

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

This Week's Homily

Theme: Personal Responsibility Goes with Accountability

Every parent or teacher hears from their kids or students, "Not I, but he/she did it." He or she does not want to take personal responsibility and accountability for his/her wrongdoing. We hear the same comments every day, even with some adults. For instance, we hear Democrats blaming Republicans and vice versa. At times, none of them would like to take personal responsibility and accountability for bad policies.

Someone said just as we have the statue of Liberty on the East Coast, we should have a statue of responsibility/accountability on the West Coast. It seems to me what this person is advocating for is to remind us that personal responsibility goes with accountability--you can't have one without the other. Individual responsibility and accountability are two sides of the same coin.

Ezekiel, a priest and a prophet, was among the first group of Hebrews that were deported to exile in Babylon. In Babylon, Ezekiel encouraged his people to continue to have faith in God, to stop blaming God, and to take personal responsibility for their sins. During his time, there was a belief that the child was punished for the sins of his/her parents. Prophet Ezekiel stated clearly and unequivocally that each person is responsible for his/her sins and will be answerable to God. Hence, Ezekiel rejected the popular belief that punishment is transferred from one generation to the next generation. He challenged them to be responsible and accountable for their actions.

Psychologists, judges, lawyers, and other social scientists continue daily with the tension between personal responsibility and the collective guilt of the community. You will hear someone say, I am going through hurts and pains because of my parents or somebody. It is true that we are influenced, especially during in our early childhood, by our upbringing and environment, but we can still make a difference in our lives, if we want. The past is gone--that is why it is referred to as the past. What we have today is a gift so we can call it the "present," hence, we can use it for a better tomorrow called the future.

In the parable of two sons in the gospel of St. Matthew, we are again challenged to take personal responsibility and be accountable for our actions. In this parable, Jesus described two kinds of people. The first son represents the chief priests and elders who heard the word of God but refused to live it. The second son represents those Gentiles and sinners, who initially turned away from God but later on decided to follow Jesus Christ.

Actually, there was a third group, namely those who immediately responded to God's invitation. These are the people that Jesus would us like to imitate. Jesus Christ himself is the perfect example of the third group. Yes, 'Actions speaks louder than words.' As Catholics, especially in a State where we are the minority, we must let our actions speak louder than our words. By this, many people would accept us because they can see that we are truly Christians. For us to take personal responsibility and accountability for our actions, we need the virtue of humility that St. Paul speaks about in the Second Reading. St. Paul wants us to avoid self-seeking and rivalry and to emulate the humility of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May our Lord Jesus Christ who though was in the form of God, but did not regard equality with God, helps us to be humble and take personal responsibility with accountability for our actions.

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October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

Pray the Rosary: Join us next weekend (October 3 and 4) and every weekend in October as we pray the rosary together during the month of the Holy Rosary. The rosary will begin ½ hour before the Sunday liturgy. If someone would like to volunteer to lead the rosary on Saturday evenings, we can pray together at 6:30 p.m.

We Are Almost There

We are moving right along with our donations, thanks to our generous parishioners! To date, we have collected \$9,165! When we add this to the \$6,500 we realized from the sale of our two parish vehicles, we now have \$15,665 of our goal. (Our goal is \$21,000.) We humbly ask for your help to collect the rest of the money to reach our goal. Thank you sincerely to those who have already donated! We will keep you updated on this project.

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$1,765.00
Loose: \$281.00
Roof Replacement Fund: \$505.00
Attendance: 9/12: 51– 9/13: 50



Attendance

We will continue to post our attendance numbers and offertory collection numbers each week. Our attendance at mass has been very low. We encourage you to join us if you feel safe doing so. Please note that we are having the church professionally sanitized after the Saturday evening mass each week and we are following all of the guidelines set forth for safety by the diocese and the CDC. This includes wearing masks when in the church. If you cannot wear a mask because of health reasons, there are many online options to participate in the weekend masses. Please share your concerns with Father Ed.

Notes from Father Ed

1. We are grateful to Ed Poach and Mike Derico for repairing the lights in the church and in Marist Hall.
2. There will be a Holy Hour every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. During this Holy Hour, we shall pray the Rosary, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Blessed Virgin Mary, etc. Each week, we shall have a special intention for this Holy Hour. Remember what Jesus said to Peter: "SO YOU COULD NOT KEEP WATCH WITH ME FOR ONE HOUR?" (Matthew 26:41b) Are you willing and ready to keep watch with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for one hour?
3. **FIRST FRIDAY** – Each First Friday we will have a silent adoration starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 6:55, right before Mass at 7.
4. I will be on a priest's retreat from October 5-9. Deacon Rue will have Holy Hour and a Communion Service on Wednesday, October 7 Thank you to Deacon Rue for his kindness and love for our Parish pastoral work.

