

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:*August 11-12, 2018*

In order to keep our church clean and tidy and to give more people the chance to read our Bulletin, can I ask y'all to return it to the display rack/shelf on your way out if you are not planning to take home our Bulletin after reading it? Thank you! If you know someone who can't join us at our weekend celebrations, please share our Bulletin with them. In doing this, you are helping us remain connected with those who can't worship with us. Thank y'all!

At all the masses this weekend, I shall be making a personal appeal to all of you for help with our **HVAC (heating and cooling) System Replacement Project** which was approved by the diocese at the end of July and will begin this month. Included in this Bulletin is an Insert containing brief information about this special appeal. Please take time to read the Bulletin Insert and as you have done in the past, respond from the generosity and kindness of your heart. Thank you.

Last weekend, the Scriptures spoke to us about the sad reality of "grumbling" that is contradictory to faith. This weekend the Scripture readings will address the problem of "murmuring." Looking at how these two topics were placed one after another in the liturgical readings of the Church this season, perhaps the Holy Spirit wants us to pay attention very carefully.

My first and direct experience of "grumbling" and "murmuring" came from my own beloved Mother. I love my Mom but *mais cher*, she can "grumble" and "murmur" big time! But in defense of my Mom, most of her grumbling and murmuring were caused by us, her innocent, loving, wonderful and amazing kids (that's my story and I', sticking to it!). Oh well, what can I say, we were as normal as any family gets.

My Mom grumble and murmur to "herself!" After we get the usually interrogation and long sermon about the wrongs we have done (and there were plenty), she moves on with whatever she's doing while grumbling and murmuring about us the whole time, venting out her **frustration** over the poor and innocent item she happen to be working on or with (poor thing); when it comes to multi-tasking, my Mother was the best! If your parent/s is like mine, please don't react, someone's watching. Later on, we realized that's how she coped with the stresses of our lives, kept her sanity and avoided killing us. When we became adults, we talked and laughed about these experiences with her and learned that they were part of growing up; one just has to learn how to deal with frustrations in his/her own healthy ways.

How do you deal with your own frustration?

The murmurings of the Jews in the Gospel of John this weekend stems from their lack of understanding about Jesus; they really do not know Jesus and His teachings. These Jews were trying to know and understand Jesus either to become His followers or plot against Him. Their frustration is both – they want to believe in Him because of the amazing things He was doing and saying, however, they were also trying to reconcile these "new things" with what they have come to believe through the centuries. Others were simply trying to protect themselves and the status they have become accustomed with. They were "frustrated" with Jesus because He challenged them to find the TRUTH within themselves and their faith. And when someone doesn't understand this challenge of "finding out", there will be a lot of grumbling and murmuring.

There are lots of things in life and in faith that we will never understand. When it comes to faith, it is because they are part of the great mystery that God will only reveal to us in time; when it comes to life, perhaps because they are not meant to be understood. Sometimes we put so much emphasis in "knowing" and "understanding" things and events and situations for reasons only known to us. On some occasions, it is better to just let it go, our understanding and knowing will come to us in time. This is what the Scriptures meant when Jesus quoted and said, "*They shall all be taught by God.*" When we become so frustrated over someone or something, God won't be able to teach us something about life and faith. So whatever you are frustrated about, just let it go.

Father Vic+



**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2018**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— *John 6:51*

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm less eternity awaits us. Amen

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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A Holy day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, August 14th Vigil 5:30 PM

Wednesday, August 15th 6:30 AM,

12:10 PM & 5:30 PM

July 28th/29th

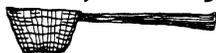
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Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration October 21, 2018

Anniversary Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and beyond years of marriage this year will be honored. There will be NO Diocesan Mass Celebration, but a Prayer Service and Reception in honor of all anniversary couples. Printed certificates for our parishioners will be distributed at the 4:00 PM mass on Saturday, October 20th.



Sunday, October 21, 2018

St. Joseph Co-Cathedral

2:00PM

To participate contact the Life Center at 446-1387 before the deadline of August 22, 2018 to register.

R.C.I.A.

Do you know anyone who wishes to be a member of our faith community, or someone who has been away from the Church, or would like to learn more about their Catholic Faith? Well, we have an answer for this— the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or commonly known as R.C.I.A.** An inquiry session will be held soon.

TEACHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED!!

Please contact Mrs. Margaret Orgeron at the Life Center, 985-446-1387 for more information.

ANGER'S OFFSPRING

As long as anger lives, she continues to be the fruitful mother of many unhappy children.

—St. John Climacus