

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Seventeenth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year B, 28 July, 2024

Embracing the communities of
Cherbourg, Goomeri, Murgon,
Proston and Wondai



Unity in Diversity ... being one in Christ through Baptism!

Father Mike Schmitz Preaches Repentance at National Eucharistic Congress:

The remedy for indifference is love'

Father Mike Schmitz used a word that one doesn't hear very often these days. He called on the Catholics gathered in Indianapolis to repent.

If this is going to be a Revival, here's the reality: In the history of Christianity, you can never have a revival without repentance.

Father Schmitz told the conference that believing in the doctrine of the Real Presence that teaches that the Eucharist is Jesus is not enough.

Comparing Catholics today to the people of Jerusalem to whom the prophet Jeremiah preached about the need to repent, Father Schmitz said the problem is not that we don't know about the Eucharist, it's that we are indifferent to it.

"Too often, Catholics are like the people Jeremiah was speaking to. ... We say, 'We have the Real Presence; we have the Real Presence; we have the Real Presence,' but our hearts are far from him. We know – we just don't care."

"If the remedy for ignorance is to get knowledge, and the road to knowledge is truth, the remedy for indifference is love, and the road to love is repentance."

Father Schmitz told the crowd that belief in the Real Presence of Jesus is "not the point of the Mass".



"This whole conference, we're talking about the Real Presence of Jesus. Amen. Yes, Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in every Eucharist, in every Mass, in every tabernacle around the world."

"Is the point of the Mass the presence of Jesus? No. It's the presence of Jesus that makes the point possible. I want to say that again: The presence of Jesus is not the point of the Mass."

"The Real Presence makes the sacrifice possible. We fall into a big trap when we say, 'Oh, no, the point is that you're here.' Or, 'The point is I get to receive you.' Those are amazing things. But what saves us is the sacrifice of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus to the Father in humble obedience."

He called on the assembled to repent – of large sins and "those small things that we settle for." Both, he said, can "snuff out" the flame of our love for Jesus.

Everyone, he said, should ask themselves: "If I've lost the fire of my love for the Lord, my first love, the first fire, what are the fire extinguishers in my life?"

"I can't expect to take the fire of this weekend and bring it back to my home if I'm trying to cram it

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Sunday Mass Times

Murgon

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Sunday	8.00am

Wondai

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Saturday	5.00pm

Proston

every	Saturday	9.00am
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Goomeri

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Sunday	6.00pm

Gayndah

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays	10.30am
every	2nd, 4th Sundays	9.00am

Cherbourg

WEEK	DAY	TIME
5	Sunday	4.30pm

Weekday Mass Times

12 noon, Wednesday, Gayndah
5.00pm, Wednesday, Wondai
9.00am, 2nd, 4th Thursdays, School/Parish Mass, Murgon
9.00am, 1st, 3rd Thursdays, Castra

Holy Hour for Peace

Wondai, 4.00pm to 5.00pm, Wednesday, before Mass

Today's readings

Kings 4: 42-44; Ephesians 4: 1-6; John 6: 1-15

Response:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

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into the life I just left. Something has to change. Someone has to redecorate my home. We have to do some remodeling. That's the plan. Tonight, be able to make some of those decisions. What are the fire extinguishers I know I'm returning to when I go back home? It's time to remodel because I cannot fit the fire of God's love ... in the life I left behind."



LOVE YOUR PRIESTS

According to recent studies... a great number of priests quit each year. They don't quit because they have a lack of faith in God. They don't quit because they don't believe in the calling God has placed on their life. Most don't even quit because of financial reasons.

Priests quit because they are overwhelmed with mental exhaustion. Until you're a priest you'll never fully understand what it's like to carry spiritual burdens for people.

Your mind is continually occupied with the presentation of the upcoming Sunday message – how to preach it, what to teach on, how do we apply it? Getting critiqued on a continual basis.

Being told you need to do better or that some areas of the church simply need to be better.

Priests invest their whole life into people and yet people will turn their backs on their pastor at the first sign of a storm, usually without a conversation, and even unsigned complaints. Priests stand in the middle of disputes.

Priests stand in the middle of gossip. Priests council broken marriages. Priests comfort those who have suffered loss.

Priests navigate the waters of imperfect people with a desire to see each one thrive in their faith. They long for spiritual breakthroughs. Your priest craves the very best for you. All of this, while trying to battle their own flesh and grow in their own relationship with God.

Priests see the posts.
Priests hear the whispers.
Priests endure the negativity.
Priests are continually caring for the sheep while fending off the wolves.
Priest pour out and pour out – rarely being poured into.

What keeps a priest going? YOU!

You – the person who is genuinely hungry.

You – the person who worships with passion and freedom.

You – the teenager who is striving to be a follower of Jesus.

You – the single mom who understands the beauty of the hope found in Christ.

You – the one who walks through the door for the first time because you're in search of peace, hope, and community.

Pray for your priest.
Serve with your priest.
Talk with your priest.
Encourage your priest.
They are human.
They need You more than you think.

Cavanis Fathers, Philippines



"Love one another
as I have loved you."



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We pray for those who are sick:
Orlando Dyrity; Wendy Heidemann;
David McIntosh.

(Novena continuing on from last week's parish bulletin)

The Surrender Novena:

Let Jesus take care of everything

Day 8 – Close your eyes and let yourself be carried away on the flowing current of my grace; close your eyes and do not think of the present, turning your thoughts away from the future just as you would from temptation. Repose in me, believing in my goodness, and I promise you by my love that if you say, "You take care of it," I will take care of it all; I will console you, liberate you and guide you.

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything! (10 times)

Day 9 – Pray always in readiness to surrender, and you will receive from it great peace and great rewards, even when I confer on you the grace of immolation, of repentance, and of love. Then what does suffering matter? It seems impossible to you? Close your eyes and say with all your soul, "Jesus, you take care of it." Do not be afraid, I will take care of things and you will bless my name by humbling yourself. A thousand prayers cannot equal one single act of surrender, remember this well. There is no novena more effective than this.

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything! (10 times)

*Mother, I am yours now and forever.
Through you and with you
I always want to belong
completely to Jesus*