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CONGRADULATIONS TO OUR OWN

Rebecca Tebbs Nunn was crowned Ms. Virginia Senior World in Biloxi, MS, on July 28th. The Senior World pageant is a new pageant that will have its world premiere in November of 2020 in Biloxi, MS, with contestants over fifty years of age from around the world. Rebecca was invited by the Senior World Board of Governors to represent Virginia because of her two previous state

titles, and her volunteer and civic work. *"I am thrilled and privileged to represent my home state in this inaugural pageant on the world stage," she said.*

BICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK



One of the features of the Bicentennial celebration is the creation of a richly illustrated book of approximately 400 pages depicting the history of the diocese and featuring each parish. If you would like to view or purchase a copy of the book "Shine Like the Stars" please contact the office.

LEGACY



Potential, Purpose and Promise

Think about the part you want to play in your church's future. Naming your church as a beneficiary In your estate plan to create an endowment can assure your continued participation in the life and mission of your church far into the future.

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*20h Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020
Year A*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Word of God (The scripture) we have in our bibles is Timeless: meaning it has meaning and a message for all situations and in all situations. It has a message always a message which tells us something for the past, the present and future.

All three readings today speak of the expansive and universal nature of the "Kingdom of God," in contrast with the theory that salvation was offered first to the Jews and through them alone to the rest of the world. Although God set the Hebrew people apart as His chosen race, He included all nations in His plan for salvation and blessed all the peoples of the Earth. All are welcome into his kingdom.

The first reading from prophet Isaiah, we hear these words of accepting everyone to come and worship the Lord: "The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord" I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. This was addressed to the people of Israel who thought of others (non-Jews) as outsiders and were not welcome to their worship. Therefore, God reveals the truth that in His eyes there is no distinction among human beings based on race, caste, or color.

The Jewish people had forgotten their history. Because once there were foreigners and were treated badly. And second, the land they were occupying was not theirs, they took it from those who were there before them, and so, those they were calling foreigners were in fact not foreigners, they belonged to that place.

The message is the same in the Gospel. A Canaanite woman Goes to Jesus to seek help for her daughter, immediately she encounters rejection, the disciples ask Jesus to chase her: "tell her to go away... because she is a foreigner, she is a Canaanite, a Gentile and a pagan. She does not belong there, in that place, and she is not worthy of any attention from Jesus. What was she doing seeking healing from this Jesus, whom the Jewish people were treating as their own, their long sought Messiah. But the woman was determined.

Her faith was further tested when Jesus said to her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs, dogs being the Jewish way of referring to foreigner and pagans. But her response that even the dogs eat the food that falls from the table showed that her faith in Him would not waiver. It was clear that she belonged there, before the Lord. She had faith in Jesus, maybe even stronger than the Jews. Therefore, no one could say that she didn't belong there, or not worthy of attention.

Jesus accepts her, he welcomes her and even praises her faith. Jesus is not looking at her status, race, or where she comes from, he is looking at her as someone who is in need and someone who has faith that only Jesus can help her situation. None of us should feel rejected because of who we are, or how we look like. All of us are God's children we belong to one family: the family of God.

We need to pull down our walls of separation and share in the universality of God's love: Very often we set up walls which separate us from God and from one another. Today's Gospel reminds us that God's love and mercy are extended to all who call on Him in Faith and trust, no matter who they are. In other words, God's care extends beyond the bounds of race and nation to the hearts of all who live, and God's House should become a House of Prayer for all peoples. It is therefore fitting that we should pray and work sincerely so that the walls which our pride, intolerance, fear, and prejudice have raised may crumble.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading:

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Father suggests you say the Prayer for Spiritual Communion during communion time.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are truly
Present in the Most
Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things
And I desire to possess
You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this
Moment to receive You
Sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually
Into my heart.
I embrace You as being
Already there, and unite
Myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be
Separated from you.

Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

David Hetzer, Bob Nielsen, Taylor Deagle



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If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office.

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: AUGUST 9, 2020

Collection: \$ 2,867
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 13,966
Total Budget Projection: \$ 14,213



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal check this week:
Electricity for July \$426.

As an alternative to mailing us a weekly donation, you can do it online at offertory.richmonddiocese.org. Open the site, select a donation amount and scroll down and [select our church](#).

ASSIGNMENTS

AUGUST 16th

Lectors: Spike & Becky Nunn
Community Leader: Debby Harriman

AUGUST 23rd

Lectors: Ray K. & Mary Ellen Sherwood
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BIRTHDAY'S FOR AUGUST



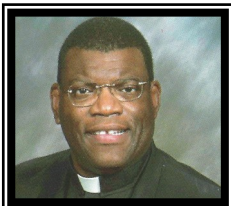
Ed Harriman-1st, Carol Walsh-1st, Germaine Hayes-3rd, Dave Marchant-5th, Patricia Paul-5th, James Davenport-6th, Grace Anderson-6th, Mary Hess-7th, Pat Marchant-8th, Al Langer-10th, Mary Sue Dougherty-11, Donna Thompson-12th, Steve Kirsch-12th, Aldo DeCollibus-15th, Lee Reamy-20th, Mary Lou Miller-21st, Roseanne Moncure-21st, Francis Demaurez-23rd, Ron Beville-26th, Dick Dougherty-24th, Mary Ann Gulick-28th, Rebecca Riley-29th, Bill Puttmann-29th.

