

Be Worthy of the Trust Given You

This marble statue by the baroque sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini commemorates the life of Pope Alexander VII. It sits above the *porta della preghiera*—the side door of St. Peter’s Basilica—and it shows the Pope kneeling in prayer. The Pope was known to prayerfully reflect on his death, and supported many beautification projects in Rome.

Civil or religious authority should be a service. Public authority is conferred upon a person by election or appointment in order to promote the common good. Far from a career of self-aggrandizement, it’s a call to place the good of others before one’s own.

When speaking of this, Jesus places the emphasis on trustworthiness. Those delegated authority are there to serve and to honor the confidence given them. That’s why financial or political corruption is so grievous. People who first win the trust of others only to misuse it by taking advantage of them violate their mandate. And when trust is lost in public life and personal relationships, life becomes a walk through a valley of fear where we are governed by self-preservation. Truly then, we become what the Latins wrote: “Man is a wolf to man.”

So be worthy of the trust your family, clients, and others place in you. Be worthy of the confidence God has bestowed with all the talents he has given to use for the good of others. Make your life a responsible gift to others and rejoice in their flourishing more than your own!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Am I a trustworthy servant with the authority and gifts I have received?

Do I look more for my own progress and protection, or that of others?



Piece: Tomb of Pope Alexander VII, 1671-78
 Artist: Gian Lorenzo Bernini
 Location: St. Peter’s Basilica

[Jesus said,] “The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.”

Luke 16:10

Assumption of Our Lady



September 22, 2019

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25th Sunday Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year C

Hay River, NT

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Sept. 08	Bea Lepine Doris Coudron	Darm Crook Andrew Cassidy	Liz Buckley & Family	Susan Bouchard Tony Whittle Marie Kopp-Van E.	Julie Bordey Kelly Lizardo
Sept. 15	Gerry Engen Jason Morrissey	Deedee Lepine Darm Crook	Whittle Family	Andrew Cassidy Bea Lepine Doris Coudron	Sheila, Debbie W. Lennie R.
Sept. 22	Deedee Lepine Bea Lepine	Darm Crook Gerry Engen	Steinward Family	Dee Lepine Susan Bouchard Tony Whittle	Reggie W. Dee dee Lepine
Sept. 29	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Doris Coudron Marie Kopp-Van E. Andrew Cassidy	Ligaya M. Alane Erlinda B. Yolly S.
Oct. 06	Sancie Gostick Andrew Cassidy	Deedee Lepine Tony Whittle	Gagnon Family	Dee dee Lepine Susan Bouchard Bea Lepine	Parinas Sisters

The Announcement for the 25th Sunday in the ordinary time; September 22nd, 2019.

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- You are invited to join us in our 3rd annual Public Rosary Walk on Saturday, October 12th. This event commemorates the 102nd Anniversary of the Miracle of Fatima. This is when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three young children. Registration begins at 11:30 am at the Our Lady of Assumption Church foyer, and the walk begins at 12 noon. Please bring your own rosary if you have one. For further information please contact Darm Crook at 874 2829 or Susan Enge at 1 867 445 7930.

----- We continue to express our sincere gratitude to Chuck Lirette for sacrificing not only his time and energy but also his resources in cleaning our church and its surroundings this summer. Most of the trees and bushes at the back of the church and around the garage that pose potential risk, were cut and cleared. We remain grateful to him and asked God to bless him.

----- Some of our parishioners are expressing surprise that our church building is yet to be re-roofed in spite of the promises last years. The fact is that we underestimated the processes involve in such projects. A lot of logistics needed to be completed before the work can commence. We're glad to announce that those logistics have been taken care of, thanks to the dogged efforts of Tony Whittle, Eddie Smith and Belinda Whitford. We're now optimistic that the work will be done by spring/summer next year.

----- Parishioners are encouraged to recite the 'Our Father prayer' in their native languages whenever it is intoned during mass; if it makes them connect more to the creator who is the Father of all

----- The CWL devotional rosary for the sick and the needy every Tuesday is still ongoing. More members are encouraged to participate and the time is 11:30am. We're also moving our Wednesday mass to 12:10 as from next week.

—The Engen children are raising money to send to an African refugee camp. Their Godfather Fr. Tony works there. They will be giving up their Thanksgiving dinner and instead eat the dinner of a refugee. They will send the money they save to Africa. The children have a table at the back of the church if you would like to send some money with them.

-----Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please.

Rachel's Corner

“Healing can begin after we admit that we cannot fix ourselves. We need to say yes to our powerlessness and stop demanding miracles on our own terms. When we demand things of God, we keep running away from where we are and, in so doing, we do not allow ourselves to be held by the only One who can heal us.” -Kathryn J. Hermes, FSP, “Surviving Depression”

Are you tired of running away from being held by the One who can heal you? It can be hard to admit we cannot do it on our own. That first step can mean everything. Allow people who have been there too and were able to yield to His merciful healing to walk with you on a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat[™]. You won’t be sorry you gave it a try.

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: Weekly Revenue		
	\$1,398.85	Collection
	\$1,398.85	Revenue Total
	\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
	-\$432.15	
Expenses are based on 2018 Q1		

Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest

Ezr 1:1–6
Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday
Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 25
Weekday
Ezr 9:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 26
Weekday
Hg 1:1–8
Lk 9:7–9

Friday
SEPTEMBER 27
St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest
Hg 2:1–9
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 28
Weekday
Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 29
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Am 6:1a, 4–7
1 Tm 6:11–16
Lk 16:19–31

Dear Padre,

Is withholding or withdrawing life support a form of euthanasia?

While it’s always morally wrong to kill an innocent person, it can sometimes be morally right to allow someone to die. This implies that it is sometimes morally wrong to allow a person to die. To withhold antibiotics from a person who has every chance of recovering and living a full life if given the medication would be morally wrong.

But there are times when we must accept that our death is inevitable and that additional medical treatment will place an excessive burden on us and



our caretakers, with little benefit. To refuse such treatment is not a form of suicide; rather it’s a decision to allow the dying process to take its natural course. The key words here are *excessive burden* and *little benefit*. When is using a ventilator too burdensome to bear and able to be withdrawn? When is the natural care of nutrition and hydration failing to do what it should? Such life-sustaining treatment or care

may be too burdensome for some but not for others.

A young person after a car accident may be left a quadriplegic and unable to breathe without a ventilator. He might consider the ventilator an extraordinary means of preserving life and want to discontinue its use. Any determination that disregards the value of this person’s life—by the patient himself or anyone else—must be avoided. Ultimately, such judgments shouldn’t be made without a careful review of Catholic moral teaching, medical and spiritual consultation, and a well-formed conscience.

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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A Word from Pope Francis

The level of progress in a society is measured by its capacity to safeguard life....Death from malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence; so is euthanasia. Loving life means always taking care of the other, wanting the best for him, cultivating and respecting her transcendent dignity.

—Address to Science and Life Association, May 30, 2015



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