



Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy (part 4)

Pope Francis, in announcing the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, calls each one of us to reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Each work of mercy is not simply a thing to do but also a way to strengthen our spirituality.

Corporal Works of Mercy:

4. Shelter the Homeless

"The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Mt 8:20).

Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, was born in a borrowed manger, had no fixed address once He began His public ministry, and was buried in another man's grave. It is quite an irony: He who made the universe become a homeless person.

The news makes us aware of the plight of millions of refugees driven from their homes by war, but homelessness is literally also right on our doorstep. Because the problem is perennial, there is a danger that, like the rich man in the parable, we no longer see the Lazarus we practically have to step over.

This corporal work of mercy forces us to open our eyes to the misery of those who, for a variety of reasons, have no place they can call home. We do not allow dogs or cats to stray on our streets, but we become numb to the fate of our own brothers and sisters.

Faith communities, including the Catholic Church, make efforts to provide shelter for the homeless. These initiatives deserve our financial support and, if possible, our volunteer efforts. Along with providing a temporary roof over their heads, we need to help those homeless who are able to do so to get back on their feet and accompany them on the difficult path that leads to the dignity of being able to afford a place to stay. Whenever possible, we should give a hand up as well as a handout. We should also encourage efforts to provide for affordable housing in the Bay Area, one of the priciest real estate markets in our country.

Even as we grapple as a society and Church with the overarching challenge of homelessness, there still are those poor individuals we encounter every day who, like the Son of Man, have nowhere to lay their head. Some of them suffer from serious mental illness and are beyond the help of any but those with professional training. But a kind word, and some spare change, can brighten their day. As with the other works of mercy, sheltering the homeless requires discernment and the stewardship of our resources. Yet when in doubt, it is better to err on the side of charity. The patron of parish priests, St. John Vianney, was told that a beggar to whom he gave frequent assistance was in fact not poor at all; he answered, "You never lose when you give to God."

To be continued...

		MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK	
Sat	May 14	Adela O'Brien (Thanksgiving) Andreas Slovascek (BD) Alexander Cruz + Jessie Villostas + Luisa Sanchez + (40th day) Mothers Day Novena	
Sun	May 15	8:30 Virginia Nabor (Intentions) Perla Mislant + Mothers Day Novena 11:00 Leolito Garcia (BD) Christina Halog (Thanksgiving) Alice Salvado Mothers Day Novena	
Mon	May 16	Carmen Marquez (Thanksgiving) Nemesio & Corazon Sardillo + Marcy Fong Mothers Day Novena	
Tue	May 17	Mylle Intengan (BD) Virginia Sosa Casanas (BB) Intentions) All Souls in Purgatory	
Wed	May 18	Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary Joel Cruz (Surgery)	
Thu	May 19	Deceases members of Duarte Family Irenea Rabago +	
Fri	May 20	All Souls in Purgatory	
Sat	May 21	Rodolfo & Teresa Arrieta ++	
Sun	May 22	8:30 11:00	

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. John I
Friday:	St. Bernardine of Siena
Saturday:	St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions; Blessed Virgin Mary; Armed Forces Day

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15



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Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy Faithful; and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected **\$2,787.00**

Restricted donations for: (Parish Liability Insurance)
\$734.00

Sacramentals (Funeral)	300.00
Votive candles	137.00
Adoration Chapel	217.00
St. Anne (donation box)	134.00

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Next Week's Second collection: Ground Maintenance

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Order” and “presbyter” are not everyday words in our vocabulary, since we think of order as a quality of life rather than a collective noun, and “priest” usually does just fine in everyday conversation. Yet each word has deep roots in our tradition. At an ordination we select men for service to the community. *Ordo* is a Latin word drawn not from pagan religious life but from Imperial Rome. It meant a distinct body standing apart from the people, such as a body of people responsible for civil governance, senators for example. Think of the selectmen or board of governors in your civic home, and you will get the idea. The church borrowed the term to describe the place of certain people within the people of God, thus the “order of deacons,” “the order of presbyters,” and even “the order of virgins, catechumens, widows, neophytes, penitents,” and so on, as distinct groups within the church.

Just as ancient Rome had various uniforms for the ranks and stations in civil life, so too did certain garments give clues to membership in an “order” in the church. So, our tradition favors the idea of an ordination liturgy not as receiving something so much as being received. This is clearly expressed in the liturgy. The “kiss of peace” is given only by the ordaining bishop and priests to the newly “ordained,” not by the faithful, the deacons, or the concelebrating bishops who are present.



Join our OLCG Weekday Devotions After 9AM Masses

St. Anthony - Tuesdays
Mother of Perpetual Help -Wednesdays
St. Jude - Thursdays
La Pieta—Every Friday
Divine Mercy Chaplet In Song every second Saturday of the month at 3:00 PM at the Church.

Q. Do our beliefs and traditions come from God or are they of human origin? Is it correct to say that the traditions and beliefs we as Catholics hold are not manmade but originated from Jesus, who gave the “guidelines” of the Church to the apostles?



A. Catholics believe that those doctrinal and moral teachings taught by the Church since the beginning of Christian history were given by Jesus to the apostles and handed on by them to their successors through the centuries (2 Tim. 2:1–2). These teachings are known as *Sacred Tradition*.

Other Catholic traditions, more aptly called *disciplines* (e.g., priestly celibacy) and *customs* (e.g., Advent wreaths), are “manmade” in the sense that they were developed over the centuries by Christians who created them as means to better live out their Christian faith.

LAST CHANCE Sign-Up !!!

14 Days Pilgrimage to the “Canonization of Mother Teresa” plus Shrines of Spain, France & Italy The Jubilee Year of Mercy August 23 – September 5, 2016
Flyers are available at Our Lady of Good Counsel Office. Pilgrimage cost is \$4,450 plus tax of \$650.
For reservation, please contact:
Group Leader **Linfa Belisario** at **(510) 599-4210**



Requesting Your Prayers

Gary Anderson, Erlinda Arrieta, Leonor Yracheta, Andy Dangca, Priscilla Da Rosa, , Carlo Dupaya, Belen Escondo, Annie Estrella, Mitchell Estrellas, Eddie Exevea, Mercy Gallardo, Arlene Goldsborough, Avelino Gapsin, Bill Haggerty, Erlinda Howard, Lina Jose, Billy Lelina, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Bibiana Magat, Soledad Martinez, Betty Miralles, Susan Nacu, Rodney Nelson, Gail Ocasion, Lourdes Oster, Frances Pangelinan, Aida Pineda, Romeo Camantigue, Loreta Ramin, Danilo Rubio, Maritess Sanchez, Minda Santos, Raul Valecruz, Jon Sullivan, , Augusto Uy, George Ybanez. Let us thank God for what doesn't need healing. Let us know if somebody wishes to receive Holy Communion at home or call Beth Mayor 510-483-1078.

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