Weekend Mass Times:
- Saturday: 4:00 pm.
- Sunday: 10:00 am.

Weekday Mass Times:
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 5:30 pm.
- Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 am.

Holy Day Masses:
- Vigil Mass: 6:00 pm.
- Mass of the Day: 8:00 am.

Confessions:
- Saturday: 3:00 pm. - 3:30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration:
- After the Thursday Morning Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion:
- Friday: 5:10 pm.
Hello Everyone,

As I am writing this weekly missive, I am realizing that we are entering into the last week of October! November is around the corner with All Saints Day and All Souls Day. It is true what they say, the older you get, the faster time flies. Soon we will have to start thinking about Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas time. As we are all witnesses to the crazy events of the world around us, and that time goes by way too quickly, this should give us an opportunity to reflect on our mortality. By all means, I do not want to be morbid here, but it is a reality. Even myself, as I have entered into my 50s (yeah, yeah, Fr. Eric is still young) I have found myself thinking about making arrangements for when the Lord calls me home. My parents are getting “old” and I do not want to even think about burying them any time soon. I hope they live a good long life.

This year saw the loss of my spiritual director of many years, Fr. Peter Guerin, OSB., (St. Anselm Abbey), and a good friend Bishop John McCormack. Many of us have suffered the loss of a loved one over the last few years and yes, it is sad. But, we have the one thing that sustains us throughout our lives and strengthens us during the rough times, that is our faith. Paul tells us, “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Let not what is going on around us discourage or make us despair, but to cling to our faith. We live with the hope that all things will get better because that is what God wants for us. We can believe that God will restore for us a sense of normalcy and that the pandemic will eventually come to an end. The force of good will conquer over the evil that is in the world, and it begins with each and every one of us, simply with a prayer built on the strong foundation of faith.

It is the same faith that we see in our gospel today, the blind Bartimaeus who sought the healing from Jesus who restored his sight. Bartimaeus was a man of great faith and believed that Jesus would heal him. He did not let his blindness hold him back and asked Jesus for what he wanted. We too should have the boldness of Bartimaeus to ask the Lord for whatever needs we have. Jesus does listen, and He will respond to our needs in His time. It is for us to hold on to hope and faith. God knows what is good for us and He will grant it to us. Just believe in miracles and it can happen.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Eric
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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Saturday, October 23, 2021
4:00 pm.  Mass commemorating St. John Paul II election to the papacy in 1978 from the Polish American Congress

Sunday, October 24, 2021  30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am.  +S.p. Sr. Mary Bernadetta, Sister of Mercy from the Houle Family

Monday, October 25, 2021  Weekday
5:30 pm.  NO MASS

Tuesday, October 26, 2021  Weekday
9:00 am.  NO MASS

Wednesday, October 27, 2021  Weekday
5:30 pm.  +S.p. Ignacy Betley from Lyndi Cote

Thursday, October 28, 2021  Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
9:00 am.  +S.p. Catherine Williams from the Williams Family

Friday, October 29, 2021  Weekday
5:30 pm.  For the sanctification of St. Hedwig Parish

Saturday, October 30, 2021
4:00 pm.  +S.p. John Betley from Lyndi Cote

Sunday, October 31, 2021  31th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am.  St. Hedwig Parishioners’ Intentions

After the event of the Passover in Jerusalem, we are not given any details about the life of the Holy Family in the Bible until Christ reaches the age of thirty years. What would have gone on during these years? These years would have been simpler and quieter than the preceding ones, with Jesus and St. Joseph working side by side at their trade. After this period of time, there are only brief references made to St. Joseph:

It is widely held that St. Joseph had passed away in Nazareth, while Jesus was still at home, before he departed and began his public ministry. Joseph is no longer mentioned, whereas Our Lady is still mentioned during and after this time in Christ’s life. The most notable examples are the Wedding Feast of Cana and the Crucifixion of Our Lord, which mention Mary but not her blessed spouse, who surely would have been at her side during these moments.