ANNIVERSARYS FOR AUGUST



Spike & Becky Nunn-2nd, Charlie & Margaret Hock-3rd, John & Vera England-4th, Dennis & Susan Lynch-5th, Charlie & Anne Costello-7th, Tom & Cindy Jessee-8th, Don & Maria Tyrrell-8th, Skip & Lois Kramb-10th, Richie & Nancy Siford-14th, Sal & Lorie Messina-17th, Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca-18th, John & Carol McCormack-19th, Lee & Pat Reamy-22nd, Bill & Michelle Puttmann-25th.

JOHN BOODIE SCHOLARSHIP COMES HOME



For the past few months, we have been working with the Three Rivers Community Foundation to assume administrative control of the Memorial Scholarship and that has been accomplished. Ray developed a working document (resolution) which was approved by the foundation and published in our bulletin in April. We have a large committee which will oversee the scholarship awards. For two years Tom Hawksworth will chair the committee, Suzanne Sitterding will sit as secretary and Fritz Sitterding will be the treasurer.

COVID-19 A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

The coronavirus, (Covid-19) first identified in December last year, has ravaged all countries of the world, causing socio-economic devastation in many countries. Within seven months, the death toll is over 700,000 people and approaching 20,000,000 infections.

In Africa, all countries are experiencing a rise in cases. Most affected are Egypt and South Africa which is now the epic center on the continent. In Uganda, the first case of Covid-19 was confirmed in early March. Measures of a total lockdown were instituted: Schools, colleges and all learning institutions closed, places of worship, all business except essential ones, travel in and out of Uganda suspended, public transport limited only to emergencies. On top of these measures, personal hygiene like washing of hands, social distancing and wearing of masks was mandated by the government.

These measures have helped in slowing the spread of the virus. So far Uganda has registered 1,500 cases and only 5 deaths. But on the other hand, these measures have faced a lot of challenges. Many people live in villages where even a simple thing like washing of hands can be a challenge. Most people have no running water and they have to travel long distances for a source of water. Not having water for cooking or drinking is already a problem how do you expect them to have it for washing hands many times a day! Sanitizers and soap to some the cost is beyond their income, if they have any at all. If a family has some money, it is to buy essential items such as salt and maybe sugar, but not for masks. Social distancing is also hard to implement given that those who live in towns often reside in very congested areas and houses.

The Government is slowly easing some of the restrictions but schools, places of worship and travel in and out of Uganda are still in place. With schools closed since March and no sign that they will be opened, many people especially parents are worried. Apart from missing out on education, there is a rising trend of abuse in children. Kidnaping of children for example is growing on an alarming rate. Underage/teenager pregnancies and forced marriages are now more common than before. Families are breaking and abandoned children are on the rise.

Most of these problems are caused by poverty. Due to the long lockdown, many people have lost their jobs, and their businesses were closed never to be reopened again. Many people depend on a small scale cultivation of crops which is for their food and some to sell for cash. With the lockdown, no one was buying, and the markets were closed.

In order to keep students engaged, the government has mandated distance learning through television and radios for lower classes and Internet for college/universities. This is another big problem for most parents. They cannot afford the price of a radio or TV set. To help the children of our school, St. Noa, we are looking for funds in the amount of \$ 5,000 to buy solar powered radios and facilitation for teachers who will accompany the students in their homes by visiting them regularly.

Covid-19 is a serious virus and we are grateful for the measures introduced to combat its spread. But for a country like Uganda, these measures will leave a long lasting impact which many people will never recover from.



Fr. Gerry

Thank you for your generosity!



↑ New office and staff room block

UGANDA UPDATE

The new office and staff room block for the teachers, and two more classrooms have been completed in May of this year.

The construction began in February and had to slow down due to COVID-19.

Most materials for the buildings come from outside of Uganda. Prices went up and materials (iron sheets and iron bars) became harder to find. But we managed to complete construction.

Another need arose which was not in the budget, the need for housing of our male teachers. We used some of the funds and constructed a four room house for them.

Sincerely grateful,

St. Noa School & Father Gerry



Male teacher housing



CHURCH INFORMATION

Our hours for prayer when the church is open are Wednesday and Thursday from 9AM-12:00.

Church attendance was 51 this past Sunday with four guest. This coming week the Mass is for parishioners in Group L-Z with allowance for visitors, household guests, and special cases such as assigned ministers. The important thing to remember is to **notify the office** if you or your guest are planning to attend Mass and are not in the proper alphabetical grouping.

We continue to offer daily Mass on Wednesdays and Thursdays @9AM for anyone who desires to attend.

If you would like to donate towards the Altar flowers, please send us a \$25 donation and we will recognize your donation in the Bulletin. If you would like to honor someone for a Sunday please include that as well.

We continue to repeat much of this information weekly as a constant reminder to parishioners of our protocols and expected behaviors. We are heartened by your willingness to adhere to these procedures which have allowed us to successfully celebrate Mass up to now for all in person and at home.

Thank you to everyone and may God continue to Bless Us All!



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time All are welcome

Reading I: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (the Lord's house open to all)

Reading II: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
(Israel's final conversion; the triumph of God's mercy)

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 (faith of the Canaanite woman)

Key Passage: For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
(Isaiah 56:7)

Adult: The woman in this story was persistent in prayer.
For what do you pray insistently?

Child: For what do you ask God to give you most often?

