
THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 23, 2011

Dear Parishioners,

A big thank you to Fr. Brian Timoney for helping out and filling in during this past week. As you know, Fr. Donie is away in Ireland and England for 2 ½ weeks to celebrate his nephew's wedding and then to visit with his religious superior about his future and assignments. Along with every full-time priest in the Diocese of Oakland, I've been away from last Sunday, October 16 to this past Friday, October 21 for a five day priest convocation in Monterey. The proposed topic of the week along with "open space" sessions where any item of concern can be submitted and addressed, is called "Embracing the New Roman Missal". I'll have more about that in next Sunday's bulletin.

In the meantime you'll notice for the past several weeks I've tried to include a brief summary of the lengthy information handouts the Diocese has prepared on understanding the Mass and its different parts.

Today's foldout addresses one of the two major parts of the Mass: The Liturgy of the Word. Plus on three weekends our bulletin has begun with the words "**And With Your Spirit**" (1,2,3), with previews and comments on the new Mass text which we will introduce and struggle with beginning the first weekend of Advent and last weekend of November (26th/ 27th). I'm sure we'll have "**And With Your Spirit**" (4, 5, 6) after I hear what they have to tell us in Monterey and what more we have to get ready for. Actually, I'm writing this bulletin before leaving for the Monterey Convocation, so for the recent information we'll have to wait for next weekend.

Our Friday evening Adult Education sessions have been well attended, well received and exciting. This week we shift from discussion of the "Evolving Church" to discussing "Our Evolving Universe". To help us and lead us as presenters we welcome first Michael Dowd and then Brian Swimme. Brian Swimme (Nov. 4) is well known to us through the courses he has given, the books he has authored, his international reputation and his presence as one of our active parishioners. Michael

Dowd (Oct. 28) is less familiar to us, so let me tell you a bit about him.

Michael Dowd is a best selling author and evolutionary theologian. Since 2002 he has addressed over 1500 audiences, including the United Nations, maintaining a Christian perspective and accepting evolution. He recently founded "The Advent of Evolutionary Christianity", an audio series where 38 well-known religious leaders joined him. Raised a Roman Catholic and currently ordained as a United Church of Christ minister, he has allied with Jewish, Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Anglican leaders across the nation on issues of evolution, justice and peace. Dowd and his wife, scientist and author Connie Barlow, have traveled across the continent by van as nomads offering a new evolutionary theology to both secular and religious audiences. They generally draw in Muslims and Jews, Buddhists and Christians, theists and atheists, scientists and religious thinkers. Next Friday evening at 7:30 pm Michael Dowd will address: "**Our Evolving Universe: Discovering the Real God and the God of Reality**".

Next weekend we celebrate Halloween with special children's masses at 5 pm on Saturday evening and at 9:15 am Sunday morning. We begin with a costume parade and procession through Church, followed by Mass in the gym. All are invited (adults and children as well) to come in costume. Halloween (Holy Eve), which proceeds November 1 (All Saints Day) and November 2 (All Souls Day), is not just about ghosts and goblins, but celebrates our Church's faith, that we do not fear death, nor devils, nor demons, but can actually smile at them and celebrate with strong faith the risen Christ.

Your Pastor,



WEEK AT A GLANCE

- SUNDAY** -**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / World Mission Sunday Collection**
 -RE Program for 3 yrs old, Room D, During 9:15 Mass
 -RE PreK/K Program: PreK Prgrm, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, C: K Prgrm, CTK School: During 9:15 Mass
 -CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word-Grades 1-5), During 9:15 Mass
 -RE Older Sacrament (Gr 6-8), RE Office, 6:30 pm
 -Jr/Sr Confirmation, Parish Hall, 11 am-1pm / Youth Group, Parish Hall, 7-9 pm
- MONDAY** -Bible Study for Men & Women, Parish Hall (Rms A & B), 8:30-10:30 am (Contact Mary 946-9751)
 -RE Older Sacrament Class (Gr. 3-5), 4:00 pm, Parish Hall
 -Grief Support Last Meeting, Ministry Center, 7:00 pm
- TUESDAY** -Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, Following 8 am Mass
 -RE Grades 1-5: Grades 1-3 School, 3:40-5pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, C, D, 3:40-5:00 pm
 -RE Grades 7/8, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, C, 7:00 pm
 -Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, CV Meeting Room, 7 pm, contact Shirley@ 957-0488
 -Spanish Prayer Group, CV Meeting Room, 7:30 pm
 -Knights of Columbus, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY** -RE Grades 1-5: Grades 1-3 School, 3:40-5pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, C, D, 3:40-5:00 pm
 -RE Grade 6, Parish Hall, A, B, & C, 7:00 pm
 -Centering Prayer, Resurrection Episcopal Church (399 Gregory Lane), 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY** -Centering Prayer, Ministry Center, 10:00 am
 -Parish Staff Meeting, Parish House, 10:30 am
 -RE Grades 1-5: Grades 1-3 School, 3:40-5pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, C, D, 3:40-5:00 pm
 -RCIA Inquiry, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:00 pm
- FRIDAY** -Garden Café, Ministry Center, 7:30-9:30am, Proceeds go to the nurturing and growing of the CTK Garden
 -**Adult Ed: "Our Evolving Universe: Discovering the Real God and the God of Reality", Michael Dowd, Church, 7:30 pm**
 -**Youth Group Lock-In**, Parish Hall, 9 pm – 7 am Saturday
- SATURDAY** -Men's Fellowship Group, Ministry Center/Chapel) 7:30-8:30 am, contact John @ 372-7873
 -**Halloween Mass, 5 pm (procession through Church & Mass in gym)**
- SUNDAY** -**Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time/World Mission Sunday**
 -RE Program for 3 yrs old, Room D, During 9:15 Mass
 -RE PreK/K Program: PreK Prgrm, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, C: K Prgrm, CTK School: During 9:15 Mass
 -**No CLOW / No RE Older Sacrament Class (Gr. 6-8)**
 -**Halloween Mass, 9:15 am (procession through Church & Mass in gym)**
 -**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, Following 7, 8 & 9:15 Masses, \$5/Adults, \$3/Srs & Kids**

