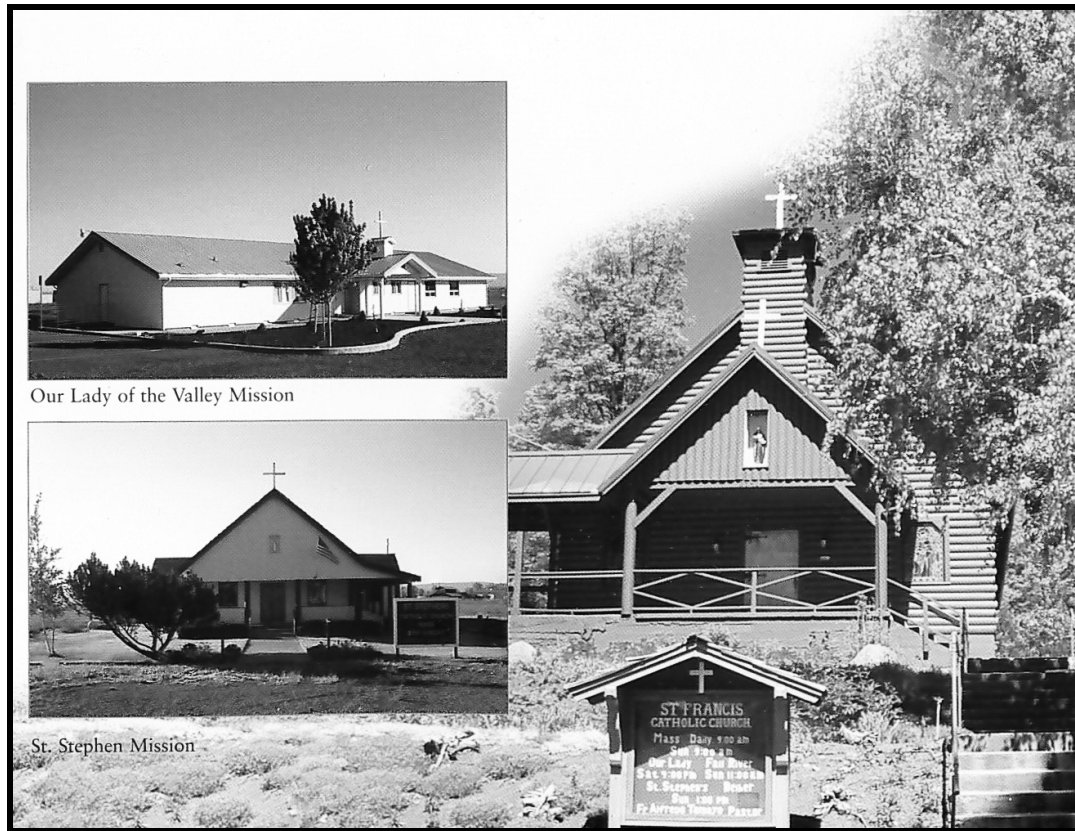


Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2010



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Missions of Our Lady of the Valley in Fall River Mills and Saint Stephens in Bieber Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Church of Saint Francis, are a community of faith called by Baptism to center our lives in the sacraments and the Holy Eucharist. We gather together to mutually grow in our love for God and neighbor by studying the Word of God; by believing in the Faith and Traditions from the Apostles; by accepting the teachings of the Magisterium and by receiving and giving support, hope, faith and charity.

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Our Lady of the Valley 43434 Hwy. 299E Fall River Mills	St. Stephen Hwy. 299E Bieber
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Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday	5:00 pm	Our Lady of the Valley
Sunday	9:00 am	St. Francis
	11:00 am	Our Lady of the Valley (Spanish)
	1:00 pm	St. Stephen

Weekdays

Mon-Wed & Fri 9:00 am St. Francis
 (No Mass on Thursday)

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday	9:30 am	St. Francis
1st Saturday	4:00 pm	Our Lady of the Valley
1st Sunday	11:45 am	St. Stephen

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

2nd Saturday of the month at St. Francis
 from 12 Noon to 1 pm.
 3rd Saturday of the month at Our Lady of the Valley,
 4 PM to 5 PM.
 4th Sunday of the month at St. Stephen,
 2 PM to 3 PM.

