



CELEBRATE THE JOY OF YOUR FAITH

Trust God and tears will turn into joy

Let the message today restore you and encourage all of us to lean on God, remain steadfast in faith, and to commit to reading Scripture.

Distractions, grief, and anxiety creep into our lives and often consume us. As we listen to Jeremiah 31:7-9, let us put ourselves in the place of the Israelites. Although we may be overwhelmed by our sufferings, let us be confident in the message Jeremiah is giving us in the Old Testament, and the message we know through Christ - God will console and guide us onto a level road without stumbling!

Our spiritual journey has many detours. God knows we often feel lost and overwhelmed to the point we are blinded and can't see ahead. He sent His Son to walk with us. Open our hearts and pay attention to what He is telling us today - we need to have courage and keep moving forward. We can do that with faith in Him.

This zeal is echoed in our Psalm for today: Psalm 126 - a harvest of joy. God is telling us to trust Him, and He will show us that our tears will turn into joy.

The following passage is a conversational prayer, capturing the spirit of today's readings and specifically Psalm 126. It is from Fr. Mike Schmitz's *The Bible in a Year* (Day 83) by Ascension Presents:

Father in heaven we give you praise and glory. We thank you. We just give you thanks, Lord God, because you are good, and your deeds are good, and that's what we need to be reminded of again and again.

Lord God, in the course of our daily lives we seek out your counsel and desire to only do those things that are in your will, only those things that you are calling us to do. And we also

desire to live in the freedom of that obedience, living that freedom of belonging to you and choosing to say yes to you with everything we have. Help us to do that with your grace, with your salvation, with your mercy, and your power, we make this prayer in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis tells us to "recall with gratitude all those men and women, who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful" disciples of Christ.



"Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its

saving message. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with Him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May His compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples."

The Holy Father asks you to give a gift of prayer and financial help to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith this World Mission Sunday.

THE SAINT FOR THE DESPERATE AND THE ZEALOT SAINT

CELEBRATE SAINTS JUDE AND SIMON ON OCTOBER 28

Named tenth and eleventh in the sequence of the apostles, Saints Jude and Simon were followers of Christ with little notoriety, but represent a great lesson - be strong and courageous, sharing the love of Christ willingly and without hesitation.



At baptism and confirmation, we receive gifts of grace and courage to grow in and be a witness of our faith in word and deed. Through the sacraments and faith formation we are empowered to love God above all and through the best and worst of times. As members of the Church, just as Ss Jude and Simon preached throughout their missionary journey, we are called to be disciples of Christ.

“Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey,” Pope Francis said in 2017 during his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). “Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has

truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.”

Saints Jude and Simon experienced that love firsthand. While we don’t know many details of Ss Jude and Simon, we do know Jesus hand-picked his apostles. They were at his side following him in his three-year ministry witnessing many miracles and signs; and in his presence when he was charged with blasphemy and arrested after being betrayed by one of their own, Judas. They suffered in the shadows of the passion. They rejoiced in the resurrection of Jesus. They stood



in awe at the Ascension. Ten days later the Holy Spirit descended like tongues of fire upon them and miraculously they became fluent in many different languages so people of all nations could understand them as they preached about the lessons and promises of Christ.

Both of these men were known by other

names during their lives. Jude was also known as “Jude Thaddeus.” People used this formal title to distinguish Jude from Judas Iscariot the betrayer. Simon was often called “the Zealot” so not to be confused with Simon Peter. A zealot was a political activist. He was strongly committed to the following of Jewish law, but his relationship with Jesus changed his focus to be a committed follower of the Messiah and His teachings.

Church historians believe both Jude Thaddeus and St. Simon the Zealot were relatives of Jesus.

It is believed Ss Jude and Simon first traveled on their own, but eventually met up and worked together in Persia, where they were martyred.

The remains of both apostles are buried beneath the Altar of St. Joseph in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Mosaics of Saints Jude and Simon are to the left and right of the altar, respectively.

Look to Ss Jude and Simon to be our guide as we proceed down life’s challenging path and to give us the courage to share our love of Christ in our words, character, and actions.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA TO HONOR WEST VIRGINIANS WHO DEMONSTRATE A COMPASSIONATE COMMITMENT TO HUMANKIND

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) is proud to celebrate the recipients of its 2021 and 2020 Charity in Action Awards at a luncheon in Charleston on Oct. 22 at 12:00 p.m.

The 2021 honoree is the Pallottine Missionary Sisters; 2020 honorees include Danny Vance of Huntington, Margaret O'Neal of Charleston, Jim Hoffman of Huntington, and Elizabeth Hoffman of Huntington.

