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First Reading: Acts 14:21-27 **21**When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Ico'nium and to Antioch, **22**strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. **23**And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed. **24**Then they passed through Pisid'ia, and came to Pamphyl'ia. **25**And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attali'a; **26**and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. **27**And when they arrived, they gathered the church together and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 145:8-13 **R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God**
8The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. **9**The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. **10**All thy works shall give thanks to thee, O LORD, and all thy saints shall bless thee! **11**They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and tell of thy power, **12**to make known to the sons of men thy mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of thy kingdom. **13**Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5 **1**Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2**And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; **3**and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; **4**he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." **5**And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35 **31**When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; **32**if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. **33**Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' **34**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35**By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Son Light tickets are available. The first drawing for prizes is June 1st. Contact the office or Fr. Cody if would like to buy tickets.

Mass will be at 10 am on Sunday May 22, 2022.

1:30 pm Sunday Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Harlowton, MT.

Monday Mass at noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Harlowton, MT.

****Confessions before Sunday Mass or by appointment. Please join us to pray the rosary for our nation and community 1/2 hour before Sunday Mass.*

****Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays – join us anytime between 2:30–5:30 pm.*

After Mass socials on the 4th Sunday of every month 5/22/22; 6/26/22; 7/24/22

All kids are invited to join our RE group which meets after Mass on Sundays from 3-4pm.

RE ends on Sunday May 15th. Stay tuned for some summer activities.

Mark your calendars!

Homebound Ministry Training scheduled for after Mass on Sunday, June 12th.

Lector Training scheduled for after Mass on Sunday, June 26th.

Summer Bible Study begins Sunday July 10th until the end of summer right after Mass.

Eucharistic Congress in Helena the weekend of June 11-12.

Jesus, I Trust in You.

Summer Bible Study begins Sunday July 10th and will continue until the end of summer. Sessions will begin right after Mass.

Ordinations for this year:

Welcome (soon to be) Deacon Kyle Tannehill. Kyle Tannehill is assigned to be with us this summer starting in mid-June. He will be ordained a deacon on June 3rd at the Cathedral. Deacon Matt Christiansen and Deacon Tyler Frohlich will be ordained priests on June 24th.

Father Cody's Corner: Morality part 19: Moral Principles

Double Effect x2

A few simple examples do not give this principle the depth it deserves. This part is written to bring out some of the more complex situations in which the Principle of Double Effect applies.

Robin Hood: stealing to provide food for those who are starving. Generally stealing is considered immoral. Allowing a person to die of hunger is also immoral. Given that no other options are available for preventing the starvation of a person, is stealing morally permissible? Yes, the greater good is the preservation of life. Therefore, the immoral action of stealing as the means through which life is preserved is moral.

Removing life support. This example will touch on many sentiments. My grandfather is in the hospital dying of terminal cancer. The doctors have no reason to believe he will survive yet he remains on life support. Life support is expensive and causes immense stress on the patient. Can we remove him from life support knowing that will cause his death? The answer is yes. The immoral actions of removing life supporting equipment is a moral decision as long as no other actions are taken that lead to a faster death, i.e. denying food and water, euthanasia, overdoses of morphine. We are morally obliged to allow him to die of natural causes and not human cause.

Surgery is the classic example. Doctors agree to do no harm to their patients. If a patient came to the doctor complaining of heart issues resulting in a need for open heart surgery, can the doctor *harm* the patient by cutting her open and performing surgery on her heart? Yes. The immoral act of allowing the person to die of heart issues or suffer severe health issues greatly outweighs the immoral act of causing harm to another.

Morality part 18: Moral Principles part 1

Over the course of the last several parts we covered the basics of assessing the moral culpability of our actions, namely, action, intention, and circumstances. Most of us realize that life is more complicated than the simple program that I presented to you. Often, we are plagued with situations where the morality of the event is complicated. Often, we are unsure of our participation in an immoral action. Or often we feel that we must choose between two immoral actions. What do we do in these situations? This problem is the topic of the next three weeks.

Moral Principle #1: Double-effect.

Many of the decisions we make are between something moral and immoral, or hopefully, between two good actions. Sometimes, and this is becoming more common, we must choose an action from two immoral actions. Are we allowed to perform an immoral action given our only choices are immoral actions? This problem is solved by the principle of double effect. The Principle of Double Effect has several aspects to it. In many situations where the Principle of Double Effect applies the means or action is evil but with a good or moral outcome. In other situations, we choose the lesser of two evils. Here are some examples.

The classic example of the Principle of Double Effect is surgery. The act of cutting into a person, surgery, causes harm to the person. Doctors take an "oath" to cause no harm to their patients. The action of causing harm to another person's body is immoral. Yet, if the doctor doesn't perform the surgery even more harm will come to the person. Thus, the means of bringing health to the person is the immoral action of causing harm.

Self-defense. If someone is attacking me, they have already chosen the action of causing harm to me. Am I allowed to cause harm to the attacker knowing that it is immoral to intentionally harm another? Yes, since my means of causing harm to the other is the preservation of my life. Since I did not choose to be attacked or provoke the attack, I can act in such a way to cause harm in order to preserve my life since I have a right to preserve my life. Fr. Cody

New For All Ages: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Easter [Listen Here](#) Readings: [Acts 14:21-27](#); [Psalm 145:8-13](#); [Revelation 21:1-5](#); [John 13:31-35](#)

By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile.

That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church—the new Jerusalem John sees in today's Second Reading—God is “making all things new.”

In His Church, the “old order” of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples “will be His people and God Himself will always be with them.” In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished (see Ezekiel 37:27; Isaiah 25:8; 35:10).

The Church is “the kingdom for all ages” that we sing of in today's Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining “presbyters” or priests (see 1 Timothy 4:14; Titus 1:5).

Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's “dominion endures through all generations” (see Philippians 1:1, note that the New American Bible translates *episcopois*, the Greek word for bishops, as “overseers”).

Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom.

In His Church, we know ourselves as His “faithful ones,” as those Jesus calls “My little children” in today's Gospel. We live by the new law, the “new commandment” that He gave in His final hours.

The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love.

This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism (see Romans 5:5), renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass.

By our love we glorify the Father. And by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, Founder and President