

Dear Padre,

Why doesn't the Catholic Church practice what it preaches and sell off its considerable assets at the Vatican?

The Catholic Church, the world's largest charitable organization, has a legacy of ministry to the poor, the sick, and the ostracized. According to Pope Francis, the Church's real estate, for example, is used "to maintain the structures of the Church and to maintain the many works the Church does in needy countries: hospitals, schools." Thus, the old adage applies: Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, but teach him to fish and he's fed for a lifetime. Similarly, selling the Church's assets would add to its immediate efforts to assist the poor, but it would prevent the Church from maintaining greater long-term assistance.



Moreover, selling the Church's patrimony of artwork (such as Michelangelo's *Pietà*) into private or corporate hands would deprive future generations the transcendence that comes from praying before a priceless treasure. In 2015, Pope Francis was asked if he ever felt pressure to sell "the treasures of the Church." He responded that they weren't the Church's treasures, but "the treasures of humanity."

While popes aren't at liberty to sell what belongs to "humanity," they generally donate personal gifts to support the needy. Motorcycles, cars, and other gifts to Pope Francis have been given away or auctioned

to benefit the poor. On his deathbed, St. John XXIII offered his doctor his fountain pen, saying it was the only thing of value he possessed.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

To do good...that is what God wants. He, who became small for our sake, asks us to offer something for the least of his brothers and sisters. Who are they? They are those who have nothing to give in return, the needy, the hungry, the stranger, the prisoner, the poor.

—HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2018

Calendar

Monday
JULY 6
Weekday
Hos 2:16, 17b–18, 21–22
Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday
JULY 7
Weekday
Hos 8:4–7, 11–13
Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday
JULY 8
Weekday
Hos 10:1–3, 7–8, 12
Mt 10:1–7

Thursday
JULY 9
Weekday
Hos 11:1–4, 8e–9
Mt 10:7–15

Friday
JULY 10
Weekday
Hos 14:2–10
Mt 10:16–23

Saturday
JULY 11
St. Benedict, Abbot
Is 6:1–8
Mt 10:24–33

Sunday
JULY 12
Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 55:10–11
Rom 8:18–23
Mt 13:1–23
or 13:1–9

Our Parish COMMUNITY

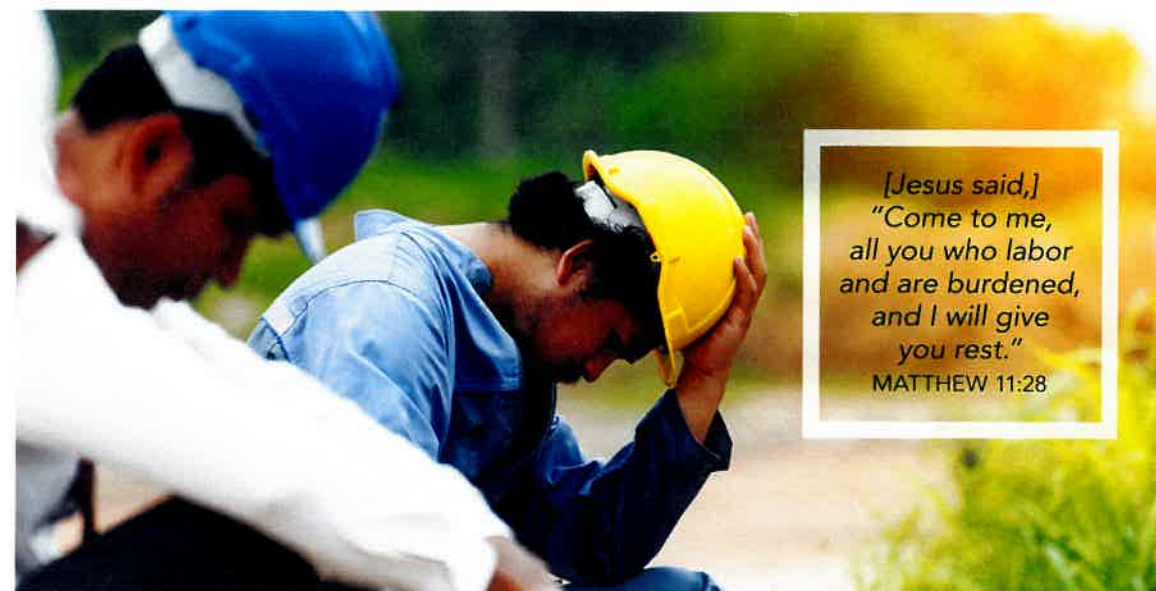
July 5, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zec 9:9–10

Rom 8:9, 11–13

Mt 11:25–30



[Jesus said,]
"Come to me,
all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give
you rest."
MATTHEW 11:28

Do You Know Who I Am?

That question usually means: "Do you know how important I am?" Reputation, status, and celebrity are extraordinarily significant in today's society. Vulnerable, unsure beings that we are, we need to be reassured that we are important. And we are important, though usually not the way society might perceive it.

Each of us is unique. Yet our personal uniqueness does not diminish the uniqueness of others, and there's the rub! So often we think that it does. That's when we might try to put others down or demand: "Do you know who I am?" Often we don't really know who we are. This is where humility enters the picture.

In today's first reading, the king rides on a donkey. He doesn't need a mighty warhorse to show others his importance or to reassure himself of his royal identity. Nor does he need military armaments like a chariot or bow to establish peace. He is secure with himself. He knows who he is—no more, but no less.

The Gospel portrays Jesus as "meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). He knows who he is. He is the Son of the Father, sent by the Father to do the will of the Father. All things are in his hands, because he received everything from the Father. He does not have to broadcast this or argue with others to convince them. He knows who he is. He is the Son—no more, but no less.

