

June 17, 2018 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mark 4:31-32

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MASS INTENTIONS
JUNE 16TH—22ND



SATURDAY

5:00 PM Gen. Ralph S. Phelps, RIP

SUNDAY

7:30 AM Zain Naber, RIP

9:00 AM For All Parishioners

10:30 AM Thomas Ault, RIP

MONDAY

8:00 AM 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
Rene V. Perry, RIP

TUESDAY

8:00 AM 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
Feliciano Rivera, RIP

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Ignazio DiProssimo, RIP

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
Dimitris Likimitros, RIP

FRIDAY

8:00 AM 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23
Paz Clemente, RIP

Clergy Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 pm Fr, Duncanson

Sunday, 7:30 am Fr, Duncanson

Sunday, 9:00 am Fr, Duncanson

Sunday, 10:30 am Fr, Duncanson

TODAY'S READINGS
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

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SUNDAY'S MUSIC

The Call to Worship is by Watkins Shaw, with its text by Brian Foley from Psalm 8: *With wonder, Lord, we see your works, we see the beauty you have made, this earth, the skies, all things that are in beauty made.*

The Offertory is by Stanley Vann who was born in 1910, the son of a builder, and managed to live for just over a hundred years, during which he was one of Britain's most prominent cathedral musicians in the middle of the 20th Century. The text of this piece is an ancient Celtic prayer: *God to enfold me, God to surround me, God in my speaking, God in my thinking, God in my sleeping, God in my waking, God in my watching, God in my hoping. God in my life, God in my lips, God in my soul, God in my heart, God in my sufficing, God in my slumber, God in my ever living soul, God in my eternity.* Sylvia Maddox writes about this prayer in her book *Praying With The Celtic Saints*: 'It was in a time of struggle and imbalance that a friend offered me a small book of Celtic prayers and praises. There was something in the rhythm of these prayers that reminded me of the rhythm of life. They contain an awareness of God's presence from the rising to the setting of the sun. Entwined with the reality of living, each action of the day becomes the essence of prayer.'

The Communion begins with an *Adoramus te* by Felice Anerio (1560-1614) who was born and died in Rome. He sang as a boy chorister in the Julian Chapel, the choir that appears at Masses not celebrated by the Pope, and succeeded Palestrina, the best-known composer of his day as composer to the Sistine Chapel, the most prominent position in Rome for a musician. Around 1607 he followed a common career path for a composer in the Roman School and became a priest, helping to reform the official liturgical book of chants of the Roman Rite known as the Gradual. The text of today's piece is: *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the World.*

The second piece is a favorite anthem by John Rutter (b.1945), commissioned by the Texas Choral Directors' Association in 1980. The words are from the childrens' hymn by F.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917). *For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; for the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; for the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; for each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. Each section is followed by the refrain Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

The third piece is by the Elizabethan composer Richard Farrant (ca. 1530-1580), a composer of English church music, also a choirmaster, playwright and theatrical producer noted for creating the Blackfriars Theatre that hosted children's companies. The text is *Lord, for thy tender mercies sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.*

Patriotic Music will be sung at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, July 1st, after which the choir will take its annual break, with the Quartet singing through the summer.



WELCOME DR. CHRISTAURIA WELLAND

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Christauria Welland from the Oaxaca Education Fund to share her story in the missions during all the Masses today. Please be prepared to listen and support as the message of mission, evangelization, loving service and hope is shared. The proceeds from this Mission appeal are used to directly support the missionary, the organization and the people they serve. Your generous donation unites you as a missionary to our brothers and sisters around the world who need our help.

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If you know of anyone in need, or are in need yourself, please contact stephaniekourie@cox.net.



Next Nativity Men's Group July 5 Speaker: Derry Connolly, PhD Topic: *Building a Catholic Creative Arts University*

Derry Connolly has served as the Founding President of John Paul the Great Catholic University (JPCatholic) since its conception in 2003. Derry and his wife Lidy have five children and 9 grandchildren.

Dr. Connolly obtained a bachelors and masters' degree in Mathematics from University College, Cork, Ireland and a PhD from Cal-Tech in Pasadena. He spent 15 years working in industrial Research and Development with IBM and Kodak. In 1997, he joined the faculty at UCSD, where he served in Professional Technology Education, then the Center for the Commercialization of Advanced Technology (CCAT). He holds 8 US patents. He continues to teach Bio-Business in UCSD's Medical Device Engineering graduate program.

He began building JPCatholic as a niche university—serving students interested in the Creative Arts and Business Innovation in 2003. It has grown from 30 students, when it opened in Fall 2006, to 300+ in Fall 2017, now at its expanding Escondido campus. The university is focused on cultivating creativity to renew the human experience.

What caused Dr. Connolly to run with this crazy idea of starting a Catholic University in San Diego? Come Thursday, July 5 and find out who inspired him to develop this unique concept.

Join us for a night of Faith, Fellowship, Food, and Inspiration

Where: Church of the Nativity Chapel

When: Thursday, July 5, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Note: (Meeting begins in small chapel at back of the courtyard)

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Paper surveys available after Mass and in the Church office next week

**A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of California
on Caring for those who Suffer from Mental Illness
Addressed to All Catholics and People of Goodwill**



In a groundbreaking new pastoral letter, California's Catholic bishops are calling for a new compact among the Church, healthcare officials, and scientific researchers to improve care for the nearly 44 million American adults who struggle with mental health issues and to end the social stigma around mental illness.

