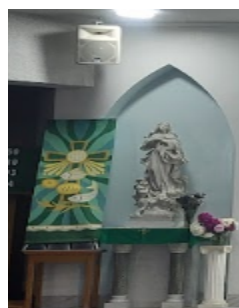


**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**09/22/2024**

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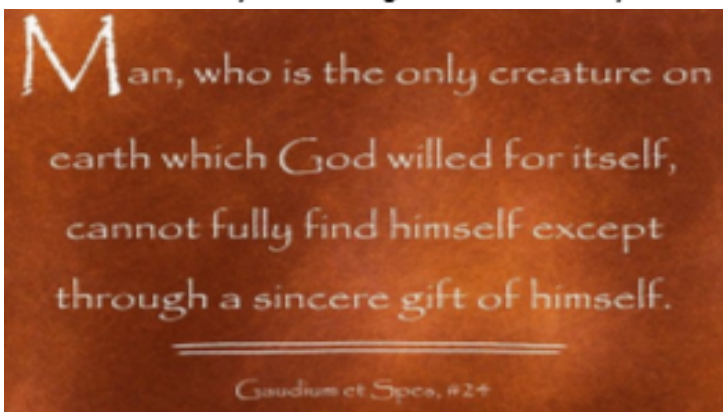
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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of Presentation of Our Lady Catholic church, are inspired by the holy spirit to live out Christ's commandments by showing love to ALL people, though the gifts God has given each of us. We commit ourselves to the virtues of faith, hope and love by worshipping God, in word and sacrament. Strengthened by God the Father, we shall strive to live out the Gospel in serving the needs of our parish faith family and the global community.



**Saturday Mass**

**4:30 pm (English)**

**Sunday Masses**

**8:30 am (English)**

**10:30 am (Bilingual)**

**12:00 pm (Spanish)**

**5:00 p.m. (Spanish)**

**Weekday Masses**

**8:00am**

**Tuesday**

**8:30 am**

**SACRAMENTAL  
EMERGENCIES**

Anointing of the sick

Last Rites

Please call

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**The Natural Foundation of the Liturgy (I):  
The Social and Public Nature of Religion**  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 22<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The religious life of the human person and the liturgy itself have natural foundations. Last Sunday's meditation presented the most intimate and profound foundation of the Christian Liturgy. Nonetheless, a theological saying could enlighten the path of our reflection by pointing out the importance of also reflecting on the natural foundation of the liturgy. The maxim states that grace does not destroy nature but presupposes, assumes, heals, and perfects it. Therefore, what is supernatural in the Christian Liturgy builds upon nature.

Explaining the natural foundations of the liturgy requires the presentation of the virtue of religion. However, understanding religion as a natural human virtue can sound strange to the contemporary reader imbued in the modern mentality. Religion is not only a Christian virtue infused by God in the soul of the person in the state of grace, it is also a human virtue, a part of justice, and, therefore, a part of what we traditionally call the *cardinal virtues*.

The modern mentality tends to consider religion as some private superstition, rooted in a medieval mindset, in which people used the idea of God to explain what they could not understand and to try to control phenomena beyond the capacity for the dominion of nature and the satisfaction of human needs, provided by the technical means of that age. In reality, that explanation is more a fairy tale than anything. It presupposes that we are now able to decipher all the mysteries of the universe and are capable of controlling nature and providing all human needs with our contemporary science and technology. Modern and contemporary philosophies aim to convince us that we do not need God anymore because we have acquired a stage of maturity as autonomous people. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The foundation for the historical fact that the great majority of the members of humanity have practiced some religion is not ignorance and fear but firstly, God's desire for His intellectual creatures to be collaborators of the Divine Governance of the universe and, secondly, the spirituality of those creatures and their power of understanding. Religion is not a private superstition but something constitutive of the human condition. Moreover, the liturgies by which men and women of all times have addressed God to ask for His help have always had a fascinating public nature. People have prayed to God, not only in private as individuals, but also in public as members of a community.

The idea that a God has created the universe like a watchmaker, and after assembling the parts and giving the first movement abandons his creation, is highly inaccurate. That account is manufactured to kick God out of the human world. Such a conception enormously distorts the vision of a providential God, Who being transcendent from creation, is at the same time intimately close to His creatures, cares about them, and governs them. Moreover, God cares for and governs the human person in a particular manner. The Second Vatican Council beautifully states that man "is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself" (*Gaudium et spes*, 24). God has made the rest of the visible universe for human persons.

