



Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

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The sign of peace at Mass began as a solemn act of forgiveness

By Philip Kosloski



It was a more intimate affair, ensuring that any grudges were forgiven before receiving the Eucharist.

While many Catholics are familiar with the sign of peace at Mass, few know the origins of this liturgical action.

The sign of peace was not created to be a casual exchange, but a profound plea for forgiveness.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem explains the spiritual meaning of this action in his *Catechetical Lectures*.

*Then the Deacon cries aloud, "Receive ye one another; and let us kiss one another." Think not that this kiss is of the same character with those given in public by common friends. It is not such: but this kiss blends souls one with another, and courts entire forgiveness for them. The kiss therefore is **the sign that our souls are mingled together, and***

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MASS SCHEDULE**Weekday Masses**

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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banish all remembrance of wrongs. For this cause Christ said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remembers that your brother has anything against him, leave there your gift upon the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. **The kiss therefore is reconciliation,** and for this reason holy: as the blessed Paul somewhere cried, saying, Greet ye one another with a holy kiss 1 Corinthians 16:20; and Peter, with a kiss of charity 1 Peter 5:14.

Ancient cultures had a custom of a "kiss of peace," which was much more meaningful than the simple handshake or waving that has replaced it in the modern Church.

Furthermore, since churches were relatively small at the time, everyone knew everyone else, making this "kiss" more meaningful, as you likely held grudges against people you saw on a regular basis.

This is much different than modern-day parishes, where the congregation is constantly changing and you don't even know the person standing next to you.

Nevertheless, the spiritual meaning behind the sign of peace remains, urging all of us to reconcile with our brothers and sisters before approaching the altar.

**Prayer for Priests & Future Priests**

Eternal Father,
we lift up 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.

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| 07/18 | Rev. Alan Weber |
| 07/19 | Rev. Dermot J. Dunne |
| 07/20 | Benjamin Harris, Seminarian |
| 07/21 | For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life |
| 07/22 | Rev. Ronald A. Marecki |
| 07/23 | Rev. Jude C. Vera |
| 07/24 | Rev. Hugh Chikawe |

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.

July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6 | Eph 2:13-18 | Mk 6:30-34

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

“THE LORD
IS MY
SHEPHERD;
THERE IS
NOTHING
I SHALL
WANT.”

(PS 23:1)

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

Portrayals of Jesus as a shepherd who cares for sheep often depict him carrying a sheep on his shoulders or holding a lamb in his arms. Those images are a source of great comfort, as is today's psalm: “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.” But they don't quite capture just what hard work being a shepherd involves: tending to the flock in all kinds of weather, when the pastures are anything but verdant; waking in the wee hours to care for ewes and newborn lambs; watching some thrive and others die; not to mention being the poster child for the oft-quoted “smell of sheep.” The crowd in today's Gospel lacked such a shepherd to tend and care for them, and thus “[Jesus'] heart was moved with pity for them.” There are times when circumstances and events can trick us into thinking that an earthly power or perfectly-principled worldview will save us. That is when we need the Lord as our shepherd the most. Only he can save us; only he has saved us. So, in those times when we may feel lost, we can bring it all to Jesus in prayer. He is the Shepherd who knows what we need.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I don't know about you, but I rarely miss a meal. When I do, I get cranky. And I don't like crowds of any kind outside of Wrigley Field. So imagine how exhausted Jesus and the disciples must have felt when, because crowds followed them day and night, they had “no opportunity even to eat.” Even when they tried to get away and rest awhile, a vast crowd appeared. Rather than turn away, however, Jesus began to teach them – for they were hurting and in need of his care. Today's Gospel encourages us to be shepherds to one another, keeping others close. Pope Francis said it well during Holy Week 2013: “Following Jesus means learning to come out of ourselves ... to be the first to take a step toward our brothers and our sisters, especially those who are the most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, comfort and help.” As we ourselves have been led by the Shepherd, we reach out to others who are in need of care.

ACCOMPANY Find ways, large or small, to “tend the flock” of your family, parish, workplace or community: Write a note to a person who is grieving, invite a quiet co-worker to lunch, provide a listening ear to children or aging parents, introduce yourself to a newcomer at your parish.

