

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

As the Church returns to her Season of Ordinary Time we hear in our Gospel how Jesus returned home with His disciples. It was not a quiet and relaxing return for our Lord rather there was a crowd waiting for Him. It was so busy that Jesus was not able to find time to eat. When His family members heard of this, “they set out to seize Him, for they said, He is out of His mind.” Not exactly a warm welcome from the family. The religious leaders of Jesus’ time said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul, and By the prince of demons he drives out demons.”

The statement reminds us of when Moses was in the desert with the Israelites and they called God a liar saying that He did not lead them out of Egypt to save them but rather He brought them into the desert to die.

Calling Jesus a demon and denying that He is God and denying that He alone has the power to save us are blasphemies against the Holy Spirit. They are the deadliest of all sins because they cut us off from the forgiveness and mercy of our God. They are likened to Judas’ sin of despair when he hung himself after betraying our Lord.

The crowd said to Jesus, that His Mother and family were outside asking for Him. Jesus said to them, “Who are my mother and my brothers? ...For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The religious leaders of Jesus’ time rejected Him by calling Him a demon. His family members thought that He was crazy. The culture that we live in often distorts the truth and see the Good News of the Gospel that frees us from sin as evil. Sometimes our own family members think that what we believe and what we practice as Catholics is crazy. Our Gospel this weekend gives us courage to go forward in our faith because they thought these things of our Lord and He promises us a share in His family if we remain faithful and do the will of the Father.

Parish Life:

This past Sunday, Corpus Christi, was a wonderful and grace filled day of celebration for the parish. We had our first Eucharistic Procession through the grounds of the parish with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the pavilion. There was a fantastic lunch for everyone with lots of desserts. I want to thank all the parishioners who helped out by setting up and providing dishes of food and desserts for the day. Our youth group, Catholic Teens also celebrated Corpus Christi with an evening of fishing, barbeque, and campfire. We had over 20 teens in attendance. A special thanks to our Knights of Columbus members for helping out with the barbeque and fishing.

Don’t miss out on our popular Catholic Summer Camp with 5-days of fun including a moon bounce and water day.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us,

Father Ed,

Pastor