

The Lewis County Catholic Times

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Patience is a Virtue

Today's parable is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked: "Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world, why are the wicked allowed to prosper?" The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil-doers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect his elect. It is only on a battlefield that a true soldier can be proved.

In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve him.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries they inflict on us. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still look on them as



our brothers and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example, and by fervent prayer for their conversion. This is not easy for human nature, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to subdue our natural weakness and aversion, if we try to act with charity and true brotherly interest toward our erring fellowmen.

By acting thus, we will not only be helping a weak brother on the rugged road to heaven, we will also be making doubly sure of our own arrival there, for God will never be outdone in generosity.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

How to Listen to a Sermon

By Fr. Tim Finnigan

There are plenty of criticisms you could make of the sermons that you hear at Mass. Moving on from "boring", you might say that the priest did not prepare well, or that he read out an essay, that he was too serious, or too light-hearted, that he ignored current events, or talked about news items, that he was too theatrical, or lacked rhetorical skill.

You may well be right: priests are not always great communicators, but did you know that a sermon is a sacramental? That is to say that a sermon signifies spiritual effects which may be obtained through the intercession of the Church. By sacramentals, we are disposed to receive the grace of the sacraments.

So we can use a sermon, as a sacramental, to increase in grace - but we have to use it properly. Simply finding fault with the delivery, the rhetorical skill or the erudition of the priest isn't going to get us nearer heaven. What we need to do is to ask the Holy Spirit what He wishes to give us here and now through this sacramental.

It might be one sentence or phrase, it could be a commonplace truth of doctrine, morals or devotional teaching that we really need to hear again and act upon. It might even be a passing thought that seems a distraction from what the priest is saying. One way or another, if we are ready to receive the grace of God, He will give it, often in ways that might surprise us.

And if you are unfortunate enough to hear a heretical sermon, but do so open to the grace of God, then He

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Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- Those who are sick: Jim Bohan, Amelia Krafft (Ruby) Greg Walker, Kinley Weaver, Robert Fealy, Scotty McCartney, Nick Bakas, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Luanne Cunningham, Larry Dodson, Rose Determan, Mary Ann Edwards, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's step-dad), Marsha Garton, Chuck Gildein (Jim Gildein's father), Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Jim Kerrigan, Shelly Kraus, Jeff Linger, Mary Ann Murray, Betty Reed, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart
- Those who have died: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- All Military Personnel: Rob Snuffer, Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton



2017 Silver Rose Pilgrimage

"The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 57 years. In 1960, groups of Columbian Squires in Mexico, Canada and the United States decided to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by carrying a rose across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, at the 119th Supreme Council Meeting in Toronto, addressed the effort in culture of life terms, referring to the Our Lady of Guadalupe - One Life, One Rose Program. He urged that it be expanded to every North American jurisdiction."

The Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe will arrive at St. Patrick's on Sunday, July 23rd, and remain with us through the week. The Knights of Columbus are proud to sponsor the following devotions:

- Mon., July 24: Rosary, 6 pm
- Tues., July 25: Rosary, 6 pm
- Wed., July 26: Prayer Service after Mass
- Thurs., July 27: Rosary, 6 pm

All are welcome!!!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed at the church office to answer and transfer calls, answer the door, run errands etc.

We need someone at all times when the office is open. We do not expect you to volunteer your whole day. The times are Mon and Tues: 9-1 and 1-4, Wed. and Friday: 9-1, Thursday: 1-5 and 5-8.

We do have some shifts covered but need names of those wishing to come in when the scheduled volunteer is unable to make it.

Email or call the parish office to sign up.

- 304-269-3048
- secretary@spchurchweston.net

Please include your name, phone number, and all the days/times you are available to volunteer.

Pope Francis "Tweets" @ Pontifex

Let us be led by the Virgin Mary on the path that leads to the holy mountain that is Christ, where God and man meet.

Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend

Saturday, July 29, 2017

- Greeters: John and Nancy Riley
- Servers: Hunter and Joseph Blake, Ian Droppleman
- Reader: Brenda Riley
- Offertory: Chris and Michelle Droppleman
- EMHC: Larry and Luanne Bowers, Barb King
- Cantor: Diane Collins

Sunday, July 31, 2017

- Greeters: Sheila West and Brandi Francis
- Servers: Brady Jordan, Joe Derico, Makenna West
- Reader: Judy Jerden
- Offertory: Jerden family
- EMHC: Jeremy and Jenny Garton, J. J. Jordan
- Cantor: Kelley Skinner

August Linens: Luanne Bowers
July & August Funeral Greeters: Carol Castillo

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday:	85
Sunday:	160
Latin Mass:	25
General:	\$4118.50
Loan:	\$975
School:	\$25
Latin	\$250
Communications	\$333

