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Catholic Center

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Prayer Service

Presider: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Let us acknowledge the times which we have not been faithful to God.

Penitential Rite A

All: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(striking your breast, say:)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
(Then continue with:)
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Opening Prayer:

Presider:

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

A Reading from the Book of Jonah:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD's bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia

Mark 1:15

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Mark:

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection/Family Discussion on the readings and Gospel:
by Deacon Paul Pesqueira

Have you ever had someone in your life that you could turn to and ask for advice? Maybe this person that you sought advice from challenged you. What if some of the things that were said to you, you do not want to apply or change in your life? I know I have had such a person in my life. Change and challenge is what I see in this week's readings. Challenge and change require intention, energy and the willingness to do so.

Looking at the first and second readings, we see people being challenged. In the first reading we hear about the city of Nineveh. It is a large city which Jonah needs three days to walk through. After just one day, Nineveh listens to Jonah's message of repentance. That is quick, just one day and the people of Nineveh recognize their wrongdoing and change! I wish I could respond that quickly to a challenge and then change. What about you can you change that quickly? The answer you would give depends upon what the issue is. Bad habits are hard to break. Where did these habits come from? How and why did they start? Often, we choose self over God. We want what we want and not what God wants for us. Doing the "Lord's bidding," what God desires for us in our life, is a daily challenge. Doing what is right and good, not just for me but for others as well, is something I will always be working on.

The city of Corinth in the second reading is also a very large city. St. Paul is letting the Corinthians know time is running out, that the world is passing away. The Corinthians are not following what God desires for them. The short reading does not tell us if the people of Corinth change in one day. They do not because St. Paul writes Corinth a second letter and some scripture scholars believe that a third letter was written by St. Paul but was never preserved or recovered. It takes me more than one day to change. I feel more like a person of Corinth than of Nineveh. It is a process; I may recognize that I need to change, but then I must figure out how to implement the change. If someone directly tells me I need to change, then that is even more of a challenge. Change is a constant in our lives. That is why I look toward this week's Gospel reading.

John the Baptist proclaims "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." This statement is challenging the people that John the Baptist has come into contact with during his public ministry. The gospel now shifts to Jesus and He is the reason for our life challenges and the willingness to change our lives. Jesus asks us to "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Following Jesus has made my life one of constant change and challenge. I want to be a better person. A kind, loving, helpful, forgiving person is what I seek and challenge myself daily. The change comes through being a disciple of Christ and my disposition to follow Him. Jesus is my energy for change and the word of God will always challenge me to be the best person that Christ desires for me.

- What are the challenges that you recognize in your life?
- Can you turn toward Christ and ask Him to help you?
- What do you want to change in order to be a better version of yourself?

Marana Tha, Come Lord Jesus!

Nicene Creed:

ALL: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

(raise from bow)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen

Presider: With joy and the good news of the Father proclaimed by Jesus Christ, let us come before our Lord in prayer:

Intercessions:

That the Our Savior Parish community may proclaim, in our work and worship together, the reign of God:

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

That our Roman Catholic Church may be a place of welcome and refuge for all people:

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

That our bishops, priests, pastors, deacons, and campus ministers may proclaim the gospel with the perseverance of Jonah, and the commitment of Peter, James, and John:

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

That the world's governments and peoples may work together to insure the just and responsible use of the gifts of the earth:

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

That the grieving, the bitter, the troubled, and the lost may build new lives in the hope proclaimed by Christ:

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

That our deceased relatives and friends may rejoice forever in the fulfillment of the reign of God :

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

Presider:

God of timelessness, Lord of History, hear our prayers. Help us to realize that your gift of time is not the end or limit of this life but the pathway to complete and perfect life of the Risen One, in whose name we offer these prayers.

Our Father:

Presider: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Sign of Peace:

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Presider:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All:

And with your spirit.

Presider:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

(At this time please offer a moment of silence before the Spiritual Communion is said.)

Spiritual Communion:

All: I wish my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

Closing Prayer:

Presider:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen