EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 4, 2013

Homily Next Week: Father Glen Butterworth, S.J.

Readings for August 11, 2013

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday - 5 pm Sunday - 9:30 am, 5:30 pm

> Weekday Mass Schedule Monday - Friday - 7 am Arrupe Room, Parish Center

Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church or by appointment

Parish Center Hours

Monday-Thursday - 8 am - 4:30 pm Friday - 8 am - 3:00 pm Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm www.stjosephparish.org

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The Journey of Ignatius Part III - La Storta: Beneath the Banner of the Cross

On the Via Cassia, in the village called La Storta, St. Ignatius receives for himself and his companions, through the intercession of our Lady, the spiritual confirmation of his longing in love and of his discerning prayer when God the Father places him with his Son bearing the cross, so that he may serve him in his Church. This is not a call, not a vocation: it is a mission.

-Peter Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.-



In 1537, their hopes of going to the Holy Land undermined by the specter of war between the Ottoman Empire and the West, Ignatius and his first companions decide to meet in Rome, as they had previously agreed. Leaving northern Italy, Ignatius, accompanied by Peter Favre and Diego Laynez, decides to stop at a small

chapel, situated at a crossroads a few miles outside the city—a place called La Storta. Here Ignatius, praying as he had done since his days in Manresa, that Mary would place him with her Son, has a mystical experience of Christ, more intense than almost anything he had experienced before. As he told his colleague, Laynez, in this experience, he encounters Jesus, carrying his cross, with God the Father above. Both of them look at Ignatius with love, as the Father places him with the Son, saying: "I desire you to take this man as your servant." Jesus then says: "It is my will that you serve us," and the Father adds: "I shall be propitious to you (plural) at Rome." This moment confirmed for Ignatius the name of the Society of Jesus (which the Companions had already begun to use), and deepened his faith in God's abiding protection—not just for Ignatius, but for the whole Society. But it did something else, as well: it gave the nascent Society and its founder a direction, a mission to Rome. No longer ten individuals, hoping to go together to Jerusalem, the Society becomes a body on mission, at the service of the laboring Jesus. For the One whom Ignatius encounters is not the triumphant Christ of the resurrection, nor the cosmic Christ, but Jesus—in the fullness of his humanity and bearing his cross in the world. It is this Jesus with whom Ignatius and the Society are placed, and into whose service the Society is missioned.

If, at Manresa, Ignatius receives a revelation of God's universal love and presence—i.e., that God is in all things and all things are in God-at La Storta, the revelation is that such love must blossom into service of the common good; i.e., into sacrifice, most perfectly realized in the cross of Christ. The goodness of all aspects of reality cannot, in Ignatian spirituality, be passively imbibed; rather, if we have that felt knowledge ("sentire"), which is the sign of real understanding, then a loving response is demanded. True engagement with the world leads us, just as it leads God, to compassion and Incarnation; and fully realized, such compassion must be passionate: i.e, active, alive, generous, self-emptying. For love of the world cannot be static or passive, since the world itself is in the midst of change and struggle. Thus, the spirituality of imminence, found at Manresa—the spirituality of "finding God in all things and all things in God"—leads directly to the action of sacrifice and compassionate service signaled by La Storta. In other words, if we find the world as God finds the world—i.e., in need of our love and our service—how can we not end up as God ends up: at the foot of the cross of Christ?

From the lesson of La Storta, we learn that Jesuit spirituality demands something more of us than narcissistic self-fulfillment or individualized excellence: it calls us to service of the common good, to the care of real women and men, to love of all those for whom Jesus bore his

cross. What is, or what should be, characteristic of St. Joseph Parish—of our members, of our students, of our staff, of our councils, commission, and committees—is that live as "persons for others," i.e., that we love and empower, serve and attend to women and men from every walk of life and every dimension of our world. La Storta calls us to be a people on mission with and for the world, at the service of those for whom no one else may have a care. Thus, as a Jesuit Parish, we cannot simply minister to our own members, or close ourselves within the walls of our beautiful church; rather, we must become as Jesus was: men and women sent into the marketplace and into the homes of the poor and the powerful, women and men on mission for the redemption of the world.

On a practical level, this call of La Storta means that being a member of St. Joseph necessarily entails service, as well as worship; entails sharing wealth and time and energy with St. Vincent de Paul or St. Francis House, with Baby Corner or Shirts-Across-America, at the over-flow shelter or at Jubilee Women's Center. To be part of this Jesuit Parish is to be part of the suffering of the world, and part of its salvation.