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

23 Sun: K of C Silver Rose
24-27: 9am - 1pm, Jarrod West Basketball Camp, gym

August

3 Thu: 6pm, Pastoral Council meeting
8 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore
21 Mon: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, budget meeting, parish meeting room
22 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday— July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 10-15, 23-24; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday — July 23

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for †Alice Murray by Jackie and Dayna Smith
RDGS: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43
11:45a Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Rev. John McGill
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Monday — July 24

Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
8:15a Mass for †Rev. James J. Murphy
RDGS: Ex 14:5-18; (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday — July 25

SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE
8:15a Mass for †Clarence Weber by Dan and Sandra Mick
RDGS: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b - 6; Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday — July 26

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:05p Confessions
5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena
5:45p Benediction
6:00p Mass for †Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 1415
RDGS: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:16-17

Thursday — July 27

Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
8:15 Mass for †Rev. Denis Brennan
RDGS: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:1-9

Friday — July 28

Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
8:15a Mass for †Roberta Karp by Diana Thompson
RDGS: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday— July 29

Saint Martha
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †James Blake by family
RDGS: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday — July 30

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for † Sarah T. Rowgh
RDGS: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
11:45a Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for People of the Parish
8th Sunday after Pentecost

MASS INTENTIONS: Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Reconciliation:

Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm,
Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

M, T, Th, F, 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)

Parish Office Hours:

- Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30
- Monday, 9 - 4
- Tuesday, 9 - 4
- Wednesday, 9 - 1
- Thursday, 1 - 8
- Friday, 9 - 1

Prayer Chain:

Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688
or 304 476-8819

St. Patrick Catholic School

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Commentary for the Readings in
the Extraordinary Form:

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



"Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. . .Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord',. . .but he who does the will of my Father. . .shall enter the kingdom of heaven" (Gospel).

The Introit is a call to the tongue to pray in a "voice of joy;" a call also to action: "Clap your hand." In early ages this signified not only to praise a person by the tongue, but to work for him with the hands. If all the tree's life goes into "wagging" leaves, how can there be any fruit?

Not so much what one "says" about the Lord, but how he "does" His "Will," is what brings forth "good fruit" (Gospel). Deeds, not mere words, are acceptable to God; acceptable to neighbor also. Example is the best precept.

The final fruit of sin is "death;" the fruit of "justice" is "life everlasting" (Epistle). The Holy Eucharist is the "health-giving" (Postcommunion) Fruit of Calvary, our antidote against the poison-laden Dead-Sea fruit of the world, the flesh and the devil.

Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

07/24 St. Christina, *Virgin & Martyr*
07/25 St. James the Greater, Apostle
07/26 St. Ann, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
07/27 St. Pantaleon, *Martyr*
07/28 SS Nazarius & Celsus, *Martyrs*,
St. Victor I, *Pope & Martyr*, &
St. Innocent I, *Pope & Confessor*
07/29 St. Martha, *Virgin*

Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women.

Alice Paul

In the Footsteps of Jesus
A Catholic Pilgrimage to
the Holy Land
May 14 - 24, 2018

Father DeViese invites you to journey with him to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and his early disciples. The Holy Land is often referred to as a 5th Gospel, a land where the people, places and events of the scriptures come to life. Much of the land is as it was centuries ago making it easy to imagine walking along the shores of the Sea of Galilee listening to Jesus and his early disciples. The narrow streets of Old Jerusalem where Jesus carried the cross to his passion make a fitting place to prayerfully walk our own Stations of the Cross. Father DeViese will open our eyes to the scriptures in the very places where the stories took place – with liturgy in historic chapels such as the Mt. of Beatitudes, the Grotto of the Annunciation, the Holy Sepulchre and Dominus Flevit. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the place where our faith heritage began and where so much history has occurred. In addition to visiting historical religious sites we will have a chance to meet people of different cultural and religious heritage, visit local artisans, and sample great food. We will travel during a time when crowds are thinner and sites are more conducive to relaxed and reflective visits! Our program includes upscale 4-star hotels in central locations. Come join us!

For more info, go to: <http://www.travelillumine.com/trc/lpa>

Registrations are now being accepted!
Go to the above link and sign up today to reserve your spot!

Kids’ Corner Catechesis

St. Bridget of Sweden

Feast Day: July 23
Born: 1303 :: Died: 1373

Bridget was born at Finsta Castle, in Uppsala, Sweden. Her mother Ingeborg was a holy woman and her father Birger Persson, who had royal ancestors, was a rich landowner. He was also the governor and provincial judge of Uppland. From the time she was a child, Bridget received visions of Jesus.

