

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 2016

The Story and You Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The sidewalks in our neighborhood are terrible. I've tripped on the cracks so many times that every time I kneel I suspect I have some permanently broken bones from falling on them so many times.

That's probably why that little sentence at the end of the letter to the Hebrews caught my attention: *Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.* Oh, for a straight path down our street! Chastened by experience, I walk with my head down, watching out for the gaps that are waiting to send me flying.

There's a metaphor there, I think. The author has been making a case for suffering, suggesting that pain is God's gentle correction, a loving parent's way of setting us back on the straight and narrow. Wounded—but not fatally—we are now encouraged to make a new path in life, a new way of walking through doubt, boredom, chronic pain, and the many temptations that try to trip us up.

There are many sidewalks. Some of them are sparkling new, but you have to make the effort to find them. Their names are *Release from bitterness. Gratitude. Acceptance. Embrace of Jesus.* Others are easy to find, in fact you may have been walking them for years. Their names are *Inertia. Cynicism. More interest in your iPad than in your children.* (And, young readers, *more interest in your phone than in your parents!*)

Make a new path. Don't let the old wounds fester. Step away from the habits that have carved the ruts in your life that keep tripping you and hurting you. Today's a perfect day for a nice walk.

How are you working on new way of walking?

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La Historia y Usted: Vigésimo-Primer Domingo De Tiempo Ordinario

Las aceras de nuestro vecindario son terribles. He tropezado tantas veces en las grietas que cada vez que me arrodillo sospecho que tengo huesos permanentemente rotos de caerme sobre ellos tantas veces.

Probablemente esa fue la razón por la cual me llamó tanto la atención esa última oración en la

terminación de la carta a los Hebreos: *robusteced las rodillas vacilantes, y caminad por una senda llana: así el pie cojo, en vez de retorcerse, se curará.* ¡Oh, como me gustaría una senda recta en mi calle! Castigada por la experiencia, camino con la cabeza baja, cuidándome de las grietas que esperan para mandarme volando por los aires. Aquí hay una metáfora, yo creo. El autor ha estado justificando el sufrimiento, sugiriendo que el dolor es la corrección gentil de Dios, una manera en que un padre amoroso nos vuelve al camino recto y estrecho. Lastimados, pero no fatalmente, ahora se nos anima a que forjemos un camino nuevo en la vida, una manera nueva de caminar a través de la duda, el aburrimiento, el dolor crónico, y las muchas tentaciones que intentan hacernos tropezar. Existen muchas aceras. Algunas están brillantes de nuevas, pero tu deberás hacer el esfuerzo para encontrarlas. Sus nombres son *liberarse de la amargura. Gratitude. Aceptación. Acoger a Jesús.* Otras son fáciles de encontrar, de hecho tu puedes haber estado caminando sobre ellas por años. Sus nombres son inercia. Cinismo. Mas interés en tu iPad que en tus hijos. (y, lectores jóvenes, mas interés en tu teléfono que en tus padres!)

Construye una nueva senda. No permitas que las viejas heridas se infesten. Aléjate de los hábitos que han tallado los surcos en tu vida que continúan tropezándote e hiriéndote. Hoy es un día perfecto para tomar una linda caminata.

¿Cómo estas trabajando en inventar una nueva forma de caminar

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*******NEWS FLASH !!!** The Annual Saint Rose of Lima Church picnic is on the north lawn this Sunday. Join us!

Community Ministry needs—**Canned Vegetables** for the month of August. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION

Don't forget to register your child for Faith Formation classes this fall! We are currently accepting registrations for all students in grades K-8. Registration is \$50 per student for Sunday classes, and \$35 additional for sacramental preparation, either Confirmation or First Eucharist. Make checks payable to St Rose of Lima, or you may pay online by going to the website at www.srldenver.org and clicking on the DONATE button. If your child will be preparing for sacraments this year, please be sure to provide a copy of his/her baptismal certificate. No student will be able to begin preparation until we receive their baptism record! **Registration deadline** for classes is September 4, 2016. NOTE: Classes for middle school (grades 6-8) will be offered on Wednesday evenings this year from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Sunday Classes for Grades K-5 begin on Sunday, September 18 at 10:15 am. Middle School classes (primarily Confirmation) begin on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm. In addition, we are offering an **Orientation Session on Sunday, September 11 at 10:15 am**. This session will introduce you to our team of catechists, as well as explain our policies and procedures regarding Faith Formation. For families who will be preparing for ANY sacrament this year, this will also be the opportunity to hear about procedures and guidelines for Sacramental Preparation. There will not be another meeting on this topic, only parent meetings specific to each sacrament, so please **Mark Your Calendars** and make plans to attend!

