



The contribution of your life is through service.
What will be your ministry in the Body of Christ?

Mass Intentions ~ June 4-10, 2018

Monday @ 7:30 am — Tommy Autrey (RIP)

Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Martha Collins (RIP)

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Journey of Faith Group (Sp Int)

Thursday @ 7:30 am — Mary McAleese (RIP)

Friday @ 7:30 am — Communion Service

Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Fr. Patrick Noonan (RIP)

Sunday @ 8:00 am — People of the Parish (RIP)

Sunday @ 10:30 am — Tommy & Kenneth Mitchell

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

Garland Wright

submit prayer requests to the Church office

liturgy@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com

601-992-9547

Adoration this week: Mon—Fri 8am-12noon Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00 pm or by appt.



**Altar Flowers this week: Donated by: Jim & Kathy Mathews;
in memory of our fathers, Jim McQuitty and Bill Mathews**

Blessed Mother Flowers this week: In Honor of all expectant mothers.

Announcements

June 1-3 — 40 Hours of Adoration in the Lounge of the Family Life Center; 6:30 pm Friday through 10:30 am Sunday

June 6 — Deep in Dialogue session in the Lounge of the Family Life Center at 6:00 pm; RSVP to 601-992-9547 by Tuesday

June 10 — Baptism Preparation Class at 2:00 pm; for all parents wishing to have a child baptized in the next few months.

June 9 — 13th Annual Bishop's Ball at the Country Club of Jackson at 6:30 pm; call 601-326-3758; flyers on the counter.

June 15th — Father's Day Bingo June 15th at 6:30 pm; hosted by the Women's Guild. Please plan on joining us to help celebrate all Dads!. More details to follow in coming weeks.

June 16/17 — Collection for the Emergency Shelter for Children — a residential shelter for children & youth, ages birth-17, who have been abused & abandoned. Please donate toothbrushes & toothpaste, hair brushes & combs, backpacks, hair oil, barrettes, lunch boxes, socks & underwear, small luggage, Dove or Dial soap, cleaning supplies, paper plates, towels, toilet paper, gallon size Ziplock Bags, laundry detergent, fabric softener, cleaners, Lysol, money.

June 18 — Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of Pastor Emeritus Reverend Noel Prendergast on the 60th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood at 6:00 pm at Holy Savior Catholic Church, 714 Lindale Street at Old Vicksburg Rd in Clinton. A reception will immediately follow in the Parish Hall. Please call 601-924-6344 for further information.

Big Deal Youth happenings this summer!

Geyser Falls

Sign Ups: Saturday, June 9 & Sunday, June 10
Trip: Saturday, June 23

Kayak Trip

Sign Ups: Saturday, June 30 & Sunday, July 1
Trip: Saturday, July 14

Brave's Baseball Game

Sign Ups: Saturday, August 4 & Sunday, August 5
Trip: Saturday, August 18

First Communion Banners are ready to be picked up!!
Find yours on the table by the ELC cafeteria & please take it home today!

June 3, 2018 ~ The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Church – Hospital – School

As a Catholic, I am a Devout spokesman for our Church. I post pro-Catholic understandings on social media, frequently. I believe that our Church is the church that Christ envisioned when he handed over the keys.

Is the The Church a Hospital that may not care for her parishioners? No.

Our Church, our Parish, is filled every Sunday with Faithful Christians. Each week, I travel throughout the Southeast and sometimes, to other regions of our country. In these travels, I see how the world has taken a toll on many people.

Murders, violence, and hate. My Church, St. Paul, is my Oasis. Sunday Mornings, 8:00 am, is the time that replenishes my soul.

Each Sunday morning, in a way, is like a Hospital, for attending Mass on each Sunday, heals my soul. I am fed, for by the end of each week, my soul longs for the Mass and it's the nourishment that my soul longs for all week long.

If our Church is to be compared to a Hospital, then the healing that it provides each Sunday should be upon the patient, who though sick, should seek healing by attending Mass and understanding it's healing powers to the soul.

“Only say the word and My Soul shall be healed.” Words, if pondered, shall have more meaning, if one shall listen.

My good friend, bass player for Elvis Presley, and a great record producer of albums by Dan Fogelberg, Linda Ronstadt, and Jimmy Buffett reflects Father's Homily on May 6th. Practice, practice, practice. Practice being kind. Practice smiling more. Practice giving more, it comes back to you in more ways than you expect, and practice being happy. God, our Father, smiles when we are happy. Make him smile!

Chuck Smith



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Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm; Friday 8:00am-12noon

Dear Father Gerry,

I happened upon a reading today which helped me understand Jesus' plight as he contended with the religious authorities. The reading describes how the Jerusalem Temple could be understood when compared to a nuclear power plant, (particularly as portrayed in the film, The China Syndrome). Why do I bring this up? Because I discovered this helped me know Jesus better, and to thus know God better, and to thus know better how I am called to be, and to reflect on the situation of our church. I am grateful that there are always opportunities for such discoveries which for me, are essential to living life with a modicum of faith + fulfillment.