When she was only ten, she seemed to see Jesus on the cross and hear him say, "Look at me, my daughter." "Who has treated you like this?" cried little Bridget. "They who despise me and refuse my love for them," answered Jesus. From then on, Bridget tried to stop people from offending Jesus.

Her mother died when she was twelve and she was brought up by her good aunt. When she was fourteen, she married eighteen-year-old prince Ulf of Nercia. Like Bridget, Ulf had set his heart on serving God. They had eight children, of whom one was St. Catherine of Sweden.

Bridget and Ulf served the Swedish court. Bridget was the chief lady-in-waiting to Queen Blanche of Namur and she tried to help and guide King Magnus and the queen lead better lives. All her life, Bridget had marvelous visions and received special messages from God. She obeyed God's commands and visited many rulers, two popes, priests and other important people in the Church, humbly explaining what God wanted them to do.

After her husband died, Bridget put away her rich clothes and lived as a poor nun. This did not please the people at the king's court. Later, she started the order of the Most Holy Savior, also known as Bridgettines. She still kept up her own busy life, traveling about doing good everywhere. And Jesus continued to reveal many secrets to her which she received with all humility.

Before she died, Bridget went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. At the shrines there, she had visions of what Jesus had said and done in that place. She encouraged all who would listen to meditate on the Passion of Jesus Crucified. All St. Bridget's revelations on the sufferings of Jesus were published after her death. St. Bridget died in Rome on July 23, 1373.

WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER

St. Boniface Church
Saturday, August 5
4:30 TO 7pm
Adults-\$10.00, Kids 6-12-\$4.00 and under 6 free
Mass at 4:30

MENU: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cole-slaw, Home-made bread, Desserts, Iced Tea, and Coffee

Bazaar of Many Local Crafts, Homemade baked goods, Home grown produce, Chances available for a beautiful handmade quilt

Contact: Catherine Ratliff, 304-269-2872
Sponsored by the St. Boniface Altar Society

Donations Needed for Annual School Supply Giveaway

Donations are starting to roll in for our annual backpack and School Supply Giveaway. The greatest needs include: pencils, colored pencils, markers, crayons, and ruled notebook paper. Donations can be dropped off at the Lewis County Family Resource Network, 240 Court Ave, Monday through Thursday. Please drop off supplies before August 1. For more info please call 304-269-4000.

St. Patrick School Has Openings

St Patrick School has a few openings in Pre-K for the 2017-2018 school year. We are accepting students in K through 8th grade as well. For more information, visit our website at www.stpatswv.org or call the school office at 269-5547.

Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an “active” member of the parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the “Catholic tuition” rate at St. Patrick’s School), the parish takes into account family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries, and Mass attendance. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

Parish Store

Don't forget to check out our parish store, located in the Parish Office Building! There are many religious articles, books, rosaries, statues, etc. available. Catalogs are available for ordering.

OPEN

(When the parish office is open.)
Sunday: 10:30 - 12:30, Monday: 9 - 4, Tuesday: 9 - 4, Wednesday: 9 - 1, Thursday: 1 - 8, Friday: 9 - 1

Shut-in, Homebound, and Hospitalized Catholics

of our parish wishing to receive Holy Communion should call the parish office at 304-269-3048. If you or a loved one is hospitalized in another county, please make sure the hospital knows you wish to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Please don't assume that we are aware of these individuals or circumstances. If you know of someone who is currently homebound—regardless of whether they are currently being visited by one of our ministers—please contact the parish office with their name and contact information.

Let us all continue to pray for our sick and homebound parishioners, that God will grant them healing and strength, and that they will one day soon return to gather with us around the Altar of the Lord!

Need Help? Get Help!

Alcoholics Anonymous
AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat.,
8pm school basement.

Narcotics Anonymous
NA - Mon., 8pm school basement

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.

How Can I Help?

The following items are collected continually at our church.

- Snack food items for our back-pack food program.
- Box tops, Coke reward points for the school.
- Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.
- Used ink cartridges
- NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

Covered Dish Lunch

Save the Date

The Annual St. Bernard's homecoming has been scheduled for **Sunday October 8, 2017**. Mass will be at 2:00 p.m. followed by a covered dish dinner at 3:00 p.m. More information to follow.

Don't miss your last chance to go to Summer Camp!

Weston Vicariate C.A.M.P.

July 30 - August 5!

COST: \$200

Families with more than one child attending will pay \$100 for each additional child.

Scholarships are available!

Registration forms are in the church office. Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis!

REGISTER TODAY!

C.A.M.P. is staffed entirely by volunteers and is held at Camp Bosco in Huttonsville.

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