

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 25, 2010

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Cycle C - Year II

From
The
Pastor

FR. THOMAS BABU

Dearly beloved in Christ,
We as a Church are dedicated to the search for a better world, but today's liturgy challenges us to push that dedication to its limit. Ask for a better world, Jesus says, and you shall receive; seek a better world and you shall find;

knock at the door of a better world and it shall be opened to you. For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted. The problem is in part lack of faith in the God who gives power and strength to his people. The problem is also a lack of Christians personally committed to the pursuit of justice and peace. What if there were only fifty people working for justice? God would not let us be destroyed. What if there were only thirty people working for peace? God would not let us be destroyed. What if only ten were working for justice and peace? God would not let us be destroyed. The problem is that there are not even those ten. "Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation." At the Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World (1971) .May all of you be transformed to better Christians to make this world a better to live in peace justice and equality! May God Bless you all!

FOOD PANTRY

Food Drop off: First TWO weekends of the month

Food Pick-up: Fourth (4th) Fri. & Sat. of the month.

Call Donna Selin @ 972-5365 or Marie Guidotti @ 677-0841

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

☼ **Registration: Sunday 07/25/10 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

PRAYING THE SICK AND DYING

Pray for: Catherine Karrick, Terry Walls,
Wm Smith, Mike Barkman ,and J.K.

MARTHAS & MARYS GROUP

☼☼ Next meeting: August 07, 2010 @ 9:30 a.m., Fr Wright Hall

Traveling??? Call 1-410 676-6000 to find out where and when a local Holy Mass and/confession is.

Pray the Rosary ~~~ Pray for Vocations

Pray for Peace ~~~ Pray the Rosary

PARISH PICNIC - A HUGE SUCCESS!

On behalf of myself, the Marthas & Marys and YOU our parish family allow me to thank all - those who worked so hard in the planning, shopping, set-up and **clean-up!** *The Marthas & Marys especially wanted to let everyone know that over 400 attended!..A great time was had by all - games for the kids, face painting and the food was excellent.*

Here at Saint Michael...

Rosary: The evening for the Holy Rosary that is prayed in Spanish will be on **FRIDAY** beginning immediately. All are invited at 6:30 p.m. for this devotion

CSA: It is not too late! If you have not yet signed up, the information is located in the back of the church. Just complete the enrollment card, put it in an envelope and return it to the parish office - feel free to put it in the collection basket.

Marthas & Marys: Coming Soon!...the July issue of the newsletter will be located in the vestibule of the church in the Marthas & Marys information file. Watch for it!

Choose Life...

"In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court looked at the slave, Dred Scott, and came up with the wrong decision, declaring the slave as 'property' and not a 'citizen' ...The slave's life was still protected. In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court got it wrong again and handed down decisions on abortion which declared 'open season' on unborn children throughout the full nine months of pregnancy. Most people have not noticed that the population descended from U.S. African slaves comprising around 12% of the population, make up about 35% of the abortion population. (Since 1973, more than 14 million unborn black children have died from abortion).

-Dr Mildred Jefferson, M..D.

Around the Diocese of Reno...

New Church: There will be a tour of the new construction at St. Robert Bellarmine in Fernley on Sunday, August 1, at 1pm. The site is located on Desert Shadows Lane, approximately 1/2 mile south of the High School (on alt-95). All are invited, but wear closed shoes, NO SANDALS, FLIP-FLOPS et al.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

"Somebody should tell us, right at the start of our lives, that we are dying. Then we might live life to the limit, every moment of every day. Do it! I say. Whatever you want to do, do it now! There are only so many tomorrows."

~Pope Paul VI

"If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain"

-Steven Wright

GOOD NEWS

July 25, 2010

Gn 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

The disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. Were they surprised by his answer? Scripture scholars say that much in the Lord's Prayer is found throughout the Jewish practice and worship the disciples and Jesus already shared.