To reflect on James Kennedy's quote, its clear he wants us to learn and to get well, overcoming our ignorance and both our spiritual and physical sickness. Cheryl, in her reflection (Bulletin 4/15) emphasizes facing our "fears and beliefs one at a time," and the importance of coming to the truth, adjusting our core beliefs in order to experience real healing and freedom. Jesus, immediately after his resurrection, seeks to open the minds of the disciples to understanding the scriptures (Luke 24, 27, 28, 45). In reinterpreting the greatest commandment Jesus adds his emphasis on mind to the original heart, soul and strength (Deuteronomy 6.5). Scripture proscribes worship in spirit and truth.

The word that has been jumping out at me recently is transformation. I hear people in church saying things like, "In all this time, it never occurred to me. Why was I never told about this until now?" and reflecting on how they have been changed by the group programs and discussion opportunities being offered in our church. We can witness how controversy managed with care can contribute to growth in wisdom. This is important in a world in which truth and consideration seem so frequently high jacked by rivalry, contention, envy and violence. If we are to evangelize must we not be able to give example and answers fortified by our knowledge, wisdom, peace, and non-violence, as bearers of our love which must grow and which may be our only ways to communicate at least some small measure of holiness, reassurance and healing.

Writing this in realization of the May 16th dialogue I raise these thoughts:

- I support the continuation of small discussion groups. Awareness of and guidance about available group study programs seems important to pursue. I will continue to seek my own spiritual resources as I am inspired to, with prayer for good discernment in this. I am surprised how often what I have read provides me with something I can offer in response to discussion in group(s).
- Is there a place and need in our church for healing ministry, which is informed, effective, researched and safe? I am aware of such a ministry with a lengthy history and which has recently changed its name to Transformative Prayer Ministry – there's that word again. It does require time and training to develop as I understand it.
- What might emerge from the recent pilgrimage to the L'Arche Program in Memphis? Can it be fruitful in any way for the intellectually challenged members of our church, our community, and their families?

I can't count the number of times I've started a response to your requests and then dropped it, mostly feeling too much "me," not enough "we." I'm happier with the balance here but I better get it off before I change my mind.

Ben Ticknor

Father Hurley,

The responses to the questions that you have posed to all of us have captured my interest (as evidenced by my seeming insistence on responding to each one of them).

Balance

Father Hurley's message on balance comes to mind when reading responses to the "Hospital/Church" quote. The very word "balance" fills me with a vague anxiety. As a person who has been pre-disposed to one sort of extremism or another, achieving equilibrium in any area of my life is much easier said than done. I can't help but feel that I am not alone in seeing balance as a true challenge, whether acknowledging or denying the struggle, the fact is displayed by the physical scale. Heaven knows, a single twitch or shuffle sends the scales awry.

Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Perfect balance, Jesus at the center. When Jesus is the true center, balance is achieved. It is something I have yet to attain, not being weighed down on one side or the other, not wavering from a steadfast gaze upon Christ. I know that this is being perfected in me through trials, hurts, challenges, victories; and I will know true balance and harmony when I become the person that God, our Father, intended me to be.

To deny my human weakness, my struggle to stay balanced, is self-deception. I think we all like to deceive ourselves at times. Who doesn't like to hear the sugar-coated version? In my opinion, the Church as hospital/school that does not get well/learn idea is one we should all consider from time to time in an effort to discern whether:

1. *We have a hidden illness/ignorance that we haven't recognized.*
2. *We recognize our illness/ignorance, but hang on to it because it is what we are accustomed to.*
3. *We recognize our illness/ignorance, and it has become what defines us as a person.*

(I hope I'm not repeating anyone else's ideas, as they seem very familiar to me.) The above situations can each be used as an excellent reason for not moving forward, stagnating, plateauing. I think this is what James Kennedy was trying to alert us to in his quotation.

The question is whether we are going to let ourselves be alerted to strive for balance in Christ?

Knowledge

There are things that I love learning about. I can't get enough information on subjects that interest me. When a lesson is tough to learn, I don't catch on quickly, or it simply does not interest me, learning is a discipline. I must submit myself to the teaching that our Lord is cultivating in me. The trials, the hurts, the weaknesses, the missed opportunities, the failures, the mistakes--I should learn from these. If I don't learn what God is trying to teach me, I continue to experience the same trials, hurts and mistakes.

Lord, please help me to see what you are trying to teach me. Help me to put into practice, daily, those things that you reveal to me.

Healing

I desperately want healing. The real question is: Do I want the healing badly enough to make changes in my life that I may have to in order to receive wellness? There are times when God heals instantly. Although there are so many modern advancements and tools that the Lord has put at our disposal, I believe that the Holy Spirit is still miraculously healing today. Sometimes, it takes time for healing to happen. It is looking to our Father through Jesus by the Holy Spirit, opening myself to His direction, that puts me in the position to be healed. There are instances when illnesses and hurts are a cross to be borne, a suffering to share with Christ. Whether healing is presented through medicine, a blessing, a Mass, a letting go of old ways of thinking, or a cross borne with our Lord, the true miracle is that the God who created the entire universe has a plan for every tiny nuance in my life.

Lord, please open me to the leading of Your Holy Spirit, that I may be healed through the method of your choosing.

Elizabeth Lee