

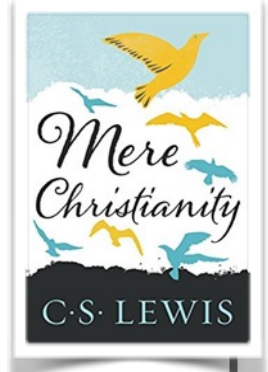
# Fear the Enemy.

*On writing these three words above, I think most people would read that sentence and say, "Of course, why not!" All of my life I have been instructed, trained, and challenged to "Fear the Enemy." – So, what's the big issue?*

*The big issue is – there is one word missing! No matter what way you formulate the statement, that one word is critical. – Do you know the missing word?*

*I am happy to report that our Sunday Morning Adult Study Group has grown exponentially. Perhaps it is due to the continued invitations to join, or it may be the consequence of our ChristLife offerings, or the human thirst for greater understanding and a closer, personal relationship with Jesus our Savior.*

*I have also considered that it may simply be the material being studied, "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. Lewis may very well be the most significant convert to Christianity in the 20th Century. It is fair to say further that no single author has had such a profound influence on the Christian experience and psyche of individuals interested in exploring the Christian Faith.*



*So, while our Sunday Adult Study Group reflects on "Mere Christianity," I would also like to spend a few weeks reflecting on some of the great wonders of C.S. Lewis' genius. He was a man whom God moved from professed atheist to Christian writer, par excellence.*

*"Mere Christianity" was first published in 1952. Flip this page over to delve into a piece of the chapter titled, "Forgiveness."*

*– Fr. Gerry*



“So loving my enemies does not apparently mean thinking them nice either. That is an enormous relief. For a good many people imagine that forgiving your enemies means making out that they are really not such bad fellows after all, when it is quite plain that they are. Go a step further. In my most clear-sighted moments not only do I not think myself a nice man, but I know that I am a very nasty one. I can look at some of the things I have done with horror and loathing. So apparently I am allowed to loathe and hate some of the things my enemies do. Now that I come to think of it, I remember Christian teachers telling me long ago that I must hate a bad man’s actions, but not hate the bad man: or, as they would say, hate the sin but not the sinner.

“For a long time I used to think this is a silly, straw-splitting distinction: how could you hate what a man did and not hate the man? But years later it occurred to me that there was one man to whom I had been doing this all my life — namely myself. However much I might dislike my own cowardice or conceit or greed, I went on loving myself. There had never been the slightest difficulty about it. In fact the very reason why I hated the things was that I loved the man. Just because I loved myself, I was sorry to find that I was the sort of man who did those things. Consequently, Christianity does not want us to reduce by one atom the hatred we feel for cruelty and treachery. We ought to hate them. Not one word of what we have said about them needs to be unsaid. But it does want us to hate them in the same way in which we hate things in ourselves: being sorry that the man should have done such things, and hoping, if it is anyway possible, that somehow, sometime, somewhere he can be cured and made human again.”

— excerpt from “Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis

## October 22, 2017 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions — October 23rd ~ 29th

Monday @ 7:30 am — Stewart Murphy (RIP)  
 Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Antonin Scalia (RIP)  
 Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Rosie Morris (RIP)  
 Thursday @ 7:30 am — Pratyusha Banerjee (RIP)  
 Friday @ 7:30 am — Paul Bhattacherjee (RIP)  
 Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Carl Rainey (RIP)  
 Sunday @ 8:00 am — Ed Shaw (RIP)  
 Sunday @ 10:30 am — Martha Lucente (RIP)

### Prayer Requests

**Special Intentions:** Linda Klein Patrick Janes  
 Florence Cerami, mother of Fred Cerami  
 Valerie Bergsten, mother of Dawn Clancy  
 Dianne Enis, mother of Rebecca Hayes  
 Ardis Pansegraw, grandmother of Cinda Sexton

### Rest of the Soul:

Billy Brechtel, brother of Michael Brechtel  
 Mildred Johnson, mother of Sherry Pitts

### Altar Flowers this week

In loving memory of Dr. Albert & Sue Tillman  
 and Bob & Doris Moody  
 Donated by: Robert & Kay Moody

### Altar Flowers this week

In Memory of Rosie Morris  
 Donated by: The Morris Family