

Bulletin: 12 Ord A 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to all those fishing in the area!! Please come to our Mass or Communion Service! Checkout our website at www.holyrosaryalaska.org for details.

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As a Catholic Priest, many people like to tell me when they hear their favorite gospel. After daily Mass one day, a lady approached me. She said, "Fr. Scott, that was my favorite gospel. I said, "Why." She said, "God has counted every hair on my head and I am worth so much! It makes me feel so special and so important. When ever if start to feel down or sorry for myself, I think of this gospel."

This lady, in here small way, was sharing her faith. Jesus is asking us to share ourselves with other people. He says, "What you hear whispered, share from the rooftops."

What is said and done inside the family normally stays in the family. In a sense, this is a good

principle...what is said and done in the home stays in the home.

However, there are family secrets and lies that cause untold damage for generations...because we are not allowed to talk about them...for example, sexual abuse, suicide, incest, drug taking, alcoholism, theft, adoption, and abortion. Many families sit on these secrets.

Jesus also says in the gospel today, "What you say in the dark, tell in the light."

This is a very important statement to Christians. It does not mean we should tell everyone our personal business. It means that sharing things with others helps us to grow personally and spiritually.

When certain secrets and lies or something shameful remains buried, hidden, and unhealed, it has power over us. It controls us. It stunts our growth. The evil spirit has a field day with these kinds of things. Our self-esteem becomes lowered.

What you and I usually see in life are two extremes. First, people seeking emotional health may become too obsessed with their own feelings, stories, and psychology and end up

revealing things that maybe should have been kept secret for awhile longer. They may end up hurting others unintentionally to clear their own conscience. Believe it or not, some times it may not be wise to tell your wife you had an affair.

Second they keep everything hidden, to themselves, and in the dark. These secrets when kept inside become a great weight, a burden, and a slow death.

Today's gospel reminds us that there is a middle road between revealing everything and revealing nothing. It is the sacrament of penance. When people ask why Catholics express there sins out loud to a priest I like to have and answer.

I tell them that saying our sins out loud has a kind of healing affect in that it gets the sin out in the open. The devil has less power of you when your sins are not hidden. When a sin comes into the light, it challenges us to work on it, to struggle with it.

During the sacrament of penance, we admit our most destructive behavior, out loud, to God, through a priest, and hear God say I forgive you. At that moment, the love of God is active in us. God draws out what Christ wants in the light, and heals us.

I challenge all of you in the next few weeks to give the sacrament of penance a serious thought. Especially if something has been bothering you and you really need to talk about it. Give me a call and set up an appointment. Send me an email. I will get back to you to confirm a date and time (586 Words).

Intercessions: 12th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Celebrant

God can do all things and eagerly wishes to answer our prayers.

Deacon/Lector

That the work of the Church touch all humanity with healing and nourishment, we pray to the Lord.

That nations compete with one another to bring peace instead of war, we pray to the Lord.

That those whose lives have been disrupted by natural disaster find the strength and assistance they need to rebuild, we pray to the Lord.

That all parents, living or dead, those nearby or distanced by miles, disease, or division, may be embraced and strengthened by the loving arms of God, the Father of us all, we pray to the Lord.

That all the sick and hospitalized, may rejoice in new hope and strength in recovery, we pray to the Lord.

In Silence, let us now add our own intentions for our community and for the world.....We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant

God of the universe, you open your hand and fill all things with blessing. Grant us faith enough to trust in you and love enough to do your will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Yes, I hear the whisperings of many: "Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!" All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. "Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him." But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to

utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, Let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!

Romans 5:12-15

Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned -- for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one person Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

Matthew 10:26-33

"Therefore do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but

cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.