
WEEKLY NEWS

✠ The 26th Sunday after Pentecost ✠

On Sundays

Low Mass is offered at 8 a.m. at Lady Altar after which silence is kept in S John's Chapel for **Centering Prayer**. At 10 o'clock we pray the **Rosary. Terce** is recited at 10.30 followed by **Solemn or Sung Mass** at 11 and **Coffee Hour** just after Mass in the Parish Hall. When scheduled, the **Sunday Forum** is then held in the adjacent Yarnall Room. **Vespers** is chanted in Latin at 3 p.m. in the church followed by the **Novena** to Our Lady of Clemency and **Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament.

Weekdays

Daily Mass is offered Monday through Friday at 12.10 p.m. (10 a.m. on Saturdays and holidays). **Vespers** is recited in the Church at 5.30 p.m. Monday through Friday and at 3 p.m. on Saturdays followed by **Shrine Prayers** to Our Lady of Clemency.

Service booklets for all services are published and available on the Usher's tables and at www.s-clements.org.

ROOTED IN LOVE, GROUNDED IN LITURGY

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Last week during a brief visit to the Free Library, I came upon a book about Servant of God Dorothy Day which had an entire chapter devoted to her associations with Benedictine communities particularly Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota and Saint Procopius Abbey in Lisle, Illinois where she became an Oblate in 1955. While Day was best-known for her active ministry to the poor in the Catholic Worker Movement and her brave acts of civil disobedience as a Christian pacifist, I am struck by the extent to which her life was rooted in liturgical practice and prayer, holy mass and the divine office. She writes: "My special love for St. Procopius is because its special function is to pray for the reunion of Rome and the Eastern Church. The monks can offer Mass in the Eastern or Roman rite and when Fr. Chrysostom [Tarasevitch] came to give us retreats at Maryfarm, we sang the liturgy of St. John Chrysostom."

Like many Clementines, and to the surprise of some, Dorothy Day would now be styled (and perhaps derided as) a traditionalist. In an affectionate letter to her friend Fr. Dan Berrigan, S.J. (December 1972), she wrote: "I believe in the Sacraments. I believe Grace is conferred through the Sacraments. I believe the priest is empowered to forgive sins. Grace is defined as 'participation in the divine life,' so little by little we are putting off the old man and putting on the new. Actually, 'putting on Christ.'"

Recalling the breviary psalms for Thursdays, Day wrote in her journal: "Today is Thursday and I began thinking this morning how the psalms this day in the old breviary reflect such tremendous joy. Thursday is, after all, the night the Eucharist was celebrated on Holy Thursday, when Christ washed the feet of His Apostles and gave them the bread and wine which was to be their

About today's Mass

The works of God follow supernatural laws which often upset our human calculations.

St. Paul points this out to the Thessalonians, emphasizing the success that the preaching of the Gospel has encountered among them. Despite difficulties of all sorts they were converted in great numbers and the ardour of their faith is everywhere quoted as an example; the Holy Spirit was visibly at work. The parables of the grain of mustard seed and of the leaven express the same thought. The word of God, brought into the world by Christ and spread abroad by the Church, acts like the leaven in the dough or the seed in the earth; received by souls ready for it, it contains within itself an astounding power of transformation.

This contrast between difficult human situations and surprising spiritual results is one of the marks of divine action, both in the Church and in the personal life of Christians.

-- Dom Gaspar Lefebvre, O. S. B.

strength and nourishment. All the Thursday psalms are psalms of rejoicing."

Whether its with prayerbook or breviary offices, the idea of the psalms characterizing a day of the month or week demonstrates just how the liturgy weaves the Living Word of God into our lives by reverent, deliberately repetitive recitation. Some might ask "Just what are we *doing* when we pray like this? Perhaps everything, one day at a time.

Yours faithfully,
Fr. Alton

P. S. The monks at Saint Procopius invite you to join them in offering this prayer for Dorothy Day's cause for canonization.

O GOD, may the Church recognize the holiness of Dorothy Day, Servant of God and Benedictine Oblate of St. Procopius Abbey, especially in her dedication to the liturgy, her desire for the justice of God's Kingdom, and her devotion to the poor as persons in whom Christ is welcomed. *Amen.*



Servant of God Dorothy Day, Oblate .O.S.B.
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