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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (FEB. 19-20)

Donation	\$5,935.00
Donation Online	\$1,360.00
Maintenance Fund	\$35.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$7,330.00

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March 5th - March 6th

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FOCUS ON YOURSELF

Homily by Father Joseph Vu

In today's Gospel Jesus gave teachings that remind us to look at ourselves more than others. Once we do that and achieve good changes and free ourselves of evil ways, we will bear much fruit.

Thus, bearing good fruit begins with making ourselves good. This requires much self- reflection, self-examination, and a ton of humility. And that is always the hardest part. We all have tendencies to look at everyone before we look at ourselves. It is the other who must be wrong or wanting. We have eagle eyes for the mistakes of others while being blind and neglectful of ourselves. We give ourselves all the benefits of the doubt. Understanding, patience, and mercy are always available to self.

For Jesus, the above attitude is not productive. Change, if needed will not happen. Why? Because the other who is the object of criticism is also looking at us and is doing the same. In other words, we see each others defects, but we do not see our own. And when we do not see our own defects, change will not happen. Change begins with self. Rarely does one change because of the other. In most cases, we are offended. If and when we admit our defects, change comes very gradually or minimally.

But if we heed Jesus' call to focus more on ourselves, change will be immediate and widespread. If I look at myself, see my defects, admit their presence in me, understand the need to change them, and finally decide to address them, change will happen. If everyone is doing the same approach, change happen to everyone quickly.

Jesus did not mean that we cannot criticize each other. No one sees everything. We all have our blind side. Jesus was stressing the fact that humility is basic. Learning to humble ourselves opens ourselves to the concern of others. The combination of self-criticism and fraternal correction is a perfect recipe for becoming a good person. And, as the Gospel says, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

As Christians, if we live according to the good news, definitely, our actions and words would be guided by it. Consequently, it will affect others positively. On the contrary, if we fill our hearts with flirt, also, our actions and words would be filled with nothingness.

Also, Christ warns us today to be careful in judging others. Rather, we should be humble enough to look inwards before criticizing others. Hence, Paul reminds us: "If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall" (1Cor10:12).

The second reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, reminds us why goodness should be maintained. The sting of death is sin. Goodness and holiness defang death. Not that we will not die physically but life eternal is the fruit awaiting.

Paul reminds us that God has given us victory through Christ. For this reason, we must be of good cheers and never relent in doing good. Christ's victory must not be in vain. Rather, it must sustain us in good actions as Paul tells us today: "Keep laboring at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord you cannot be laboring in vain. This is a call to perfection in all we say and do.

Finally, today let our hearts are filled with joy for what God has down for us through Christ. Through Him, we are filled with goodness so that we can praise and thank God with a cheerful and sincere heart. Indeed, it is good to give thanks to the Lord for what he has done for us.

Lent: A time of renewal



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