School of Religion News

Many of you have been asking about our School of Religion program this year. Our principal, Doris Sandreth has been working on a plan, and each family should be receiving a letter about our program this year. If you have not received any information, please contact Doris at dsandreth@yahoo.com.

RCIA is Starting at Holy Rosary!

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at 304-472-3414 to leave your name or your friend's name and contact information. RCIA sessions will begin in September!

Our Sympathies

Our sympathies are extended to Pat Marsh and her family on the death of her brother, Joe Morton. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

A Crosslines Update

Lunches: There will be NO lunches served at Crosslines at least until the beginning of the new year. Fortunately, we are giving a goodly amount of food to our neighbors in need. We are grateful for the generosity of many. We are providing food every month, rather than every other month. At this time, the school system is still providing lunches for families.

Holy Rosary Diaper Bank: Our diaper bank will not be operating at the Parish House until the beginning of the new year.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Here are the specifics of what we are providing in our Thanksgiving baskets to our neighbors: turkey or chicken (from a grant), canned green beans and corn, Jiffy pie crust mix, fruit and pumpkin pie fillings, evaporated milk, chicken or turkey gravy, canned yams, cake mix and frosting tubs stovetop stuffing and instant mashed potatoes.

Other Needs: We need jelly, diapers sizes 4,5,6, or pull-ups, kid-friendly foods like ravioli or spaghetti with pop top lids, toothpaste and brushes, tampons, bar soap, powdered laundry detergent, and toilet paper.

Utility Bills: these have been coming in at a fast pace for us at Crosslines. If you can help in any way with this, drop your check off at the Parish House or place in our offertory baskets. It is a very real need at this time.

No Extra Drives: This year we do not have funds from the retired teacher luncheon, purse bingo, food drives from WVWC, peanut butter drives, the Post Office food drive and other things that we usually count on for added funds. So, we are counting on you to help us help our neighbors. We have boxes to fill at the entrance to the church or in the hall. Thank you, Holy Rosary, for all you do to help our neighbors in Upshur County.

And Finally: we thank Father Ed for volunteering at Crosslines. Hooray!!

September Celebrations!

Ann Stalnaker	Sept. 15
Donna Broslawsky	Sept. 20
Chloe McCartney	Sept. 20
Tucker McCartney	Sept. 20
Jordan Shaver	Sept. 23
Meghan Williams	Sept. 24
Lori Post	Sept. 27
Pam Wilson	Sept. 28
Barbara Elmore	Sept. 29
Jerome Post	Sept. 30



SoulCore News

SoulCore will be continuing. We are going to be meeting in Marist Hall on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Requirements: 1) Masks must be worn at all times, 2) 6 feet of distance between participants, 3) Bring your own weights and mats.

Greeter's Schedule

Sat. 9/26 – Mary Blake
Sun. 9/27 – Frank Girard
Sat. 10/3– Jerry & Cheryl
Sun. 10/4 – Charlie Malcolm

Lector's Schedule

9/26: Maria Gjolberg
9/27: Linda Hicks
10/3: John Weber
10/4: Andrea Ellis

Please pray for our homebound

Gene & Mary Stump, Denna Bayless, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus, Helena Bessinger, Virginia Cerullo, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simmons, and Jeanette Willett.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS VISITS

If any homebound parishioner would like Fr. Ed to visit and bring Holy Communion to him/her, please call the parish office (304) 472 3414 or Fr. Ed's cell phone (609) 510-1090. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, Fr. Ed will wear a face mask, face shield and gloves when visiting a homebound parishioner. In case you would not like a visit but would just like to talk on the phone, please do not hesitate to reach out to Fr. Ed.

Please remember in your prayers

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Matthew Linger, David Vincent, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Freda Cawthon, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Linda Hicks, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, P.T. Garton, Jalen Welcome, Ron Byrd, Helena Bessinger, Dennis Cortes, Kay Sienkiewicz, Danny Morgan, Patty Griffith, Gene Zara.
Please pray for men and women in the military.

Attention Men of the Parish

All men of the parish are invited to their new fall study series from the Knights of Columbus called *Into the Breach*. This is a 12-part video series for men. Each video is about 12-15 minutes and a study guide with questions is available by contacting Skip Gjolberg.

(sgjolberg@gmail.com) Each meeting will last about one hour, and the men will have plenty of time to view the video and discuss the questions. The plan is to meet for four Saturdays, then take one Saturday off and repeat for the following lessons:

Week 4: Fatherhood (October 3)

Week 5: break

Week 6: Family

Week 7: Life

Week 8: Prayer

Week 9: Suffering

Week 10: break

Week 11: Sacramentals

Week 12: Spiritual Warfare

Week 13: Evangelization

Week 14: The Cornerstone



MEN'S GROUP

Week 15: break

The first meeting was held Saturday, September 12 at 9 a.m. in Marist Hall. Also, if anyone is interested in meeting during the week, that is an option as well. Please contact Skip for more details at 681-533-8170 or email: sgjolberg@gmail.com We hope that all men prayerfully consider learning and praying with other men from our parish!

