#### THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN CODUMARY TIME

#### JULY 23, 2023

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#### The Politics of Bigotry

By Fr. Tom Wilson Pastor of All Saints Church in Lakeville, Minnesota

In polite company, virtually everyone would agree that bigotry has no place in a civilized culture. Yet, we all know that it exists in both overt and subtle forms. Until recently, I assumed a widespread opposition to bigotry existed across cultural, social, religious, and ideological differences. Then the Los Angeles Dodgers decided to honor, not just invite, a group that was founded on mocking Catholic sisters, defiling sacramentals and the Eucharist, overtly blaspheming Jesus, and desecrating images of the Blessed Mother, at a game on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After realizing their mistake, they pulled back the honoring and then were ostensibly brow-beaten to reinstate them. People of goodwill (Catholic and otherwise) were properly outraged and put together information campaigns and organized protests at the stadium the night of the game.

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The reporting on the backlash against the Dodgers was disheartening at best. Almost all the reporting ignored the actual behavior of the group, focused on them being an alleged downtrodden group, and referred to those opposing their bigotry as "right-wing," a political term. I thought being opposed to bigotry didn't have political lines, and that people on opposite sides of the fence on issues could agree on the human decency of not mocking what others believe as sacred. That wasn't the case. The honored group represented an elite-favored side in societal divisions, so their bigotry was ignored and even honored. It continues an accelerating pattern of overlooking bad behavior if the behavior is done by someone who is on "our" side. That is sad, and endemic to a win-at-all-costs attitude where the rules of engagement are disappearing.

We live in what we want to believe is a free society established by our founding documents and inspired by a Judeo-Christian way of life rooted in the dignity of the human person. To keep a society free requires that its people live virtuous lives, based on honesty, respect for others, and plain decency. Much of that is declining, as we saw in the Dodgers disrespecting their fans, and millions of people of goodwill. As it turns out, the honoring was a whimper with fewer than 50 people in the stadium for it, while thousands outside it prayed and honored their faith and the call for respect of all people. It's important to note the assembled group included many Protestants, Jews, and Muslims. Treating people with dignity is a tenant of our faith but is not limited to Catholicism.

	WEEK-	Date	Тіме	Service/Intention	CONFES-
	Satur-	July 22	9:00	Mass: Megan Grubb	8:30
	Satur-	July 22	5:30	Mass: Pro Populo	4:30
	Sun-	July 23	8:30	Mass: Lillian Buschette	8:00
	Mon-	July 24	9:00	Communion Service	
St. James, Apostle	Tues-	July 25	9:00	Communion Service	
St. Joachim and Anne	Wedne	July 26	9:00	Mass: †Paul Guck	8:30
	Thurs-	July 27	9:00	Mass: †Al Jacobson	8:30
	Thurs-	July 27	9:30	Adoration until Benediction at 7:00 pm	
	Thurs-	July 27	10:00	Mass: †William Geitzan, Gabe and Dar-	
	Friday	July 28	9:00	Mass: †Pro Defunctis	8:30
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Satur-	July 29	9:00	Mass: Living and Deceased Members of	8:30
	Satur-	July 29	5:30	Mass: LeRoy Peichel	4:30
	Sun-	July 30	8:30	Mass: Pro Populo	8:00

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#### Monday

July 24 *Weekday* Ex 14:5–18 Mt 12:38–42

#### Tuesday

July 25 *St. James, Apostle* 2 Cor 4:7–15 Mt 20:20–28

#### Wednesday

July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 16:1–5, 9–15 Mt 13:1–9

#### Thursday

July 27 *Weekday* Ex 19:1–2, 9–11, 16–20b Mt 13:10–17

**Friday** July 28 *Weekday* Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23

#### Saturday July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Ex 24:3-8 Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42

Sunday

July 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12 Rom 8:28–30 Mt 13:44–52 or Mt 13:44–46

#### Safe Environment 2023/2024

It is time to renew Safe Environment Certifications. If you work/volunteer in any capacity for Sacred Heart Parish with either the youth or vulnerable adults, this certification is required by the Diocese every year. Go to: http://www.crookston.org/secertification to complete your certification online. If you are unable to go online, Christine Dornbusch will set you up in the office with a laptop. This is a new program that the Diocese is using so please allow ample time to complete it. Please everybody get this done by August 1st. There is a fair amount of bookkeeping in keeping track of who needs to/has completed the Safe Environment requirement; this bookkeeping is much easier if everyone gets this done by August 1st.

