

The Pastor's Page

How Do I Know the Will of God? Part I

The saints always seem to know the will of God. Yet the rest of us have such a hard time finding it. Why is that? Let's look a how we find the will of God.

We live in two worlds: a secular world and a Christian world. The secular world says we crawled up out of the primeval slime and evolved from the apes on our own, with the implicit or explicit teaching that there is no God, no origin and no destiny for man. Therefore there is no objective morality, and certainly no will of God. Just eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die. On the other hand, the Christian world view says, God made us. We don't care if he did it in seven days or seven billion years. He created our first parents, gave them grace, and the fell. The Original Sin condemned all people to a life of struggle, but with the promise of a Redeemer, and hope beyond the grave! You and I embrace the Christian world view! Watch out for the secular view that takes away hope and direction.

As time went on, God revealed himself and his will through both Natural Law. We can know some things are right and others are wrong just from observing the nature of things without any explicit revelation from God. Don't discount your common sense. (Cf. Romans Ch.1). Some evils are so obvious that only an advanced degree together with intellectual blindness can justify them. God's Revelation through the community of Israel clearly confirms some of those observations from the natural law, and also reveals things of heaven we couldn't have known. So we accept the will of God manifested in Natural Law and the Sacred Scriptures.

In the fullness of time God sent his Son, Jesus, who establishes the New Israel, the Church. He said, "If you love me keep my Commandments." Jesus accepted the Commandments and fulfilled them with his law of love. But Jesus also makes the claim upon all of our affections.

Matthew 10:37-39 ³⁷“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Jesus went even further in giving authority to St. Peter.

Matthew 16:18-19 ¹⁸“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

What does all this mean for understanding the will of God? It means that we can know right from wrong by natural law and revelation, which are confirmed by the Church, which will not err in teaching us faith and morals.

Next week we look at the particulars of finding the will of God.

Fr. Thomas Dufner

ADORATION NEWS

ALL ADORERS!!

It has come to our attention that occasionally some of you have been solicited for money during your hour of adoration. **These requests are not genuine and we respectfully ask that you not give money to anyone.** It only encourages them to come back for more. **You could suggest that this request be made to the parish office during regular business hours if this seems appropriate.**

SECONDLY, please note that if you must leave the Chapel for any reason, the Monstrance should be covered so that Jesus is never left alone.

Thank you for your attention to these most important matters. Call Jim at 763.533.0423 with questions.



ATTENTION: ALL BLOOD DONORS! Our Holy Family Blood Drive

is scheduled for
Monday, July 20, 2009
12:30PM to 6:30PM

Mark your calendars, save the date, and **watch** the bulletin for upcoming details.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS and FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY.

ATTENTION:

All VETERANS, as well as **BOY and
GIRL SCOUTS**, are invited to join us at
the **9:00AM Mass on Memorial Day**,
Monday, May 25, 2009

VETERANS: You will enter in procession with Father from the back of Church and take places in the front reserved pews for Mass. Please meet in the back of Church at 8:40AM Questions? Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13

*In Flanders Fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses row by row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks so bravely singing,
Fly scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead.*

*Short days ago we lived, felt dawn,
Saw sunset glow, loved and were loved,
And now we lie in Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hand we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
Though poppies grow in
Flanders Fields.*

Col. John McCrae



Search Your Heart

A Church-Based Heart Health and Stroke Program.



Prevention and Early Detection Begins Here:

Holy Family Catholic Church, Thursday, May 21st.

MAY "STROKE AWARENESS MONTH SPECIAL"

3 (A B C) for \$120.00 add osteoporosis for \$5.00

Appointments are limited so please call now.

Pre-registration is Required: 952-447-2059 or 1-800-404-8566

MINNESOTA'S #1 SCREENING PROGRAM - LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED



ULTRASOUND SCREENINGS

Screenings are appropriate for persons age 40+

THESE TESTS CAN
SAVE YOUR LIFE!