FIRST COMMUNION

If you have a student who has been in preparation for First Eucharist, please remember to call Laurie at the parish office to schedule a brief interview prior to scheduling a date for 1st

Communion. 1st Communion can be celebrated at any of the weekend Masses at your convenience, but please select a couple of dates since there are a number of families who will be scheduling Baptisms and First Communions.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process enables adults to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) or guide adults who wish to convert to Catholicism from another faith tradition. More importantly, this faith formation process guides adults on a journey that encourages a relationship with the risen Lord. If you or someone you know would like to learn more, please contact Laurie at the parish office to schedule an appointment. Our first session is on Wednesday, August 31 at 7:00 pm, so register soon!

FIRST COMMUNION/BAPTISM

Please pray for the following individuals who are being received into our family of faith through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend:

BAPTISM

**Joaquin Martinez
Zandayah Aguilera**

Congratulations on this very important milestone of your faith journey!

Readings for the week of August 21, 2016

Sunday Is 66: 18-21//Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13//Lk 13: 22-30

Monday 2 Thes 1: 1-5, 11-12//Mt 23: 13-22

Tuesday 2 Thes 2: 1-3a, 14-17 //Mt 23: 23-26

Wednesday Rv 21: 9b-14//Jn 1: 45-51

Thursday 1 Cor 1: 1-9//Mt 24: 42-51

Friday 1 Cor 1: 17-25//Mt 25: 1-13

Saturday 1 Cor 1: 26-31//Mt 25: 14-30

IMPORTANT—Don't Forget! The last day to register for Religious Education classes is September 4!

Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 20
4:00 pm	+Laurie Sechrist by Family
Sunday	August 21
9am	+Lupe Bernal by Family
11:30am	People of the Parish
Monday	August 22
8:30am	Communion service
Tuesday	August 23
8:15am	+George West by Family
Wednesday	August 24
8:30am	+Roman Chavez by Martinez Family
Thursday	August 25
8:30am	+Raymond Cordova by Family
Friday	August 26
8:30am	+Clenda Garcia by family
	+Justin Archuleta
	by Andy & Anita Archuleta
Saturday	August 27
4pm	+Carolyn Baise-Cox by Family
Sunday	August 28
9am	+Rev. Robert Heyn
	+Sister Rosella Heyn
11:30am	People of the Parish

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

Lianna Colmenero, Jesús Rubio, Sr. Helen Kunz, Ed Viera, Whitney Cordova, Charles Onofrio, Ruth Ann Deering, Bionne Solano, Alex Gallegos, Miguel Pino, Gloria Jones, Cora Gallegos, Kevin Archuleta-Peterson, Pattito Saenz, Ana Victoria, Martha Hoover, Jim Peña, Felix Maes, Isabel Guzman, Raymundo Pimentel, Deacon Jerry Kotas, Phyllis Ortega, Holly Stolley, Jack Pepler, Regan Capps, Fernando Pimentel, Gretchen Testerman, Orlando Garcia, Jana Purdy

RAD retreat—thinking about the priesthood? Join others discerning on Sunday, September 25, 9am—4pm.

Register at www.DenverSeminary.org

FLOCKNOTE launch this weekend!
Make sure to have your cell phone ready!

The Saint Kateri Native American Community at St Bernadette is hosting its annual Community Celebration. There will be Native American Music, Dance and Food. Join them NEXT Sunday at St Bernadette Parish, from 10am to 4pm, for Drum & Dance exhibitions, Arts & Crafts (many for sale), and Indian tacos frybread. For information, call Margaret at 720.261.0297.

JOIN THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY for their first meeting of the 2016-2017 year. The meeting is held in the Rose Room at 6:30pm on Thursday, September 1. The meeting is as follows: rosary recitation, light refreshments, and planning for the upcoming year. Every woman of the parish is invited to come and be a part of this organization and their important work for the parish.

Community Ministry Food Bank is sponsoring a fundraiser at The Kitchen Next Door at 658 S Colorado Boulevard on Monday, August 29 from 5pm to 9pm. Join them for this important event.

