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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK : JESUS GAVE PETER A NEW NAME. WHAT NEW NAME DOES JESUS GIVE YOU? COMPASSION? COURAGE? SERVICE? ACCEPTANCE? FORGIVENESS...?

Fr. Adrian writes: On the Twenty First Sunday of the Year, the church reflects on St Peter's profession of Faith. St Peter, though he had strengths, he also had weaknesses like ourselves. St Peter, however, did not doubt, Christ's love for him, or Christ's healing, forgiveness and the care shown to him. The Gospel Reading (Mtt 16: 13-20) contains Peter's great declaration of faith in Jesus and Jesus' promise to make him a rock, on which he builds his church. The story of the primacy of Peter was not something that was invented by the church later on. It went straight back to the beginning, to the mind of Jesus himself. The church was not established on human strength, but on the love and faithfulness of Jesus himself. Christ is the foundation of the church. St Peter and subsequent Popes are servants of the church. The Gospel reminds us that we have to ask : "Who is Christ for me?" Is he the Son of the living God for me? If he is, how does it affect the way I live? We have to make the faith our own. God in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, can cope with all our failures and weaknesses. Our faith is founded on the love of Christ, and his healing and forgiveness. Our faith is founded on solid rock. Prayers and blessings. Keep safe. Adrian Howell SJ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Barry Henwood, Lourdes Saunders, Sally Lees, Carmel Rippington, Joyce Smith, Angela Hagley, Mary Atfield, Pat Hayden and Barbara Atkin- Spivey. 🙏

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Susan Hanlon; Ken Chalkey and Andre Cox RIP. 🙏

A BIG WELCOME TO THE PARISH COMMUNITY TO IGA PAWLAK who was baptised last week. welcome and congratulations to her parents.



MONICA AND AUGUSTINE: MOTHER AND SON SAINTS: Augustine and his mother Monica, were from N. Africa (Modern day Libya). When he was a child, Monica taught her son the Catholic catechism and how to pray. But growing up, Augustine abandoned the Christianity of his mother, and became a notoriously wayward youth. He liked to party and lived with his girlfriend and their son. His dissolute



way of life “drove his mother crazy”. So much so that mother and son rarely spoke to each other. But Monica still continued to pray for Augustine, especially after a bishop told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God. For nine long years St. Monica prayed for him and she lived just long enough to see her son embrace Christianity again in his early 30s.

Augustine tells the story of his conversion in his “**CONFESSIONS**”. The book’s opening address to God summarises Augustine’s whole life: “You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.” His conversion came about when, one day, Augustine heard the voice of a child singing a song, the words of which were, “Pick it up and read it. Pick it up and read it.” He thought at first that the song was related to a children's game. But then, realizing that this song might be a command from God to open and read the Scriptures, he found a Bible, opened it and read the first passage he saw. It was from the Letter of Paul to the Romans. Augustine read: *Not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual excess and lust, not in quarreling and jealousy. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.* Romans 13: 13-14. Reading this scripture, Augustine felt as if his heart were flooded with light. He fell in love with Jesus Christ, turned away from his former lifestyle and was baptized by St. Ambrose during the Easter Vigil, 387. A new adventure had begun, thanks to his mother’s prayers. **ST. MONICA AND ST AUGUSTINE TO PRAY FOR US**



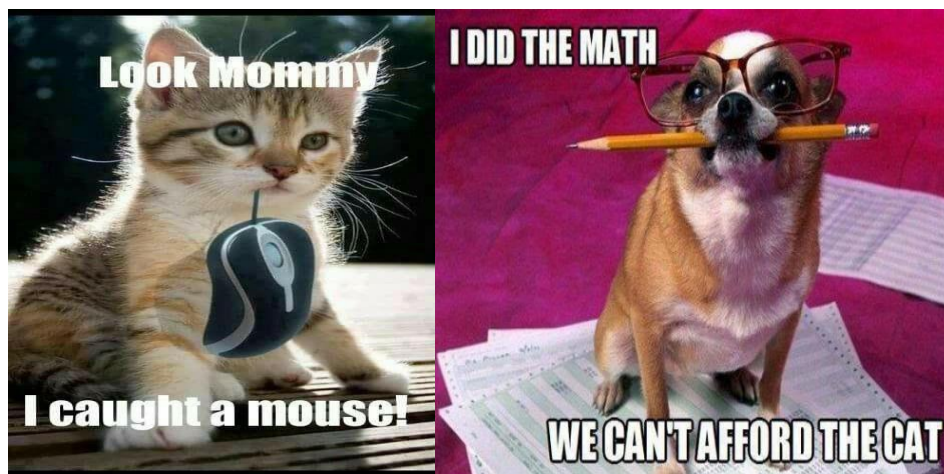
BREAKING NEWS : POPE FRANCIS’ WEDNESDAY AUDIENCE - COVID 19 AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. “Let us ask God to give us eyes that are attentive to our brothers and sisters, especially those who are suffering. If we do not take care of one another, we cannot heal the world. As Jesus’ disciples, we do not want to be indifferent and individualistic. While we are all working for a cure for a virus that attacks all without distinction, our faith demands of us that we combat indifference to the violations of human dignity.

At times people are seen as objects to be used and discarded. In reality, this type of gaze blinds and fosters an individualistic and aggressive throw-away culture, which transforms the human being into a consumer good. But if we are guided by faith, we recognize that God creates men and women, not as objects, but as people loved and capable of loving, in His image and likeness.

"We want to recognize the human dignity in every person, whatever his or her race may be. The Second Vatican Council emphasizes that this dignity is inalienable because it was created 'to the image of God. In modern culture, the reference closest to the principle of the inalienable dignity of the person is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which Saint John Paul II defined as a 'milestone on the long and difficult path of the human race.'

While the world awaits a cure to the coronavirus, faith always requires us to let ourselves be healed and to convert from our individualism, both personal and collective. May the Lord restore our sight, so as to rediscover what it means to be members of the human family".

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FINALLY A PRAYER FOR THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES

In the Hands of God

More than ever I find myself in the hands of God.
This is what I have wanted all my life from my youth.
But now there is a difference;
the initiative is entirely with God.
It is indeed a profound spiritual experience
to know and feel myself
so totally in God's hands. (P. Arrupe SJ.)