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January 23, 2022 ▪ The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

JPII's penetrating question to Chicago's Cardinal George

Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ



It's a question that should be on the mind of every serious Christian.

What are you doing about the culture?"

This was the question that **John Paul II asked Cardinal George** when he visited Rome to report for the first time on his stewardship of the archdiocese of Chicago. John Paul pushed aside that massive report that Cardinal George had brought with him and instead posed that challenging question.

"What are you doing about the culture?"

That's a question that **should be on the mind of every serious Christian**. We know that in our own time and place that the culture—that complex web of the arts, economics, philosophy, media, the many forms of human interaction—is sick, is ungodly, is anti-human. What are we doing about it?

Well, before we try to do anything about it, **we have to learn how to think about the question differently**. I believe that any human culture is at best susceptible to sin and failure to the degree that it is not Christ-centered. But it's not enough to say that. We must also say that **we must come to Christ on his**

terms rather than insist upon our own. What do I mean by that?

Consider this passage from the fourth chapter of the Gospel of Luke. After reading from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah ("...the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me..."), Jesus says: "Today, this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Note: He identifies himself as God's promised anointed one, the *Christ*.) Saint Luke records: "And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth."

Of course, that didn't last very long. As he continued to preach, as he over time revealed himself as the sacrificial Lamb of God, as he taught the doctrine of the Eucharist, as he outlined his path of sacrificial love, **he was rejected, even by those who were once amazed at his gracious words.**

Consider this from the First Epistle of Saint John: "In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments." Christ's commandments include loving God above all else, loving our neighbor as ourselves, and taking up our cross daily to follow him. In other words, **the Christian *cultus*—the culture of Christian discipleship—is founded upon sacrificial love**, in imitation of and in union with Christ. And that's why the contemporary world hates Christians, and wants them either silent, silenced, compromised or dead.

This fallen world, and especially **our own madcap times, promote and demand self-seeking, self-aggrandizement, self-satisfaction**. Self. Self. Self. But the triune God is a community of love—persons pouring themselves out in perfect self-donation. Christ crucified is icon, standard, and goal of

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Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
Sunday

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Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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Pope John Paul II's question to Cardinal George continued from the cover.

.....Christian love. **He is the very opposite of the cult of the self, which is an idolatrous culture of death.**

What to do? I have no grand scheme. I have no great plan to fix our broken world. I know and believe that where Christ is known and loved, a culture of life, at once godly and humane, may flourish. In the coming weeks, I will offer a series of reflections on striving to be conformed to Christ, even as so much around us and within us rebels against that conversion.

When I write next, I will continue my reflections on the challenges to Christian culture. Until then, let's keep each other in prayer.

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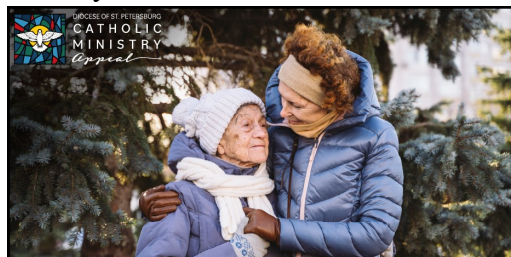
**CATHOLIC
MINISTRY**

Appeal

Today's Gospel is a transformational moment for Jesus. After standing up in the synagogue and reading Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of one who will free the captives, heal the blind, and bring glad tidings to the poor, Jesus tells those gathered: "Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus gives his listeners any other interpretation: He is the Messiah. He is the one who fulfills all the Old Testament prophecies.

Do we believe this? Do we believe that Jesus really can bring freedom and healing and spiritual richness, to us and to the world? If so, then how important is His Church? How important is the liturgy, the sacraments, acts of Christian service, learning the Church's teachings, and all the other good things we do at our parish?

Our parish activity is an essential way that Christ continues to fulfill these ancient prophecies, pouring His love out into the world. Help this essential work continue by supporting our diocese's *Catholic Ministry Appeal* today.



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what is meaningful to you



January 23, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 | Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Do you ever find yourself feeling like you are at the cusp of something remarkable? Like you are witnessing an incredible, historic, athletic, or aeronautical feat? I wonder if that's what it was like for the followers of Jesus when he began his public ministry: "News of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all." In today's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of the prophet Isaiah that are effectively a "job description" of his mission: glad tidings to the poor, liberty of captives, sight to the blind, freedom for the oppressed. What Isaiah prophesied, Jesus claims to fulfill. He thus inaugurates his public ministry with a claim that is straightforward, bold, true, and of great consequence. Today, by virtue of our baptism, we are part of the body of Christ and share in that mission. Whatever our backgrounds, abilities, or talents, we each have something to contribute to building up one another and the Church. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, we, too, can be bold in our own proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We've heard the phrase "Don't sell yourself short." Social media aside, many of us tend to focus on our shortcomings: We may wish we could run faster, be better at our jobs, have a cleaner home, in general, "get it together!" Truth is, we're all works in progress. That's what I love about Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. He reminds us that each one of us – whatever our strengths or weaknesses – is part of the body of Christ. God loves us with our imperfections, not in spite of them. As such, each of us has indispensable value and much to contribute to the mission of the Church. As we move into the week ahead, today's readings invite us to place ourselves at the service of the Church and one another. Beyond that, we can invite others to join us by recognizing that God values the talents – and foibles – that each of us brings to his service.

PRAY Yesterday on the liturgical calendar was the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. As members of the body of Christ, let us join our voices with the universal Church and pray a Pro-Life Rosary each night this week. The USCCB Prayers and Devotions page is a good resource.



