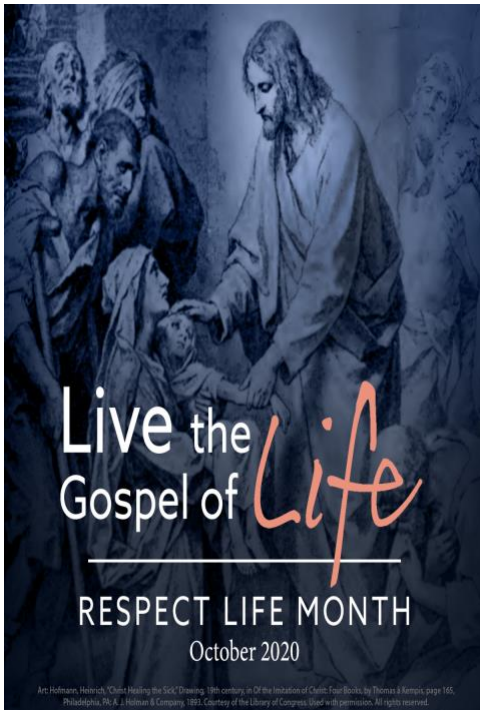


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Live the Gospel of Life

Respect Life Reflection

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of *every* human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a *single and indivisible* Gospel" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?*

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life. Excerpts from *Evangelium vitae*, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

Dear Parishioners,

Let us continue to adhere to CDC directives with regard to COVID-19 Pandemic guidelines: wearing of face mask, keeping social distancing 6 feet, handwashing or sanitizing at all meetings. I am concerned with the new surge of the coronavirus in our county. I am very grateful to our entire family of Holy Rosary Parish for your compliance with these CDC directives and for your continued generous assistance to the Parish.

Father Ed

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

Pray the Rosary: Join us this weekend 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. Volunteers are most welcome.

We Are Almost There

We are moving right along with our donations, thanks to our generous parishioners! To date, we have collected \$9,190! When we add this to the \$6,500 we realized from the sale of our two parish vehicles, we now have \$15,690 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: \$1,216.00

Loose: \$148.00

Roof Replacement Fund: \$25.00

Attendance: 9/12: 40– 9/13: 47



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 that 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 Mike Murray and his family on the death of Mike's brother Joe Murray, of Weston who passed away recently. 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!!

From Dennis Cortes:

I would like to say thank you to all who prayed for me. I am having nerve problems in my left leg. Since my name

was added to the prayer list I have been getting better, if ever so slightly. I do feel more limber and wish to thank all who recited the prayer list. Please don't quit, keep praying for all on the lists. God Bless and may HE continue to do an OUTSTANDING job! Dennis P. Cortes

October Celebrations!

Michael Arbogast	Oct. 3
Gini Jeran	Oct. 4
Caroline Nanners	Oct. 12
Fr. Joe McLaughlin	Oct. 12
Samuel Walker	Oct. 14
Ethan Abel	Oct. 15
Rose Ann Ketterman	Oct. 17
Father Ron Nikodem	Oct. 17
John Arbogast, II	Oct. 20
Dayla Weatherholt	Oct. 30

Happy Anniversary to Alan & Jimmie Jo Simmons! May God bless you!

SoulCore News

SoulCore for October: 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. (10/13/20, 10/20/20, 10/27/20)

Greeter's Schedule

Sat. 10/3– Jerry & Cheryl
Sun. 10/4 – Charlie Malcolm
Sat. 10/10 – John Kriner
Sun. 10/11 – Frank Girard

Lector's Schedule

10/3: John Weber
10/4: Andrea Ellis
10/10: Mary Blake
10/11: Jalna Jones

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 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
Week 15: break



MEN'S GROUP

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

Eucharistic Liturgies

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)
Monday, Oct. 5 – Poor souls most in need of mercy
Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Mass Cancelled
Wednesday, Oct. 7 – Communion Service (7 p.m. at Holy Rosary) Holy Hour begins at 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8 – Mass Cancelled
Friday, Oct. 9 – Mass Cancelled
Saturday, Oct. 10 – 7 p.m. - Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
Sunday, Oct. 11 - 9 a.m. – Pat Golden (Holy Rosary)

prayerfully consider learning and praying with other men from our parish!

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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??

To All Upshur Churches

Carol Meese has organized the Christmas Day Dinner for Upshur neighbors for the last several years. She is planning to step down from that role after the dinner this year. We would like to have a committee of folks to share the responsibility... we know the holiday season is

a busy time for everyone, so we're working to divide the tasks among several of us, as Carol hands the baton off this year. Typically, there would be some setup involved beforehand, and then cooking and serving on Christmas Day. This year, we are planning to hold the dinner, but recognize it will look differently due to COVID. We anticipate needing to offer it by takeout only, rather than having a sit-down meal.

