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*My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God
my Savior;
because He has regarded the lowliness
of His handmaid;
for behold, henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed;
because He who is mighty has done
great things for me, and holy is His
name;
and His mercy is from generation to
generation on those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm,
He has scattered the proud in the
conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from
their thrones, and has
exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good
things, and the rich
He has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, his serv-
ant, mindful of His mercy
even as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his posterity
forever. Amen*



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**"... do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.
Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34** *pab*

Jesus spoke these words not out of naivete but from a grounded health perspective. If you notice, Jesus does not say do not worry about things you ought to address in the here and now. Nor does he say, do not 'plan' for a possible future. No, he says, do not worry about tomorrow! Worrying and planning are two very different things. In fact Jesus will often use in parables the importance of first sitting down and planning what you are about to do (Mt. 7.24-27) or (Luke 14.31). This is both profound and some sound medicine for all of us. Let us differentiate planning from worrying.

Planning for something is an attempt to ensure that it comes to fruition. One uses reason, facts and the truth. There is nothing left to chance or vain hope. One also recognizes that even with all the planning, there is still the possibility that it may not work out. A plan is never an assurance that all will go well, but it is a blue print to move forward from a place of grounding. Worry on the other hand, is like taking a kite out into the open field, and then you let it go, and hope that it will come back to you, somehow. So, what might Jesus be attempting to teach us?

He says, 'do not worry about tomorrow' NOT, do not *plan* for tomorrow. His choice of the word worry is crucial, but I would first like to look at the word 'tomorrow'. When he uses the word tomorrow I wonder if he is speaking about something other than the 'next day to come'. Rather, what if he is referring to a misconception many of us have when it comes to being realistic with regards to how we perceive what is real, what is possible, and the limits of our power and control? We spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about the future, by over estimating the actual influence we may have on the world around us, without taking into consideration the massive influence our environment has on us. It is true, we do have an influence on others, and for this reason, it is crucial to be mindful of that influence. But to diminish or out and out ignore the influence an infinite number of sources have on us, at any given moment, is in fact naïve, and a path to ruin, just as much as we believing that we can control all of these infinite influences.


So, what if Jesus is saying that those things that we presently are able to influence and may have some limited control over, cannot ever be translated into our ability to control the future. It is the person who believes they can, are those who worry about any and every tomorrow. They imagine that they can control what is to come, and it is here where the unease that grips a person comes from. Even when one plans for something, there are no assurances that it will happen. The saying, "hope for the best, but plan for the worse" is sound advice. The one however who is worrying about tomorrow, is not planning, but is hoping only for a "best" where they do not have to change, nor are affected by change. Fundamentally then, worrying about tomorrow is all about having things go our way; to be in control in all circumstances. This leads to a fearful and worry-filled existence. Trying to manage that which is beyond us, is nothing less than an act of futility. Tomorrow does not exist, until it has happened and then it is now.

Jesus ends this passage with 'each day has enough trouble of its own'. Perhaps he is asking us to merely embrace the world before us as it is. Having the facts eliminates mounting confusion. Be taught, learn and grow from it. Be open to change and being changed. What happens now is what matters.

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**Monthly Food Drive This Tuesday February 16th,
9:30AM - 12Noon**



February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule Week of February 15th - 21st

Monday, 9:00AM February 15th
NO MASS

Tuesday, 9:00AM February 16th
+Marion Lynch

ASH Wednesday, February 17th
9:00AM People of the Parish
12:00Noon People of the Parish
7:00PM People of the Parish

Thursday, 9:00AM February 18th
+Johann Ertler

Friday, 6:16PM February 19th
Stations of the Cross
7:00PM SI Regina & Tony Sacheli

Saturday, 4:00PM February 20th
SI Sandra & Larry Cochrane

Sunday, 9:00AM February 21st
+Sandra Amezcua

Sunday, February 21st
11:00AM (B) People of the Parish
(B) Baysville

Confessions Sat. 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Let us pray for our loved ones who have died, especially

Kevin Robertson & Myles Hammond (1 year old)

And join our prayers with those who are in need ...

Rebecca Muzzi, Ian Bruce, Sam Muzzi, Joe Hanrath, Pamela Festing, Connie Gregory, John Schreurs, Robert Foley, Steven Knox, Claudette Mainville, Ruth Anne Foley, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Patricia Quinn, Brian Haywood, Ed Quinn, Peter Tompkin, Alana Murphy, Brian Dittmar, Peter Gos, Ben Boivin, Pauline Pilon, Vano Mauro, William Hanrath, Sharon Boivin, & Jim Poling

~ *And those for whom we hold in the silence of our hearts* ~

If there is someone you would like to have added to our prayer list, please contact the office. Thank you



“God so loved the world that he gave us His Only Begotten Son, so that all that believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.”

John 3.16

“I got satisfaction out of doing things that were difficult. It was an incredible feeling. The pain was there, but the pain didn’t matter.”

Terry Fox

I Do Choose - To Act Or Not to Act - Both Are A Choice *pah*

The statement laid at the feet of Jesus by the man stricken with leprosy, is an acknowledgement on his part, that he knows Jesus is able to heal him. However, it is the manner in which he frames his request, that may lead one to believe, that the man is also readily prepared to have Jesus say no. Those gathered would not think less of Jesus if had refused, including the man making the request. So, when the man kneels before Jesus and says to him, “*If you choose, you can make me clean*” is a loaded statement.

