

The Work of the People  
*The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

It is difficult for me to believe that it is August already. I am thinking about squeezing all that I wanted to do this summer into these next few weeks, and it doesn't look as though it will be possible. So it is with our liturgical journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem in Luke's Gospel. It seems as though we are seeing the evangelist squeeze every bit of meaning out of the events and words he records.

We stay with Wisdom Literature once again this week. The context for this passage from Wisdom is the tenth plague in Egypt, the killing of the firstborn as the Israelites celebrated their first Passover and the angel of death passed over the houses marked with the blood of the lamb. Trust in God's covenant promises and attention to God's ways lead the Israelites to wait on the Lord with certain knowledge that God would act on their behalf, liberating them from Egyptian slavery.

This week we move from Paul's Letter to the Colossians to the Letter to the Hebrews. In this passage faith is defined as "the realization of what is hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen." Abraham and Sarah are presented as ideal examples of people who hoped and trusted in God, not knowing where it would lead, or how it would turn out.

In the Gospel today Luke's Jesus counsels us to trust and not be afraid for "the Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." However, we are warned to be ever ready and vigilant, for we do not know the time or day when the master will return to hold us accountable. A simple lifestyle, unattached to the goods of this world and striving always for heavenly treasure, is the best form of readiness, for "where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

The reflection this week is from Bishop Robert F. Morneau who is pastor of Resurrection Parish in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and auxiliary bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Green Bay.

In Christopher Marlowe's Doctor Faustus, the character Mephistopheles, appearing in the form of an ugly devil, complains: "His faith is great, I cannot touch his soul."

What a gift it is to have a great faith, a faith such as that possessed by Abraham who did God's bidding though he did not know what would happen. Or to have the faith of Mary, Jesus' mother,

who did God's will despite her fear of the unknown. Faith—that deep, radical conviction that God's love and mercy is offered at every moment—is truly the grace of graces.

I'm reminded of Mugsie, a parishioner well into her nineties, who prayed immediately upon waking each day: "Lord, use me!" And the Lord did. Mugsie and her husband took in over forty foster children over the years. She put her faith into action. Obedient she was, like Abraham, doing whatever the Lord placed on her heart. At her funeral, many of her foster children came to extend their respect and affection for their surrogate mother.

Mugsie was one of those vigilant souls, able to recognize and respond to God's disguised presence. She was a prudent steward and was worthy of what God entrusted to her. Her faith and her love transformed many lives.

"About the only way we know whether we believe or not is by what we do," Flannery O'Connor wrote in a letter to a friend. What Mugsie did witnessed to that. She had a great faith, so great that old Mephistopheles could not touch her.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez. 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt. 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Ez. 2:8; 3:4/Mt. 18:1-5, 10,12-14  
Wednesday: 2 Cor. 9:6-10/Jn. 12:24-26  
Thursday: Ez. 12:1-12/Mt. 18:21; 19:1  
Friday: Ez. 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt. 19:3-12  
Saturday: Ez. 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt. 19:13-15  
Sunday: Jer. 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb. 12:1-4/Lk. 12:49-53

#### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

M/M Frank J. Consiglio	67 yrs.	04/16/1955
M/M Walter Grove	64 yrs.	09/27/1958
M/M James Samson	62 yrs.	05/14/1960
M/M Charles Beck	50 yrs.	07/08/1972
M/M Eugene G. Woznicki	50 yrs.	09/30/1972
M/M Andrew J. Yurcak	50 yrs.	02/12/1972
M/M Lawrence Douglas	40 yrs.	06/19/1982
M/M Edward A. Thompson	40 yrs.	05/15/1982
M/M Richard Kester	25 yrs.	09/20/1997

Happy Anniversary and wishes for many years of future happiness.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Saint Anthony of Padua and St. Bernadette Mission together contributed \$1,220.34.

The grand total collected for the fundraiser from Erie Diocesan churches was \$107,298.00.

**WORSHIP**

Monday, August 8  
 8:00 am + Albert Mukina (Joan Rembielak)  
 Tuesday, August 9  
 8:00 am + For the Repose of the Soul of  
 Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie  
 Wednesday, August 10  
 8:00 am + NO MASS  
 Thursday, August 11  
 8:00 am + For the Healing of Pat Yusavage  
 (Joan Smith)  
 Friday, August 12  
 8:00 am + Deceased of Miller/Graczyk Families  
 (Jeanne Miller)  
 Saturday, August 13  
 4:30 pm + Deceased Members of Hobson Family  
 (Vince Hobson)  
 Sunday, August 14  
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION  
 Larry Schryver (Frank & Mary Consiglio)  
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
 Living & Deceased Parishioners

**NEEDED**

Is the Lord calling you to work with and teach our children? We are in need of a Third Grade Teacher. Please pray about it and if you feel the Lord speaking to you, please contact Barb Milligan, Facilitator of Religious Education, at 814 763-2410. You may also see her at Church and talk to her then. We are starting classes in September, so please give prayerful consideration of this.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

In today's gospel a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.

**MISSIONARY VISIT**

On the weekend of August 13 & 14 Fr. Christopher will be at all the Masses as our mission speaker for 2022. Presently he is serving as pastor at St. Jose and St. Alphonse parishes in the Diocese of Toledo, Oh. He will speak of the mission work his community does. The Pallottines (the Society of the Catholic Apostolate) is a religious order founded in 1835 by a Roman Priest, St. Vincent Pallotti. He carried out a wide range of apostolic activities in the city of Rome, which included assisting the poor, sick, marginalized and the orphan and educating the poor children through evening schools. Over the last 187 years the Pallottines have spread the mission and ministry far and wide, setting up a presence in 45 countries on 6 continents serving in parishes, schools, hospitals, missions, retreat houses and many more charitable works urged by the love of Christ.

**PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

Tuesday, August 9  
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena  
 Saturday, August 13  
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession  
 Sunday, August 14  
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION  
 Before Mass - Confession  
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
 After Mass - Confession

**OUTDOOR THEATER AT COMMON GROUNDS**

"American Underdog", the inspiring true tale of Kurt Warner, who endured years of setbacks and spent time stocking supermarket shelves on his road to fame, will be shown at Dusk (8:30ish) on Friday, August 12th. Bring your family/friends and your own lawn chair. Free popcorn. Friday Café for the teens will begin at 7:00.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
 ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, August 13 - 4:30 pm  
 Sydney Zilhaver  
 Sunday, August 14 - 9:30 am  
 Michael & Sophia Mott

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
 STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory	\$1,239.00
Maintenance	284.00
Candles	34.00
National Needs	25.00
CSA	<u>210.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,792.00</b>

Catholic Services Appeal  
 Pledged: \$31,833 Paid: \$26,291

**ST. BERNADETTE MISSION  
 STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory	\$347.00
Candles	<u>5.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$352.00</b>

**CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA**

**CHURCH NO.:**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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