Community Food Pantry

Serving the Fall River Mills Valley, food may be obtained
 by calling Reggie (336-5127),
 Peggy (336-5304), or Elinore (336-5750).

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank

Food is distributed on the last Friday of the month at St.
 Francis, Burney, 1-2 pm or call the parish for food
 anytime you are in need.

New Parishioners

Please register by completing the form at the church
 entrance. The registration form is also available on our
 website.

Need Prayers?

Our parish has established a prayer chain for those
 times when you need urgent prayers. Please call Virginia
 Schneider (335-2935) to request prayers.

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MINISTERS

July 17-18

July 24-25

St. Francis

Lectors:	Lorraine Libal Tom Weber	John McCullar Marylou Sears
Eucharistic Ministers:	Linda Nelson Marylou Sears	Sandy McCullar John McCullar
Altar Servers:	Alejandro Garcia Favian Garcia Juan Carlos Vega	Guadalupe Garcia Ricardo Garcia Eddie Moran

Our Lady of the Valley

Lectors:	Jack Hayes Terese Hayes	Alice Vervilos
Eucharistic: Ministers:	Peggy Hansen Bob Chase	Peggy Hansen Bob Chase

St. Stephen

Lectors:	Elizabeth Banner Joe Paul	Marian Parks Joe Paul
Eucharistic Ministers:	Phillis Martin Kevin Mitchell	Fran Hofmann Liz Paul

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 07/17	5:00 pm	Our Lady of the Valley	Laura Ribeiro†
Sun 07/18	9:00 am	St. Francis	Missa Pro Populo
Mon 07/19	9:00 am	St. Francis	All Souls†

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 07/18	2:00 pm	Hospitality , St. Stephen's
Mon 07/19	5:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting , Our Lady of the Valley
Wed 07/21	5:30 pm	LOTW Meeting , St. Francis
Sat 07/24	6:00 pm	Potluck Dinner , Our Lady of the Valley
Sun 07/25	10:00 am	Hospitality , St. Francis
	2:00 pm	Hospitality , St. Stephen's
Tue 07/27	5:00 pm	Blood Drive , Adin Community Hall
Wed 07/28	5:30 am	LOTW Meeting , St. Francis
Sat 07/31	All Masses	Catholic Communication Second Collection
Sun 08/01	All Masses	Catholic Communication Second Collection
	11:45 am	First Sunday Adoration & Benediction , St. Stephen
Tue 08/03	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting , St. Francis
Wed 08/04	5:30 pm	LOTW Meeting , St. Francis
Fri 08/06	9:30 am	First Friday Holy Hour , St. Francis
Sat 08/07	4:00 pm	First Saturday Adoration & Benediction , Our Lady of the Valley
Tue 08/10	7:00 pm	St. Francis Women's Guild Meeting
Wed 8/11	10:15 am	Mass for the Sick , Mayers Hospital, Fall River Mills
Sat 08/14	12:00 Noon	Confession , St. Francis
	3:45 pm	LOTW Meeting , Our Lady of the Valley
Sat 08/28	5:00 pm	Summer BBQ , St. Stephen's



Lord are you not concerned that my sister left me alone to do the household tasks

REFLECTION

The Difference Between Martha and Mary Gen. 18:1-10a; Col. 1:24-8; Lk. 10:38-42

Bottom line: Martha wanted Jesus to listen to her, while Mary wanted to listen to Jesus.

Today we see two sisters - Martha and Mary. They represent two different approaches to Jesus. You could say a lot about each of the sisters, but I would express the difference this way: Martha wanted Jesus to listen to her, while Mary wanted to listen to Jesus.*

I do not say this, in any way, to put down Martha. She is a great saint and Jesus clearly had a deep affection for her. "Martha, Martha," he says. To repeat someone's name does not necessarily indicate exasperation, but rather in this case, warmth. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things."

When I have discussed this Gospel with groups of people, almost everyone (including me) identifies with Martha. We have work to do, problems on our mind, things to finish before we can relax. When we try to pray, our minds spin with a dozen distractions. We remember a phone call we should make, something we need to get at the store, a task that just can't wait.

