Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Romans 13:9
The disaster that is hurricane Harvey has staggered all of us. And we are but observers to Houston’s disaster. Some 7.4 million people live in the Houston Galveston area. One person commented the “15 trillion gallons of water have fallen on Houston due to Harvey. It is estimated that 20-25 trillion gallons will have fallen on Houston by the time the rains end.” These sorts of remarks, I cannot even imagine. The disaster does not touch us personally—unless we have friends and family there—still we feel it. We want to help, do something, but even this desire seems foolish, insignificant, too small.

However, I came a cross a poem in response to this feeling, the poet Bonaro Overstreet wrote in her poem, stubborn ounces:

You say the Little efforts that I make
Will do no good: they never will prevail
To tip the hovering scale
Where Justice hangs in the balance.

I don’t think I ever thought they would.
But I am prejudiced beyond debate
In favor of my right to choose which side
Shall feel the stubborn ounces of my weight.

You know there are times in the Bible when Jesus is overwhelmed by those in need. Where do you start to feed five thousand people? He had a loaf of bread and a few fish, so he started with one thing. He gave thanks and he blessed them.

Then he did the next one thing. He broke the bread. Then he did the next one thing. He handed the bread and fish to his disciples. The disciples did the next one thing. They handed out the food.

By doing the next one thing, five thousand were fed.

In a crisis it’s easy to feel paralyzed by overwhelming and competing needs. But really, there’s always only one thing to do: The next, one thing.

Ron Rolheiser told a story about Karl Rahner. He was once asked whether he believed in miracles. His answer: “I don’t believe in them, I rely on them to get through each day!” Indeed, miracles are always present within our lives. Are we?

Msgr. Francis H. Kelley

Please Pray For

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust
Next week, there will be a special collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which ensures an appropriate level of care and quality of life for our 590 Boston priests. Our priests share the good news, perform good works, and spread good faith. Remember the priests who have made a difference in your life, and consider honoring them by giving generously to the collection. Thank you in advance for your prayerful support of the men who have given up their lives to serve us.

Come to the Waters of Healing
A Retreat for Hope & Healing After Abortion
Fall 2017 Dates:
Saturday, September 16, Saturday, October 14,
Saturday, November 11 from 9:00AM – 5:00PM
Sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry - Archdiocese of Boston
Location is confidential. Requested donation of $10 to cover lunch cost.
Pre-registration is required. Limited to 10 participants.
For more information, contact Project Rachel at (508) 651-3100 or e-mail:
help@projectrachelboston.com

2017 Catholic Appeal
After four months, we have passed the 86% mark in our drive for annual Catholic Appeal or $41,439.00 towards our goal of $47,975.00. Thank you to the 222 parish members who have pledged to the campaign. Please make your gift soon so that we can receive our parish rebate of 60% of monies raised over our goal for 2017. If you have not pledged already, please take a blue pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org. We need all parish members to make a gift, large and small. This enables Sacred Heart parish to pay its fair share of the services and ministries which the Archdiocese provides us during the year. Thank you for your prayers for a successful Catholic Appeal.
Msgr. Frank Kelley

Our Parish Tithe
Our project for generosity needs some help. Would you be able to help? We need some parish members to help find opportunities for Sacred Heart community to help others. Please contact me if you can help.
Also, do you have a charity to recommend to us? Please let me know what or to whom we can be of help in the weeks to come.
Fr. Kelley

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The St. Vincent de Paul Society at Sacred Heart is here to help you. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please call us at the parish.
Registration is now open for 2017-2018 Religious Education Classes. All classes take place at Sacred Heart School on Canterbury St. First Communion Preparation is a two year program beginning in first grade. Instruction continues in the Sunday morning program through 8th grade.

Confirmation preparation is a two year program starting in grade 9. These classes meet on Sunday evenings.

If your child was not baptized at Sacred Heart parish please provide a copy of the baptismal certificate when you register.

Please contact the rectory office for registration forms and more information.

Ninth Annual Dinner - Celebration of the Priesthood
Thursday, Sep 28, 2017

The Annual Celebration of the Priesthood (COP) Dinner to support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Seaport World Trade Center. Sacred Heart parish is reserving a table.

Tickets are $350 per person and are available at the Parish Office.

