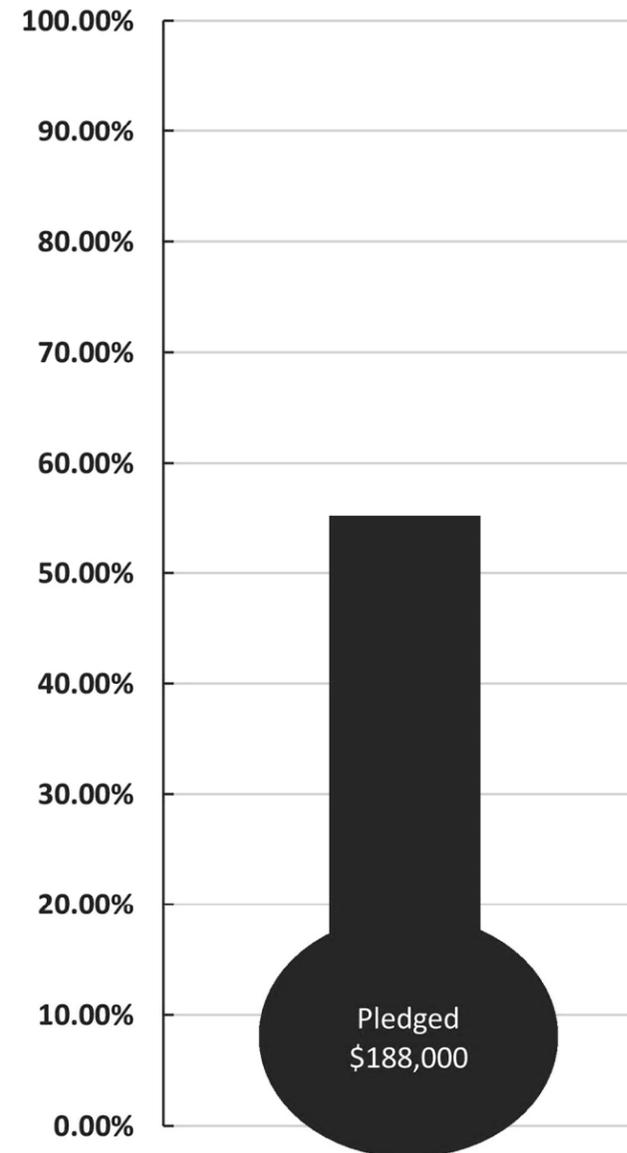




OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

Generations of Faith Campaign
 Goal \$340,000.00



MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 4:00PM
- SUNDAY MASS 8:30AM & 11:00AM
- LATIN MASS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- MONDAY COMMUNION SERVICE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- TUESDAY MASS 8:00AM
- WEDNESDAY MASS 8:00AM
- THURSDAY MASS 8:00AM
- FRIDAY MASS 8:00AM
- MONTHLY FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- FIRST SATURDAY MASS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAY 3:15PM-3:45PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

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Please Make Note of the Following Changes

- Church and Pastor's Office Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 9am to 3:30pm
- Any EMERGENCY during non-office hours Please Call 251-599-5636

The Knights of Columbus will resume meeting monthly in the Parish Hall on August 16th. The following mandatory guidelines must be followed:

- Masks at ALL times in the Parish Hall
 - 6 foot distances at all times between attendees
- Full sanitation of all tables, chairs, door handles and light switches following meeting

The First meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary will be on September 20th with the same guidelines.

The Lawn Party originally planned for April and rescheduled for September in now cancelled for 2020. Much thought and prayer went into this decision. If you have already purchased tickets or a sponsorship, volunteers will be reaching out to you to see if you would like the money refunded to you or if you would like to donate it to the church. The volunteer calls will begin sometime in the first two weeks of August.

2020 Collections

Regular & Holy Days Collection

07/26/20 \$2,519.00

2020 Total Regular Collection \$110,764.87

07/26/20 \$20.00

2020 Total Parish Project Collection \$28,135.00

Church & Pastors' Office Hours Tuesday and Wednesday 9am - 3:30pm

Phone Number: 251-479-9885

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY AUGUST 1

4:00 PM + SHARON WILLIAMS

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

8:30 AM + SHARON WILLIAMS

11:00 AM FOR PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY AUGUST 4

8:00AM PERPETUAL PRAYER ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5

8:00AM + WILLIAM F. BRIERLY

THURSDAY AUGUST 6

8:00AM + SHARON WILLIAMS

FRIDAY AUGUST 7

8:00AM + SHARON WILLIAMS

In the beginning was the word...

Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy Committee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -AND- LADIES AUXILIARY #8740

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall Tuesday at 6PM

DAUGHTERS OF MARY WOMEN RENEWING FAITH AND FAMILY



Bringing Home the Word

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
August 2, 2020

God's "Cookie Jar"

By Mary Katharine Deeley

A cookie jar sits on a table outside my office. Thin Mints, Oreos, and chocolate chip cookies are there for the taking—free and welcome. Sometimes I wish it wasn't there because the daily temptation is hard to resist, though I do avoid the sweets most of the time.

The cookies are part of our hospitality corner. Hot water for tea, coffee, and hot chocolate is also available. Students and associates come to take a break from studying or working and appreciate the refreshment. Over the years, many have stopped by my office to talk about school, jobs, and the meaning of life. Who knew

that such a little thing as free cookies would create such graced moments?

Today we celebrate and remember the free gifts God has given to the human community. "Come to the water," Isaiah urges us; "The LORD is good to all, compassionate toward all your works," the psalmist cries out (Psalm 145:8). Saint Paul reminds us that nothing can separate us from God's love, and Jesus multiplies bread for thousands, making sure that all have what they need.

We only have cookies in our jar, and the looks on people's faces tell me they're much enjoyed. How much more, then, do we welcome and need what is in God's "cookie jar"—love, life, mercy, forgiveness, and himself?

We lift up one another in welcome and conversation. God lifts all of us up—teaching us, refreshing us, and showing us where we can participate in his hospitality by taking what he has given us and feeding others. +

"The LORD is good to all, compassionate toward all your works," the psalmist cries out (Psalm 145:8).

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

Romans 8:35, 37-39

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

Matthew 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.

A Word from Pope Francis

...The Church organized the eucharistic liturgy into moments which correspond to the words and the actions performed by him on the eve of his passion....In the eucharistic prayer, we give thanks to God for the whole work of redemption, and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

General audience,
February 28, 2018



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Are you grateful for the good things in your life that were free of charge?
- Are you grateful God has used you to bless others?



Power Over Persecution

By Kathy Coffey

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 5:10).

If a vote was taken for the least-favorite Beatitude, this one might win. Our culture worships movie stars, sports heroes, corporate moguls—not saints. So why does Jesus proclaim that the persecuted are indeed blessed?

Jesus' style is not to make rigid rules but to hold up inspiring models. He asks us to look with new eyes upon the celebrities we may have admired and find hidden virtues in people who are quiet, unpublicized, and principled. If we shift our sights, we may find them more courageous, uplifting, and creative than those who once received our adulation.

Relatively few North Americans have suffered the oppression that is known by those in Asia, Africa, South America, and Central America. In countries like Bosnia, Rwanda, and El Salvador, genocide is common, being a catechist is dangerous, and the parents of the "disappeared" mourn their missing children.

You've had a glimmer of their experience if you've been a spokesperson for an unpopular, moral cause; the only ethical one in the department; the woman calling the "ol' boys club" (or the Church!) to equality; or belonging to

a group scorned by authorities. While being outside the norm pales beside the pain endured elsewhere, it teaches a lesson about being ostracized for the gospel.

Bone-deep Beliefs

Those who have undergone persecution are sustained by solidarity, inner freedom, and the knowledge that it doesn't last forever (though it might feel that way). Standing with others who believe in the same cause, at least we're not alone.

The persecuted find intimacy with others that can surpass the idle conversations or superficial ties of secure relationships. Etty Hillesum, author of *An Interrupted Life*, died at Auschwitz at age twenty-nine. At the Nazi concentration camp she called herself "bread shared among the hungry." Her journal's last words resonate with compassion: "We should act as a balm for all wounds."

The persecuted are united: Their relationships are based on bone-deep beliefs. Members of the armed services cherish wartime buddies. They put their lives on the line together. So our deepest affinities may be to those with whom we share unpopular beliefs.