Are You Looking 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 Gene-reux, 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 Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
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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, July 17

8:00 a. m. James Bischoff and Family (Liv)
4:00 p.m. Ron Bento (Liv)

Sunday, July 18, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Vince Heffern (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Lynda Giles (Dec)

Monday, July 19, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Bill Isaac (Dec)

Tuesday, July 20, Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Carol Blankle (Dec)

Wednesday, July 21, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, July 22, Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00 a.m. Carl Heatherly (Dec)

Friday, July 23, Saint Bridget, Religious

8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins and Family (Dec)

Saturday, July 24, Saint Sharbel Makhhlūf, Priest

8:00 a. m. Carol Blankle (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler (Dec) and
Patricia Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, July 25, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Austin and James Getgen (Liv)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Mary Rohan (Dec)



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Electronic Giving Information

During our recent Stewardship Campaign, a lot of people requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.org and click on the big green box on the home page that says

make a difference
DONATE

Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at (727) 867-3663.



Weekly Giving

Online Giving July 5-11

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| Offertory | \$ 1,035 |
| Building Fund | \$ 370 |

July 11, 2021

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| Offertory | \$ 6,043 |
| Peter's Pence | \$ 10 |
| Building Fund | \$ 131 |
| Other | \$ 25 |
| Gift Shop | \$ 209 |
| SVDP | \$ 197 |

**Thank you for
your generosity!**



Our beautiful flowers
this weekend
have been donated
by Joanne Heffern
in loving memory of
her departed husband,
Vince Heffern's
88th birthday.



Hurricane Season Safety

"Say to the LORD, 'My refuge and fortress,
my God in whom I trust.'"

-Psalms 91:2

Be Prepared

In the storms of life, we turn to God and pray that we will be spared from harm. We are also called to take the necessary precautions to protect the precious gift of life and to minimize damage to property. Here are a few helpful reminders:

Evacuation Shelters:

If you are elderly or have special needs, please contact your county's Emergency Management Office to pre-register prior to any storm if you will need to evacuate.

Mass Participation:

All parishioners are urged to use good judgment when deciding if conditions are safe to travel to Mass. In the event that roadways are not clear and weather conditions are unsafe to travel, the faithful are reminded that the obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass does not apply when there is grave difficulty in fulfilling this obligation (Code of Canon Law, Canon 1248 §2).

News and Updates:

If a storm threatens our area, please visit the Diocese of St. Petersburg website for the latest updates relating to parish and school closings. Also, follow the diocesan Twitter <https://twitter.com/DioStPete> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DioStPete/> and Spirit FM 90.5 for the latest news updates.

Resources from around our Diocese:

Florida Department of Emergency Management:
www.floridadisaster.org

Citrus County Emergency Management:
www.sheriffcitrus.org/emergency-management.php

Hernando County Emergency Management:
www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management

Hillsborough County Emergency Management:
www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management

Pasco County Emergency Management:
www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management

Pinellas County Emergency Management:
www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/

For more information, visit:

www.dosp.org/insurance/hurricane-season

Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

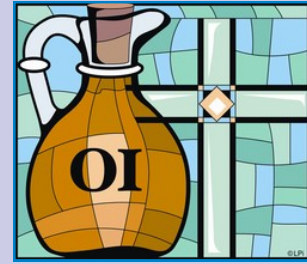
O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Adkins, Chantale
Antczak, Harriet
Arnold, Barbara
Bento, Ron
Bestow, Shawn
Boss, Kristin
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Buck
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
Carfora, Palma
Cary, Joan
Chavez, John
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Deacon Lionel Roberts
Detore, Alice
Deuel, Fred
Devyn & Donna
DeZarn, Vickie
Doiron, Gary
Dow, Bob
Feltas, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Fr. Jim Klima
Garcia, Jose M.
Gaskin, Douglas
Genereux, Carol

Gregg, Joan
Griffin, Lynda Butler
Grimberg, Carol
Grondin, Gaetane
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Holley, Gerry
Huff, Walt & Carole
Irvin, John and Marsha
Kirkpatrick, Donna
Kirkpatrick, Susan
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Annette
LeVan, George
Lyons, Laura
Maharne, Cecile
Maitland, Steve
Maloney, Rich
McAfee, Riley
McCasland, MJ
McGarry, Jean
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Meyer, Patricia
Moore, Richard A.
Nicholson, Maria
Noguez, Armida
Oliphant, Brian

Parmigiani, Valerie
Phillips, James
Preeper, Helen
Privitera, Sandy
Privitera, Peter
Quinn, Timothy
Roberts, Amanda
Romani, Angelo & Marlene
Schaefer, Jake
Schneider, Mary Jo
Scotlight, Kristin
Seaquist, Tim
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Smith, Anita
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thuline, James
Velez, Carmelita
Vishnisky, Wayne
Walsh, Thomas
Youngman, Ruth

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Magazine Articles

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