This year’s event features Emmy-nominated actress and producer Roma Downey as special guest speaker.

In previous years, this fundraiser has attracted over 1,500 people from across the Archdiocese. Please consider supporting the CHRT by purchasing a ticket. Call our Parish Office (617-325-3322) or stop by for more information.

Reserve now - Parish table seats are limited!

PROJECT COOKIE DOUGH: Many thanks to the bakers who baked 448 homemade cookies during August—our recipients were so thrilled to receive your yummy cookies! Our September batches of cookies will be due on Friday, September 15 by 3:00 pm.

New bakers are always welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Donna O’Connor at 617-524-4396. Thank you!

20th Annual Sacred Heart Golf Tournament
Friday, September 15, 2017

George Wright Golf Course
Sponsorships Available
Contact the rectory office to register or for sponsorship

Today's Liturgy

In today’s Gospel, Jesus confronts us with two themes that are particularly challenging in our world today: fraternal correction and church authority. The foundational Gospel truths of forgiveness and non-judgment – while incredibly difficult to live out at times – are almost universally accepted by our secular society. And perhaps as a result, many of us have found in these a sort of spiritual comfort zone: for who doesn’t love a person who always forgives and never judges? But Jesus is constantly calling us out of our comfort zone and into a deeper understanding of who He is and what Love is.

There is much practical wisdom and a great deal of kindness in the “escalation process” described in this Gospel passage. Going directly to the other privately is a much more effective and respectful method of conflict resolution than what we tend to do: vent to others (which most of the time is indistinguishable from gossiping), allow the resentment to grow, and then “vent” some more without ever giving the other person a chance to explain or apologize. But why do we need to confront those who we perceive as wrong-doers in the first place? Shouldn’t we just accept them as they are, forgive, and move on? The first reading provides a helpful framework in understanding what Jesus may be getting at. For whatever benefit we may derive from such a confrontation or validation from two witnesses and even the church, we are not the primary concern of this passage. Rather it is the detrimental effect of the wrong-doing on the person doing the wrong that is of utmost concern to Jesus. Ezekiel’s words clarify for us that we are responsible for – ie God calls us to respond to - not only our neighbor’s corporeal well-being but even more so his spiritual. We could extrapolate from St. Teresa of Avila’s beautiful prayer “Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours...” to infer also that Christ has no witness to His truth and no voice to proclaim that truth but ours. We are no more justified in depriving our brother of the life inherent in this heavenly bread than we are depriving him of earthly bread.

We now come to the second and more challenging theme of church authority. That today’s Gospel underscores the reality of such authority is self-evident as the church is portrayed as the ultimate authority in deciding the right and wrong of its members. And we hear for the second time in three weeks that “whatever you bind and loose on earth will be bound in heaven.” The first time was addressed to Peter alone but today this same authority is given to all the apostles. Centuries of brilliant theologians have pondered what this authority is and what it is not; and although we have neither centuries nor brilliant theologians at our disposal for this reflection, we do have the words of Jesus telling us simply that His Church is His gift to us. We would do well to cherish and nurture this gift.

Theresa Reilly
XXII DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

1ra. Lectura: (Jeremías 20, 7-9) Para Jeremías la palabra de Dios no se puede quedar en uno se debe anunciar a toda costa.

2da. Lectura: (Romanos 12, 1-2) San Pablo nos dice que debemos transformar al mundo y no dejarse transformar por el mundo.

Evangelio: (Mateo 16, 21-27) Jesús nos dice que El debe ser el máximo valor de tu vida y seguirlo a donde sea.

Cuántas veces me he preguntado en qué consiste tu camino, Señor. En qué consiste ser cristiano, o qué tiene de especial mi vocación, qué riqueza. Qué es lo que cambia en mi vida. Esperé tantas veces que mi vida se volviera distinta, que cambiara el entorno en que me muve. Esperé poder gozar de ciertas "gracias" o "facilidades" venidas de tu mano en el día a día. Ahora que miro mi pasado y que veo tantas expectativas no llenadas, me pregunto si me equivoqué. En otras palabras, me pregunto por qué no llenaste mis deseos.