And - God forgive us - like Martha we sometimes put down the "Mary's": "It must be nice. Look at all the stuff I have to do. I wish I could get a break."

Fair enough, but that's not the point. All of us know deep down that the best gift we can give someone is not a thousand dollar or a delicious meal. That would be wonderful, but we want something else. When you and I think about our lives, we recognized that the best gift someone ever gave us was this: open-ended, undistracted listening. That is the gift Mary gave to Jesus. Martha was busy doing something for Jesus - and, to accomplish it, she wanted Jesus to listen to her. Mary on the other hand, just wanted to listen to Jesus. "Mary," said Jesus, "has chosen the better part."

Let me illustrate the gift of listening: Once these two guys had worked together on various business ventures. After years of common projects, things started going downhill in their business. Naturally, it created tensions between them. One of the guys did something dramatic. He reserved rooms at a retreat center and told his business partner that he would block any amount of time - just to

listen. The second guy was reluctant. They had too many things pending, plus each had a family. The first guy said it would be the best thing they could do for their families - as well as their business.

So they went to the retreat center and spent time talking and listening to each other - like they had done in college into the early hours of the morning. They didn't focus on anything immediately practical, but when they came back after a few days, things started to click in their business - and also their families. Open-ended, undistracted listening is the best gift one person can give another.

In our human relationships (friend to friend, husband to wife, parent to child) we can easily recognize the power of open-ended, undistracted listening. Something similar applies to prayer. Jesus has all the time in the world to listen to you or me. He comes from the point of view of eternity, which by definition is undivided and perfectly open-ended. The problem is not on Jesus' side. He can listen to each one, all day and all night. The problem is on our side. We are reluctant to do what Mary did - to put aside other activities and to listen.

Just to sum up: Martha is a beautiful person - and all of us can identify with her desire to get things done. And I think all of us would appreciate the meal she prepares. Still, she also a liability that we can equally identify with - her anxiety to have other (including Jesus) listen to her. Mary, on the other hand, simply listened to Jesus. And "Mary has chosen the better part," says Jesus, "and it will not be taken from her."**

Homily from Father Phil Bloom

La Diferencia entre Marta y Maria Gen. 18:1-10a; Col. 1:24-8; Lk. 10:38-42

Tema básico: Marta querria que Jesus le escuchara, mientras Maria querria escuchar a Jesus.

Hoy vemos a dos hermanas - Marta y Maria. Representan dos maneras de acercarse a Jesus. Se puede decir mucho sobre ellas, pero expresaria la diferencia así: Marta querria que Jesus le escuchara, mientras Maria querria escuchar a Jesus.

No digo eso para despreciar a Marta. Es una gran santa y Jesus claramente tiene un afecto profundo para ella. "Marta, Marta," dice. Repetir el nombre de alguien no necesariamente expresa exasperacion, sino - en este caso - cariño. "Marta, Marta, muchas cosas te preocupan y te inquietan."

Al conversar con gente sobre este evangelio, casi todos (incluyendo a su servidor) se identifica con Marta. Tenemos cosas que hacer, problemas para resolver, tareas para terminar antes de descansarnos. Cuando tratamos de rezar, nuestra mentes dan vueltas. Recordamos un telefonazo que debemos hacer, algo que necesitamos de la tienda, cosas que no puedan esperar.

Y - Dios nos perdona - como Marta a veces despreciamos a las "Maria's": Me gustaria tener la vida linda como ella. Ojala que no tuviera tantas cosas que hacer. Me gustaria tener tiempo para descansar."

Esta bien, pero no es el punto. Al fondo todos sabemos que el mejor regalo que podemos dar a otra persona no son mil dolares ni una comida rica. Seria maravilloso, pero queremos otra cosa. Cuando pensamos en nuestras vidas, reconocemos que el mejor regalo es que alguien

nos escuche sin distracciones ni limites de tiempo. Eso el don que Maria le dio a Jesus. Marta estaba ocupada haciendo cosas para Jesus - y para hacerlo, querria que Jesus le escuchara. Maria, por otro lado, escucho a Jesus. "Maria," dijo Jesus, "escogio la mejor parte."

