

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Jb 7:1–4, 6–7 1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23 Mk 1:29–39

Grin and Bear It

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, laments. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

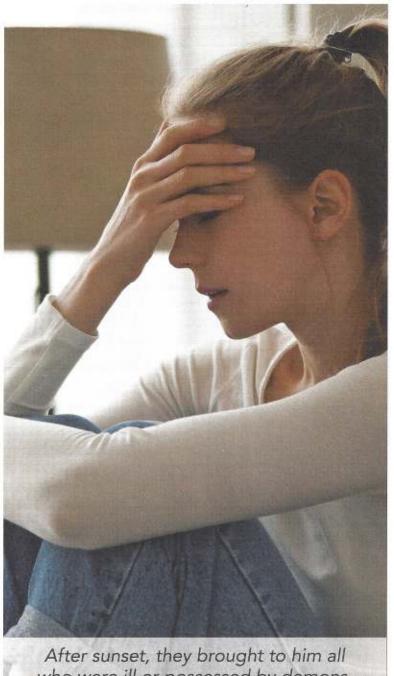
These are not merely stories of past events.

Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-toaccept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed
by hardship, we should turn to God and place
our need in God's care, believing that God wants
what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our
hands, but we must believe that we are in God's
hands and, therefore, safe.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * Hardship can test our trust in God. Might this be the case with you?
- * As a disciple of Jesus, pray for the gift of trust.



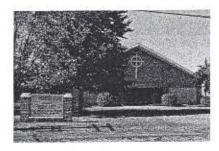
After sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons.

The whole town was gathered at the door.

MARK 1:32–33



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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and Thursday - 8:30am Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

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Upcoming Events At Church

No Events Scheduled

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-

5:30 PM

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

Upcoming Events At Church

Ray Orders - 815-252-2215 No Events Scheduled

St. Patrick Church (Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

*3 Churches Pastoral Assistant

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Office Hours

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri. - 9AM-12PM

> St. Thomas More -Wed - 9AM - 12PM

**Facebook: Use Link on Home Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

Upcoming Events At Church

No Events Scheduled

Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of February 8, 2021

Monday Tuesday **Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM

Wednesday

Facebook Link - 9:00AMSTM

Thursday

Sunday:

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 10:00AMHT **www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT

Friday

**Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM

Offered For

† No Mass

† No Mass - Funeral

† Marion & Catherine Hunter

† Julie Joiner

† Rosemary Valencia

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of February 13-14, 2021

Offered For

**Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM Saturday:

† Dulcy, Grover, Henry, Alan & Norm

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

† Dec Memb Tom Hewitt Fam

**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

(**Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$0.00

St. Patrick - \$0.00

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm Saturday 3pm - 5pm

(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

? & ?

Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM (On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass) Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook-3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

In February

St. Thomas More Ravs

The Rav Twisters are busy making the delicious ravs, with both the meat and spinach filling, so we can have a wonderful meal. They will be making them through the second week in April. And thank you to everyone who has been supporting the church by buying the pasta from us! The rav order phone number is 815-252-2215. You might have to leave a message with your order at the phone number. But someone will be back in touch with you.

CORRECTION: Father had in the bulletin that Bishop Tylka would be celebrating a Mass for each of the parishes. Father misinformed you that he would be up here. The Bishop will be praying for our churches with his Masses from Peoria. So when we attend or watch the Masses on those days, we can know our next Bishop will be praying for us and with us.

Father is also thinking about presenting a series on Jesus Christ by the Augustine Institute during Lent. It is a series of videos about 28 min minutes long each and we will do two videos an evening over 5 nights. The length of the evening would likely be 1-1/2 to 2 hours with a break halfway through. The videos take us to Israel to the places Jesus lived and visited along with the Sacred Scripture that applies to the various sites for the events in His life. The videos are very well done. The series is called "Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth & The Life". It will be presented at St Thomas More in the Church around 6:30pm one night a week.

Confessions

The next confessions will be: Sat - Feb. 13 - 11-11:45pm - in St. Thomas More Church Hall in the northeast corner of hall.

This Week's Update

I, Father, liked winter as it began better than it is now. San Diego seems so good! Even Florida! But I might as well keep dreaming!

As the snow and extreme cold keep coming be careful as you go out. We are doing our best to keep walkways unobstructed from snow and ice to be able to enter the churches safely. With the virus still a threat, people are already careful leaving home. If you decide to come to Mass, please be very careful leaving your home, driving on the roads, including entering our churches! But please come, if you want that closeness to Christ which can only happen in a Catholic church!

We have two weekends left of Ordinary Time before Ash Wednesday when we start Lent. We will have a new procedure based on the European way of distributing ashes to distribute ashes this year.

As we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time this weekend, the theme is preaching the Truth of the Gospel. Many priests struggle with it! Many people struggle with hearing it! Yet the whole purpose of delivering the truth is to bring people closer to Christ, to God. His words are meant to bring us challenges in our lives, to get us to live every moment for Him and not ourselves, and to realize His words are given out of love for us and help us to live for the Truth even if it is difficult. Heaven is for us only if we can sacrifice our desires of this world. May God always be with you!

Dear Padre,

Does the Church promote adoption as a response to infertility? If so, why?

The Church indeed promotes adoption, but not solely as a response to infertility. Church teaching presents adoption as an alternative way that a couple might direct their generosity and desire to be life-giving through children. While recognizing the suffering of infertility, the Church also sees the great need of children throughout the world who, for one reason or another, haven't been able to live with their biological parents.

The call to adopt and care for children in need, however, is addressed to all believers who are able to help. The theological foundation for reaching out to adopt children is linked to our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we are called to be stewards of the lives of one another. In some instances, people feel called to care for needy children of the world by adopting them and bringing them into a new family to develop and grow.

In other situations, perhaps
Christians could show extraordinary
love by "adopting" a child or a family
of children by supporting them in
their own country through assistance
to relatives who could not otherwise
look after the child. This is obviously
not like raising a child in your own
home, but think of what it might do
for a child in his own home country.
A key principle that should underlie
the care of orphans is "what is best
for the child."

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The goal we must set ourselves...is that no mother be in a position to leave her child. But we must also ensure that in the face of any event, even tragic, that may detach a child from his or her parents, there are structures and processes...in which childhood is always protected and cared for.

ADDRESS TO HOSPITAL OF THE INNOCENTS INSTITUTE, MAY 24, 2019

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 8 Weekday

Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday Gn 1:20—2:4a Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin Gn 2:4b–9, 15–17

Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

FEBRUARY 11 Weekday

Gn 2:18-25

Mk 7:24-30

Friday

FEBRUARY 12

Weekday

Gn 3:1-8

Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

FEBRUARY 13 Weekday

Gn 3:9-24

Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

FEBRUARY 14

Sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