Yet, La Storta must also mean that we exercise authority and encourage participation in a different way, whether among parishioners or staff members, students or parents; for each of us must understand ourselves as part of a common mission that we have received. We must define ourselves by this mission, and not simply by our power or prestige. What Ignatius encounters at La Storta is not the triumphant Christ, but the laboring Jesus; and it is this Jesus with whom the early Society becomes companion, and from whom it takes its name. Hence, it is crucial that those charged with leadership-including the Pastor—behave with the humility of servants and not with the arrogance of bosses; crucial that those blessed with resources share with generosity and not with an expectation of praise or privilege; crucial that parents respect the budding autonomy of their children, while empowering those missioned to their education with reverence and support; crucial that teachers serve their students, not by foregoing discipline, but by using discipline as a tool of liberation. And finally, perhaps most importantly, it is crucial that all members of our Parish engage the St. Joseph community not as consumers of a product but as companions on a mission, lived beneath the banner of Christ's cross.

(Next Week: Part IV - Rome: A Foundation for the Greater Glory of God)





St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Peter Dorn in his recovery and healing from surgeries . . . For those who are in transition from high school to college . . . For those who have dementia and for those who are looking after them with love and compassion . . . For



the intentions of Ann, David, John, Emilie and Karen . . . For Ernie Hahn who is very ill, we pray for his comfort and are grateful for the family and friends who surround him with their love and support...For the many who have been involved in air, ship and train wrecks and in natural disasters around the world.

"Jesus, you were once broken apart.
You know how it feels to be so shattered by the goodbyes of life.

Help me to believe that I will one day experience wholeness again . . .

Encourage me to believe that, in time, I will no longer have this deep pain and hurt in my heart.

I want to believe. Help my unbelief! Amen."

~Joyce Rupp - Praying our Goodbyes

Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice



works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at jhoover3law@questoffice.net or 206-286-0313.

IMMIGRATION

JustFaith Ministries: "Crossing Borders"

The issue of IMMIGRATION is one of the most critical -- and controversial -- issues of our day. This very summer of 2013 our U.S. Congress is struggling to pass an Immigration Reform Bill, but not just the USA but countries around the world struggle with the problem (think Syria, South Sudan, Afghanistan...).

This Fall, St. Joseph's will be sponsoring an eight-week Thursday (6:30 - 9:00 pm) JustFaith workshop series on Immigration, beginning October 3rd, ending November 21st (the week before Thanksgiving).

As participants, you will discuss topics like US Border Enforcement, possible paths to legalization for the undocumented, the Immigration Detention system, the push and pull of global migration. We will watch documentaries, attend a Spanish-language Sunday Mass at St. Mary's, think about our own family's immigration story, meet and talk with real people who are living in the limbo of undocumented immigrants.

Are you interested? Simply contact workshop coordinators Julia Buchholz (206-329-3323), Samantha Welte (206-619-5400), or talk to Deacon Steve Wodzanowski (206-965-1646).

In the meantime, each Sunday in August we will give you a "test question" on Immigration, and publish the correct answer the following Sunday. Here is Question # I. TRUE or FALSE: Most immigrants in the USA are here illegally. For extra credit: Explain your answer. Good luck!!

For Those Who Cannot Eat Gluten, An Invitation to Eucharist

If you have celiac disease or a severe gluten allergy, you may receive the Eucharist in a gluten-free form from the Presider, who will have the consecrated host in a pyx. Please tell him that you need a gluten-free host, and he will allow you to remove it from the pyx in a safe manner. Remember: this pyx will only be with the Presider, so go to him.



Community



Good News People

This Fall St. Joseph is launching a new and exciting program, the Good News People program for the entire parish and you are personally invited to participate. Good News People offers you the opportunity to:

- Meet other members of the parish and form a deeper sense of purpose and belonging
- Learn more about your faith and what it means to be a follower of Jesus
- Find renewed hope in living the Gospel and putting your faith into action

After all the Masses in September we will have registrations after Mass and there will be an opportunity to register on the parish website.

For more information contact: Steve Wodzanowki – stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646 or Vince Herberholt – vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206-491-4486.

Goals of the Program

- 1. Explore the call to disciple-ship and the power of community through prayer, reflection and action.
- 2. Learn more about the richness of the Catholic faith through scripture, the catechism, and Church teaching.
- 3. Find renewed hope in living the gospel and putting faith into action.
- 4. Foster vibrant parish community alive with the Spirit and mission of Christ.

"God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor..."-Luke 4:18

Parish Blood Drive

We are in the heart of the summer and with schools out and people on vacation, the overall blood supply has plummeted by more than 25% in just two weeks.

Can you help?

Your gift helps people right here, right now. You may not ever get to meet the individual you save, but know that they are forever grateful for your generosity. Please join us at the next St Joseph's Parish Blood Drive to share your unique and special gift.