Quiero dar un ejemplo del don de escuchar: Una vez dos hombres habian trabajado en varios asuntos de negocio. Despues de años de proyectos comunes, las cosas empezaban a deteriorar. Naturalmente causo tensiones entre ellos. Uno de ellos hizo algo dramático. Riservo cuanto en un centro de retiros y le dijo al otro que daria cualquier cantidad de tiempo necesario - solamente para escuchar. El segundo estaba dudoso. Habia muchas cosas pendientes y ademas cada uno tenia su familia. El primero dijo que seria la mejor cosa para sus familias - y tambien para su negocio.

Pues, fuero al centro de retiros y pasaron tiempo conversando y escuchando - como en sus dias en la universidad - hasta horas tempranas de la manana. No se enfocaron en cosas inmediatamente practico, pero cuando regresaron despues de unos dias, las cosas comenzaban a mejorar en su negocio - y en sus familias. Escuchar sin distracciones ni limites de tiempo es el mejor don que una persona puede dar al otro.

En nuestras relaciones humanas (amigo a amigo, esposo a esposa, papa a hijo) podemos reconocer el poder de escuchar sin distracciones ni limites de tiempo. Algo semejante aplica a la oracion. Jesus tiene todo el tiempo en el mundo para escuchar a ti o a mi. El viene del punto de vista de la eternidad, que es sin division o limites. El problema no es de parte de Jesus. El puede escucharnos todo el dia y toda la noche. El problema esta en nuestro lado. Tenemos miedo de hacer lo que Maria hizo - poner las otras actividades a un lado y escuchar, no mas.

Par resumir: Marta es una linda persona y todos podemos identificarnos con su deseo de cumplir tareas. Y creo que todos apreciaríamos la comida que ella prepara. No obstante, ella tambien tiene una falla con que tambien podemos identificarnos - su ansiedad que otros (incluyendo Jesus) le escucharan. Y "Maria escogio la mejor parte y nadie se la quitara."

Homilia de Padre Phil Bloom

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Many of you have flowers in your garden during the summer. Please bring them for the altar. This is a wonderful way to give praise and honor to the Lord.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED

The Pastoral Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening is cancelled.

BLOOD DRIVE - ADIN

A blood drive will be held at the Adin Community Center on Tuesday, July 27th, between 5-8 PM.

A CATHOLIC VIEW

An Out-of-Touch Ogre?

The media's mau-mauing of Bishop Thomas Olmsted

By George Neumayr | July 2010

In the past, bishops sparked shocked headlines in newspapers by betraying Church teaching. Now a brave few make headlines by upholding it. Consider the case of

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Cost: Adults \$10, Children 10 & Under \$5

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Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix. New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof has likened him to a member of the hierarchy during the "cruel and debauched days of the Borgias in the Renaissance."

That sounds pretty bad. What, exactly, has Olmsted done? Shown corrupt indifference to the protection of children? Profited off the abuse of them? No, it turns out his cruel sin in the eyes of Kristof and company is that he wants to protect children, including the forgotten unborn ones often killed under the worldly logic of false compassion.

In May, it came out that Bishop Olmsted had upheld canon law after learning, to his alarm, that a nun at a Catholic hospital in the diocese of Phoenix, several months earlier, formally cooperated in the killing of an unborn child from a patient's difficult pregnancy.

Olmsted had quietly, conscientiously, and properly followed Church teaching and discipline in the matter (under canon law, Mercy Sister Margaret McBride incurred "automatic excommunication" through her action; he simply informed her of that, and she lost her executive position at the hospital).

But the media, hungry for stories that pit "progressive" nuns against "reactionary" bishops, publicized it, at which point Olmsted issued a laudably straightforward comment:

I am gravely concerned by the fact that an abortion was performed several months ago in a Catholic hospital in this diocese. I am further concerned by the hospital's statement that the termination of a human life was necessary to treat the mother's underlying medical condition.

