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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)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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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.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$3,361.00
Donation Online	\$1,172.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$4,538.00



SPECIAL COLLECTION: CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER 18th - 19th

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. Your donation supports programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. For more information visit:

www.usccb.org/cchd

Sunday Readings 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12,17-20; James 3: 16-4:3
 Mark 9: 30-37



“Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,
 “If anyone wishes to be first,
 he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Mark 9-30-37

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B

Homily by Father Peter Doan

How envy play a role in our world? Think of the bible story of Joseph and his brothers or Saul and David. We can see how often envy is a powerful dynamic in human relations. It looks like we see it and deal with it everyday. What is envy/jealousy? St. Thomas Aquinas defined envy this way: An irrational anger at the success of others. Or from a famous saying: “when a friend of mine succeeds, something in me dies.”

We tend to spend a lot of time of looking at and comparing how other people are doing, comparing ourselves to others. If jealousy is an irrational anger at the success of others, one way to deal with that is by putting people down and putting ourselves up. Envy is close cousin of ambition because ambition is driving ourselves ahead of everyone. We don't want to see anyone ahead of us.

Listen to Saint James talks about envy in his letter that we just heard in the second reading today: “Beloved, where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice.” The saint links properly jealousy and selfish ambition together; one implies the other. According to Catholic tradition, envy is one of capital sins or deadly sins. Capital means head. Thus, envy is a fountain head of other sins, other disfunctions. This gives rise to all nasty stuffs.

One of the sins we commit very often is gossiping. Why do we gossip? Because we want to put people down, to destroy their reputation because they might get ahead of us. It gives rise to cruelty. In the same way, selfish ambition also brings disorder. As I'm trying to climb the ladder, I'm willing to step on others. This can cause a lot of bad things.

Saint James continues: “Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members?” Hence, wars and conflicts come from disorder inside of us. I think both you and I agree with Saint James on this. When there is disintegration from inside, there tend to be disintegration from outside. When I fall apart psychologically and spiritually from inside, I tend to show disorder and disintegration outside.

Think of an image of a rose window on a magnificent medieval church. Christ is the center and all other pieces connected harmoniously to each other and to the center. All the elements link to each other and to Christ, the center. This is a perfect image of the wholeness and integration. If each of human person is connected to each other harmoniously and puts Christ the center of this great integration, there would be no more wars, no more divisions, no more disorders in ourselves and among ourselves.

In the gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples about his paschal mysteries that he is about to endure in a selfless way for the sake of God's kingdom: “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” Jesus implies that, of course, this is His disciples' mission too. They are His disciples they ought to come after Him and walk in His path. So, we got the same mission for we are Jesus' disciples as well. We are asked to act selflessly and harmoniously with others to bring about the Kingdom of God. Ironically, the disciples did not pay attention to this mission at all; they were talking about who would be the greatest. Envy and selfish ambition were the only things in their minds at that moment. In order to teach them a great lesson of humility and selflessness, Jesus gathered them and put a child among them and said: “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.” What do we learn from this saying?

Firstly, a child in Jesus' time and culture would have been at a very bottom of social ladder. While the disciples were wanting to be the greatest and the highest, Jesus put the lowest among them. Secondly, children are incapable of giving command but they receive command from authorities. They do what they are told. This is so right with spiritual order. The mission is from God and handed to us through Jesus. It is not our project but God's. Therefore, we need to do what we are told. It is not about who is the greatest, who accomplishes the work first but it is about who is doing the work of God as Jesus taught. Thirdly, children are easy to get lost in the present moment. They don't remember the past and don't think about the future while they are playing in the playground. Likewise, we need to get lost sometimes in the present moment, like this moment, the moment when we pray, the moment when we are with God. We are envious when we think about the past – what and why people have done this or that, and we are ambitious when we think about the future – what am I going to do in order to be first. Past, present and future all belong to God. But we are WITH God at the present moment.

Let's put envy and ambition aside. Cherish the present moment with gratitude and love.

JOB OPENING

Gethsemane Cemetery (Federal Way) has an immediate opening for a Grounds Foreman. This is a regular, full-time union position, supervising grounds staff, performing burial services, operating heavy equipment, irrigation, and general cemetery tasks. Successful candidates must support the mission and ministry of Catholic cemeteries and have the following experience: five years landscape or cemetery grounds operations and supervisory experience. For a complete list of position responsibilities and qualifications and to submit your resume, email Fred Morley: fredm@mycatholiccemetery.org or if you have any questions call 253-838-2240.



**Toward
an ever
wider
we**

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK : September 20–26
**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES : Sunday
September 26**

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For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. National Migration Week for 2021 takes place September 20-26, and will climax with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), which always falls on the last Sunday of September. The primary theme for this year's WDMR is "Towards an ever wider 'we'". In his letter announcing this year's theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that "this focus calls on us to ensure that 'after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those,' but only 'us'" (Fratelli tutti, no. 35). And this universal us must become a reality first of all within the Church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity." In solidarity with the Vatican, National Migration Week will use the same theme as WDMR – "Towards an ever wider we" – but will emphasize the particular ways in which this theme and its application to the migration question is important for the Catholic Church in the United States. Let us take some time during the upcoming National Migration Week to reflect on how we can better welcome, protect, promote, and integrate migrants living in our midst. How can we counter the globalization of indifference that affects us all, to some degree or another? What policies can we promote that will affirm the dignity of migrants and better secure the common good? How do we work more fully to promote a Church for all?