

43. The Liturgy gives glory to God not because we can add something to the beauty of the inaccessible light within which God dwells (cf. 1Ti 6:16). Nor can we add to the perfection of the angelic song which resounds eternally through the heavenly places. The Liturgy gives glory to God because it allows us — here, on earth — to see God in the celebration of the mysteries, and in seeing Him to draw life from his Passover. We, who were dead through our sins and have been made be alive again with Christ — we are the glory of God. By grace we have been saved (Eph 2:5). Irenaeus, the *doctor unitatis*, reminds us of this: “The glory of God is man alive, and the life of man consists in seeing God: if the revelation of God through the creation already gives life to all living beings on earth, how much more then is the manifestation of the Father through the Word the cause of life for those who see God.” [12]

44. Guardini writes, “Here there is outlined the first task of the work of liturgical formation: man must become once again capable of symbols.” [13] This is a responsibility for all, for ordained ministers and the faithful alike. The task is not easy because modern man has become illiterate, no longer able to read symbols; it is almost as if their existence is not even suspected. This happens also with the symbol of our body. Our body is a symbol because it is an intimate union of soul and body; it is the visibility of the spiritual soul in the corporeal order; and in this consists human uniqueness, the specificity of the person irreducible to any other form of living being. Our openness to the transcendent, to God, is constitutive of us. Not to recognize this leads us inevitably not only to a not knowing of God but also to not knowing ourselves. It is enough to look at the paradoxical way in which the body is treated, in one moment cared for in an almost obsessive way, inspired by the myth of eternal youth, and in another moment reducing the body to a materiality to which there is denied every dignity. The fact is that value cannot be given to the body starting only from the body itself. Every symbol is at the same time both powerful and fragile. If it is not respected, if it is not treated for what it is, it shatters, loses its force, becomes insignificant.

We no longer have the gaze of St. Francis, who looked at the sun — which he called brother because so he felt it to be — and saw it *beautiful and radiant with great splendour*, and, full of wonder, he sang that it *bears a likeness of You, Most High One*. [14] To have lost the capacity to grasp the symbolic value of the body and of every creature renders the symbolic language of the Liturgy almost inaccessible to the modern mentality. And yet there can be no question of renouncing such language. It cannot be renounced because it is how the Holy Trinity chose to reach us through the flesh of the Word. It is rather a question of recovering the capacity to use and understand the symbols of the Liturgy. We must not lose hope because this dimension in us, as I have just said, is constitutive; and despite the evils of materialism and spiritualism — both of them negations of the unity of soul and body — it is always ready to re-emerge, as is every truth.

45. So, the question I want to pose is how can we become once again capable of symbols? How can we again know how to read them and be able to live them? We know well that the celebration of the sacraments, by the grace of God, is efficacious in itself (*ex opere operato*), but this does not guarantee the full engagement of people without an adequate way of their placing themselves in relation to the language of the celebration. A symbolic “reading” is not a mental knowledge, not the acquisition of concepts, but rather a living experience.

46. Above all we must reacquire confidence about creation. I mean to say that things — the sacraments “are made” of things — come from God. To Him they are oriented, and by Him they have been assumed, and assumed in a particular way in the Incarnation, so that they can become instruments of salvation, vehicles of the Spirit, channels of grace. In this it is clear how vast is the distance between this vision and either a materialistic or spiritualistic vision. If created things are such a fundamental, essential part of the sacramental action that brings about our salvation, then we must arrange ourselves in their presence with a fresh, non-superficial regard, respectful and grateful. From the very beginning, created things contain the seed of the sanctifying grace of the sacraments.

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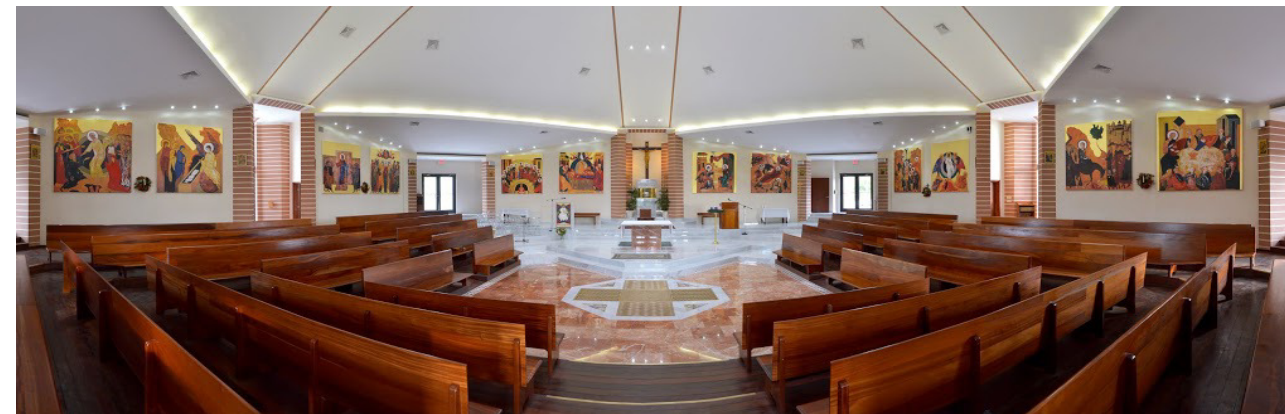
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XXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00am English, Church.
10:30am Creole, Church.
12:30pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30pm English, Blue Chapel.