**The CBS Giving Tree** is once again setup in All Saints Hall. The items on the tree are for crafts, snacks and games for the activities planned. Sacred Heart parish has been so generous with helping make CBS successful with their donations. If you pull a tag off the giving tree, you can purchase that item, bring it to church and set it by the stage in All Saints Hall. NON-food Items need to be dropped off to the church by July 26<sup>th</sup>. Food Items can be dropped off closer to August 6th. Thank you for supporting CBS!!!

**CBS is August 6th – 10th from 6pm to 8pm**—Registration forms are in All Saints Hall and in the Office. Registration is **REQUIRED** so we have enough supplies. Its FREE to attend. All Kids welcome!!!!!!

Parishioners' Prayer Requests: Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved	The John Arouni and Knights of Columbus Scholarship information is due in the office by August 1st. <b>Ministry Schedule</b>			
ones who are ill. Please pray				
Stacy Moe Lisa Flynn	Altar Server	Saturday-July 29th 5:30 pm Matthew Sharp Paul Sharp	Sunday- July 30th 8:30 am Paige Baumgart Shelby Baumgart	
Linda Jutz Jan Lindsley Ed Kasowski	Eucharistic Minister Lector	Russ Karasch Marlys Jacobson Mary Ann Karasch	Becca Gray Rose Roforth Bev Roberts	
Russ Karasch RIP Mary Woodard	Greeter	Wanda Beaton	Monica Fedora	
<b>To submit a prayer request</b> for our prayer chain, text 817 229 6789 or	Ushers	John Mack Ross Kasowski John Schmit Glan Roberts	Mark Byer Terry Teiken Bruce Coufal Long Nguyen	
frazeeprayerchain@gmail.com. Names will be left in the bulletin for 4 weeks. If you want the name to stay another 4 weeks, please make another prayer request.	Sacristan July's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collec 16th -FACC	Dave Goeddertz tions: 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Roof, 9 <sup>th</sup> – Peter's	Tim Stenger s Pence (Holy Father)	

#### **Upcoming Events**

Thurs. July 27<sup>th</sup> –Adoration 9:30am – 7:00pm Wed. Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> –Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group 10am and 7pm

Thurs. Aug. 3rd—Adoration 9:30am—7:00pm Sun. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> -Thurs. Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> –Catholic Bible School (CBS) 6pm-8pm

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group to Begin If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith-sharing group is for you. Our next Season, Season 1, will begin on Wednesday, August 2, and will run for six consecutive weeks. There will be two groups available, one at 10:00 am and the other at 7:00 pm. All sessions are at Sacred Heart, Frazee. For more details, contact Marlys (218.280.0760.; marlysj.shfre@arvig.net

Liturgy of the Hours: Week IV of the Psalter In the short parable of the mustard seed there is encouragement for the Christian community struggling with its small beginnings or, like today's church, faced in some places with the diminution of what once was "big", such as priestly and religious vocations or well-attended Masses. God's kingdom is not imaged as a towering, majestic cedar that Ezekiel describes (see Ezek 17:3-10). For the reign of the kingdom, says Jesus, small seeds are enough to grow into welcoming bushes where people can rest and nest.-Living Liturgy Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time "Can you help?" Our goal for the 24 hour Thursday Adoration is to have 'Two Adorers for each hour. If one person is signed up at each half hour there would always be two people here and would have a slight overlap in case someone is late. Please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry. Either sign up on the sheet in All Saints Hall

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."

-Matthew 13:24, 37-38

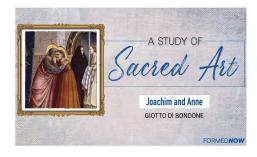
As children of God, we are all "good seeds".We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world.We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth.Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Envelopes are provided in the pews and the back of the church for the Summer 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you haven't already contributed please consider supporting the Summer DAA.

2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEA



## Week of July 23, 2023



## Sts. Joachim and Anne | Sacred Art

In this episode on FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this famous painting "Joachim and Anne Meeting at the Golden Gate."



## The Way of Saint James

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



## Catholic Parenting Tips w/ Catholic Sprouts | FORMED Now

Join Taylor Kemp and Nancy Bandzuch, who founded Catholic Sprouts alongside her husband Bill, for tips for raising Catholic children!

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