

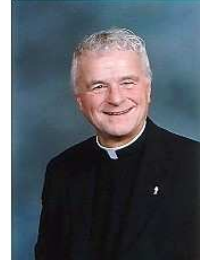
Sacred Heart of the Hills

July 15, 2007

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Jim's Gems

Sayyid Syeed is the former secretary general of the Islamic Society of North America and a member of the Midwest Dialogue of Catholics and Muslims. He speaks glowingly of the dialogue with Catholics that began under Pope John Paul II. "We were stretching out our hand, and from the other side a hand was even more firmly stretched toward us," he says. Despite recent setbacks, Syeed remains optimistic. He made the following comments regarding what the Qur'an says about violence in the U.S. Catholic magazine February 2007.



The Qur'an is a collection of the divine revelation the Prophet Muhammad received over 23 years as he created a faith community. At every step he had guidance from God about how to continue. When we read the Qur'an, we have access to the context of a verse; if we tear it out of context, we have a problem.

For example, a Muslim is not supposed to drink, produce or sell alcohol. But in the Qur'an, there are three verses about alcohol. One says that there are good things in alcohol, but the bad things outnumber the good things. The second says that you should not pray when you are drunk. The final one says that alcohol is totally prohibited.

When Muhammad was building a faith community, there were enemies who did not want this new religion to come into existence.

Historically we know the context of the three verses. With the first, Muhammad was preparing the people for a new religion. Many of them were drug addicts

and alcohol abusers, so at the first stage he tells them that there may be something good in alcohol, but there are many bad things as well. It's a mild way of warning people to avoid it, and perhaps 50 percent stopped drinking. Then the revelation came that you cannot pray when you are drunk. If you are praying five times a day, it's hard to drink and still be sober for prayer.

The final revelation makes alcohol *haram*, prohibited. We are told that when this announcement was made, there were some people who were drinking, and they had to drop it immediately. Eyewitnesses tell us that alcohol was flowing in the streets.

Violence is a similar case. When Muhammad was building a faith community, there were enemies who did

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not want this new religion to come into existence. The prophet was trying to create an agreement with them that would allow Muslims to live in peace.

In the beginning they threw him out of Mecca, where he was born and where he was preaching. The Muslim community had to go to another city, Medina, which was more open, and Muhammad established his community there. In that first stage, when they were a small minority, Muslims were told that they should show patience, that there would be suffering.

But as the community grew, it continued to face threats and attack. And so the revelation came that when your religion and your existence are under attack, you have to fight back.



Terrorists take these later verses and use them when we are living in peace, extending the use of force beyond self-defense. So even though the American army is stationed in Saudi Arabia at the invitation of Saudi Arabia to defend Saudi Arabia, the terrorists say that Christians have invaded the country.

But in Bosnia in the 1990s, for example, the Serbs, who were Christian, were butchering the Bosnian Muslims. At that time, Bosnian leaders told their people that they had a religious duty to fight back.

The problem is that when you pick up the Qur'an and you don't know the background, it can be misleading. If it were true that the Qur'an said Muslims had to kill non-Muslims, then all the world's 1.3 billion Muslims would be killing non-Muslims.

In every Muslim country there have been non-Muslim minorities. But there is not Catholic country where there was a continuous population of Muslims before the Enlightenment. Christians would not have tolerated a person of another faith. Islam, on the other hand, provided recognition for a non-Muslim minority. That's why in India, Muslims ruled for 1,000 years and yet most Indians are still Hindu. If those rulers had been religiously intolerant, they would not have allowed that.

Ponderables:

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but...you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel or Zane Grey book?

Love in Him,
Father Jim

For PEACE work for JUSTICE

Peace is not just the absence of war...Like a cathedral, peace must be constructed patiently and with unshakable faith.

- Pope John Paul II

If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner.

- Nelson Mandela

The Sacred Heart Peace & Justice committee will not meet in July or August. Please consider joining us for our September meeting, Tuesday the 11th.