Fridays:
04:00pm Adoration of Blessed
Sacrament and Rosary.
05:30pm Blue Chapel.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

1st Communions: 11 June, 2023.

Confirmation: TBA

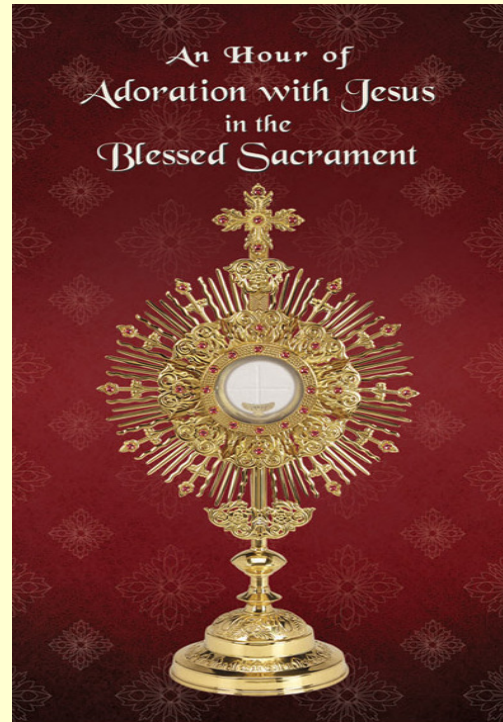
Today's Gospel is quite a call to conversion. This means it is tough! Jesus is saying to people who thought they knew Him "I do not know you." If you think you know Jesus how can you be sure He will not say these words to you on Judgment day? The answer is that you cannot be sure. This gospel reaffirms the uncertainty of your salvation, and mine as well, and this is quite unsettling. What to do? As I have said in the past few weeks it's important to be ready. That means to reconcile with anyone you have a problem with or that have a problem with you and also be reconciled to the Lord. Pray to the Virgin Mary for the grace of conversion and to become humble as she is. Jesus says the entrance to the Kingdom is small and this means that to get into heaven you can only do so if you are humble and become a small one. What is humility? It is merely the truth about yourself. When you really face who you truly are, this automatically should produce humility. The little one takes the last place and believes that they are the worst and deserve any sufferings that life presents to them. Are you not a long way from this? Surely you have to admit that you are.

There is good news, however, and that is, on your own strength you cannot achieve this and this is precisely the point! It means you are forced to rely on someone else and that is Jesus Christ. It requires an admission that you are incapable of doing this yourself. He is the only one that can help you with His graces, because He, Himself is humble and lowered Himself to become one of us and knows exactly what we experience in this human life we have.

Let us pray that the Lord give us all the grace to become little enough to enter into His kingdom.

Fr. Paul

HOLY HOUR



All are invited to come and adore the Lord in the blessed sacrament at the **new time of 4:00 pm –5:15pm** on every Friday in the daily mass chapel. There will be adoration, rosary, spiritual reading and confessions. This can also be a good preparation for the daily mass at 5:30pm.

Catechism-CCD

Please register your children for next year. Registration forms are at the main entrance of the Church. **The classes will start on the third Saturday of September at 11:00 am at the Catholic School.**

Parish Events Aug 21-28

Sunday: Holy Mass: 09:00am,10:30am,12:30pm

04:00pm Coeur de Marie: Children's group.
05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice
05:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday: 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel

Queenship of Virgin Mary

Tuesday 05:30pm D. Mass, Chapel,

St. Rose of Lima

Wednesday: 05:30pm Mass Church
07:00pm Evening prayer for all communities in Church

Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel.

St. Louis of France

Friday: 04:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction. Confessions
05:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel.

Saturday: 05:30pm Mass, Church

St. Monica

07:00pm NCW Eucharist



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June 22th - August 30th, 2022

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Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

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- Abacus
- Speaker System
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- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255