



NEWSLETTER



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NEWS

Our next meeting will be in Rockdale, starting with the meal at 7:00 pm.

We will conduct a fall-out at St. Josephs in Rockdale on Sunday, September 20. Mass is at 9:00 am, and we need to be there at 8:30.

The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, October 3, at the Knights of Columbus hall in Temple, Texas. Registration will start at 6 pm at the Hampton Inn @ 3816 S. General Bruce Dr, in Temple. The Exemplification will be from 10:00 to noon on Saturday. There will be a District Meeting with the Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers from 2 to 3 pm at the KC Hall.

Holy Rosary Parish in Frenstat will have their yearly Homecoming Festival on Sunday, October 4. Plates will be sold, starting at 11:00 am. Music will be by Mark Halata and Texavia, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The usual auctions, games, country store and pastry stand will be open until sold out.

St. Mary's in Caldwell will have their Parish Festival on October 18. They too will have all the activities associated with your normal church festival. The food available will be Turkey & Dressing or Carne Guisada plate.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In the article by Cardinal O'Malley, and the homily by Pope Francis, on the back of this Newsletter, you see the up-coming "Jubilee Year of Mercy" being proclaimed. What is a "Jubilee", anyway? Wikipedia defines it this way: *In Judaism and Christianity, the concept of the **Jubilee** is a special year of remission of [sins](#) and universal pardon. In the Biblical [Book of Leviticus](#), a [Jubilee](#) year is mentioned to occur every fiftieth year, in which slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven and the mercies of God would be particularly manifest.*

To put that in plain English, the Church is telling us that it is time to get back into the habit of going to Confession. It doesn't mean that we need to wait 50 years to get pardoned. It is kind of ironic that the Pope has to proclaim a special year to try to get us to do what we should do anyway. Like this guy Matthew Arnold says: If you look at the lines for Confession on Saturday evening, and look at the lines for Communion on Sunday, we must have a lot of Saints these days, or somehow along the way we have just about lost our sense of sin.

But that can't be true, because we can clearly see the sins of others, but we can't see them in ourselves.

Used to be, that if you didn't go to confession every two weeks, you were bound for Hell, but I think that nowadays it is suggested that we go at least once a month, with no mention of the consequences if we don't go.

Anyway, it's like getting out of bed in the morning. Some of us jump out of bed as soon as the alarm goes off, and some of us hit the snooze button about 4 times before we get up. We just need to make sure we aren't caught hitting the snooze button when the big alarm in the sky goes off.

Cardinal O'Malley Welcomes Pope's Year of Mercy Plan for Post-Abortion Healing

Pope Francis has given the Church and the world a great gift in his announcement of Jubilee Year of Mercy that will begin December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, continuing through to the Solemnity of Christ the King in November of 2016.

The Holy Father today shared that there will be many occasions for the faithful to experience the graces of the Year of Mercy, including those who are confined at home or at a medical facility and those who are incarcerated.

Recognizing the seriousness of the sin of abortion and the implications this can have for those involved, Pope Francis is making particular outreach to women, noting that many women were under great pressure and felt that they had no choice. Under the provisions of canon law, absolution of certain serious sins, including abortion, was reserved to the diocesan bishop. For many years in the United States, including in the Archdiocese of Boston, diocesan bishops have granted their priests the faculty to absolve the sin of abortion. As part of the outreach of the Year of Mercy, the Holy Father will now grant all priests worldwide the faculty "to absolve of the sin of abortion those who have procured it and who, with contrite heart, seek forgiveness for it." His words acknowledge the reality of God's abiding mercy in the Sacrament of Penance, and that God welcomes all with open arms.

My hope and prayer is that all those carrying the burden of an experience of abortion would turn to the Church and her sacraments and experience the Lord's mercy and love. Wherever a person might be in their healing journey, please know that in the Archdiocese of Boston and most dioceses in the United States, Project Rachel and other post-abortion healing ministries offer a compassionate and understanding pathway to renewal. To find the nearest diocesan healing ministry, go to the 'Find Help' map at www.hopeafterabortion.com or www.esperanzaposaborto.com. . . .

Here is the Vatican's translation of the prepared text of the pope's brief homily this evening at first vespers for Divine Mercy Sunday:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The greeting of the risen Christ to his disciples on the evening of Easter, "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19), continues to resound in us all. Peace, especially during this Easter season, remains the desire of so many people who suffer unprecedented violence of discrimination and death simply because they bear the name "Christian." Our prayer is all the more intense and becomes a cry for help to the Father, who is rich in mercy, that he may sustain the faith of our many brothers and sisters who are in pain. At the same time, we ask for the grace of the conversion of our own hearts so as to move from indifference to compassion.

St. Paul reminds us that we have been saved through the mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. He is the reconciler, who is alive in our midst offering the way to reconciliation with God and with each other. The Apostle recalls that, notwithstanding the difficulties and the sufferings of life, the hope of salvation which Christ has sown in our hearts nonetheless continues to grow. The mercy of God is poured out upon us, making us just and giving us peace.

Many question in their hearts: Why a Jubilee of Mercy today? Simply because the church, in this time of great historical change, is called to offer more evident signs of God's presence and closeness. This is not the time to be distracted; on the contrary, we need to be vigilant and to reawaken in ourselves the capacity to see what is essential. This is a time for the church to rediscover the meaning of the mission entrusted to her by the Lord on the day of Easter: to be a sign and an instrument of the Father's mercy (cf. Jn 20:21-23). For this reason, the Holy Year must keep alive the desire to know how to welcome the numerous signs of the tenderness which God offers to the whole world and, above all, to those who suffer, who are alone and abandoned, without hope of being pardoned or feeling the Father's love. A Holy Year to experience strongly within ourselves the joy of having been found by Jesus, the Good Shepherd who has come in search of us because we were lost. A Jubilee to receive the warmth of his love when he bears us upon his shoulders and brings us back to the Father's house. A year in which to be touched by the Lord Jesus and to be transformed by his mercy, so that we may become witnesses to mercy. Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favorable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation.

May the Mother of God open our eyes, so that we may comprehend the task to which we have been called; and may she obtain for us the grace to experience this Jubilee of Mercy as faithful and fruitful witnesses of Christ. If you want to listen to a good CD, try this one: OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS, by Matthew Arnold. It is sold on www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org.

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