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September 10, 2023 ▪ The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The priest's greeting at Mass is based on these Bible quotes

By Philip Kosloski



The opening words of the Mass are taken directly from these Bible passages.

At the very beginning of a Roman Catholic Mass, the priest will greet the people using a direct Bible quote.

It is designed to alert our minds that the Mass is not merely a human discourse, but also a divine discourse, where the people turn their thoughts toward God.

The greeting also recalls the words of Jesus that “**where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them**” (Matthew 18:20).

The two most common greetings used by the priest are quotes from **St. Paul's letters in the New Testament.**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,*

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Weekend Masses

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Sunday

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

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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*and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.*

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

St. Paul began many of his letters in similar words.

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the holy Spirit
be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)*

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)*

Another common option is directly from the **Old Testament**.

The Lord be with you. (Ruth 2:4)

Interestingly, this last greeting is from a biblical story that deals
with themes of **harvest, thanksgiving and daily bread**.

As you can see, at the very beginning of Mass, the Church wisely
bases its words on quotations from the Bible.

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Heavenly Father, we remember those who lost
their lives on 9/11 and ask that you **welcome**
them into your heavenly embrace. May your
Sacred Heart continually **bring comfort and**
peace to their loved ones, and we pray for
continued **peace** and **justice** in our world.

Amen.



September 10, 2023

Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9 | Rom 13:8-10 | Mt 18:15-20

Written by
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Years ago, I was asked to take in a hound dog and I was happy to do so, but it wasn't until I brought the dog home that I discovered how adamantly opposed my husband was to the idea. When asked, he had never said "no," but he thought I should just know he didn't want the dog. Obviously, we needed to work on our communication skills! Proper communication and what it means to love in relationship are what come to mind when I hear the start of today's Gospel. Jesus is instructing us on what to do when another angers, hurts, or offends us. Not surprisingly, it doesn't include calling our sister or best friend to vent, or posting about it on social media, regardless of how vaguely we word the situation. Instead we are to go to that person directly and "tell him his fault between you and him alone." If they listen, we have won them over. How many times have others hurt us but we never bother to tell them? How often do we simply assume the other person knows they have done us wrong? We owe it to one another to be honest and upfront – to give the other person a chance to apologize and us a chance to extend forgiveness. We also owe it to one another to be willing to receive *them* in charity, open-hearted, when they come to us to speak of *our* faults.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the same way that the Gospel addresses speaking truth to another and "winning them over," the prophet Ezekiel recounts the Lord's instruction to him that he has a duty to "speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way." This, of course, was the role and mission of the prophets. To make known the word and law of God and call the people to respond. A prophet warned, counseled, taught, and encouraged. They called the people to obedience to God, denouncing idolatry, injustice, and empty rituals. Jesus himself came as priest, prophet, and king and by our baptism, "the whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them." (CCC 783) Through the centuries, people have tried to do this in various ways – from passing laws to standing on street corners with signs. But let's remember that even as we are meant to "speak out," we are also meant to listen. We too must be re-converted to the truth when we sin; we too must be dissuaded from our wicked ways. This is how we best fulfill our prophetic mission.

PRAY Witnessing to Christ in today's world sometimes feels overwhelming or hopeless. Spend some concerted time in prayer with the words from today's psalm: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."



**"IF TODAY
YOU HEAR
HIS VOICE,
HARDEN
NOT YOUR
HEARTS."**

(Ps 95:7-8)



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 Genereux, 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

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Journeying Through Grief

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 9, Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 a.m. Fr. Grey (Dec)

Saturday, September 9, Vigil for The Twenty-Third Sunday in OT

4:00 p.m. Bill Hueston (Dec)

Sunday, September 10, The Twenty-Third Sunday in OT

8:00 a.m. Yolanda Gleifert (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marion Gillis (Dec)

Monday, September 11, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mitchell Antczak (Dec)

Tuesday, September 12, Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary

8:00 a.m. The Forteau Families (Liv & Dec)

Wednesday, September 13, Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, September 14, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. The Dottino Families (Liv & Dec)

Friday, September 15, Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 a.m. The Beddoe Families (Liv & Dec)

Saturday, September 16, Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Harper (Dec)

Saturday, September 16, Vigil for The Twenty-fourth Sunday in OT

4:00 p.m. Herman and Earl Beddoe (Dec)

Sunday, September 17, The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT

8:00 a.m. Sandy Lawrence (Dec) and

Joan Orlanda Hatley (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (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.

09/10 • Rev. Higinio Rosolen
09/11 • Rev. Michael R. Smith
09/12 • Rev. Michael Suszynski
09/13 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
09/14 • Rev. William J. Swengros
09/15 • Rev. Jose Tejada
09/16 • For All Bishops

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.

