

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024

All you have done for us, O God,
has been done in true judgement!



Masses For The Week

Sun 18 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08:00 am +Janie Herrera (Margarita Inocencio)
+Estella Martinez (Margarita Inocencio)
+Eusebio Rodriguez, Jr. (M/M Armando Colchado)

Thr 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

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Unless we are given a way for Jesus Christ to be inside us, we will turn Christ into an abstraction. "Unless you eat" the "true food" and the "true drink" of the Eucharist "you do not have life within you." The Sacrament is God's method for enabling us to remain in him and him in us. It is imperative for us to "try to understand what is the will of the Lord." To conjecture any other means for remaining in Christ is to induce a "foolishness" that you must "forsake that you may live." To the one who lacks understanding, Wisdom commands, "Eat my flesh, drink my blood."

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory

Good News!

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Proverbs 9:1-6 / Ephesians 5:15-20 / John 6:51-58

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Common sense and wisdom are two different realities, similar but not the same. Common sense can be taught, and it tends to be black and white, rather obvious. For the most part, parents teach their children common sense. *Don't run with a knife in your hands. Look both ways before you cross the street. Wash your hands before you eat.* Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be more nuanced. It has a depth to it that cannot be taught. Rather, it is learned by experience and is more obscure than obvious. Sometimes, wisdom may not even seem to make sense. *One finds life by losing it. We find meaning not by focusing on ourselves but rather upon others and their needs. Less is more. Might does not make right.* Wisdom is the home of God.

Throughout Scripture, the virtue of wisdom is often personified as Lady Wisdom. She is thought to have been present with God even before creation and with God at creation (Proverbs 8:22-31). Wisdom has spread her table before us and invites us: "Come, eat of my food, / and drink of the wine I have mixed!... / advance in the way of understanding" (Proverbs 9:5-6). Jesus is the wisdom of God made flesh. To feast on Jesus' Body and Blood through the Eucharist is to feast on the wisdom of God. There, at his table, we begin to look at life the way God does. ●

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, and Armando Colchado.

CCD REGISTRATION BEGINS TODAY

Registration begins today on August 18 and 25 after the 8 a.m. Mass. **EVERYONE MUST REGISTER DURING THESE DAYS. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

To Register Your Child(ren) in our Parish's CCD Program (First Communion & Confirmation):

1. Parents must be active [already have been coming to Mass with child(ren)] and registered members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. If not registered, parents must register at Parish Office in person. Then the family must remain active for one year to qualify to register for the following year in our CCD Program.
2. Parents must bring a copy of the child's **Baptismal Certificate** and **First Communion Certificate** to Registration.

**NO CERTIFICATES.
NO REGISTRATION!
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

All CCD Classes will be held on Sundays
From 9:15 am to 11:00 am
beginning on September 8

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Any adolescent [(already have been coming to Mass with parent(s)] who has reached the age of 14 by September 1 of this year and has not been confirmed is encouraged to register.

WHOEVER EATS
THIS BREAD,
LIVES FOREVER



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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 886.00

Loose: \$36.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 00.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 922.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,696.55

Dear Padre

August 18, 2024

Are naked statues, like Michelangelo's David, really appropriate for public viewing?

It is helpful to consider if the artwork depicts the body to heighten transcendence, or to objectify the body to satisfy basic instincts. Art is admittedly subjective, and the interpretation of nudity in true art is in the eye of the beholder. Nudity can evoke feelings of shame for some; for others, the nude body in art can be an aesthetic experience of illuminated grace in humanity, and ultimately in the glory of our Maker for all his gifts—including the gift of Christ's resurrection that restored us to the original image and likeness intended by our Creator.

Since ancient times, the nude human form was a common subject in art. The intention is to draw the viewer to a better appreciation of the human body's natural beauty. However, nudity is often associated with sexuality, and for some, sexuality is equated with sin.

In his series of addresses about the theology of the body, St. John Paul II expounded an original nakedness that was referred to in Scripture: "Man tries to cover the real origin of fear with the shame of his own nakedness" (Genesis 3:10). "In the state of original innocence nakedness did not express a lack. Rather, it represented full acceptance of the body..." (*Real Significance of Original Nakedness*, 1980).

So to answer the question, assuming the purpose of the artist is to inspire, and the atmosphere in which the statue is viewed is conducive to such inspiration, yes, such a public display is appropriate. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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