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Next Parish Council Meeting

Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.



In Other Words – Argument a Fortiori

The *Book of Hebrews* is really a letter. We carve books into chapters and verses, but we read letters as a single item. *Hebrews* was meant to be read to the author's congregation in one sitting, not just a few scattered paragraphs spread out over a month and a half.

The 4,953 words would take only about 33 minutes to read at the usual speaking rate of 150 words per minute, yet how many congregations today would sit enthralled for a half-hour reading of a letter from their pastor or bishop?

The style of this letter is similar to a lawyer presenting his case to a judge or jury. He lays the foundation of his claim that Jesus is a permanent, Heavenly version of a high priest, superseding the limited human ones that preceded him on Earth, and then presents his evidence to support his claim, summarizing it in his closing argument.

In presenting his evidence he frequently uses a rabbinic form of argument called *kal v'chomer*, which means "light and heavy." Philosophers call it *a fortiori* reasoning (a Latin term meaning "with (even) greater strength"). If A is true, then, *a fortiori*, B must be true also. The common English phrase used is "**how much more,**" and appears 21 times in the New Testament, including this week's passage.

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation),¹² he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.¹³ For if the blood of goats

*and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴ **how much more** will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! — Hebrews 9:11–14 (NRSV)*

If the sacrifices offered by sinful humans in the Tabernacle could temporarily cover the Israelites' sins (the atonement had to be repeated each year), it stands to reason that a sinless person offering a sacrifice for atonement would have more authority.

Since only Jesus meets that sinless status, only he could offer a more authoritative sacrifice. And since only Jesus was also eternal, only he could provide a permanent, rather than temporary, sacrifice. By accepting the sacrifice that Jesus offered on our behalf, the **how much more** perspective strengthens our faith.

Our *dead works* are the deeds we do, good and bad, without faith. The sins we committed that lead to death are forgiven by God's grace through Jesus' sacrifice, and the "good deeds" that preceded our belief in Jesus, that do not earn holiness for us, become acceptable as faithful offerings as their lethal nature is changed by Christ's eternal spirit.

Good works don't cause grace; but grace yields good works. It's a spiritual valve that flows only one way. And is possible only through Jesus, whose selfless sacrifice set us free from the penalty of our sins.

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Austin



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Season after Pentecost Sunday's Lessons

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalm: 119:1-8

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



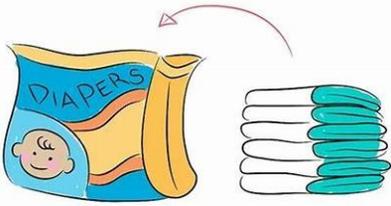
Please note:
The deadline for newsletter submission is 9 a.m. Wednesday. Thank you.



Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open their hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Carrie Ruse, Al Manning, Dale, Scotty Haskell, Julie Corral, Bill and Judy Fletcher, Zachary Kircher, Katy Mize, Lina, Bruno Hildebrandt, Kara, Eric, Ella & Timothy, Gerry Pyper, Sandra Pyper, Steven Fischer, Ann Traverso, Neil, Pat Galloway, Dorothy Green, Denise, Connie, Sue, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Kim Henehan, Kathy Watson, Jim and Wendy Music, Maureen Light, Tim Harris, Jim and Mary Lou Slater, Stan Watowich, Lety, and Linda, and Maureen Light.

To submit or update prayer requests for this newsletter, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or ctryuma@gmail.com.



Diaper Drive

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We are collecting diapers all this month to help moms and babies in these difficult economic times through New Life Ministries. The biggest need is for sizes 4, 5, and 6. You can bring them to church on Sunday. For more information call Ann Traverso at 928-287-7668.

CTR Prayer Project

I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, in lovingkindness and in compassion, and I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the Lord. — Hosea 2:19-20

How well do you know our Lord? If He showed up at your front door, would you feel comfortable inviting Him in for a meal? If you heard Him preach a sermon at church on Sunday, would you invite Him to be your guest at Coffee Hour? Do you know Him well enough to introduce Him to your grandchildren or your best friend?

If not, why not? He has plans to make you His Bride someday. He knows you better than you know yourself. He knit you together in your mother's womb, and He has the hairs on your head numbered—even if you have been losing some of them lately. He lives inside you, and knows your characteristics, your talents, your thoughts, your aspirations, your fears, and your plans for the future. But, going back to my original question—how well do you know our Lord? If we're going to be the Bride of Christ, don't you think we should know Him, not just about Him? He wants us to know Him in righteousness, in justice, in lovingkindness, in compassion, and in faithfulness. His righteousness is what He bestows on us when we are baptized into Him. His justice is what will be meted out on all mankind on Judgment

Day. His lovingkindness was shown to all when He took our sins to the cross. His compassion shows clearly in every miracle He performed. And His faithfulness can be seen in every promise and prophecy He has fulfilled. There are more examples of all of these, and you can discover them for yourselves when You pick up His love letter to you. If you don't know Him yet, try reading His autobiography—BEFORE the marriage of the Lamb—and ask His Spirit to make Him better known to you. It will lead to an abundant life, both here on earth and when you are united with Him in heaven.

Praying in One Accord It makes perfect sense for us to want to know we are in one accord with our Bridegroom before the wedding day.

Accord Prayer Lord Christ, You know and love Your Bride, the Church, but Your Bride doesn't know You very well. Let our hearts burn with a desire to not just know about You, but to know You intimately. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Heavenly Father, we don't know when the Bridegroom will come for His Bride. Only You know. Thank You for preparing us for that joyous occasion with righteousness, justice, lovingkindness, compassion, and faithfulness. Amen.

Mark Your CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct 31
11:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, Nov 2
6:30 a.m. Bible Study (Matthew)
6:30 p.m. Grief Share

Wednesday, Nov 3
2 p.m. Bible Study (1 John)
5:30 p.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, November 7
11:30 a.m. Worship Service

The Greatest Commandment (Mark 12:28-34)

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COMMANDMENT	CORRECTLY	DEBATING
GREATER	HEARD	HEART
IMPORTANT	ISRAEL	JESUS
LISTEN	LORD	LOVE
MIND	MORE	MOST
MUCH	NEIGHBOR	OTHER
SAID	SCRIBE	SECOND
SOUL	STRENGTH	TEACHER
THERE	TRUE	UNDERSTANDING
WELL	WHEN	WHOLE