Pues bien, quizá debo admitir que mi fe no siempre ha sido muy grande. Quizá mis deseos muchas veces no eran necesariamente los mejores. Podrían haberme traído alguna satisfacción –o al menos eso es lo que yo creía- pero quizá no eran tan profundos. Te amaba, Señor, y te amo; pero confieso que muchas veces te busco y te he buscado más como un "hechicero" que como mi Dios.

Ahora, poco a poco he aprendido que la fe no consiste en pensar o desear algo con mucha certidumbre, para conseguirlo al instante. Sino más bien en una confianza personal: creer que los propios padres son dignos de confianza. Esto constituye una responsabilidad educativa: generar confianza en los hijos con el afecto y el testimonio, inspirar en ellos un amoroso respeto. Cuando un hijo ya no siente que es valioso para sus padres, aunque sea imperfecto, o no percibe que ellos tienen una preocupación sincera por él, eso crea heridas profundas que originan muchas dificultades en su maduración.

DE LA EXHORTACIÓN APOSTÓLICA AMORIS LAETITIA (LA ALEGRIA del AMOR)

263. Aunque los padres necesitan de la escuela para asegurar una instrucción básica de sus hijos, nunca pueden delegar completamente su formación moral. El desarrollo afectivo y ético de una persona requiere de una experiencia fundamental: creer que los propios padres son dignos de confianza. Esto constituye una responsabilidad educativa: generar confianza en los hijos con el afecto y el testimonio, inspirar en ellos un amoroso respeto. Cuando un hijo ya no siente que es valioso para sus padres, aunque sea imperfecto, o no percibe que ellos tienen una preocupación sincera por él, eso crea heridas profundas que originan muchas dificultades en su maduración.

NUESTROS ENCUENTROS

Los martes: Oración del grupo de la Renovación de 6:30 a 9:00 pm en la Iglesia de abajo.
Los jueves: ADORACIÓN EUCARISTICA, de 6:30 a 8:30pm en la Iglesia de abajo.
Los viernes: Encuentro del coro a las 7:00 pm en la biblioteca
Tercer viernes del mes: Encuentro de Parejas a las 6:30 pm en la casa Santa Teresa.
Todos los domingos después de la misa de 12:00: Cafecito Latino para todos en el salón Murray.

CONFESIONES (septiembre)
JUEVES 7 a las 6:30 pm / SABADO 16 a las 3:00pm
MARTES 28 a las 7:30pm

AVISOS
—Si hay personas enfermas en casa o en alguna institución que desee recibir la UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERmos o la SANTA COMUNION, háganlo saber.
—Si están interesados en hacer bendecir su casa me lo hacen saber.
—NO SE OLVIDEN DE INSCRIBIR A SUS HIJOS/HIJAS PARA EL CATECISMO
—ADULTOS: clases de preparación para recibir los SACRAMENTOS (bautismo/comunión/confirmación/matrimonio) los domingos después de la misa de 12. Hay que inscribirse cuanto antes.

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mi correo es: mguarino@sh-roslindale.org (617-325-3322 interno 18)
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Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM
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Saturday, 3:00-3:45 PM, Lower Church
Baptism:
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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, September 10
Coffee– English 11:30 am St. Theresa House
Coffee– Spanish 01:00 pm Murray Room
TUESDAY, September 12
Prayer Group Spanish 06:15 pm Lower Church
Boy Scout Troop 7 07:00 pm St. Theresa House
WEDNESDAY, September 13
Youth Choir 06:00 pm Upper Church
Adult Choir English 07:30 pm Upper Church
THURSDAY, September 14
Roslindale Leaders Meeting 09:00 am Council Room
Eucharistic Adoration 06:30 pm Lower Church
Spanish Coordinators Meeting 06:45 pm Murray Room
FRIDAY, September 15
Spanish Couples Group 06:30 pm St. Theresa House
Haitian Prayer Group 07:00 pm Lower Church
Spanish Choir 07:00 pm Rectory
SATURDAY, September 16
Spanish CCD program 09:00 am School

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The Religious Education program is in need of volunteers. Classes began in September. If you are interested in helping in our Sunday morning program for grades K through 8 which meets at 11:30 am please contact Mary Dillow at the rectory at 617-325-3322 or secretary@sh-roslindale.org

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