Have a Blessed summer.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Johan Vaz Gracer,

son of Anusha Rayen and Joyson Gracer



FRIDAY, JULY 20th @ 7PM

in Fr. Kreft Hall

PG PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED



YAHWEH'S YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

Saturday, July 28: Canoe Trip at Heavner Canoe in Milford on Proud Lake. Cost for the trip is \$20 to cover canoe rental and food. Lunch will be served after canoeing for an hour and a-half. Bring your own drink. We'll have coolers. **RSVP no later than July 21** at ameyers@esacredheart.org or 248-330-0162. Meet at the Church Parking Lot by 10:30 a.m. Parent Drivers needed. We will return to the Church Parking Lot around 3:00.

Summer in the City Here's a great opportunity to make life a little better for people in Detroit. I have designated certain days this summer to help with service projects through "Summer in the City." We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and drive to Andover High School to find out what the project is for that day, and then head to the destination. Wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle. We will most likely be back to the church by 3:00. The dates are Wednesday, July 25 and Wednesday, August 8. **Please RSVP at least a week prior to the date so I will have enough drivers.** Check out the website SummerintheCityDetroit.org.



Christmas In July

Items for the "Christmas In July" collection may be placed in the containers in the Gathering Space at the back of the church the weekends of **July 14-15** and **July 21-22**.

Our recipients are:

Holy Redeemer School which is located near Mexicantown in SW Detroit to serve the neighborhood affected by the closing of several church services.

Trudy's Loving Care which was established on the east side to honor one of our parishioner's mothers and serves the needs of poor working mothers by providing family support services to them.

Freedom House, near St. Anne's in SW Detroit, helps refugees from Central America to establish households in Detroit.

The list of needed items was included in the July 7-8 bulletin and copies of the list are available at the collection site. Sorting and packing of items will be done after the Monday, July 23, morning Mass and all parishioners are welcome to help us sort and pack them for delivery.

God bless you for your abundant generosity!!

Christian Service Commission



ON THE ROAD TO WORLD YOUTH DAY

The teens would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to Mike Kurkowski, the Knights of Columbus and our **very** generous parishioners!! Money from the raffle, bake sale and the donations brought in \$1222.52!!! We are making great strides to our goal for the World Youth Day Fund. *"You will have the force of the Holy Spirit that will descend on you and you will be my witnesses."* This is the theme that Pope Benedict chose for World Youth Day 2008. The breath of Christian life is the Holy Spirit; the very Spirit of God dwelling within us. Our teens are the next generation to share their love of Jesus to others. We truly appreciate the support of the parish as we continue on our journey towards Sydney.

MOVIE, TELEVISION AND THEATRE RATINGS

It's summertime and blockbuster films, television specials, and touring theatrical productions are arriving almost daily. Are you confused about which of these productions are appropriate for you and your family? Then, visit the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website, where you can find the latest reviews and ratings.

Go to www.uscbb.org/movies/index.htm.

Thanks to Ralph Abad for submitting the following:

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT MY DOCTOR

He is very good. If you tell him you want a second opinion, he will go out and come in again.

He treated one woman for yellow jaundice for three years before he realized she was Chinese.

Another time he gave a patient six months to live. At the end of the six months, the patient hadn't paid his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.

While he was talking to me, his nurse came in and said, "Doctor, there is a man here who thinks he is invisible." The doctor said, "Tell him I can't see him."

Another time a man came running in the office and yelled, "Doctor, my son just swallowed a roll of film." The doctor calmly replied, "Let's just wait and see what develops."

One patient came in and said, "Doctor, I have a serious memory problem." The doctor asked, "When did it start?" The man replied, "When did what start?"


I remember one time I told my doctor I had a ringing in my ears. His advice: Don't answer it.

My doctor sure has his share of nut cases. One said to him, "Doctor, I think I'm a bell." The doctor gave him some pills and said, "Here, take these. If they don't work, give me a ring."

Another guy told the doctor that he thought he was a deck of cards. The doctor simply said, "Go sit over there. I'll deal with you later."

When I told my doctor I broke my leg in two places, he told me to stop going to those places.

