

Pastoral Perspective

MAKING LIGHT OF DISTRACTION

BY FR MARK MOSSA, SJ



Several years ago, I was presiding at a mass on Mother's Day. There were more children than usual at mass that day, and many of them were making quite a racket. Yet, the church did not have a "cry room," and only a small vestibule at the entrance, so there

wasn't much option for parents to remove their children from the church, save for taking them outside. Not that I would want them to. I love the noise of children at mass. Yet, I could also see that some of the other members of the congregation were getting somewhat impatient, and perhaps even a little angry. I imagined that some already harried parents might have a few pairs of eyes fixed on them. So, after we did a special blessing for the mothers present, I took the time to thank all the parents who brought their children. It was a sincere gesture, but also meant as a challenge to those who were a little worked up.

I write this as someone who is easily distracted. And I won't pretend that at times a noisy child at mass might throw me a little off my game. But I would never consider, as I know other priests have done, asking a parent to remove their child. I can endure some distraction, and even raise my voice a little louder if I have to, for the greater good of having that child present. One child in our parish took to singing for much of one of my masses last Sunday, and I was delighted. I was also happy to see in the congregation not impatient faces, but happy ones, who were enjoying the "distraction" as much as I was.

It is not rare for someone in confession to speak of being distracted at mass, though I'm not so sure it's a sin (unless deliberate). And, more than a few members of this community have heard me say in response: We all get distracted at mass. Find me someone who hasn't, and I'll start the canonization process! And, might you consider the possibility that God might be trying to speak to you in the

distraction? It might not even be a distraction at all, but just God trying to get your attention! Sometimes getting worked up about being distracted can prove to be even more of a distraction.

I can't do much about being easily distracted. It's just part of who I am. And, if it means that I accidently skip a prayer at mass, or forget a step, I know that God is going to make up for it. Mass will be valid nonetheless. Is our prayer, then, any less effective if we find ourselves distracted? I can't imagine that God would see it that way. I think that God is just happy for the effort we put into nurturing our relationship. So, especially this Mother's Day, I hope that we can all find it in ourselves to see distraction differently, especially the distraction of those little ones who are not afraid to lift their voices to the Lord, even if they are singing a different song. May we find in them, and in the other "noise" that invades our prayer, not distraction, but delight.

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IN THE SPIRIT OF IGNATIUS

SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE SAINT HIMSELF:

"We should not wish to see or do anything which could not be done in the presence of God and His creatures, and we shall thus imagine that we are always in His presence."

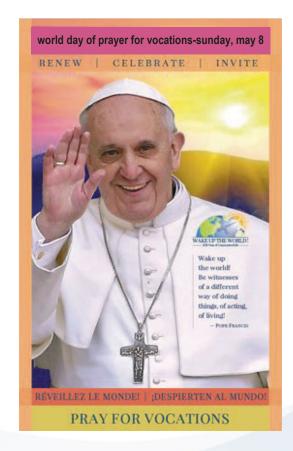
"One of the things which we must be very firm about, if we are to please our Lord, is to cast far from us everything that could remove us from the love of our brethren. We should make every effort to love them with a tender charity, for Supreme Truth has said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples."

"We should never postpone a good work, no matter how small it may be, with the thought of later doing something greater. It is a very common temptation of the enemy to be always placing before us the perfection of things to come and bring us to make little of the present."

Note: Ignatius of Loyola gave these "rules for dealing with others" to his fellow Jesuits in about the year 1541. They were sent in an undated letter to the Jesuit community in Portugal.



MOTHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 8



Graduate Students & Young Professionals

GRAD/YP MASS & DINNER

MON, MAY 9 | 6:30 PM

All graduate students and young professionals are invited to join us for mass followed by a social time with a meal. We'll begin with mass in the Church, and share social time and dinner in Newman Hall.

Meat and vegetarian options provided. If you'd like to come but have additional food sensitivities, please contact Fr. Joe and we can try to arrange an option for you.

For more information, contact jwagner@smspnewman.org, brkinzer@umich.edu or request to receive the Grad/YP Newsletter smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ, Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocese of Lansing Seminarian Jacob Derry, St John the Evangelist, Fenton



WOMEN OF THE HEART

THURS, MAY 12 I 10:15AM

Women of the Heart is a gathering of women seeking to enrich their spirituality through presentations, reflection, discussion, prayer, and relationships with one another. All women of the parish are invited to the monthly gatherings. Please feel free to attend—no registration is needed.

OUR LAST MEETING OF THE SEMESTER IS ON MAY 12.

