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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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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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Donation	\$2,984.00
Donation Online	\$1,792.00
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$4,796.00



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Sunday Readings 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Num 11: 25-29; James 5: 1-6
 Mark 9: 38-48

DID JESUS MEAN WE SHOULD
 LITERALLY PLUCK OUT OUR EYES
 AND CUT OFF OUR HANDS IN
 MATTHEW 5:29-30 AND 18:8-9?

"And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."

Mark 9-38-48

Sin Matters

Homily by Father Joseph Vu

Every once in a while it is a good thing for us to take time to reflect on topics that make us uncomfortable. Today the Church is inviting us to do just that. Throughout the Readings, today's liturgy emphasizes one simple truth of our Catholic faith: sin matters.

- In today's First Reading, St James graphically explains that if someone spends their earthly life exploiting and using other people, lying and cheating and hoarding wealth, they may enjoy the fruits of their crimes for a little while, but they can't escape justice for ever.
- He writes that they will "weep and wail over their miseries."

Jesus is just as clear.

- He explains that un-repented sin has consequences; it leads to damnation, to hell, which was commonly called "Gehenna."
- The word originally referred to a valley on the outskirts of Jerusalem that had been used for human sacrifice during royal apostasies in Old Testament times.
- By the time of Christ, the valley had come to be used as a kind of outdoor public incinerator.
- Worthless and rotten trash and refuse, including the dead bodies of animals and criminals, were dumped into the valley and gradually consumed by a smoldering fire that was always kept burning.
- Thus, Gehenna became a symbol of the state of eternal separation of a soul from God, and the unending spiritual destruction and frustration that goes with such a separation.
- According to Jesus, that's what un-repented sin leads us to.

These comments of St James and Jesus are not meant to scare us into feeling guilty - it's not some psychological manipulation technique. Rather, they are simply informing us about the facts: sin, willfully turning away from God and his moral law, has consequences, and they are not good, and we should strive to avoid them.

Chopping Hands and Gouging Eyes

Sin matters; that's why Jesus tells us to gouge out our eye or cut off our hand if it's causing us to sin. But, did he mean that literally? No.

- Eyes and hands don't cause sin; they can't.
- Sin is always a decision of the heart to prefer one's own will against God's will.
- It is a rebellion against God, in little things or in big things, that is caused not by our body or our senses, but by something deeper.
- When we give in to temptation and sin, it always indicates that we are so attached to some good and valued thing (symbolized by the hand and the eye, two of the most valued parts of our bodies) that we prefer it to something much better: namely, friendship and communion with God.
- In the moment of sin, we allow the temporary benefit that seems to come from the sin to seduce us, to lead us away from the everlasting benefit of friendship with Jesus Christ.
- So, for example, a certain relationship provides us with comfort or pleasure, even though it leads us to violate God's commandments.
- Or we treasure our reputation or popularity so much that we compromise our Christian values in order to protect or advance it.

To give up these attachments in order to protect and develop our friendship with Christ hurts - as if we were cutting off a hand or gouging out an eye. But our Lord teaches us that that pain is nothing compared with the sorrow of cutting ourselves off forever from God's love. Today, as Jesus renews his commitment to us in this Mass, let's ask him to show us what we need to cut off in order to follow him more closely - after all, the closer we are to Jesus Christ, the better, for us and for everyone around us.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST?

LEARN HOW

“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day.” - Pope Francis

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

Toward
an ever
wider
we

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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?