

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Sacred Heart Chapel



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Eucharistic Liturgies
Vigil: Saturday – 7 p.m.
Sunday – 9 a.m.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING,
WE PRAY TO THE LORD.**

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, July 25 -

Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, July 26

9 a.m. – Charity Manspeaker +(Holy Rosary)

Monday, July 27 – Orlando Carr

Tuesday, July 28 – Norma Vacca

Wednesday, July 29 – Poor Souls Living (7 p.m. at Holy Rosary) Silent Adoration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 30 – For those harmed by racial injustice

Friday, July 31 – Poor Souls Deceased

Saturday, Aug. 1

7 p.m. – Deceased members of the Waschuck Family + (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Aug. 2

9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Noon – Poor Souls Living (Sacred Heart)

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Theme: OUR TOP PRIORITY IN LIFE MUST BE
“HEAVEN-BOUND/ORIENTED, NOT EARTH-
ORIENTED”**

Beloved, for us to make our Top Priority in life “Heaven-oriented, not Earth-oriented,” I think we must make a distinction between our “Needs” and our “Wants.” They are not the same, right?

Your Needs mean things that are essential or important. Wants are things that you desire, wish, things that are not really essential, not important. For instance, during this Covid-19 pandemic, you must make a distinction between your “Needs,” meaning essential things and your ‘Wants,’ things that are not important. For instance, you must decide whether to go on vacation or to pay your house mortgage. Here your vacation is a “Want” and your mortgage is a “Need.”

What about our Needs, things that will help us to live for Christ, so that one day, we shall see him face to face?

That is what I refer to as “Heaven-bound things.” The prayer of King Solomon in the First Reading reminds me of one of Jesus’

sayings that **“BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN YOU BESIDES.”** (MT 6: 33)

We are told in the First Reading (1Kings 3-5,7-12) that God appeared to King Solomon in a dream and promised King Solomon to ask for anything, that God will surely give him. King Solomon asked for an understanding heart to judge God’s people, so that he would be able to distinguish right from wrong.

The Word of God tells us that God was pleased with Solomon’s request : **“BECAUSE YOU HAVE ASKED FOR THIS, NOT FOR A LONG LIFE FOR YOURSELF, NOR FOR RICHES, NOR FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR ENEMIES, BUT FOR AN UNDERSTANDING HEART SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT, I DO AS YOU REQUESTED.”** (1 Kings 3:11-12)

Yes! King Solomon in his prayer asks for God’s wisdom, which means he first seeks the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. THEN, God adds more than he prayed for. God blessed him with a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like King Solomon: “God blessed him with riches and glory that among kings, there will be no one like King Solomon.” (1King 3: 13)

As we know, Wisdom is not the same as knowledge/intelligence. You may have knowledge through hard work, but Biblical Wisdom is a gift from God. Someone says, “Riches bring Anxiety, but Wisdom (Biblical wisdom) brings Peace of Mind.” Biblical Wisdom means you are able to see life from

God’s point of view, and you are able to live the way God wants you to live, not what the world wants you to live for. You live for God, not for the world.

We read this theme of Wisdom also in the Gospel reading. The persons who discover a buried treasure and the merchant who finds a pearl of great price, sell all that they must acquire, to buy this new wealth. Similarly, a Catholic, Christian who understands the supreme value of the Kingdom will certainly give up what he or she must obtain it. It’s worth a big sacrifice.

King Solomon knows his most Top Priority in life, which is to serve God and the people God has appointed him to govern. Do you know your Top Priority in life? Our priority in life must be what I will call “HEAVEN-BOUND.” It must be “heaven oriented,” not “earth oriented.”

The top priority for a student is to get all A’s in a test. Well, he/she does not pay a mortgage, so there is no excuse for not excelling in class. For others, their top priority is getting a suitable life partner (Mr. Right/Ms. Right), a well-paid job, to mention a few.

All these top priorities are not an end itself but a means to an end, meaning these top priorities are meant to help us to love and serve God and one

another better.

All these are “Earth Bound” but as Catholics, we make it “Heaven Bound.” You might accomplish your dreams, but if you do not put God first, you would not find the true happiness and peace that only God alone can give you.