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Geneux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Geneux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children

4:00 p.m. Richard and Thomas Moore (Dec)

Sunday, January 23, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sandra Lawrence (Dec)

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Micheline Kirshner (Dec)

Monday, January 24, Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Roberts Family

Tuesday, January 25, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Joe Feehan (Dec)

Wednesday, January 26, Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, January 27, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Daniel Gottfried (Dec)

Friday, January 28, Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:00 a.m. Nicole Chismondy (Dec)

Saturday, January 29, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Vincent (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Joe Feehan (Dec)

Sunday, January 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John Lynd (Liv)

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Joseph Feehan (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

01/23 • Rev. Timothy Williford

01/24 • Rev. Joseph M. Hertel, OFM

01/25 • Rev. James Merkel

01/26 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

01/27 • Rev. Eduardo A. Chinchá, SDB

01/28 • Rev. Michael W. Cooper, SJ

01/29 • Rev. Richard L. Crager, SDB

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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My Name is : _____

Address and Zip Code: _____

Phone # _____

*Please fill out and return to the parish office
or drop in the offertory basket.*

Weekly Giving

Online Giving January 17-23

Offertory	\$ 1,485
Building Fund	\$ 30

January 15-16, 2022

Offertory	\$18,661
Building Fund	\$ 50
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 15
Gift Shop	\$ 148
Christmas	\$ 120
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 209
Religious retirement	\$ 10
Catholic Ministry	
Appeal	\$ 240
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10

**Thank you for
your generosity!**



The envelope boxes for seasonal residents have arrived! They will be available for pickup in the back of the church

Calling All Musicians and Singers

Adult Choir ▪ Wed. 6:30pm ▪ Bell Choir ▪ Thurs 5:30pm

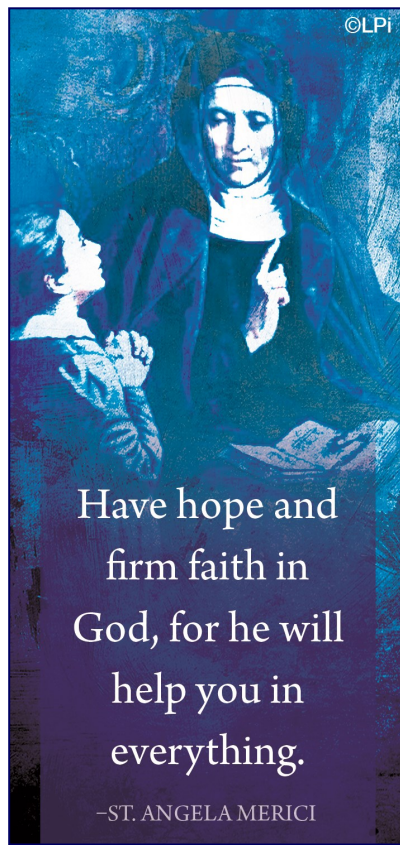
Contemporary Choir ▪ Fri. 3:00pm

There is still time to join! See Vincent at the organ after Mass, or simply show up to the ensemble of your choice.

Questions? Contact Vincent, (727) 867-3663, ext. 309, or by email, vjs@btsp.org.

We look forward to seeing you!





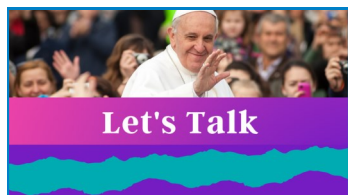
Scripture Class

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes have been canceled until further notice. We are hoping to resume in early February with the new series "Our Catholic Life". More details to come.

Summer Camp

Summer adventure await at **Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp** in Floral City, FL. This is a co-ed overnight camp which is owned and operated by the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg. All Children 7 to 15 year of age are invited to attend the camp's 75th summer! One and two week sessions are currently offered at affordable Prices. All information is available on the camp website at www.goodcounselcamp.org or by emailing the camp director at info@goodcounselcamp.org

An Evening of Prayer and Discernment



Be a Part of History in the Making

At this time in our Church's history, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is asking people to come together to dialogue and pray about our Church's future. **You are invited to participate with an Evening**

of Prayer and Discernment on Friday, February 4, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle at 7:00pm.

All are invited to gather together for learning, praying, listening and sharing. We welcome each person as we join together to consider how the Holy Spirit is leading the Church in the third millennium. Your voice is needed! To learn more, visit JourneyingTogether.org

Messa in Italiano at the Cathedral of St. Jude

Sunday, January 23, 3:00pm

Please come to pray in
ITALIANO

Celebrant:

Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, OdeM



Pray for the Unborn

Virgin of Guadalupe,
Patroness of unborn children,
we implore your intercession for
every child at risk of abortion.
Help expectant parents to welcome
from God the priceless gift of their
child's life.

Console parents who have lost that
gift through abortion,
and lead them to forgiveness and
healing through the Divine Mercy
of your Son.

Teach us to cherish
and to care for family and friends
until God calls them home.
Help us to never see others as bur-
dens.

Guide our public officials
to defend each and every human
life through just laws.
Inspire us all to bring our faith into
public life,
to speak for those who have no
voice.

We ask this in the name of your
Son, Jesus Christ,
who is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen

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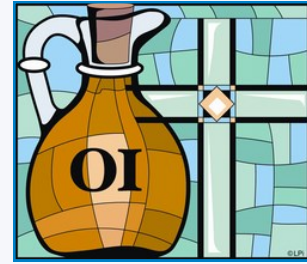
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Brown, Buck
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Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Comeau, Teresa
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Deacon Lionel Roberts
Detore, Alice
Deuel, Fred
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Feldes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Forbes, Monica & Tom
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Youngman, Ruthe



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To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.