

People Progress

Sunday Community

June 9, 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Welcome, Fr Paul!

Reflection: from Elizabeth Whelan

After weeks of celebrating the post-Easter Jesus, with many feast days, today's Gospel from Mark, chapter 3, centres on the historical Jesus, as he begins his ministry. Jesus has just chosen his twelve apostles, and healed on the Sabbath. He confronts the scribes, and huge crowds, seeking healing, engulf him, keeping him from eating. His mother and brothers see him as insane, and try to reach him, and bring him home, but Jesus persists, and tells us that those who do the will of the Father are his mother and brothers.

Who was the pre-Easter, the historical Jesus? Biblical scholar Marcus Borg gives us his 'five stroke sktech:'

Prologue: Jesus was a deeply Jewish figure... born and socialized as a Jew. He also remained Jewish all his life and saw himself doing something within Judaism.

He was a

1. **Mystic / Spirit Person:** One of those figures in human history who had frequent and vivid experiences of the sacred.
2. **Healer:** The historical evidence that Jesus performed paranormal healings is very strong; he must have been a remarkable healer.
3. **Wisdom Teacher:** He taught a subversive and alternative wisdom.
4. **Social Prophet:** Jesus stands in the tradition of the great social prophets of ancient Israel who challenged social systems.
5. **Movement Founder / Initiator:** A movement came into existence around him which embodied his alternative wisdom.

Borg also gives us his 'summary [of Jesus] in one minute and 15 seconds.'

He was a peasant, which tells us about his social class. Clearly, he was brilliant. His use of language was remarkable and poetic, filled with images and stories. He had a metaphoric mind. He was not an ascetic, but world-affirming, with a zest for life.

There was a social-political passion to him. Like a Gandhi or a Martin Luther King, he challenged the domination system of his day.

He was a religious ecstatic, a Jewish mystic, if you will, for whom God was an experiential reality. As such, he was also a healer. And there seems to have been a spiritual presence around him, like that reported of St. Francis or the Dalai Lama.

And I suggest that, as a figure of history, he was an ambiguous figure. You could experience him and conclude that he was insane, as his family did, or that he was simply eccentric, or that he was a dangerous threat, or you could conclude that he was filled with the Spirit of God.

From Marcus Borg in **Jesus at 2000**, pages 10 and 11

Readings:

June 9	Gen 3:9-15	Psalm 130	2 Cor 4:13-5:1	Mk 3:20-35
June 16	Ez 17:22-24	Psalm 92	2 Cor 5:6-10	Mk 4:26-34

The Liturgy schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Planner(s)</u>	<u>Priest</u>
June 9	Elizabeth Whelan	Fr Paul McAuley
June 16	Maryanne S-J & Roberto J.	Fr. Prakash Lohale
June 23	Lindsay & Bill Watson	Fr. Jack Costello
June 30	Rita & Brian Shaughnessy	Fr Ron MacDonell
July 7	Dwyer Sullivan	Fr Ron MacDonell
July 21	Sheila & Rob Barrett	Fr Prakash Lohale
August 18	Dean Riley	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.

People Progress Schedule

June: Elizabeth Whelan: erwhelan@icloud.com

Summer Sundays: John MacMillan: met191970@gmail.com

Please send your submissions to the People Progress Reporter by Thursday evening. People Progress welcomes new reporters. Thanks!

Announcements:

- During the summer, Elizabeth Whelan hopes to have two Saturday, potluck gatherings for the Community, at her house. Dates to be determined, but likely late in July and August. All are welcome!
- Egg cartons: Elizabeth Stocking says huge thanks for the large collection of egg cartons she picked up on June 4. Please continue to save your egg cartons (**regular dozen size**) and **flats** for her, but not the large, 18 egg size cartons. You can bring them to Elizabeth Whelan's home, and Elizabeth Stocking will pick them up. Thanks, from both Elizabeths!

Happy June Birthdays to:

1 Paula Alas	21 Robet Barrett
1 Lauren Watson	21 Sheila Barrett
5 Mario Calla	20 Clare Moncrieff
10 Roberto Jimenez	20 Nora Anderson
13 Gabriel Shaughnessy	20 Michael Halferty
14 Angela Sutkaitis	22 Germaine Quintas
16 Pat Smiley	26 Fiona Wright
	28 Mary Lou Halferty

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 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. Check with Sylvia Skrepichuk re: 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 or be prepared to do a reading (if a volunteer is unable to log-in)
- Thank everyone who helped and attended. (at announcements)