Surely, if Mary had been invited to the wedding feast, Joseph would have been with her as well, after all, a wedding feast is a gathering of family and friends, but he wasn’t. At the crucifixion scene, the mother of Christ stands at the foot of the cross with her sister and with John, the beloved apostle, to whom Jesus entrusts his mother. Had Joseph been alive, there would have been no need to place Mary into the care of his best friend.

One question that some people ask is, since Jesus had the power to resurrect the dead, such as he did for his friend Lazarus, why did he not do the same for his father on earth? Jesus did not do this for Joseph because Joseph had fulfilled his mission on earth – to guard, nurture and raise the Son of God into manhood. Joseph had indeed accomplished what the Lord had asked of him and fulfilled it with the utmost of love, honor, and humility. We are told by tradition that Joseph died out of his overwhelming love for Jesus.

Joseph is invoked as the Patron of a Happy Death, since we believe that he had the privilege of dying in the arms of Jesus, his Lord and Son, and Mary, his most blessed spouse.

Sanctuary Lamp

St. Hedwig Parishioners
Readings of the Week

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Sunday Readings

The Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jeremiah 31: 7-9
The prophet speaks of a new, second Exodus, this time from Assyria. The remnant, the small number of people who escaped the disaster of 721, and who had departed their homeland in tears, will be coming home in newfound joy.

Reading II: Hebrews 5: 1-6
After a description of ordinary high priests, the author cites Jesus as the one glowing exception. His glory, bestowed by His Father, would make Him the one whose sacrifice would redeem the world.

The Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52
The healing of Bartimaeus is a story of both healing and calling, the one following upon the other. The newly-healed man was willing to follow Jesus “on the way” to Jerusalem and death. He contrasts sharply with the blindness and misunderstanding of Jesus’ extant disciples. He was already a man of great faith.

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays

Come spend some quiet time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

Thursdays after the 9:00 am Mass (9:30 am)

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”

Pope Benedict XVI

Adoration is also available at St. Joseph Cathedral, Wednesdays 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.in the chapel (Lowell St.).

Join us every Sunday for the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass at 9:15 am.

“The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”

St Padre Pio
Religious Education classes will meet every Sunday at 9 am in the Parish Hall.

Please note:
There will be no daily Masses on the following dates:
Monday, October 25
Tuesday, October 26

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Shirley Stemska

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Join us as we pray the Rosary every Sunday at 9:15 am. (before the 10 am. Mass). Let us pray that our Blessed Mother protect us in these challenging times for she will lead us to the peace and mercy of Jesus.

Humor

Just around the corner is All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The Mass schedule for those days are as follows:

All Saints Day, November 1, 2021
8:00 am & 6:30 pm.

All Souls Day, November 2, 2021
8:00 am & 6:30 pm.
If someone were to ask you what role music plays in the liturgy, how would you respond? I suspect that most would reply one of two ways: “Oh, I love the music at Mass!”, or “It’s nice to listen to, but I could take it or leave it.” The problem with both of these responses, although being nice and well-spirited as they are, is that they fail to truly understand what music is and how it is used in the liturgy. The Book of Blessings states this: “Music is of the highest importance in the celebration of the divine mysteries.” But why? Why would music hold the highest importance?

Music is a gift from God. It is a language that we can speak together across all peoples, cultures, creeds, and walks of life. More importantly, the purpose of music is to give glory to God, and to lead us to a deeper and fuller share in God’s life. However, we tend to look at the church through secular and modernistic mindsets. However, that’s not how the church was founded, and that’s not how God created the world. Recall that this world doesn’t belong to secularism, it belongs to God and God’s rule. We should be looking at the world through God’s lens, not looking at God and the Church through the world’s lens.

Think for a second about the life of the church. Everyday we celebrate something, whether it be the life of the Saints, or a particular moment in history. The church calendar goes in seasons as the world does, but who’s seasons came first? The same holds true when we think about music. In our society, music is a “nice thing to have and to listen to.” We go to concerts, we listen to the radio, and these are things that we enjoy. However, when it comes to cut-backs, for instance in the schools, what is the first thing to get cut? The arts. Music. Mother Church has a different idea.

To be continued...