A.	B.	C.	D.
<p>STROKE/CAROTID VASCULAR SCREENING</p> <p>FACT: 3 out of 4 strokes are associated with carotid artery blockage. Identify underlying disease before it is too late.</p> <p>PROCEDURE: Test visualizes the build-up of fatty plaque in the carotid arteries.</p>	<p>ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM (AAA) SCREENING</p> <p>FACT: The majority of people who have an aneurysm have no symptoms. More than 15,000 Americans die per year from AAA's.</p> <p>PROCEDURE: Test visualizes the existence of an aneurysm or enlargement in the abdomen.</p>	<p>ANKLE BRACHIAL INDEX (ABI) SCREENING</p> <p>FACT: People with an abnormal ABI may be at risk for peripheral arterial disease (PAD) as well as having a much higher risk for heart disease.</p> <p>PROCEDURE: Test screens for blocked leg arteries using blood pressure readings with Doppler.</p>	<p>OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING</p> <p>FACT: A silent disease that is a major public health threat for 44 million Americans. Men and women are at risk and it can strike at any age.</p> <p>PROCEDURE: Test of the bone density of the heel.</p>

WELLNESS IS PRICELESS:

All four Ultrasound Screenings - \$140
Any three Ultrasound Screenings - \$130
Any two Ultrasound Screenings - \$120



LAB TESTS

All blood work tests are simple finger stick draws.



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<p>COMPLETE CHOLESTEROL PANEL</p> <p>Total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Triglycerides, and Glucose. Cholesterol can damage your veins and arteries before you are aware of it. Knowing your cholesterol levels and your risk factors for high cholesterol puts you in control.</p>	<p>HS-CRP (HIGH SENSITIVITY C-REACTIVE PROTEIN)</p> <p>Elevated CRP levels are a risk factor for stroke, heart disease, PAD, sudden death and type-2 diabetes. It is recommended to wait 2 wks after a cold, infection or serious injury to measure hs-CRP.</p>	<p>ALT/AST LIVER ENZYME</p> <p>Assess liver function for baseline or for those on cholesterol and diabetes drugs. Results will include ALT, AST, and ALT/AST ratio.</p>	<p>TSH (THYROID STIMULATING HORMONE)</p> <p>Many different health problems are associated with either an under-active or over-active thyroid gland. It is essential that basic thyroid function be tested annually. The easiest way to do this is by testing for TSH.</p>	<p>PSA (PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN)</p> <p>The American Cancer Society and The American Urologic Association recommend annual screening for men 50 and older. They also recommend earlier screening for black men and men with a family history of the disease.</p>
\$50	\$70	\$30	\$70	\$70

NOTE: These tests are not covered by Medicare or your insurance provider • Payable by cash or check

✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, May 10 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!

8:00 am Confessions

9 :00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, May 11

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)

6:30 pm Carmel

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (Gathering Place)

Wednesday, May 13

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Coffee & Rolls

9:30 am Quilting

11:45 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

Thursday, May 14

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Choir

7:00 pm Voca

Friday, May 15

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

Saturday, May 16

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)

10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)

3:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, May 17 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Confessions

9 :00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass



Marriage Banns III

Chris Pilliod and Leslie Klepack

Evangelization CD's

Be sure to check out our Evangelization CD section in the pamphlet racks at the back of church. Each CD is only \$3.00! Just put your payment in the envelop provided and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the church office.



Knights of Columbus

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:15PM in the Gathering Place.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Nereus and St. Achilleus; St. Pancras

Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday: St. Matthias

Friday: St. Isidore the Farmer

Saturday: Armed Forces Day



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Ladies: You are all invited to our Spring Dinner Meeting, beginning at 6:30PM Tuesday, May 19 with the Rosary in Church. After the Rosary Jean Prather will give us a short reflection on "Mary and the Eucharist." Tickets for the dinner will be available after Masses the weekends of May 9 & 10 and also May 16 & 17. There is no charge for the tickets, but we need to plan food amounts. A free will offering will be requested at the meeting. If you are new we especially encourage you to join us and feel welcome!! Call Mary if you have questions at 763.533.0423.

Vaco*, a group of unemployed individuals, is meeting twice each month at Holy Family. The purpose of this group is to pray together, share ideas and network with those who have leads or jobs to fill.

If you need work or know of job openings, please contact us at vacohf@aol.com. Dates Vaco will meet at Holy Family in the Gathering Place: May 14 & 28 - June 4 & 18 - July 8 & 23.

*Vaco Latin for "unemployed"

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU!!!

In order to track your contributions and list them on your annual statement you must use your envelope OR put your envelope number in the memo section of your check. Thank you!

