

FAITH AND THE JUBILEE YEAR

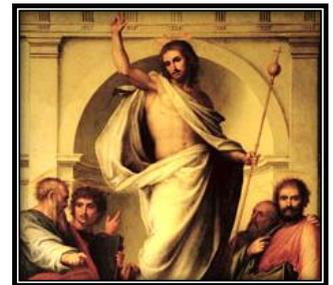
✠ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR ✠

Pope Francis, the Pastor of the Universal Church, has asked that the upcoming *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* (8 December 2015 – 20 November 2016) “be linked, first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy.” With those intentions in mind, I am happy to announce that during the Jubilee, in addition to our regular Mass-schedule, **the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on the First Sunday of the Month (First Sunday Works of Mercy) at 5:00 P.M.** Furthermore, the opportunity to confess sins with a contrite heart and a firm purpose of amendment will not only be available every Saturday from 1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. and by appointment as it currently is, but **an additional hour of mercy will be offered for Confession every Friday from 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.** It is my hope that many will *come home* for these Sacraments and in the words of Pope Francis: “obtain the true and generous forgiveness of the Father Who renews all with His Presence.”



The *Real Presence* of God we know as Catholics, *remains with us always, even until the end of the age* (cf. Saint Matthew XXVIII:20). That is why during the Holy Season of Lent, on Holy Thursday, members of various groups associated with Our Holy Redeemer, after celebrating *the Mass of the Lord's Supper*, spend one hour with Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament until He is “taken away” from us at Midnight. That hour is what He looked for from Saints Peter, John, and James when after the Last Supper, He took them into the Garden of Gethsemane. It is an hour that invites us to *watch and pray* (cf. Saint Luke XXII).

As the Pastor of this local church in Freeport, I am asking you to **please make a commitment to “spend one hour with Him”** outside of Mass every week by coming to our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. “Your commitment to your Perpetual Adoration Chapel” (wrote Bishop Murphy on 6 January 2003 in commemoration of our Parish’s one hundredth anniversary) “is a testimony to the belief that all your activities as a parish flow from your life of prayer.” So it was in 2003; so it is now in 2015; and so it will be during the upcoming Jubilee Year (8 December 2015 – 20 November 2016) and beyond!



Please use today’s bulletin to select “a day of the week” and “a time of the day” when you can *come home* to “watch and pray” with Our Holy Redeemer in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. It is my hope to have at least three people watching and praying **every hour of the day; every day of the week, throughout the Holy Year** (8 December 2015 – 20 November 2016). With your one hour in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, and our additional hours of Confessional Mercy and Holy Mass, together we will help – in the words of Pope Francis – “enable the celebration of the Holy Year to be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God ... a living experience of the closeness of the Father ... a genuine experience of God’s mercy.”

In Union with Mary, Our Mother of Mercy,

Father Arcoleo

MY TIME WITH HIM IN THE PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Yes, I will “spend one hour with Him” in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. I have indicated below when I commit myself to “watch and pray”.

PLEASE CIRCLE A DAY OF THE WEEK

Sunday ✕ Monday ✕ Tuesday ✕ Wednesday ✕ Thursday ✕ Friday ✕ Saturday

PLEASE CIRCLE A TIME OF THE DAY

12:00 Midnight – 1:00 A.M.

1:00 A.M. – 2:00 A.M.

2:00 A.M. – 3:00 A.M.

3:00 A.M. – 4:00 A.M.

4:00 A.M. – 5:00 A.M.

5:00 A.M. – 6:00 A.M.

6:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M.

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

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11:00 P.M. – 12:00 Midnight



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Live from ... Freeport, it's the Pastor! "Turned on and Tuned in to What Makes a Nation Great"



On Saturday, 7 November 2015, millions of people *turned on* their televisions and *tuned in* to the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) for its weekly presentation of *Saturday Night Live (SNL)*. There is nothing necessarily unusual about that occurrence. In fact, it has taken place every Saturday night from October to May for the past forty years. What made this week's airing of *SNL* so "attractive" was its guest host: Mr. Donald Trump, whose presence in Studio 8H drew more attention than did the issues of his political campaign; issues which really aren't a laughing matter.

Yours truly didn't tune in to SNL on 7 November 2015. "Been there, done that" as the saying goes. However, since "the Donald" is in the spotlight, it is fitting that a Pastor make mention of the event; especially when he considers that members of the flock entrusted to his care probably did *turn on* the television and *tune in* to the program.

Prior to his entry into the race for the Republican Committee nomination for President of the United States of America, Donald Trump was most associated (in certain circles) with gambling casinos in Atlantic City, New Jersey; a television program called *The Apprentice* on NBC, or a golf course in Ferry Point, New York. But now, because of his use (or abuse) of "Freedom of Speech", his name has become associated with Mexico and China, O'Donnell and Kelley, Weiner and Ramos, and "Live from New York ..."

For the purposes of this *Message from the Pastor*, the name "Donald Trump" surfaces because, whether you agree or not with what Mr. Trump has to say (and perhaps just disagree with the way he says it), whether you are a member of the Republican Party or not, anyone and everyone who considers themselves an "American" cannot help but agree with his slogan: *Make America Great Again!* And he says "again" because the America that we are living in today (*the America where the Bible is on the forbidden book list in Public Schools and teachers are forbidden to teach from it. The America where Christmas can be celebrated only if you take Christ out of Christmas. The America where more attention is given to saving the planet than to saving the unborn child. The America where God is taken out of the Pledge of Allegiance.*) is an America that is "foreign" to the one nation, under God, that our Founding Fathers broke from Great Britain to establish with liberty and justice for all!

It is by "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world" as did our Founding Fathers to make America, that *we the people* can make America great again! In other words: *turn on* the prayer and *tune in* to God!