These individuals and group have performed meaningful service and demonstrated deep compassion for others. They personify our mission: to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.

We honor these individuals in a special way:

PALLOTTINE MISSIONARY SISTERS



The Pallottine Missionary Sisters came to America in 1912, inspired by the motto of their founder, St. Vincent Pallotti: "The love of Christ impels us."

The Sisters came to West Virginia to serve at the

request of the Bishop of Wheeling. They opened a parish school and have established a number of hospitals, including Sacred Heart Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Vincent Pallotti Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital (now St. Mary's Medical Center).

Additionally, the Pallottine Missionary Sisters' creation of two health foundations, the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington, and the Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon, demonstrate the Sisters' continuing commitment to health and wellness in communities across the state of West Virginia.

DANNY VANCE



Danny espouses the core values of "charity" at every instance. He gives freely of his time and talent.

"Danny can be seen at the front of the line when things are tough; or in the back of the line when its time for accolades or praise," said Matthew Bowles, Esq. of Charleston.

A member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities

West Virginia, Danny serves as the Chairman of its Finance Committee. His introductions, volunteerism, energy and commitment have increased Catholic Charities West Virginia's footprint in Huntington and his home county of Cabell. His Charity In Action is statewide.

MARGARET O'NEAL



Margaret is President and Chief Professional Officer of the United Way of Central West Virginia in Charleston.

She works every day with partners across her region to reduce poverty and provide hope.

"Margaret has given back tremendously to our community and always has a

positive attitude and smile on her face. I saw her in action during United Way's Christmas Bureau bring Christmas to under privileged children to brighten up their holiday," said Chris Signorelli, president, Security America.

Her Charity in Action has been demonstrated over and over. Margaret passionately serves the most vulnerable populations in the Mountain State.

JAMES AND ELIZABETH HOFFMAN



Jim and Liz are gifts to humankind in West Virginia!

They try to live their lives according to what St. Peter Claver has stated: "We must speak to them with our hands before we try to speak to them with our lips."

The Hoffmans' fundamental goal is to use their resources to assist those less fortunate. They support projects that reinforce the proverb: "Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a man to fish; and you have fed him for a lifetime."

"Every volunteer who walks in the doors of Catholic Charities increases our impact and makes lives better," said Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and Chief Executive Officer. "The Hoffmans are certainly a testament to that, and to charity in action."

The event will be live-streamed on Facebook and on the agency's website at WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESWV.ORG/CHARITYINACTION.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading JEREMIAH 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

Responsorial PSALMS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

R. (3) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading HEBREWS 5:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: *You are my son: this day I have begotten you;* just as he says in another place: *You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*

Alleluia Cf. 2 TIMOTHY 1:10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MARK 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we all may be filled with true missionary spirit, and be given the courage to proclaim the good news in what we say and what we do, near and far, to the neighbor we know and the neighbor we haven't yet met, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For leaders around the world, that they may be committed to the pursuit of justice for all peoples, especially those who are persecuted for their faith, culture, or background, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That during this Respect Life Month we remember to respect others, so we are not filled with bitterness and anger, but with a rebirth in holiness as we forgive those who trespass against us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That the prayers we hold in our hearts may be united in the Holy Spirit with those of Mary the Mother of God, especially for this is also the Month of the Rosary, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122

UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at www.dwc.org.

Liturgy of the Hours LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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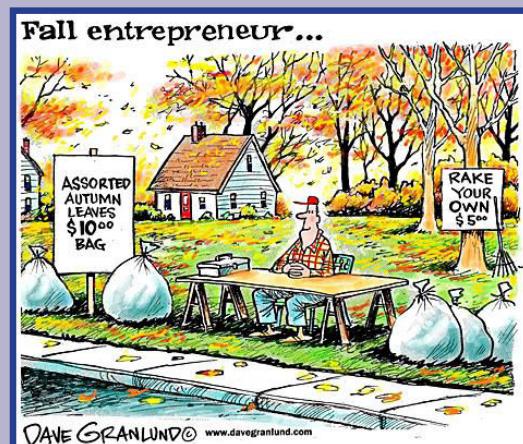
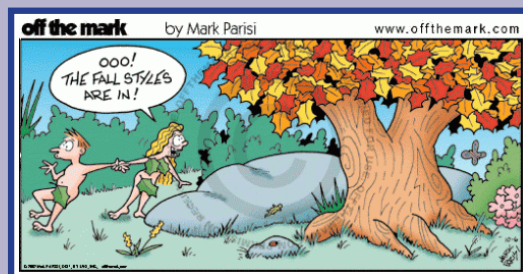
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