The letter, "Hope and Healing," was released on May 2nd by the California Catholic Conference and issues a plea for Catholics and all people of goodwill "to overcome an attitude of 'us' and 'them'" when it comes to encountering those who struggle with mental health.

The document details a range of recent scientific and medical studies in an effort to "build bridges between science and religion, health care and pastoral care." The letter notes that one in five adults in the U.S. suffers from a mental disorder, and that 20 percent of adolescents are currently or have previously suffered from a "seriously debilitating mental disorder."

"Anyone may struggle with mental health problems," the bishops write, unequivocally condemning the "unjust social stigma of mental illness," and identifying a double standard between the normalization and acceptance of care for physical illness and the silence and shame that often surrounds mental illness.

"This should not be so in our civic communities, and cannot be so in our Catholic communities," they write. "There is no shame in receiving a diagnosis of a psychiatric disorder... mental illness is neither a moral failure nor a character defect," they continue.

The letter goes on to specifically identify the rise in suicide rates in the United States, particularly among the young, the opioid epidemic, where drug overdose is now the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 50, and an "epidemic of profound loneliness," witnessed throughout the nation.

The bishops call for a "both-and" rather than an "either-or" response that recognizes the validity of both psychological and spiritual healing, and they reject a suspicion some Christians have harbored when it comes to matters of clinical psychology and psychiatry.

While noting that wisdom and discernment should be used to ensure that various approaches conform to best medical practices, the letter maintains that "good science recognizing the life and dignity of people and the Catholic faith are never at odds."

In issuing a plea to pastors and lay Catholics alike, the bishops call for shared responsibility by the Christian community and beyond. The letter specifically recalls Pope Francis's challenge for priests to have the smell of their sheep, hence its plea for mental health ministries that are "proactive rather than reactive."

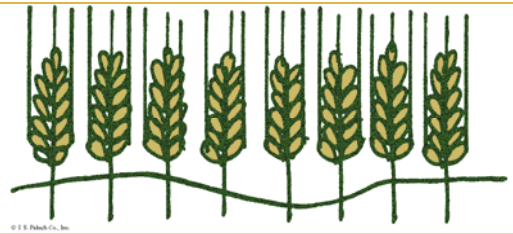
Drawing on Francis's theme of building a "culture of encounter," the bishops express the need for direct engagement and friendship for those suffering from mental illness. "It can make a great difference when we move from praying for people to praying with them," they write.

In the weeks ahead, I will be sharing highlights from the bishops' letter here in the parish bulletin.

God bless you!

Fr. Richard Duncanson

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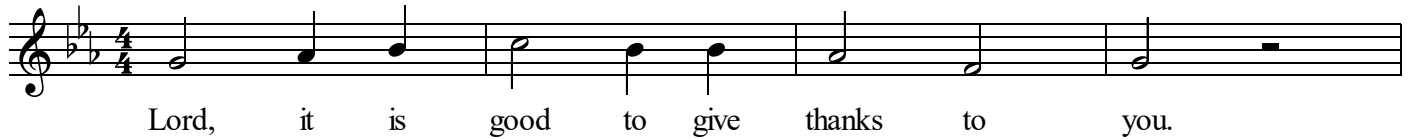


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They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

—Psalm 92:14

Please join us in singing the Psalm Response:



THE MASTER STORYTELLER

In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented to us as the master storyteller. He loved to use parables as a tool for comparing one thing to something else. In most of his parables, Jesus revealed who God is by comparing God's essence or actions with something familiar to his listeners. In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus proclaims a marvelous and irrefutable truth. His small band of disciples, as insignificant as they may have felt, would one day produce a mighty kingdom whose growth was initiated by God. The seeds of this kingdom were planted by God and it is God who will harvest the fruit brought forth from those seeds. The extent of the growth of God's kingdom cannot be predicted. We must trust the work of the Master's hand as we, the mustard plant, grow and grow. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.,

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.



At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the acts of giving from our abundance and attending to the needs of the poor open us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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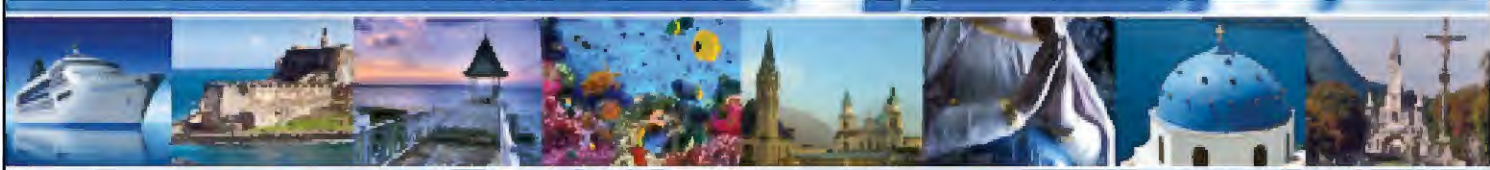
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 Center at (619) 291-7446

OCP INSTITUTE TRAINING

The Diocese of San Diego, in collaboration with
 OCP, proudly invite you to a day of training and
 formation for all liturgical music ministers (for
 cantors, choristers, instrumentalists and all who are
 part of music ministry). Featuring Pedro Rubalcava,
 Anna Betancourt, Rebecca Ramirez, and Rodolfo
 López. The Instituto OCP will be presented
 exclusively in Spanish.

OCP Institute—Sing to the Lord!: Day of Formation
 for Liturgical Ministers Saturday, August 4, 2018
8:30am – 4:30pm

Registration: \$10 per person (price of registration
 includes lunch and all materials)