What's new in Jesus' words? We're to pray for God's kingdom. What is stopping that kingdom? What powers deny justice? It's frightening to consider all the ways in which the poor are given no chance to improve their lot and the ways in which power is used to collect more power and more wealth in the face of those who have nothing.

Different people who pray for their daily bread ask for different things. Those who don't eat every day pray that will change. *Can I eat today? Can my young children and my old parents eat?* Would those of us who have much dare to ask for—dare to settle for—receiving just daily bread?

The Lord's Prayer moves us to ask for forgiveness and the strength to forgive. We ask, too, that when the biggest tests come, we'll receive the strength to endure them. The epistle to the Colossians shows us where our hope and strength come from; our sins are nailed to the cross—to Jesus' deadly cross—the place where our debts are paid. Two remarkable elements in the Lord's Prayer give new hope to each person who prays as Jesus taught.

The early Church fathers understood the daily bread of Jesus' prayer as the *Eucharist*. Can we go to the table we share, can we see who is rich and who is poor there and see Christ in them? This is daunting. Yet it is possible when we pray, as Jesus teaches us, to the One we can approach with intimacy and childlike trust—our *Abba*.

DAN FINUCANE

This Weeks Readings

**Monday
July 26**

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jer 13:1-11
Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday
July 27**

Weekday
Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday
July 28**

Weekday
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday
July 29**

Saint Martha
Jer 18:1-6
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Friday
July 30**

Weekday
Jer 26:1-9
Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday
July 31**

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday
August 1**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23
Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Lk 12:13-2

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Padre

Who is Thea Bowman?

Dear Padre,

I attended Mass last week at a mostly African American church. The pastor mentioned Sister Thea Bowman but didn't explain who she is. Can you tell me?

Cheri

Dear Cheri

Born Bertha Bowman in Yazoo City, Mississippi, in 1937, Thea Bowman was the only child of Mary Esther, a teacher, and Theon, a doctor who left a promising career in New York to serve African Americans being denied medical care in Mississippi.

Bertha attended a school run by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. At age nine she converted to Catholicism and at age fifteen joined the Franciscan sisters. She took the name *Thea* in honor of her father. Sister Thea became a college professor and a founding faculty member of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies in New Orleans, where she taught black literature, religion, spirituals, and preaching. She was also a popular speaker at colleges and parishes.

In 1984 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Thea vowed to "live until I die" and continued her rigorous schedule of speaking engagements.

At the United States bishops' June 1989 meeting, she challenged them to continue to evangelize the black community, to promote full participation of blacks within Church leadership, and to understand the value of Catholic schools in the black community.

Sister Thea Bowman died in 1990, but her journey of enlightenment and inspiration lives on.

Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R.

SCHEDULES July 31/Aug 01, 2010

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Noon-Spanish</u>
Communion Minister	Jim W	Ray C	Dave A	Amparo Cabral
Lector	John Mc	Sean W	Marie G	Rosario Caceres
Altar Server	Brad S Kevin H	Alex Vogedes Tyrone Davis	Jesus Jimenez Angelica Arinze	Albert Lopez Brianna Caceres

ATTENDANCE/COLLECTION

<u>July 17/18, 2010</u>	
5:30 p.m.	1 st Collection
85	\$ 1,959.98
8:00 a.m.	2 nd Collection
107	\$ 512.74
9:30 a.m.	Noon
168	183

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

<u>07/24/10</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	† Naomi Moore	The Family
<u>07/25/10</u>		
<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	James Early	Barr Family
<u>9:30 a.m.</u>	† Gladys Moore	Connie West
<u>Noon</u>	The People of the Parish	

VOCATION CROSS FAMILY PRAYER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Returned</u>
?????	07/25/10	08/01/10

* Tues - Thurs Daily Holy Mass or a Communion Service at 9:00 a.m.
First Friday 9:00 a.m.: Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Mass

** Holy Mass Intentions are available. Please call the parish office.

***Thank you for your continued stewardship of Time, Treasure and Talent!