Should you have any questions and/or wish to have your email be included in communication being sent out related to the monthly meetings, please contact Julie at jmussio@smspnewman.org



HAIL AND FAREWELL SMSP INTERNS

HAIL 2022-2023 INTERNS

Welcome St. Mary Student Interns for the 2022-2023 school year! The interns next year are Emma Allen, Noah Bock, Wade Gerberding, Alana Maffesoli, Sophie Moffett, David Mutone, Esmeralda Orozco, Clara Rowe, Stephanie Vulsteke, and Libby Widlak. We are excited to see all of you lead the student community next year!

FAREWELL 2021-2022 INTERNS-PICTURED ABOVE

Thank you to the interns this year for all of the hard work! It has been a blessing to St. Mary to have each of you serve and build up the St. Mary student community. A huge thanks to David Bosek, Aissa Cabrales, Olivia Donahue, Wade Gerberding, Elena Ghezzi, Alli Kasparek, and Sam Weians.

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LGBT OUTREACH MINISTRY

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH | 7-8:30 PM

Meetings are private and confidential and held on the third Tuesday of the month. As a diverse community of believers, we respect each person as a unique reflection of God's presence in our midst. We commit ourselves to being a community of care, support, formation, reconciliation, and witness to justice with and among gay and lesbian persons, parents, family members, and friends. We teach that all love comes from God and focus on helping people reconcile their orientation with their faith .

We provide a safe space for discussion, healing, and prayer. Together we reflect on Scripture and listen to the lived experiences of gay and lesbian persons and their allies.

For more info contact: Rodrigo rodri_cg@hotmail.com or Cynthia jcynthia@umich.edu

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Whether you are an English-learner or want to help someone improve their language skills, we welcome you. Tutors and learners meet individually or in small groups each week for 45 -60 minutes over zoom. Meetings can be at a time that is convenient for you.

For tutors, no language or teaching experience is required - just an interest in helping others practice English! All levels of English learners are welcome, and the program is free. For more information or to sign up, email Ellie efalahee@umich.edu.

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Parishes that have active social justice ministries/committees are invited to send staff and/or parishioner committee members to participate in the Summit. Ignatian spirituality will inform ISN's approach to the Summit. The weekend includes workshops, action planning, networking, and community building.

To register, https://ignatiansolidarity.net/ ignatian-parish-justice-summit/

For information on our parish participation, and possible scholarship assistance, contact rzyber@smspnewman.org

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Sunday 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Monday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

8:30 AM

10:00 AM "SAFE MASS"

Masks & social distancing required

Everyone in attendance is required to wear a mask.

The Mass will also be streamed in Donnelly Hall
for those that wish to attend unmasked

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Noon

2:00 PM (Spanish)

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5:00 PM

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Thursday 5:10 PM Friday 12:10 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM or by appointment



ROSARY FOR PEACE

MONDAYS AFTER THE 5:10 MASS

Please join us in praying for peace in Ukraine, other troubled areas of the world, and in our hearts. We meet on Mondays immediately after daily mass. We will provide rosaries and instructions as needed.

Please direct any questions (or special intentions) to Toni Morales weena@umich.edu or to the parish office stmarys@umich.edu.

SANTO ROSARIO (ROSARY)

THURSDAYS | 8:00 AM

All are welcome to pray the Rosary in Spanish with other SMSP parishioners virtually on Zoom. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, please email Isabel isabelehcorona@yahoo.com or Karin karinromeros@gmail.com



INFANT BAPTISM CLASS AT SMSP

Baptism preparation class is required to be taken for your first child. If you've taken the class elsewhere, proof of that will be necessary to schedule a baptism. Upcoming classes are on Monday 6:30-7:30 PM on the following dates: 5/2, 6/6, 7/11 & 8/1.

Please pick up a baptism class packet from the Parish Office at least one week prior to the class. You will need to bring this to class. After the class there is an opportunity to ask questions and schedule the baptism.

Please contact Carol ckonczal@umich.edu or 734-663-0557 ext. 0 to register for a class.

We also offer the class in Spanish at the same time in a different room. Contact Rosa Luz for more information on Spanish Baptisms rpostigo@smspnewman.org

Mass Intentions, Meetings & Events



MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 30-MAY 14

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

5:00 PM Mass for +Ronald G. Dawson

SUNDAY, MAY 1

8:30 AM Mass for +Marian Wilinski & +Judy Hinsch

10:00 AM Mass for +Henry Quijano **12:00 PM** Mass for People of the Parish

2:00 PM Mass for

5:00 PM Mass for Julia Prisby & Eric Ditmore

MONDAY, MAY 2

5:10 PM Mass for +John Rebitte

TUESDAY, MAY 3

5:10 PM Mass for +Grace Elle Lucas

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

5:10 PM Mass for +Peter Joseph Redente

THURSDAY, MAY 5

5:10 PM Mass for +Orathai Charoenchart

FRIDAY, MAY 6

12:10 PM Mass for Fr Tom Firestone

SATURDAY, MAY 7

5:00 PM Mass for Jolene & Mike Sasena Family

SUNDAY, MAY 8

8:30 AM Mass for +William Mc Garty

10:00 AM Mass for +Jane Frances Burke

12:00 PM Mass for Egardo Reyes & Vernnaliz Casquillo

2:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish5:00 PM Mass for +Kenneth McAlpine