If you (or someone from your church/organization) might be interested in volunteering with the Christmas Day Dinner, please let me know.

We truly appreciate those who have assisted with the dinner in the past, churches who have provided desserts, businesses and organizations who have donated funds, etc. This event is one of the many reasons that Buckhannon and Upshur County are such special places to live!

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you and/or your church family/organization members might serve in this way.

Congratulations, Deacon Rue!

Congratulations to our own Deacon Rue! He celebrated the anniversary of his ordination to the Diaconate on October 2nd. We thank you for your many years of service, Deacon Rue, and we ask God's blessings on you always!

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Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Have a great weekend!
~Kristi

Father Ed's Homily

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: **LACK OF**

APPRECIATION/GRATITUDE

"Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?" (Isaiah 5:4b)

Prophet Isaiah in the First Reading has provided us with the reason why God was disappointed with his people--because of their failure to be grateful for his love and care for them.

Personally, no child would be able to reciprocate for the love and care his/her parents gave him/her. Whatever gift/love, we give to our parents, for me, is a token of our profound appreciation for their selfless love for us. It is very sad when children fail to be appreciative to their parents for all the blessings and love they have received from their parents.

For me, gratitude or appreciation is a hallmark of an authentic Christian. My confrere Fr. Martin H. Padovani, SVD, the author and a Family therapist, in his book entitled "Healing Wounded Relationships, has beautifully remarked: "Gratitude is a distinctive characteristic of a mature person and of an authentic Christian." (p.163)

In Scripture, the Vineyard/Vine is often used as a metaphor for Israel, God's chosen people. In the First Reading, Isaiah compares Israel to a well-cared for vineyard which fails to produce good fruits. He warned them that God would punish them if they don't repent and produce good fruits.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus also underscored God's disappointment with the political and religious leaders in Israel. In this Parable of the Tenants or Wicked, Jesus is addressing the political and religious leaders of his time, Israelites. This parable is similar to last week's Parable of the Two Sons. In today's Gospel reading, Israel is the Vineyard. The Jewish political and religious leaders were the tenant farmers, and the Son was Jesus Christ, sent by the property owner/God to get his share of the grapes. The murdered messengers were prophets God had sent to Israel.

In this Parable, Jesus is not only warning the political and religious leaders of Israel but all of us. We are called to yield good fruits. Each of us has a

talent, a gift that we are supposed to use to build God's kingdom. Each of us must ask himself or

herself, "Am I bearing good fruit or not?"

God's generosity, love, patience, and trust for us his children are what Jesus would like us to never to forget and be grateful to his heavenly Father. We must not take it for granted. A day will come when God will ask us to give an account on how well we used the gifts he has given us to build his kingdom. In the Second Reading, St. Paul, writing from prison, warned the Christians in Philippi against anxiety and advised them how they should live a life worthy of their call.

Is it possible to live a life free from anxiety? Personally, I don't think so. We need what I would call a certain amount of anxiety for our wellbeing. What St. Paul is referring to is an extreme anxiety, an anxiety that interferes with our wellbeing. It is an anxiety that makes us not to trust oneself, others, and, most of all, God.

As we know, anxiety may be caused by chemical imbalance in the brain or perhaps the adverse effects of medication you have been prescribed. Another root cause of anxiety is lack of trust in oneself, others, and most of all in God.

With the right prescribed medication, the biological or the chemical cause of the anxiety would be treated, but not the spiritual/social aspect of anxiety. The spiritual aspect of anxiety can be addressed through spiritual exercises. Both medication and therapy would alleviate anxiety. Being grateful/appreciative of your life and trusting in God for his abundant blessings may help you to cope with the anxiety in a healthy way. This explains St. Paul's recommendation to the Christian community in Philippi to offer prayer and petition to God.

As we know, October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our great Parish, founded by the Society of Mary, took "Holy Rosary" as its name. As members of the Holy Rosary Parish, the Rosary is a precious treasure that Mother Mary has given to us. Many Catholics who have dedicated their lives to Holy Mother Mary continue to share how their lives have been enriched through praying and meditating on the Holy Rosary. If you doubt, please give it a try. Great Saints like St. Pope John Paul II, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, to mention a few, credited the success of their lives and pastoral work to the intercession of Mother Mary.

Please join us on Sunday at 8:30 am as we pray the Holy Rosary at Holy Rosary Parish and 11:45 am at Sacred Heart Chapel in Pickens.