

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis*, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the “institution narrative” to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong *epiclesis*. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

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September 24, 2017

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALL UPON THE LORD

The very first line of today’s first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today’s responsorial psalm: “The Lord is near to all who call upon him” (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, “For to me life is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today’s Gospel. There we find that God’s love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

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Living Catholic in the 808: For the Apostles, didn’t Confirmation Come AFTER 1st Communion?

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Last week I began answering a question from one of our parishioners: didn’t Confirmation come third in order for the Apostles, since they experienced Pentecost/Confirmation AFTER the Last Supper, aka, First Communion?

What a great question! In terms of biblical events, when you look at Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan by St. John the Baptist, you see it connected not just to Baptism but also to Confirmation. Jesus is baptized in water and then when he comes out of the water, the Holy Spirit comes down upon him like a dove and the voice of God the Father is heard (God the Father **confirms** Jesus’ baptism by the gift of the Spirit and his words). Here you see the intimate connection between Baptism and Confirmation.

You are correct to associate Confirmation with Pentecost as well. But here the connection is between the death and resurrection of Jesus (which we experience in Baptism and which we celebrate at Easter) and the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost (which we experience in Confirmation and which we celebrate on the 50th and last day of the Easter season). Baptism begins the Easter season, and Confirmation concludes the Easter season. Again, the intimate connection between Baptism and Confirmation is seen.

I’ll continue expanding on this issue in one final way next week.

PARISH REPORT

Financial Report

Week Ending: September 17, 2017

6:00 PM Mass (Vigil Mass)	316.00
6:30 AM Mass	775.75
8:30 AM Mass	899.09
10:30 AM Mass	380.63
5:00 PM Mass (September 10)	165.19
Weekday Offering	59.25
Building Maintenance Fund	430.00
Offerings	
Mass Intentions	365.00
Sales	
Candles	236.00
Others	
Religious Education	360.00
Catholic University of America	81.00
Blockl Rosary	55.00
Youth Ministry Breakfast Sale	391.00
Other Donation	100.00
Eucharistic Ministers Fund	160.00
Second Collection	
Our Lady of Lady of La Salette Feast Day	747.01
TOTAL	5,520.92

Cleaners for this week:

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Apostolate

THANK YOU!

To all individuals, families, ministries, communities, and organizations that continue to serve our parish community. While the list of names may be too long to include, know that the Lord sees all of our work, and that is our reward. Matthew 6:1-4

Second Collection

This weekend second collection will go to the Cathedral Renewal Campaign. Next weekend second collection will go towards Evangelization Commission. Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Renewal

PREX Weekend will be on September 30 to October 1. Please see one of the PREX members after the Mass.

Rosary Month

October is Rosary month – please join us every evening as the rosary is prayed. Intentions are being accepted which will be read on Saturday, October 28 during the Living Rosary.

Community

You are all invited to The Singing Boholano Priests from the Diocese of Talibon on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. Mass will be at 6:00 pm followed by Concert and Potluck Fellowship.

Ladies Altar Society

Join us for the Ladies Altar Society Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 14, 2017. The bus will leave at 7:30 am. We will be visiting 8 different churches throughout the day. Please see Imelda Dela Cruz.

Adult Confirmation

We are now offering Adult Confirmation evening/day classes, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. The class will be two days only. Confirmation dates will be advised on the last day of class.

Fall class will be Fri and Sat. on Nov. 3 and 4.

Spring class will be Fri and Sat. Jan. 19 and 20.

Please pick-up your forms at the end of Mass with DRE Leeza or RCIA and Adult Confirm. Chair Jacinta.

We Need Your Help!

In an effort to do our best to communicate to the whole parish, please give us some feedback on our various methods. **This week, tell us how you feel about the announcements during the Mass?**

Needs Improvement 1	2	3	4	Good! Leave as is 5
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Suggestions: _____

(Please cut out and place this portion into our parish suggestion box near the side entrance. Thank you!)