An unborn child is not a disease. While medical professionals should certainly try to save a pregnant mother's life, the means by which they do it can never be by directly killing her unborn child. The end does not justify the means.

Every Catholic institution is obliged to defend human life at all its stages; from conception to natural death. This obligation is also placed upon every Catholic individual. If a Catholic formally cooperates in the procurement of an abortion, they are automatically excommunicated by that action. The Catholic Church will continue to defend life and proclaim the evil of abortion without compromise, and must act to correct even her own members if they fail in this duty....

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, where the abortion took place, also made a statement, though considerably more vague, saying that in "this tragic case, the treatment necessary to save the mother's life required the termination of an 11-week pregnancy," and

that its "ethics" committee signed off on it.

Just the "termination of an 11-week pregnancy"? No, an unborn child was terminated too. But it is easier to say a "pregnancy" was terminated than an innocent unborn child suctioned to death. Showing no interest in that victim, the media's ensuing coverage cast Sister McBride as the big-hearted "saintly" nun and Bishop Olmsted as the out-of-touch ogre.

Yet he is the only figure in the controversy in touch with what actually happened: an unborn child was killed at a Catholic hospital with a nun's formal cooperation and help, and he is not about to let that happen again. At a time when derelict bishops are justly criticized for ignoring canon law to the detriment of children, the media's treatment of the conscientious Bishop Olmsted looks even more outrageous and perverse.

It always comes as a rude surprise to the media these days when an American bishop turns out to be a believing Catholic and displays a willingness to govern his diocese according to Church norms. The Fifth-Column newspaper National Catholic Reporter finds his conduct very puzzling indeed, breaking the news, through one troubled source, that Olmsted is "very much governed by canon law and obedience and fidelity to church teaching and the magisterium..." How odd. This makes him, in NCR's telling, a "strict constructionist" and a backwoods simpleton. "It helps to know that he grew up on a Kansas farm near the Nebraska border and attended a one-room rural school," observed another of the paper's sources.

But, wait, Olmsted is also like a pampered Borgia-era bishop. One of Nicholas Kristof's sources hissed, "True Christians, like Sister Margaret, understand that real life is full of difficult moral decisions and pray that they make the right decision in the context of Christ's teachings. Only a group of detached, pampered men in gilded robes on a balcony high above the rest of us could deny these dilemmas."

It apparently doesn't occur to commentators like Kristof that the very modernist scorn of canon law they demand from Olmsted is what got decadent bishops into the abuse scandal and exposure of children to harm, both spiritual and physical, in the first place. Kristof speaks of the "cruel and debauched days of the Borgias in the Renaissance" while oblivious to the cruel and debauched days of modern liberalism. Both came through the infidelity of soft and corrupt bishops to canon law and orthodox teaching.

Olmsted, needless to say, is the antithesis of a Borgia-era bishop. He has risked his comfort for the sake of thankless duty. He deserves praise for resisting the media's mau-mauing and the Catholic left's claimed monopoly on "compassion," which never extends to the unborn child torn limb from limb.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, You speak to us
and nourish us through the
life of this church community.

In the name of Jesus, we ask you
to send your Spirit to us so that
men and women among us, young
and old, will respond to your call to
service and leadership in the church.

We pray, especially, in our day, for
those who hear your invitation to
be a priest, sister, brother, or deacon.
May those who are opening their hearts
and minds to your call be encouraged
and strengthened through our enthusiasm
in your service. Amen

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Birthright: 800-550-4900

Pregnancy Hotline: 800-848-LOVE

Bethany Christians Services. 800-238-4269

Post-Abortion Counseling

OptionLine: 800-395-HELP

Rachel's Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877 467 3463) or

www.rachelsvineyard.org

National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing:
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Stewardship Report

**2 Weeks of the Fiscal Year Through July 11th
Over(Under)**

	Collections	Last Yr.	Last Yr.	Percent
St. Francis	2,116	2,207	(91)	(4.1)
OLV Sat.	839	642	197	30.7
OLV Sun.	434	315	119	37.8
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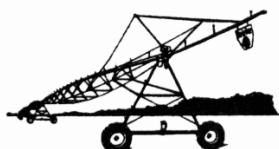
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