

January 30, 2017

Statement of Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, on the Executive Order on Refugees and Migrants

The recent executive order to turn away refugees and to narrow or close our nation's doors to our migrant sisters and brothers who are fleeing hunger, hardships, violence and persecution does not represent the best of our Catholic and American values and ideals. As Catholics, we appreciate the sensitivity shown to Christians who are fleeing persecution, but we are disheartened and alarmed by actions that target and profile others because of the color of their skin, the language they speak, the religion they profess and the land they call home.

The notion that a thriving society would benefit from biased policies and practices based on ignorance, fear and a disordered nationalism corrodes the very essence of our American spirit and impoverishes our democratic life. As citizens of this great land and as member of the Catholic community, we are particularly concerned about our Muslim sisters and brothers whose lives are becoming increasingly difficult and whose safety is being threatened by this recent turn of events in our structures of government and society.

Welcoming the stranger, the immigrant, and the refugee have been long-standing hallmarks of our American way of life and religious convictions. Over the years, civic, government, religious institutions, and organizations in our nation and region have trusted the thorough vetting process in place, and together have labored to help resettle families, men, women and children from many parts of the world. And, in our experience of integrating our migrant and refugee sisters and brothers into our common way of life, we have seen our families, neighborhoods, cities, and faith communities flourish.

The responsibility to welcome and care for the migrant and refugee are not only public and social virtues, but also find common ground and resolve in faith: *"Come you that are blessed by my Father...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me"* (Matthew 25: 34-35). This Gospel mandate to actively reach out and welcome the stranger has guided our Catholic social values and practices for centuries. Throughout our Catholic tradition, we have learned to be attentive to the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the vulnerable. **In faith, we have come to recognize and know the face of Christ in the migrant and refugee.**

Furthermore, as Catholics we believe that our responsibility to help the most vulnerable means helping those in need, especially those who in our day are forcibly being displaced from their homes and are experiencing incredible difficulties. Our commitment to life and religious freedom teaches us that we must welcome all faiths and cultures at our shores and doors, mindful of the inherent dignity found in them and ready to grow in God's grace. **In faith, we believe that each person, regardless of their official status, is made in the image and likeness of God, and as such deserves to be treated with respect, justice, and love.**

In this spirit of compassion and solidarity, today, I join my brother Catholic bishops, religious and civic leaders, the larger Catholic community and people of good will in opposing the executive order which seeks to narrow and close the doors to our most vulnerable migrants and refugees. The Archdiocese of St. Louis will continue to be a place of welcome, service, and mutual hospitality, especially to the suffering and most vulnerable among us.

Let us hear the words of Pope Francis anew: "No one can remain insensitive to the inequalities that persist in the world!" Everybody, according to his or her particular opportunities and responsibilities, should be able to make a personal contribution to putting an end to so many social injustices. The culture of selfishness and individualism that often prevails in our society is not, I repeat, not what builds up and leads to a more habitable world: rather, it is the culture of solidarity that does so; the culture of solidarity means seeing others not as rivals or statistics, but brothers and sisters. And we are all brothers and sisters!"

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Most Holy Trinity Parish

mhtstl.org

February 12, 2017



Parish Mass Schedule:

4 PM Saturday (Rectory Chapel)

9:30 AM Sunday (Church)

9 AM Wednesday School Mass during school year (Church)

Noon to 1 PM Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration

Sacramental Preparation/RCIA please call the rectory office

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Mrs. Jessica Kilmade, Principal

Food Pantry / Utility Assistance:

Provided by OLPH Food Pantry/ St. Vincent de Paul. Serves residents of the 63107 zip code.

Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9 AM - noon
4335 Warne Avenue
314-535-9794

Note: pantry phone answered only during operating hours.

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Theme of Today's Holy Mass

In Jesus is revealed a new wisdom,
a new way of living;
happy are those who follow his ways.