The key to the natural order of things that man cannot establish, but only discover and contemplate, resides in the ordination of all things to the glorification of God in different ways, according to the different natures of created things. Within that order, the visible world is subordinated to spiritual beings, both angels and men.

Thus, material creatures are very important and naturally mediate in the relationship between God and human persons. From this perspective, the visible universe is a gift from God for us. Moreover, those creatures have a place in the contemplative intellectual life of men. God uses the universe to teach us. This is a lesson we can learn from the

reading of the first pages of the book of Genesis in the Bible. God created Adam and took him on a tour to the zoo to teach him important things.

It is important to be conscious that the human person can know God with the natural light of his intelligence. However, the knowledge of God that man can naturally acquire is not by some infallible intuition. We are not angels. Men can know God through reasoning that begins with the knowledge of the visible universe. The human mind is naturally directed to grasp the essence of material things. Nonetheless, the discovery and contemplation of the beauty of creatures leads the human intellect to the knowledge of the source of that beauty, that is, the Divine Artist.

Moreover, material things also have a practical value in human life. Insisting once again on the fact that we are not angels, human people need material things to provide for material needs. Man is called to humanize the world through technical means so that all peoples on earth can satisfy those material needs. More importantly, the humanization of the world should primarily aim to honor and glorify God, Who has created the human person in His image and likeness to the point that material things are entrusted to him so that he collaborates with God in the perfection of the universe. Hence, God wants men to cooperate with Him in the stewardship of Creation.

This little reflection situates the religious dimension of human nature in its proper place. In light of the discovery of God as Creator and Governor of the universe Who calls men to collaborate with Him, it is obvious that an answer to those gifts is due on the part of men. Human persons should glorify and thank God for His astonishing goodness as the giver of being and life. Besides, since God wants to have man as a collaborator, they must address God to ask for His help. It pertains to the natural order that men, both individually and communally, present to God their situation of indigence so that God can publicly show His goodness by granting people gifts they do not deserve or earn. Within this context, the acts of human religion are understood more clearly. For the moment, let us acknowledge the goodness of God the Creator, Who has held us worthy to cooperate with Him in His creative work freely.

**Presentation of Our Lady Church**

**Weekend of Sept. 14,  
& Sept. 15, 2024**  
**Offertory**

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.  
2 Corinthians 8:12

**4:30 Mass Regular Collection \$ 412.3900**  
**4:30 Mass Second Collection \$ 31.00**

**8:30 Mass Regular Collection \$ 539.00**  
**8:30 Mass Second Collection \$ 91.07**

**10:30 Mass Regular Collection \$ 356.00**  
**10:30 Mass Second Collection \$ 157.23**

**12:00 Mass Regular Collection \$ 756.00**  
**12:00 Mass Second Collection \$ 209.00**

**5:00pm Mass Regular Collection \$ 243.00**  
**5:00pm Mass Second Collection \$ 35.00**

**Regular Collection Total: \$ 2,306.39**  
**Second Collection Total: \$ 523.30**

**Candles Total: \$ 192.00**  
**Special Needs Total: \$ 366.00**  
**Food sale Total: \$ 265.00**



**Mass Intentions**

Day	Date	Time		Offered by
Sat.	Sept. 21	4:30 p.m.	† Delfine Martinez & Paula Martinez	Martinez Family
Sun.	Sept. 22	8:30 a.m.		
		10:30 a.m.		
		12:00 a.m. Spanish	For all our parishioners living and † deceased	The Parish
		5:00 p.m. Spanish		
Mon.	Sept. 23	8:00 a.m.		
Tues.	Sept. 24	8:30 a.m.		
Wed.	Sept. 25	8:00a.m		
Thur.	Sept. 26	8:00 a.m		
Fri.	Sept. 27	8:00 a.m.	† Filomena Marroquin Tobar	Max Lopez
Sat.	Sept. 28	4:30 p.m.		



**DANZA EMMANUEL!!**

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**SORROWFUL ROSARY**

Let us pray for world peace.

**PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY CHURCH**

**GRUPO DE ORACION CORAZONES UNIDOS**

No faltes Jesus y Maria te esperan para llenarte de su amor.

**CADA MIERCOLES EL SANTO ROSARIO, ALABANZA, TEMA BIBLICO, ORACION.**

**7:00 pm a 9:00 pm**