And what about you? Do you know who you are?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- Do you sometimes put others down so that you can stand taller? Does it work?
- Be grateful for your uniqueness. Use it to make the world you share with others better.



St. Joseph Neier
Father Tom Wissler, Pastor

July 4 & 5, 2020

Saturday: 5:00pm

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Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

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Confessions – Saturday

Email: parishoffice@stjosephneier.com

4:00pm – 4:40pm

Sarah's Cell: 314.808.0337

From Fr Tom,

GOD BLESS AMERICA...STAND BESIDE HER AND GUIDE HER! AMEN. Words of peace to the nations are contained in our first reading from Zechariah. If there is one thing needed in our nation today, it is certainly peace. In the Gospel Jesus talks about coming to Him and receiving peace and rest. Indeed! This particular Gospel reading is used many times at funeral masses because of the comfort it brings to those who are burdened with a lot of major issues, all happening at once. At all masses today, we will take some quiet time after the homily to place our burdens upon the yoke of Christ. He can handle every bit of it!



Please pray for those who are sick in our parish:

- Anna Marie Brueggemann
- Olivia Jasper
- Zachery Goosage
- Henry Tobben
- Christine Grus
- Bill Greife
- Brandon Huels
- Betty Bean
- Marisa Shollenberger
- Ryan Elbert
- Cynthia Faust
- Sheri Zambruski
- Emma Kissinger
- Jean Oldani
- Shirley Beckman
- Karen Waters
- Jacob McMullin
- Bill Feth
- Andrew Hellebusch
- Special Intension
- Ashley Shelton
- KJ Frost
- Eugene Salvino
- Kelly Arrington
- Keith Bade
- Joyce Stuesse

Please also pray for those Serving our Country:

- Matthew Blankenship
- Taylor Donner
- Jamie Brueggemann Murphy
- Luke Stuesse
- Michael Murphy
- Blake Van Leer
- Andy Davis
- Sam Smith

Thank you for your generosity!

Collection for June 28, 2020

Regular Offering Envelopes:	\$ 1,893.00
Partners in Child Development (PCD):	\$ 25.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$ 56.00
Online Giving:	\$ 365.00
Total:	\$ 2,339.00

Please review the Parish Prayer lists above and call or email the office for any changes. Thank you!!



ST. GEORGE PARISH RUMMAGE SALE

St. George School Gym

Thursday & Friday, July 9TH & 10th - 7am - 7pm

Saturday, July 11th - 7am - 4pm

Sunday, July 12th - 7am - 12pm

Hand sanitizer available

(Masks & Social Distancing strongly encouraged & appreciated)

Knights of Columbus
Council # 1576

Next Meeting
Wednesday, July 8th

7:30pm

Union KC Hall



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 4	5:00pm	Dewayne Kloepfel
Sunday, July 5	8:00am	Donner Family
	10:00am	Parish Family of St. Joseph
Monday, July 6	6:30am	No Mass
Tuesday, July 7	6:30am	Marissa Jacquin
Wednesday, July 8	6:30am	Tony & Irene Rosalie Reineke
Thursday, July 9	6:30am	Marge & Harry Hankins
Friday, July 10	6:30am	Francis, Albert & Dorothy Brueggemann
Saturday, July 11	5:00pm	Al & Christine Miesner
Sunday, July 12	8:00am	Albert & Mary Eckstein
	10:00am	Parish Family of St. Joseph



Commentators and Lectors:		July 4 & 5	July 11 & 12
Saturday	5:00pm	Amber Gerlemann	Theresa Straatmann
Sunday	8:00am	Jennifer Kissinger	Michelle Young
	10:00am	Lisa Bocklage	Patti Greife
Servers:		July 4 & 5	July 11 & 12
Saturday	5:00pm	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
		VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Sunday	8:00am	VOLUNTEER	Matty Homer
		VOLUNTEER	Tyler Birke
	10:00am	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
		VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER

Eucharistic Ministers are not needed at this time.

THANK YOU

I took a few days off after my dad's funeral just to get away and clear my head. When I returned to Kenrick I was astounded – that's the word – astounded to see my mailbox filled to the brim with cards and letters from you paying your respects to my father and my family and offering your kindness and prayers for all of us. Words can't express how grateful I was, and continue to be, for such a wonderful outpouring of love and support. Both I and my family sincerely appreciate the well-wishes you've offered as well as the promise of prayers and Masses to be said for the repose of my dad's soul. Know of my love and appreciation for all of you. Hopefully, I'll get to see you and thank you in person before too long. Sincerely, Fr. Don Henke

HOMEcoming CHAIR MEETING

JULY 7TH 6PM

We would like to have a meeting on Tuesday, July 7th at 6pm in our hall consisting of Homecoming chair people and parish council members to discuss how to proceed with this year's Homecoming. In order to maintain social distancing we are asking all other parishioners to please contact your Homecoming chair person with any ideas or concerns so they can be presented at the July 7th meeting. We've been waiting for some additional information from the diocese on how to go forward, but we are at the point now where we need to make some decisions pretty soon. If you can't attend the meeting and have a suggestion, write it down and drop it by the office or send it to Sarah by email. Thank you for all your efforts thus far!

SAVE THE DATE

PAUL BALLMANN MEMORIAL

BENEFIT

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Warrenton Golf Course



For more information call

636.433.5406

636.433.5672

636.221.2530

TO BENEFIT
Keith & Michele Voss Family
Jeff & Maria Kuenzel Family
Matt & Taylor Thayer Family



3 Person Scramble

7am Shotgun Start

\$90.00 Per Person Includes

Breakfast Sandwich

Deep Fried Chicken

Beer & Soda