Vocations

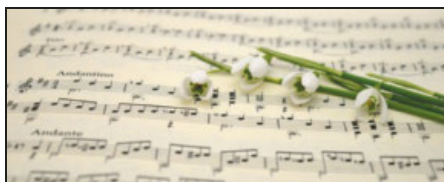
Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

Call Father Chuck Dornquist 727-345-3452 or write: scd@dosp.org

Scripture Class

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes will resume on September 12th from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. We will begin with a new study from Q Place "celebrate", yes to life in Christ.

Class will be held in the Courtyard Hall and the books will be \$12.00 for 12 sessions. For further information and to confirm attendance, please call Barbara Townsend (727) 867-3605



Music Program

The Music Program has started up once again.

Rehearsals for the Adult Choir will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Handbell Choir at 7:30 p.m.

The Contemporary Ensemble will have rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

If you are interested in joining the choir for the first time or returning, all are welcome. I look forward to seeing everyone.

~ Wayne Dieterich, Director of Music

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Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and
Lord of the universe,
you have set the earth on
its foundation
and all the elements of nature
obey your command.*

*We humbly beseech you to keep
us safe from all dangers
and calm the storm that
threatens us.*

*May we be secure in your
loving protection
and serve you always with
grateful hearts.*

*We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I have to smile when I read in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I smile because I know that in today's world few people owe nothing to anyone. We have credit card debt, mortgages, student loans, car loans, and new loans to consolidate old loans. It would seem that we actually owe everything to everyone.

These debts are of this world. I am pretty sure no one residing in heaven is still making mortgage payments. We have created contracts in this world to make possible certain transactions of goods, services, and shelter. But there is one thing that we naturally owe one another and that lasts longer than our time on earth: love.

You do not need to take out a loan to have more love to give. There also is no limit to the love you have been given to share. However, it is the one gift that we sometimes treat with the least respect. We hold back love due to sins of pride, prejudice, and apathy. We distort and manipulate love for our own gain and selfish desires. We can find ourselves placing more importance on the things for which we have taken out loans than the love that is eternal.

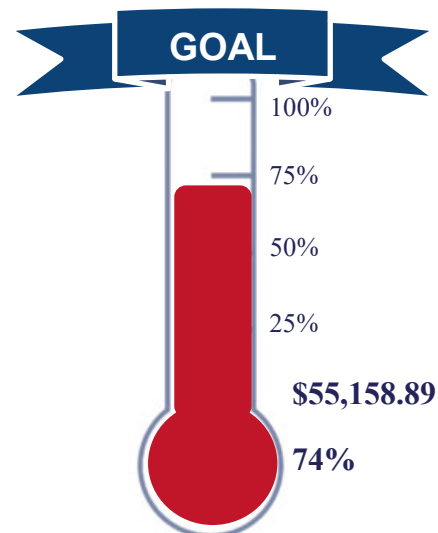
I am trying the best I can to get to a point where I no longer owe anything to banks and mortgage lenders. I don't want to leave this world owing anyone for the earthly things I had in this life. But even more importantly, I realize the shame it would be to leave people behind that didn't get enough love from me. There is nothing greater than love.

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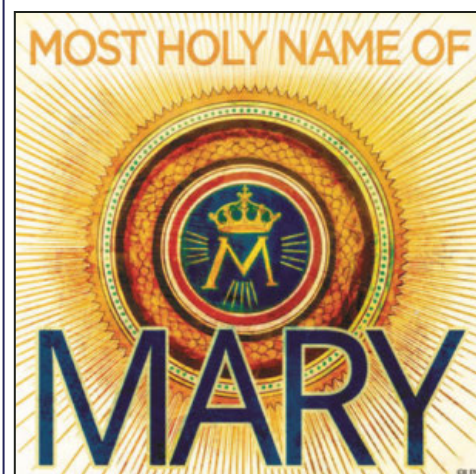


"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group
Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in Courtyard Hall.
All are welcome!

For more information please call 727-867-3663.



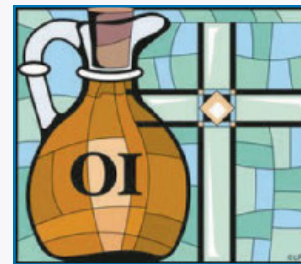
SAVE THE DATE!
November 18, 2023 • evening
Saint Mary/Blessed Trinity Parish FOLLIES!
Dinner and a Show!
Watch for more details SOON!



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Anointing of the Sick

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.

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