

Fear the Enemy.

Thank you for keeping up with me on these reflections by C.S. Lewis and Saint Paul. How alike they are in many matters regarding Christianity. Paul, in many ways, sees the dichotomy, the fear, the enemy, as being within – a sort of conflict that takes place within himself, and indeed within all of humankind – a conflict between the “Flesh” and the “Spirit.” While he acknowledges this conflict as being a part of the life of every human being, he is quite clear that the solution to that conflict is a personal relationship with God.

C.S. Lewis sees the conflict as being between the “Animal Self” and the “Diabolical Self.” Neither author acknowledges that going to church or saying prayers is a solution. Both see the only solution is a personal trust, belief, and relationship in the Living God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

Notice how Saint Paul presents it:

“We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

After saying this, what can we add? With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us — he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.” Romans 8:28-34

Here is how C.S. Lewis presents it:

“If anyone thinks that Christians regard unchastity as the supreme vice, he is quite wrong. The sins of the flesh are bad, but they are the least bad of all sins. All the worst pleasures are purely spiritual: the pleasure of putting other people in the wrong, of bossing and patronizing and spoiling sport, and back-biting, the pleasures of power, of hatred. For there are two things inside me, competing with the human self which I must try to become. They are the Animal self, and the Diabolical self. The Diabolical self is the worse of the two. That is why a cold, self-righteous prig who goes regularly to church may be far nearer to hell than a prostitute. But, of course, it is better to be neither.”

-Fr. Gerry



November 5, 2017

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions — November 6th~12th

Monday @ 7:30 am — Richard Hatch (RIP)
Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Nolan Hughes (RIP)
Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Carl Rainey (RIP)
Thursday @ 7:30 am — Jack & Dylan Gordy (RIP)
Friday @ 7:30 am — HE & Roselyn and Jon Pickett (RIP)
Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Fr. Patrick Noonan (RIP)
Sunday @ 8:00 am — Ken Dellner (RIP)
Sunday @ 10:30 am — Kenneth Mitchell (RIP)

Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

Abby Flaherty Bob Flaherty
Linda Russell Sammie Glorioso

Repose of the Soul:

Kaleel Slalom, brother-in-law of Ed Thomas

(full prayer list on our website)

Altar Flowers this week

In Honor of: The People of this Parish

Blessed Mother Flowers this week

In Memory of: Oscar and Mimi Rodriguez,
parents of Ana Escalante
Donated by: Ana Escalante

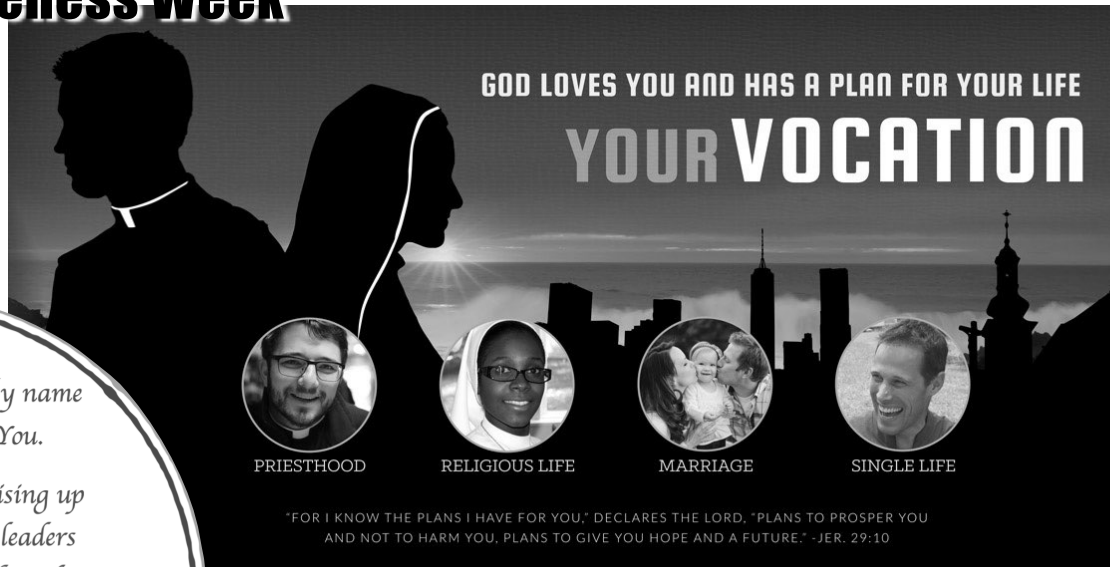
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday — Friday, 8 am to 12 noon, in the Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday, 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the room next to the Chapel, or by appointment

Religious Ed Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am & Wednesdays, 6-8:30 pm, in the Family Life Center

RCIA/Discovering Christ Tuesdays, 6:30-9 pm in the Family Life Center

**Vocations Awareness Week
November 5-11**



Father,
You call each one of us by name
and ask us to follow You.
Bless Your church by raising up
dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests,
Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.
Inspire us as we grow to know You,
and open our hearts to hear Your call.
We ask this in Jesus name
Amen.

Jesus looks at you and invites you to go with him. Dear young people, have you noticed this look towards you? Have you heard this voice? Have you felt this urge to undertake this journey? I am sure that, despite the noise and confusion seemingly prevalent in the world, this call continues to resonate in the depths of your heart so as to open it to joy in its fullness. This will be possible to the extent that, even with professional guides, you will learn how to undertake a journey of discernment to discover God's plan in your life. Even when the journey is uncertain and you fall, God, rich in mercy, will extend his hand to pick you up. -Pope Francis

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