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Sept. 26 – 7 p.m. - Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Sept. 27 - 9 a.m. – +Lorene Hardman (Holy Rosary)

Monday, Sept. 28 – +Ralph Suther

Tuesday, Sept. 29 – In thanksgiving to St. Faustina

Wednesday, Sept. 30 – Christine Cogaley (7 p.m. at Holy Rosary) Silent Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1 - Poor Souls Deceased

Friday, Oct. 2 – +Barbara Conolley **First Friday (Silent Adoration begins at 6 p.m.)**

Saturday, Oct. 3 – 7 p.m. - +Father Edward Sabo (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Oct. 4 - 9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
Noon – +Lorene Hardman (Sacred Heart)

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FLOCKNOTES FOR EVERYONE!

Are you missing out on Flocknote, our parishwide communications program? One member of your household may be getting Flocknote information, but we don't limit the fun to just one person! If you would like to receive Flocknote information, please send your email address and texting phone number to Mary at Mash111@aol.com. You want to stay informed, right??

A Reflection on Grief by Father Ed

We live in a society that talks about what I would call “one-sided life,” meaning we talk only about joy, happiness, and not sorrow/sadness. We teach our children how to be successful in life: good education, good job, raise a good family, etc. Death is not talked about, let alone taught in school or mentioned at home. That is what I called “one-sided life education.” There is a basic fact, we would all agree, that once you are born, you will certainly die one day. The only one we know in the Bible who did not die and went to heaven was the prophet Ezekiel.

J.W. James and R. Friedman, founders of The Grief Recovery Method, pointed to this lack of formal education on death and grief in their remarks: “We are far better prepared to deal with minor accidents than we are to deal with grief. We receive more education about simple First Aid than we do about death, divorce, and other emotional losses.” (The Grief Recovery Handbook p.23)

Since we are not prepared in advance, when death takes our loved one from us, we become “helpless.” We really do not know how to handle the pain of loss. C.S. Lewis who lost his beloved wife Joy Davidman remarks in his book entitled A Grief Observed: “No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear.”

I will write a reflection on grief for the purpose of education, not for therapy or counseling, in our Parish bulletin from time to time. Please feel free to reach out to me for clarification or any concern about this reflection.

What is Grief?

The Webster New World College Dictionary defines grief as “an intense emotional suffering caused by loss, disaster, misfortunate etc.; acute sorrow; deep sadness.” Grief is explained by J. W. James and R. Friedman as “the normal and natural reaction to loss of any kind.” (The Grief Recovery Handbook p.1) They state that grief is about a broken heart, not a broken brain. (p.5)

J. William Worden a renowned expert on death education, research, and counseling, describes normal grief, also referred to as “uncomplicated grief that encompasses a broad range of feelings, cognitions, physical sensation, and behavior changes that are common after a loss.” (Grief Counseling and Grief Therapy, 5th Edition, Pp 18-19)

We do know that grief can be normal or abnormal, not from just our personal experiences of grief but also from the clinicians and from mental health professional organizations like American Psychiatric Association that

published the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5th). The distinction between a normal grief and complicated/abnormal grief can be found in the DSM- 5.

According to the DSM- 5th, persistent complex grief/abnormal bereavement disorder is distinguished from normal grief by the presence of severe grief reaction that persists at least 12 months or 6 months in children after the death of the bereaved. The DSM- 5 further explains that it is only when severe levels of grief response persist at least 12 months following the death and interfere with the individual’s capacity to function that persistent complex bereavement disorder is diagnosed. (DSM-5 p.792)

There is a consensus among grief experts that everyone grieves differently. Allport put it beautifully in his remark: “Each person’s grief is like no other person’s grief.” (Allport, 1957, Class Lecture notes)

What causes Grief?

The causes of grief are too many to list. John W. James and Russell Friedman in their book ‘ The Grief Recovery Handbook listed some losses that may lead to grief: death of a loved one, death of a pet, divorce, separation, moving, starting school, marriage, graduation, end of addictions, major health changes, retirement, financial changes--positive or negative, holidays, legal problems, empty nests (p.4).

In my next reflection, I will be focusing on the symptoms of grief, what to say/not to say to the bereaved, managing grief in a healthy way, and other grief related concerns.

Recommended Books

American Psychiatric Association: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, DSM-5th

C.S. Lewis: A Grief Observed

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross: On Death and Dying: What the Dying Have to Teach Doctors, Nurses, Clergy, and Their Own Families

Elizabeth Kubler- Ross and David Kessler: On Grief and Grieving: Finding the Meaning of Grief Through the Five Stages of Loss

John W. James and Russell Friedman: The Grief Recovery Handbook, 20th Anniversary Expanded Edition

J. William Worden: Grief Counseling and Grief Therapy, A Handbook for the Mental Health Practitioner

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