

# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2016



## Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Love does not consist in feeling great things but in having great detachment and in suffering for the Beloved."

-St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)

Continuing this week on the themes that I have been discussing this summer, I would like to focus on a certain form of temptation that I believe is very prevalent in modern Christians, influenced as we often are by the secular society around us. The first problematic philosophy we discussed was *relativism*, which, you will recall, is the erroneous belief that each person can determine what is true, right and wrong for themselves, and that there is no objective truth which is binding upon everyone. Last week, we dove into a discussion on *hedonism*, which is the erroneous philosophy of life in which pursuit of pleasure and avoidance of pain is the ultimate goal.

This week, I would like to speak of a blending of the two above philosophies. One of the more disturbing trends in philosophy of life and outlook that many modern people seem to have adopted is to decide what is right and wrong by what *feels* right or wrong. In other words, often times modern society makes decisions based purely on *emotion* and *emotional responses*, and not on fact or truth. Thus, a person decides which teachings of Christ and His Church they will follow or not follow based on how a given teaching makes them *feel*. It is the source of statements such as, for example, "I just don't *feel* that God would send people to Hell," or, "I know that the Church teaches that such and such behavior is sinful, but it just *feels* like its right to me." Catholics are often tempted by a modern secular society which says over and over and in many different ways, "Do whatever feels right to you," or, "Have it your way," or "if it feels good, do it." In this problematic worldview, truth, what is right and wrong, is dependent upon how I feel about it, my emotional response.

Here's the problem: our emotions are fleeting, fickle and often false. Emotions and feelings can be good and they are an important part of who we are. But they can also deceive us. I think all of us can recognize that this is true- how many times in your life have you felt anger, hurt, or frustration and realized later on that that was not really an appropriate response to what actually had happened? Our emotions can easily deceive us. Which is why, once again, believing in the truth about what is right and wrong that God has revealed to us through His Church is so very crucial- because that belief is not based on emotions, but on faith and on God's love for us. Do the teachings of Christ and His Church sometimes strike us as unfair, difficult, harsh, and cause emotional reactions of frustration, confusion, even anger? Undoubtedly. Does that mean that the teaching itself is wrong? Absolutely not. It just reinforces the reality that all of us are sinners, in need of God's grace and help, and that our entire lives are a learning experience- learning to put God first, to trust Him and the truths that He has revealed to us, and also learning to trust, even and especially when it's hard, that God knows better than we do what is best for us and for humanity. God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

**SAVE the DATE! 2016 Annual Diocesan Assembly** will be held Sat., Oct. 8, at the Marshall School Auditorium in Duluth. Speaker is Sherry Weddell, author of "Forming Intentional Disciples." This Assembly will lead us through the steps that help Catholics make a conscious choice to follow Jesus as his disciples, transforming parish life and ultimately the life of the whole Church. Everyone is invited to attend! For more information or to register, please visit [www.dioceseduluth.org](http://www.dioceseduluth.org) or call Annette at 218-724-9111.

**LIMITED OFFICE HOURS:** Treasaigh will be out of the office until July 25. In her absence, Judy Fleischer will be available Monday afternoon and various hours throughout the week, she will be checking messages daily. Please use [hspiritemp@outlook.com](mailto:hspiritemp@outlook.com) during the week of July 18-24.

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<b>Saturday</b>	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL	<b>07/16/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalices: Carol Anderson & to be assigned Servers: Spencer Ross & to be assigned	
<b>Sunday</b>	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>07/17/16</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Kenneth Nyquist</i> Reader: Harold Ek Chalices: Laura Lien & Shari Hendren Servers: Livy & Sid Hendren	
5:00 p.m.	<b>Faith Formation Summer Fun</b> —Odegaard Park	
<b>Monday</b>	SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS	<b>07/11816</b>
	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>07/19/16</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Carol Burger</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	SAINT APOLLINARIS	<b>07/20/16</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI	<b>07/21/16</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> - <i>Intention for † Vickie Udovich</i>	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	SAINT MARY MAGDALENE	<b>07/22/16</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> - <i>Intention for † Richard Moreland</i>	
8:45 a.m.	<b>Adoration</b>	
12:00 p.m.	<b>Benediction</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	SAINT BRIDGET	<b>07/23/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Chalices: Beth Egan & to be assigned Servers: Kate Thomasen & to be assigned	
<b>Sunday</b>	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>07/24/16</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Gil Hensgens</i> Reader: Louis Button Chalices: Nancy Olsen & Joanne Button Servers: Luke Johnson & Ethan Bopp	

**25th Annual Mass with Prayers for Healing:**  
Monday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary: 2801 East 4th Street, Duluth.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
After the Mass there will be time for individual prayers for healing.

***Last Week's Contributions***

<b>Weekend Collection</b> .....	<b>\$2,028.31</b>
<b>UCA</b> .....	<b>\$340.00</b>
<b>Bldg. Fund</b> .....	<b>\$212.00</b>
<b>Organ Repair Funds</b> .....	<b>\$1,250.00</b>



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, John Erickson Ron Kor, Diane LeRoy and Peg Werner.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson and Gorma Rose.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Jacob Kearin , James Mickle, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich and Maddison Zavoral.

*Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.*

*Youth Happenings*

**We are looking for people who are willing to give some of their time to teach our youth this coming year.** We are in need of teachers for our pre-k, 1st, 2nd, 7-8th grades. If you are willing to help with teaching, please contact Connie.

I am putting together a committee for the annual **Church Bazaar/ Bake Sale.** If you are interested please contact Connie.

Connie—[koss@frontiernet.net](mailto:koss@frontiernet.net) or 834-4433

**THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...**

**Help to Repair our Historic Pipe Organ-**  
As Fr. Steve explained at Mass last month, our Church's Pipe Organ, which was constructed in 1883, is an historic gem which is sorely in need of repair and maintenance. The Parish Finance Council has approved an expenditure of just over \$14,000.00 so that Dan Jaekels and his crew can come to fix, tune and deep-clean our organ to preserve it and provide for the best sound possible. They will be here to work on the Pipe Organ the last full week of August. Please consider donating towards this endeavor in order to preserve and clean one of our parish's great treasures. Also, if you would like a tour and explanation of our Pipe Organ, please contact Betty Barthman or Fr. Steve at the parish office.