In the second reading taken from Romans, (Rom 8: 28-30) St. Paul reminds us that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. By the virtues of our baptism, Jesus Christ has called us into the holy family of God. This explains why the Greatest Commandment in the Bible reminds us that “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength (First commandment). The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:30-31). We cannot be true Catholics, true disciples of Christ, if we do not adhere to Jesus’ Golden rule/Greatest commandment that he came to preach and die for. Like King Solomon, let us search and pray for God’s wisdom, not for earthly wisdom. Our true happiness and peace can only be found in God’s wisdom.

St. Augustine says it well: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.” (Confessions, Lib1,1-2,2.5,5CSEL 33,1-5) May our Jesus Christ and our Holy Mother Mary help us to place our love and service to God and humanity as our top priority in life. Amen!

Father Ed



Our Sympathies

We extend our sympathies to the family of Sally Davis, who passed away recently at the age of 99. Sally was a long-time parishioner of Holy Rosary and was buried in Buckhannon on last Thursday. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

From our Pastor: Bible Sharing

My dear Parishioners,

I would love to have a Bible Sharing with you but due to the Covid 19, I am unable to do it in person. As a member of Divine Word Missionaries, as you would notice, we derived our name from the Word of God, so we preach, study, and meditate on the Word of God. It is part of Our Society's 'DNA' to make the Word of God visible in the world.

Please, if you need clarification with regard to this method of Bible sharing, do not hesitate to contact me.

I decided to put in the bulletin, one of Society's (SVDs) Methods of Bible Sharing. Hopefully you and your family might deem it useful and use it for your family Bible Sharing or Bible Studying.

METHODS OF BIBLE SHARING

- A. The Lumko Seven-Step Method (South Africa)
1. We invite the Lord. Will someone, please invite Jesus in a prayer?
 2. We read the text.
 3. We pick out words and meditate on them. Each one reads them aloud twice.
 4. We keep silence for minutes and allow God to speak to us
 5. We share what we have heard in our hearts.
 6. We discuss tasks which our group is called to do:
 - a. Report on previous work
 - b. Which new task has to be done? Who is doing What and When?
 7. We pray together spontaneously. We end with a prayer/hymn which all know.

(Source: SVD Vademecum: Appendix II. Methods of Bible Sharing p.396)

In the Divine Word,
Ed Tetteh, SVD

Wedding Congratulations

Arthur and Patty Sayre are pleased to announce that their daughter, Kristen, was united in marriage to Matt Hewitt of Elkins on July 11th. May God bless Kristen and Matt with a happily ever after life together, filled with Christian love.

JULY Celebrations!

Do you have a birthday or special celebration in your family for July? Celebrate with your parish family! Just drop a note in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Ed. Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrate their birthdays in July:

Garrett Jeffrey Ball July 2
Jillie McCartney July 7
Bill Hamilton July 14
Sydney Willett July 15
Jesse Skiles July 18
Tyler Boyd July 18
Hallie Williams July 25
Bill Stalnaker July 28
Sandy Kraynok July 30

Last Week's

Collection

Envelopes: \$1,360.00

Loose: \$109.00

Thank you very much
for supporting our
parish!

Happy Anniversary to Bill and Anna Stalnaker who celebrate their wedding anniversary this month.

Greeter's Schedule

Sat. 7/25 – John Kriner

Sun. 7/26 - TBA

Sat. 8/1 – Nancy Smarr and Tony Duncan

Sun. 8/2 – Charlie Malcolm

SoulCore Resumes

SoulCore will be held outside on the side lawn of Holy Rosary Catholic Church on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Bring a mat and light hand weights! If it is raining, class will not be held.
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Please remember in your prayers

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Joe Morton, Matthew Linger, David Vincent, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Lorene Hardman, Freda Cawthon, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Linda Hicks, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, Bill Baxa, P.T. Garton, John Egress, Jalen Welcome, Ron Byrd, Helena Bessinger, Dennis Cortes, Kay Sienkiewicz.

Please pray for all men and women serving in the military.

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, Rosie Ketterman, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Lorene Hardman, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus.

Lector's Schedule

7/25: Skip Gjolberg

7/26: Joe Broslawsky

8/1: Rachel Weber

8/2: Virginia Carmona

Change of Address

Attention! Our official Holy Rosary address has changed. Please be advised that our new postal address is:

34 Franklin St., Buckhannon WV 26201

We have closed our post office box, so please do not use that address for further correspondence.

July 26, 2020

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside. ©LPi



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