Resting in Hope

From the writing of people like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Gandhi, or Óscar Romero emerges a sense of inner freedom. As the Gospel says, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna (hell)" (Matthew 10:28). Like the early Christians, Archbishop Romero predicted he would outlive his own martyrdom: "If they kill me, I will rise again in the Salvadoran people."

The persecuted teach us how much in our lives is superficial, how little is essential. Those deprived of material things still find joy and fulfillment.

Finally, Jesus directs us to place our sufferings in an eternal context. A problem that looms large does not last forever. The persecuted teach us to carry burdens lightly and wear our chains loosely. They take God's mission on earth seriously but can laugh at themselves.

We can approach persecutions as Jesus did. When we feel diminished by criticism, rejected by the "in" crowd, or demonized by those who disagree with us, we can rest in Jesus' assurance that we aren't alone, the pain doesn't last forever, and the kingdom is ours. +



Lord, your love and compassion are always with us in times of trouble. Help me walk in solidarity with those who suffer and show them your love and compassion.

From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 3-8

Monday, Weekday:

Jer 28:1-17 / Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday, St. John Vianney:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, Weekday:

Jer 31:1-7 / Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, Transfiguration of the Lord:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mt 17:1-9

Friday, Weekday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 / Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, St. Dominic:

Hb 1:12-2:4 / Mt 17:14-20

Second Reading: Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters:
What will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluiah

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word
that
comes forth from the mouth of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist,
he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.
The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from
their towns.
When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured
their sick.
When it was evening, the disciples approached him and
said,
“This is a deserted place and it is already late;
dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages
and buy food for themselves.”
Jesus said to them, “There is no need for them to go
away;
give them some food yourselves.”
But they said to him,
“Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.”
Then he said, “Bring them here to me,”
and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.
Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to
heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied,
and they picked up the fragments left over—
twelve wicker baskets full.
Those who ate were about five thousand men,
not counting women and children

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
The Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The Only Begotten Son of God,
Born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
True God from True God,
Begotten, not made,
Consubstantial with the Father,
Through Him all things were made,
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
And by the Holy Spirit
Was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
And became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried,
And rose again on the third day
In accordance with the scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
At the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
And His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
The giver life, who proceeds from
The Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son
Is adored and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
And apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
For the forgiveness of sins
And I look forward to the resurrection
Of the dead
And the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Presentation Hymn: Come to the Water

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price. Why should you pay
The price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife. Why should you spend
your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find
rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the
Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load
and light: come to the Lord.

Communion Hymn: Eat This Bread

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never
be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me
and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the
Father.

Refrain

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the
bread come down from heaven.

Refrain

Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you
up on the last day.

Refrain

Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever.

Refrain

If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal
life.

Refrain

Sending Forth: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy name! Lord of all, we bow
before thee; all on earth thy scepter claim, all in
heaven above adore thee; Infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign. Infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are
raising; Cherubim and Seraphim in unceasing chorus
praising, Fill the heavens with sweet accord: holy, holy,
holy Lord! Fill the heavens with sweet accord: holy, holy,
holy Lord!



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**Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation
of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of
Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly
beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored
to health, they may render thanks to you in your
Church. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Prayer List

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger,
Bethany Ann Boltz, Eddie Booth Sr., Logan Bowers,
Clement Boney, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey,
Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter
Cooley, Anita Cowart, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel
Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, John Dumas, Teresa
Dumas, Johnny Finch, Shelby Fletcher, Raymond
Floyes, Louise Frontz, Tim Frontz, Janet Gafford,
Gracie Galindo, Jose Galindo, Tony Golemon, Billy
Kenny, MaryAnn Keith, Liz Kilborn, Steven Kuszynski,
Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard,
Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia
McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore,
Wally Neese, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke,
Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Glenda Pose,
Glenda Pouyadou, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn
Reynolds, Dorothy Sanchez, Simon Schum, Cindy
Snow, Larry Snow, Tootie Spikes, Curtis Steiner, Rita
Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Max Ed-
ward Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma
Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida
Vrazel, Sallie Washington, Albert Washington,
Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Brad Wells,
Bubba Williams, Agnes Worley, Bobby Zarate.

**For the Repose of the Soul of Gwen Moseby,
Let Us Pray to the Lord**