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes	\$17,096.25
Plate	\$ 2,502.46
Care Fund	\$ 825.11

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

- May 11 The Bob & Jo Higgins Family
- May 12 Anita & Mark Whims
- May 13 Effie Reuter †
- May 14 Rev. Edward S. Grzeskowiak †
- May 15 Gregoria Ramierz †
- May 16 Odelia Silvia †
- May 17 Nathaniel Klobe (9AM)
- May 17 For the Parish (11AM)

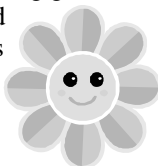




**God bless our children
who received Jesus,
Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity,
truly present in the
Holy Eucharist,
on Sunday, May 3:**

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| Tess Carney | Mark Fischer | Leah Sattler |
| Rollin Lasseter | Joshua Franz | Ketura Bremseth |
| Joseph Ortiz | Nicholas Grgas | Martin Gawarecki |
| Sophia Ahlquist | D.J. Johnson | Michael Fahlander |
| Dominic Capello | Clare Karels | Michael Audi |
| Emily Haynes | Jack Kruse | Troy Schroers |
| Jack Healy | Madison Laxen | Maxwell Dehn |
| Theodore Keller | Kyle Mickelson | Adam Kowski |
| Samuel Loegering | Regina Caeli Peterson | Angelica Lopez-Solis |
| Joseph Luedke | Dominic Phillips | Dylan Brandt |
| Elena Miller | Jude Riley | Andrew McMonagle |
| Thomas Reinhardt | Maria Spack | Claire Middleton |
| Patriot McDonald | Mary Roden | Parker Wright |
| Kathryn Vos | Megan Heeren | Anthony Anderson |
| Sarah Zielinski | Luke Rennie | Michael Copeland |
| Sophia Brown | Maura Mahon | Aiden Cowley |
| Mary Favorite | Alexander Fink | Dominic Cummings |
| Elizabeth Favorite | Katie Cotter | |

Mark your calendar- **the annual Holy Family Academy Linder's Fundraiser, sponsored by the PTO is fast approaching!** Shop the weekend of May 22-25 at any Linder's Garden Center or Flower Marts for your gardening needs, including gift cards, and **HFA will receive 15% of your pre-tax dollar total!** All you need to do is bring in the invitation and Linder's will do the rest. Invitations are available at the back of the church in an envelope marked "Linder's Flower Fundraiser". Please remember to present the "invite" at the time of sale for HFA to receive the contribution.



CARMEL PRAYER GROUP ~ Monday, May 11

Holy Family's Carmel Group will meet **Monday, May 11 starting at 6:30PM** downstairs in Moorman Hall. The evening consists of praying Evening Prayer together in Church, Father Dufner leading us in the study of *The Sanctifier*, a classic work on the Holy Spirit by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, praying Night Prayer and then Social Time. Even if you've never come before, come for an evening of prayer, study and friendship. Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and Forever!

Youth Ministry

YOUTH ADORATION w/ FR. DUFNER Friday, May 8th - We meet at 8PM at the Adoration chapel for one hour of prayer with Jesus, then at 9PM we head over to the Rectory for one hour of fun until 10PM!

THEOLOGY A LA CARTE Sunday, May 17th - The topic is - "Immigration: To stay or not to stay? Is it really that simple?" and our speaker is Deacon Luis Rubi. We start at 6PM with food and fun, listen to the speakers, and end with some Q&A and wrap up at 8PM. It's all happening at the Youth House. **Food!! Fun!! Great talk!! Bring a friend!!**

SACRAMENT of the ANOINTING of the SICK

On Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 7:00PM Mass,

we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The first grace of this Sacrament is one of strengthening, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This assistance from the Lord by the power of His Spirit is meant to lead the person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will. Furthermore, "if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

Catechism of the Catholic Church

**Join us on Wednesday,
May 20, at 7:00PM
for this very special Mass.
Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext 13
if you have questions.**

WIDOWS and WIDOWERS

You are invited to a Spring Memorial Holy Hour and Pot Luck Celebration on

**Friday, May 22, 2009
Holy Hour 3:00PM to 4:00PM
in Church**

Followed by a Pot Luck Dinner in Moorman Hall.

- A - I** please bring **Salads**
- J - R** please bring **Hot Dishes**
- S - Z** please bring **Desserts.**

Pro-Life Corner

Rosaries for Life (RFL) invites you to pray the Rosary in a non-confrontational way every Saturday morning at 10:00 next door to the Robbinsdale clinic where there are abortions being performed. Last Saturday 2 pregnant women changed their minds about ending their baby's lives because of the Rosary being prayed next door.

"Those who are called to stand witness in this ... presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at the abortion center and those who patronize the facility." ~ 40 Days for Life ~