But doctors can be so frustrating. You wait a month-and-a-half for an appointment and he says, "I wish you had come to me sooner."



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August 5th

Father Kreft Hall

45 and Up Singles Group

We are a new singles group at
St. Andrew Catholic Church.

We are looking for single people
who are age 45 and older.

Next Meeting:
St. Andrew's Parish Center
Lower Level
Monday, July 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

E-mail sa45upgroup@gmail.com
for more information.



Our Gift to God The Weekend of July 8, 2007

Number of Envelopes Used:259
 Amount in Loose Collection:.....\$1,043.00
 Amount in Envelopes:\$10,525.00
 Holy Day\$1.00
 Total Offertory:.....\$11,569.00
 CSA:.....\$1,490.00
 Capital Campaign:\$1,355.00

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 21, 2007

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
Fr. Art Jacobi

4:00 p.m.
Fr. Art Jacobi

Eucharistic Ministers
Lead EM: Brigid Foster

Lectors
Chris Beltowski
Jennifer Botson

Servers
Callie Beltowski
Grace Beltowski
Jackie Beltowski

Sunday, July 22, 2007

9:00 a.m.
Fr. James Mayworm


Lead EM: Wally Patterson
George Seroka
Sandy Stacer

Heidi Kurn
Steven Kurn
Caroline Riley

11:00 a.m.
Fr. James Mayworm

Lead EM: Ellis Perraut
Jean Christensen
Karen Gustafson

Andrew Gretkierewicz
Marie Macauley
Natalie Marsala


OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

Major Steve Thoma
Private Daniel Pendell
Specialist Mike Pendell,
serving in Afghanistan
Private Nick Carolionak,
serving in Iraq
Joseph Destefano,
serving in Iraq
Lance Cpl. Nathan Tomanek,
serving in Iraq
SPC Brianna Bovee, Army,
serving in Iraq
Dennis Kolasinski, Navy
Katherine Spain, USS Nimitz

 **REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

*Please add the following names
to your list of people requesting
prayers. We will publish new
names each week.*

Helma Kegel

***Scripture Readings
for the Week of
July 15, 2007***

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Col
1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt
10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt
11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt
11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt
11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Mt
12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt
12:14-21
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col
1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

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**But a Samaritan...cared for him.
LK.10:33-34**

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Rosary said one-half hour before daily Mass

Sunday, July 15

9:00 a.m.

- † Joan Evaldi by family
- † Antonia Lagman by Tony & Linda Navarro
- † Antonio Vettrano by Angela Vettrano
- † Phil Leonard by Whitley family

11:00 a.m.

- † Joseph Darmanin by Paul Erickson
- Fred & Karen Gustafson 40th wedding anniv.
- Mike & Mary Alice Merlo 25th wedding anniv.

Monday, July 16

10:00 a.m.

Boulevard Hills

Tuesday, July 17

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 18

9:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 19

7:00 p.m.

- † Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Pasko by Sons Robert & Richard

Friday, July 20

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 21

4:00 p.m.

- † Mildred True by family
- † Mario Gamichia by Ann Wing
- † Paul Cosgrove by Mary Lou Sesock

Sunday, July 22

9:00 a.m.

- † Sally Roediger by Wally & Audrey Patterson
- † Jim Saam by wife

11:00 a.m.

- † Edward Barduca by family
- † William Bethel by Dorothy & Carl Erickson

Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart of the Hills Parish is a Roman Catholic community. We welcome people from all walks of life as we celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist and we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving all, teaching boldly, tithing gladly, and rejoicing always.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. 9:00 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 4 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISMS

First Sunday of each month. Not during Lent.
Please call the Parish Office for arrangements.

RCIA

RCIA program for adult entrance into the Church begins each Fall.
Please call the Parish Office for information.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements to be made with priest.

CHAPEL HOURS

Open 24 hours a day. Come and pray any time.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

By appointment only. Please call the Parish Office.

BULLETIN

Deadline: Articles are due by Monday at noon.
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