If you would like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special event, altar flowers and Blessed Mother flowers can be reserved through our website.** You can find it under to *Registration Forms* tab.

***Nursery and Children's Liturgy** available at the 10:30am mass. **The Nursery** is located in the Early Learning Center (enter through the cafeteria before mass). **Children ages 2-5** will be called up during the mass for **Children's Liturgy**.



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5. The Spirit-Empowered Life
Retreat: The World, the Flesh, & the Devil
6. Advancing the Mission of the Church
7. Celebration!

DATES, TIMES, LOCATION

Tuesdays 7-9 pm
June 6 - July 25
(excluding July 4th)
Saturday Retreat July 15th

COST/REGISTRATION

Register free online at
saintpaulcatholicchurch.com
Call the office for assistance
@ 601-992-9547

MORE INFO

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