MONDAY, MAY 9

5:10 PM Mass for

TUESDAY, MAY 10

5:10 PM Mass for +Antony Porras

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

5:10 PM Mass for Nancy Vachon

THURSDAY, MAY 12

5:10 PM Mass for +Orathai Charoenchart

FRIDAY, MAY 13

12:10 PM Mass for +Peter Joseph Redente

SATURDAY, MAY 14

5:00 PM Mass for Michael McKenna



MEETINGS & EVENTS: MAY 1—MAY 14

SUNDAY, MAY 1

1:00 PM Church Enhancement - Loyola Room

MONDAY, MAY 2

5:45 PM Rosary for Peace - Church 6:30 PM Baptism Class - Newman Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

5:45 PM Reconciliation - Church

THURSDAY, MAY 5

8:30 AM Santo Rosario (Rosary in Spanish) - Virtual

SATURDAY, MAY 7

11:00 AM 1st Communion Mass - Church

MONDAY, MAY 9

5:45 PM Rosary for Peace - Church

6:30 PM Grad/YP Mass & Dinner - Church & Donnelly Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

5:45 PM Reconciliation - Church

THURSDAY, MAY 12

8:30 AM Santo Rosario (Rosary in Spanish) - Virtual

10:15 AM Women of the Heart - Donnelly Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 14

10:00 AM Men's Discernment Group-Loyola Room

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God Bless

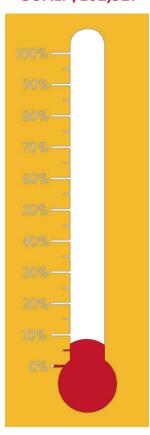
Khrista Boes

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We invite all members of our parish to join in support of the annual Diocesan Services Appeal. **Our parish goal is \$102,327**. No gift is too small... every dollar donated helps those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned to our parish for our local use

here at SMSP. You can submit your DSA pledge envelope during Mass this weekend - or take your DSA envelope home to prayerfully consider your gift decision. Those paying by cash or check are invited to return to our parish office. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal.

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"Stir up one another to love and good works." This scripture from the letter to the Hebrews challenges us today in the same way that it challenged the earliest disciples of Jesus Christ. Having received the salvation of Jesus and the gifts of the Spirit, we have all we need to reflect the light of Christ in the love and good works that we offer others today.

Our Diocesan Services Appeal is one opportunity to exhibit discipleship – to share the Good News with others and to offer loving support in the many good works of the Catholic Church. DSA contributions are put to work, right away, to offer direct assistance to individuals and families, to parishes and schools, and to those who have yet to learn of the life and love of Jesus.

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These many good works unify us, disciples, together on the way!

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Lord, grant us disciples the grace to be generous in our support of the Diocesan Services Appeal, so that we may faithfully rouse one another to love and good works.

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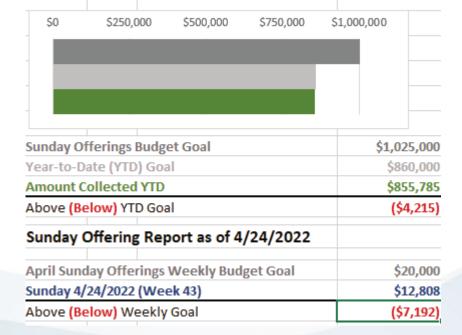
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Year-to-Date Sunday Offering Report as of 4/24/2022



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Sunday Readings

MAY 1 - Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Reading II 5:11-14 Rv

Gospel Jn 21:1-19

Psalm

Jesus appears to seven of his disciples, among them Peter who proclaims his unfailing love for the Lord. Jesus commissions him to feed the sheep. Later, in the face of persecution, Peter and the apostles proclaim the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and who rescues us from death.

MAY 8— Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 13:14,43-52 Ps Psalm 100:1-2,3,5 Reading II 7:9, 14b-17 Rv Gospel 10:27-30

Know that Jesus is the Lord, the Lamb on the throne who will shepherd his flock and give them eternal life. In his name, Paul and Barnabas proclaim the word of God to Jew and Gentile alike.

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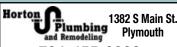
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