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The Most Holy Trinity ~ 22 May 2016

"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

First Reading + Proverbs 8:22-31 Second Reading + Romans 5:1-5 Gospel + John 16:12-15

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 23 NO MASS SCHEDULED Tuesday, May 24

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+*HOLY HOUR*

6:15pm - 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS 7:00pm+Fris ABEJERO, RIP - Abejero Family **Wednesday, May 25

8:00am+Mary WHITE, RIP – J/R Vandervoort **Thursday, May 26**

8:00am+Vic CHARTIER, RIP – G Delaney/Calder 10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Home

Friday, May 27

12:10pm+Ed WALSH, RIP – P/C Vanderpost Saturday, May 28

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Fred MORSON, RIP – M Brett 5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Sunday, May 29 – 3rd SHARELIFE SUNDAY

9:00am+Bing GIBSON, RIP – Family 10:30am+Fr. BENNETT, 65 Anniversary of Ordination – CWL

Saint of the Week

I forgive all my enemies, and I ask God and whoever I have offended to forgive me. - Saint David Uribe – Velasco (1888 - 1927), martyr, Feast Day May 25 $\,$

Our Saint & Feast Days

May 24 + Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau May 25 + Saint Bede the Venerable May 25 + Saint Gregory VII May 26 + Saint Philip Neri May 27 + Saint Augustine of Canterbury

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Footprints in the sand.

It happened, one day about noon going towards my boat, I was exceedingly surprised, with the print of a man's naked foot on the shore, which was very plain to be seen in the sand. I stood like one thunder-struck, or as if I had seen an apparition... I went to it again to see if there were any more, and to observe if it might not be my fancy; but there was no room for that, for there was exactly the very print of a foot, toes, heel, and every part of a foot; how it came thither I knew not, nor could in the least imagine. — Daniel Defoe

When Robinson Crusoe saw the footprint in the sand, he knew beyond the shadow of a doubt that he was no longer alone on his desert island. St. Augustine speaks about the *vestigia dei*, the footprints of God, those clear signs by which we know with certainty that there is a God. Just as we can know much about the craftsman by looking at the things which he makes, so too we know much about God simply by looking at his creation.

The highest point of creation is man, made in the image and likeness of God. To see the transcendent attributes of divinity we only need to look at ourselves and those otherwise inexplicable attributes of intellect, free will and the capacity to love. By means of our intellect we are able to comprehend the wonders of the world in which we live. Through the exercise of free will we are not slaves to instinct and impulse, but can freely choose our actions, for good or for evil. In our capacity to love, we can put the good of others before our own good.

In ourselves we see traces of divinity. To explain away everything that is transcendent in human nature as the operation of "selfish" genes is absurd. Thomas Huxley, the great disciple of Darwin, said that the theory of evolution made atheism intellectually respectable. Nothing can make atheism intellectually respectable. To deny God is to deny the most fundamental aspects of our own humanity.

Hannah Arendt, the German Jewish philosopher, said that the tragedies of Nazism and Communism were possible only because Christian morality was no longer the guiding principle of society. We can say the same today: abortion, euthanasia, same-sex marriage, gender ideology, etc., are only possible in a post-Christian society, a society which denies both God and humanity.

The direction of causality, however, does not begin with the denial of God. Atheism is not the cause of the culture of death, but rather a necessary consequence. Atheism is not an intellectual conviction, but a moral choice. The inevitable result of denying the transcendent value of the human person is to deny the source of that transcendence, God himself.

The footprint is clearly before us impressed in the sand. It is not hard to see; in fact, you can't miss it. But many choose not to see it.

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PARISH UPDATE

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<u>At St. Paul's</u> we will redesign the church courtyard to meet new standards of accessibility; repave our parking areas and repair catch basins and build a small addition to store tools. <u>At Immaculate Conception</u> we will replace the carpeting in the sanctuary and remove the step in the sacristy for safety and

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LECTIO DIVINA with Cardinal Collins Sunday, June 5 at 7p.m. at St. Mary's, Barrie

As a result of the extensive renovations underway at St. Michael's Cathedral, Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins will travel throughout the archdiocese in 2016. On Sunday, June 5, it will be hosted at St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia St., Barrie. We hope you will be able to join Cardinal Collins and our faith community.

Lectio Divina (divine, or sacred, readings) is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years. This form of prayer involves three distinct stages: a) reading a short scripture passage b) reflecting on the passage and c) a short period of silence. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. All are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for this special evening of prayer. Lectio Divina is recorded by Salt & Light Catholic Media for future broadcast.

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