

People Progress

Sunday Community

Jan 15, 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

E. R. Whelan

Virtual Liturgy at 11 AM on Zoom.

Thank you, Fr. Jack Costello, for celebrating with us.

Reflection:

Christ Is Not Jesus's Last Name

This chapter title borrowed from Rohr's The Universal Christ is well represented in this Sunday's Gospel reading. John the Baptist's words in this Sunday's Gospel reading. "A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me" clearly refers to the eternal universal Christ called logos, (the word, wisdom or the rational principle) appearing in the opening lines of John's Gospel. Following this opening in verse 14 the Gospel reads: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John's Jewish mystical tradition sets out to describe the mystical relationship between the historical person Jesus who was born and died on the cross and the universal eternal Christ. In the fourth gospel we have the words of the Christ and in a rare case in this gospel the words of the historical Jesus.

In this brief reflection I would like to bring your attention to the identity the relationship between the Christ and truth. Not only is the eternal Christ the word and full of truth(1:14) but in Chapter 14 we have Christ declaring "I am the way the truth and the light." We participate in Christ when we seek the truth. Christ is also the light, (our internal wisdom) that reveals the truth. Recently award winning Journalist Chris Hedges was honoured with an Award from a theological institution. The speaker presenting the award quoted Latin American theologian Jon Sobrino as saying the responsibility of the theologian is to encourage honesty with respect to our beliefs about reality. Chris Hedges was held as a prime example of a theologian taking on this responsibility. The truth is not always what we believe it to be. Some times the truth is hard to accept. Christ is the light (wisdom) inside us that reveals the truth. The truth comes to us through our inner light and not from what the authorities tell us.

"Many people only want the truth if it makes them feel more stable, feel more in control and feel good. This means that many of us have a very conditional relationship with truth"(Teal Swan). Perhaps we can say the same about our relationship with the Christ.

Arthur Blomme
Jan12-2023

Readings:

Today: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6	Psalm 40	I Corinthians 1:1-3	John 1:29-34 (64)
Jan 22: Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 22	I Cor 1:10-13, 17-18	Matthew 4:12-23

The Liturgy schedule for 2023 until Lent.

Date	Planner(s)	Priest
Today	Art Blomme	Fr. Jack Costello
Jan 22	Lee Piepgrass	Fr. Prakash Lohale
Jan 29	Helena Burnstein & Martha Crean	Fr. Paul McAuley
Feb 5	Lindsay & Bill Watson	Fr. Prakash Lohale
Feb 12	Maryanne S-J & Roberto J	Fr. Paul McAuley
Feb 19	Elizabeth Whelan	Fr. Prakash Lohale

This schedule, as always, is flexible. Planners, feel free to switch if you cannot do a liturgy on the scheduled date. Just be sure to tell the People Progress Reporter, so that we all know. At the moment, all liturgies will be on Zoom.

For the Lenten and Easter liturgies, we will again request volunteer coordinators. Watch for emails, in early February, from the Lenten Convenor!

People Progress Schedule

January: Elizabeth Whelan
February: John MacMillan
March: Maryanne S-J and Roberto J
April: Mary Lou Jorgensen-Bacher

Announcements

Egg cartons: Please continue to save your empty egg cartons for Elizabeth Stocking. She welcomes cartons and flats; you can deliver them to Elizabeth Whelan, and Elizabeth Stocking will pick them up. She thanks everyone who has contributed them, and has shared the recent 'collection' with two neighbouring farmers in need.

January Birthdays: Happy Birthday to

8 Susan Morgan
9 Carolyn Scandiffio
15 Bernard Joseph McKeever
16 Evan Moncrieff
20 Carole Giangrande
21 Jack Murphy
25 Maryanne Stone-Jimenez
28 Jacqueline Vonbun

Re-printed weekly for reference:

Duties of liturgy planners for virtual masses:

Early in the week before the liturgy:

- Call or email the priest to confirm Sunday's liturgy (contact info will be provided).
- Prepare or find a Reflection and send it to the People Progress reporter by Thursday. Please notify the People Progress reporter early in the week if you cannot do a Reflection.
- Select readers for the 1st and 2nd readings, and the Psalm.

On the Sunday of the virtual mass:

- Greet the group (Ask newcomers to introduce themselves)
- Give a brief introduction to the liturgy.
- Read your passage /be prepared to do a reading (if a volunteer is unable to log-in)
- Thank everyone who 'attended' and those who helped (at Announcements)