Liturgical Roles for Next Week

February 18 & 19 	
Saturday	
Presider	S. Joyelle Proot, SSND
Lector	Bob Schnell
Sunday	
First Reading	James Smith
Second Reading	Doris Speed
Eucharistic Ministers	Mattie Patterson Michelle Towles Vickie Deason Elizabeth Hopson
Cross Bearer	Kenneth Patterson
Sacramentary	Zachary Patterson

MASS  INTENTIONS

2/12	Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:30 AM	Patricia Shreves
2/13	Monday	Weekday (6)
2/14	Tuesday	St. Cyril
2/15	Wednesday	Weekday (6)
	9:00	Joanne George
2/16	Thursday	Weekday (6)
2/17	Friday	Weekday (6)
2/18	Saturday	Weekday (6)
	4:00 PM	Carolyn and Barbara Bledsoe
2/19	Sunday	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:30 AM	Barbara Aikin

Readings for This Week

Monday	Sir 15: 15-20/ Ps 119: 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34 (1b)/ 1 Cor 2: 6-10/ Mt 5: 17-37
Tuesday	Gn 4: 1-15. 25/ Ps 50: 1 and 8. 16bc-17. 20-21/ Mk 8: 11-13
Wednesday	Gn 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5. 10/ Ps 29: 1a and 2. 3ac-4. 3b and 9c-10/ Mk 8: 14-21
Thursday	Gn 8: 6-13. 20-22/ Ps 116: 12-13. 14-15. 18-19 / Mk 8: 22-26
Friday	Gn 9: 1-13/ Ps 102: 16-18. 19-21. 29 and 22-23/ Mk 8: 27-33
Saturday	Gn 11: 1-9/ Ps 33: 10-11. 12-13. 14-15/ Mk 8: 34 - 9: 1
Sunday	Heb 11: 1-7/ Ps 145: 2-3. 4-5. 10-11/ Mk 9: 2-13

The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

*Go, be reconciled
with your brother or sister,
and then come and offer your gift.*
Matthew 5:23-24



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Jesus invites us to rethink our relationship with others. He goes directly to our heart where there may be resentments held against our parents, our children, our spouses, and our neighbors; in other words, where there is an unwillingness to forgive.

No one can hear this gospel and feel unchallenged.

Just as we ask God, "Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church," so too we who have sinned against each other must see with the eyes of faith and forgive.

S. Janice

Gatherings this coming Week

Monday, 2/13

- 6 PM, Liturgy Meeting
- 7 PM, Parish Council

Wednesday, 2/15

- 9 AM, School Mass
- Noon—1 PM, Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, 2/16

- 7 PM Choir Practice

IMPORTANT

All Parish Assembly Sunday
Feb. 26 immediately after
mass in back of church.
*Please plan to stay an extra 20 minutes.
Thank you!*

Looking Ahead ...

- **Saturday, March 25** is our Annual Parish **Retreat**. It will held at the St. Joseph's motherhouse in south St. Louis. If you have never come to a parish retreat, please consider coming this year - *come see what God has in store for you!*
- **Saturday, April 1**— No Fooling! It's the 8th Annual **Trivia** Night to benefit Most Holy Trinity Catholic School and Academy! This amazing annual event is held in the lower level Parish Hall right here at MHT.

TODAY We are blest to welcome Aundray Williams this morning. He expresses his faith through mime; a wordless acting out by means of gestures and body movements. Thanks Aundray for gifting us with your reflection of God's love and mercy.



A special note of thanks to parishioner Mary Eikmeier for the lovely altar arrangement from last week. The touch of green and gold reflected the specialness that ordinary time brings.

Please pray for our sick ...

Helen Barber, Father Rich, Mary Green's granddaughters: Assejul Harrison, twins Damoni and Damia Downer, Charles Jones, Sr. (Rocky's father), Tillie Plouder, Sharon Ann Ryan, Dorothy Schulte (Don McFarland's mom), and Dawn Usanga's relatives Wayne and Janet Pittenger.

Last Collection: 2/5/2017

\$ 1,265.00	Parishioner Tithes
77.09	Loose Contributions
70.00	Building & Maintenance
39.00	Holy Days/Special Collections
\$ 1,451.09	Total—Thank you

Mea culpa ... Please note that parishioner Terry Bacott's birthday is February 17. Thank you for letting me know if I have missed anyone! *Carol*