To the crowd then and to us today, this ought to be seen as a smack in the face to anyone who has the power and the means to improve the state of another, but questions whether they ought to. What is demonstrated in this gospel passage, is the plight of the poor and the powerless in our world, and how they are at the mercy of others. What is clearly present in the mindset of the one stricken with leprosy, is that what has been impressed upon him, was his unworthiness to even make the request. His unworthiness comes from the institutionalized belief that this man was receiving what he deserved. Anyone then who comes upon him, is under but a minor obligation to help him, by throwing token charity his way (a few coins, or a crust of bread). One does not have to alleviate their suffering by challenging the system that has created and enforces their situation. In fact, the onlooker can satisfy their morality by doing the very least to help the other, which only helps to maintain the status quo.

In the case of Jesus, what follows is not merely a testament to who he is, but who we are to be, if we call ourselves disciples. Jesus chooses to act in a bold and challenging manner. First, he acknowledges the other by speaking to him directly and respectfully. This is the first step in helping one to reclaim their dignity. Secondly, he acknowledges what the man needs by saying I do choose to assist you because I have heard what it is you need, and not what I think you need. Jesus is not offering him charity, but wants to be in partnership with the other’s awakening to dignity. Thirdly, Jesus does all of this publicly as an example to challenge the present status quo of ignoring those who suffer. What has caused this man to suffer was done in secret and enforced by law. Jesus is saying that we have to call out injustice wherever it is, and bring it to the light. When this is the case, together, we do something constructively to better the quality of life for all. For Jesus, all are in need of healing ... all of us, everywhere. When one is healed, we all benefit in this healing.

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

- If all goes well, we will be able to celebrate the beginning of Lent with a mass on Ash Wednesday.
- We will have three mass times: **9AM, 12noon and 7pm**, no pre-registration necessary
- I ask that you only attend one of these masses, so as to observe the 30% capacity,
- You are also asked to follow the safety protocols that we had in place.
- As you depart, there will be a *Word Among Us* booklet that you can take with you to assist you during your Lenten travels.

Parish Pastoral

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive - This Tuesday, February 16th, 9:30AM - 12Noon, in the Parish Garage off of Caroline street. All food donations will be greatly appreciated. Also, if you are able to make a financial donation, this helps them with the gift cards. What you are able to give is most appreciated. Thank you.

Mass Begins Tuesday February 16th, 9:00AM. and moving forward. We will be at 30% capacity, following the protocols we had in place. Thank and welcome back.

Hot Lunch Tuesday: Will be continuing this wonderful gesture of kindness in our community. Your helpful support will be greatly appreciated.



Cascading Waterfall
By Marilyn Smith

This is an example of the talent in our Parish. If I may offer a comment or two. I find this to be a beautiful capturing of such a powerful and intriguing water fall. Hidden away from the hustle and bustle of life, it becomes a place of refuge and serenity for anyone willing to search.

You can hear its power. You can feel the flow of the water, and if close enough, you are mesmerized by the water rushing over the rocks. The longer you look at it you sense the water fall represents life itself ... it continues to flow, endlessly, regardless of the season, or who is observing. It is unencumbered by the rocks, but is given character and shape by its surroundings. We are much like this, if we allow ourselves to simply flow and not get frustrated by the rocks in our lives, but allow life to flow over and around us, we create something wonderful.

And the sky, sunset or sunrise, time passes and yet beauty and peace persist. Thank you Marilyn

February - Black History Month
Medgar Evers

Medgar Wiley Evers was an African American civil rights activist and a World War II veteran. He served as the first state field secretary of the NAACP in Mississippi, where he worked for changes in the segregated society.

Born on July 2, 1925, in Decatur, Mississippi, Evers was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and fought in both France and Germany during World War II. He went on to enroll at Alcorn State University in 1948, where he majored in business administration.

Evers became active in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s. He fought racial injustices in many forms, including working to end the segregation of public facilities and helping expand opportunities for African Americans.

On June 12, 1963, Evers was assassinated outside of his Mississippi home. He will always be remembered as one of the most impassioned activists and visionaries for equality.

Here are but a few quotes that I hope help to inspire us all to work and strive for the equal rights of all peoples on this planet ...

“As long as God gives me strength to work and try to make things real for my children, I’m going to work for it – even if it means making the ultimate sacrifice.”

“When you hate, the only person that suffers is you because most of the people you hate don’t know it and the rest don’t care.”

“In the racial picture things will never be as they once were. History has reached a turning point, here and over the world.”

“You can kill a man but you can’t kill an idea.”

“Freedom has never been free.”

“The Negro has been here in America since 1619, a total of 344 years. He is not going anywhere else; this is country his home. He wants to do his part to help make his city, state, and nation a better place for everyone, regardless of color and race. Let me appeal to the consciences of many silent, responsible citizens of the white community who know that a victory for democracy in Jackson will be a victory for democracy everywhere.”

Weekend of February 28, 2021

Readers			Bob Lacroix
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