Special Bereavement Mass on Sunday, November 6th at Christ the King Church will be celebrated for all those who have lost a relative or loved one **during the past year**. Mass at 12:15 pm, refreshments to follow. If you have a family member who died **during the past year** please call the parish house (682-2486) by October 28th to give their name so they can be included on a special scroll at that mass.

Caring Hands – Can you provide an occasional ride or visit 1 to 3 hours a week? Imagine the look on a senior's face if he/she saw you arriving each week. Please call Caring Hands (952-2999) for further information regarding the next training session (Nov. 18th) at John Muir Medical Center, Concord.

Come participate in the ChristLight Weekend Experience November 11-13! This is an inspiring, informative, fun and faith-building experience at Christ the King. Meet other parishioners, create new friendships, renew your faith, and much more. Sign up forms are at the back of the church (please drop them off at the rectory). Space is limited. For questions, please contact Bill Leone (260-7877) or Therese Hall (945-6738).

The Pleasant Hill Senior Van Service, sponsored by the Commission on Aging and City of Pleasant Hill, needs volunteers to staff the van office and/or drive our van. Training is provided. Drivers are needed for either one or two shifts, from 9am-noon and 1-4 pm weekdays. No special license is required. Dispatchers are needed from 9am to 11 am weekdays to answer phones and schedule rides. For more information, please call 671-5272, Monday through Friday between 9am -11 am.

HELP! The Altar Society needs donations of Christmas gifts and giftables. Our boutique takes place the weekend of November 19th and 20th. Please call Nancy Scott with questions or donations at (925) 370-2188 or email nscott2361@comcast.net

Carondelet High School Open House, for interested seventh and eighth graders and parents, will be held on Sunday, October 30, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at 1133 Winton Dr. (corner of Treat), Concord. For information, please email kharris@carondeleths.org, call 925-686-5353 ext. 161, or visit our website 222.carondelet.net.

Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Word can be divided into four sections; biblical readings and acclamations, homily, Profession of Faith, and the Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful.

In the readings, God speaks to his people, opening up the mystery of redemption and salvation and offering spiritual nourishment. Christ himself is present in the midst of those gathered through his Word. In the responses to the proclaimed Word, silence and singing, all gathered digest God's word and make it their own. Typically, the **first reading** is from the Old Testament except during Easter time. It usually echoes the message of the day's gospel.

Following the first reading, the **responsorial Psalm** is also proclaimed or sung. Mirroring the practices of the Jewish synagogue, the gathered community replies to the Scripture with a psalm.

The **second reading** comes from the letters of the New Testament, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Book of Revelation. In particular, the season of Ordinary Time offers a continuous reading through the letters of the New Testament, week after week. There is no deliberate correspondence between the second reading and the other readings.

The **Alleluia** traces back to our Jewish roots and is best translated as praising God.

The proclamation of the **Gospel** is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word and set apart marked from the other readings with special marks of honor, like a cross on forehead, lips and heart or a kissing of the Gospel page.

The **homily** is part of the Liturgy of the Word and it is considered necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life.

In the "**Profession of Faith,**" or "**Creed,**" the whole gathered people respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings taken from Sacred Scripture and explained in the homily. The Apostles Creed may be used so that the assembly can join their voices with the baptismal symbol of the Roman Church.

In the **Prayer of the Faithful**, the gathered assembly responds to the Word of God which is welcomed in faith. Through the office of the baptismal priesthood, prayers are offered to God for the salvation of all.

In the Liturgy of the Word we have had an intimate encounter with the Living Word of God. The faith of our ancestors acknowledges the presence of the Lord Jesus. The assembly today experiences that same presence and the gift of Christ himself.