Monday, Aug 12th 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm (closed 3:00pm to 3:45pm) St Joseph's Parish Center

To schedule a donation time please call Renee Leet 206-324-2522 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

St. Vincent de Paul

We hear and read a lot about Social Security these days. That's because our population generally is aging. Also it's because so many people are utterly dependent on those monthly checks to get by.

We came face-to-face with another person recently who had lost social security support. We'll call her "Mary" to protect her identity but she was in a real pickle.

She is disabled, and received a letter telling her Social Security benefits of about \$720 a month were being cancelled. Also, she was told to see a doctor, who certified that indeed she was disabled. But, her application for disability benefits was declined. She got about \$64 a month in food stamps—which Congress wants to drastically cut back—but was out of food and needed help with her light bill.

We were able to provide both a food voucher and cover that portion of her electric bill that she could not.

Mary has appealed the decision denying her disability benefits. We hope she wins that appeal. Meanwhile, your donations provided the where-with-all that allowed us to keep her in food and her lights on. Thank you for your on-going support.

Collection: July 28, 2013

TOTAL NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET: \$15,994.00 TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$7,103.50





Homily of Pope Francis at World Youth Day

(abridged)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Dear Young Friends,

"Go and make disciples of all nations". With these words, Jesus is speaking to each one of us, saying: "It was wonderful to take part in World Youth Day, to live the faith together with young people from the four corners of the earth, but now you must go, now you must pass on this experience to others." Jesus is calling you to be a disciple with a mission! Today, in the light of the word of God that we have heard, what is the Lord saying to us? Three simple ideas: Go, do not be afraid, and serve.

1. Go. During these days here in Rio, you have been able to enjoy the wonderful experience of meeting Jesus, meeting him together with others, and you have sensed the joy of faith. But the experience of this encounter must not remain locked up in your life or in the small group of your parish, your movement, or your community. That would be like withholding oxygen from a flame that was burning strongly. Faith is a flame that grows stronger the more it is shared and passed on, so that everyone may know, love and confess Jesus Christ, the Lord of life and history (cf. Rom 10:9).

Careful, though! Jesus did not say: "go, if you would like to, if you have the time", but he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations." Sharing the experience of faith, bearing witness to the faith, proclaiming the Gospel: this is a command that the Lord entrusts to the whole Church, and that includes you; but it is a command that is born not from a desire for domination, from the desire for power, but from the force of love, from the fact that Jesus first came into our midst and did not give us just a part of himself, but he gave us the whole of himself, he gave his life in order to save us and to show us the love and mercy of God. Jesus does not treat us as slaves, but as people who are free , as friends, as brothers and sisters; and he not only sends us, he accompanies us, he is always beside us in our mission of love.

Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us to everyone. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some. It is not only for those who seem closer to us, more receptive, more welcoming. It is for everyone. Do not be afraid to go and to bring Christ into every area

of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away, most indifferent. The Lord seeks all, he wants everyone to feel the warmth of his mercy and his love....

2. Do not be afraid. Some people might think: "I have no particular preparation, how can I go and proclaim the Gospel?" My dear friend, your fear is not so very different from that of Jeremiah, as we have just heard in the reading, when he was called by God to be a prophet. "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth". God says the same thing to you as he said to Jeremiah: "Be not afraid ... for I am with you to deliver you" (Jer 1:7,8). He is with us! . . .

And then, Jesus did not say: "One of you go", but "All of you go": we are sent together. Dear young friends, be aware of the companionship of the whole Church and also the communion of the saints on this mission. When we face challenges together, then we are strong, we discover resources we did not know we had. Jesus did not call the Apostles to live in isolation, he called them to form a group, a community... Go forth and don't be afraid!

3. The final word: serve. The opening words of the psalm that we proclaimed are: "Sing to the Lord a new song" (Psalm 95:1). What is this new song? It does not consist of words, it is not a melody, it is the song of your life, it is allowing our life to be identified with that of Jesus, it is sharing his sentiments, his thoughts, his actions. And the life of Jesus is a life for others. The life of Jesus is a life for others. It is a life of service.

In our Second Reading today, Saint Paul says: "I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more" (1 Cor9:19). In order to proclaim Jesus, Paul made himself "a slave to all". Evangelizing means bearing personal witness to the love of God, it is overcoming our selfishness, it is serving by bending down to wash the feet of our brethren, as Jesus did.

Three ideas: Go, do not be afraid, and serve. Go, do not be afraid, and serve. If you follow these three ideas, you will experience that the one who evangelizes is evangelized, the one who transmits the joy of faith receives more joy. . Bringing the Gospel is bringing God's power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance and hatred, so as to build a new world. Dear young friends, Jesus Christ is counting on you! The Church is counting on you! The Pope is counting on you! May Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, always accompany you with her tenderness: "Go and make disciples of all nations". Amen.

