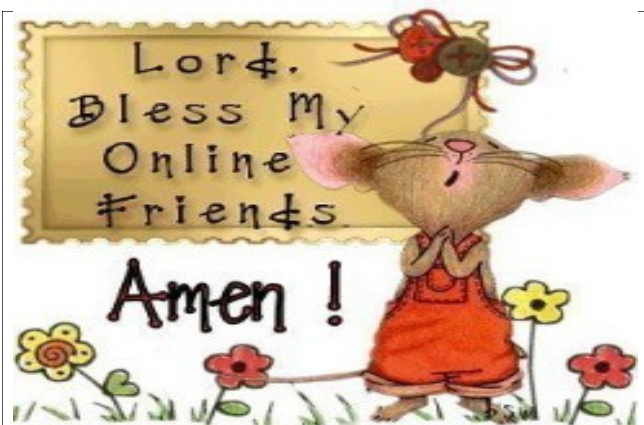


July 4, 2010  
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**Divine Liturgy**  
July 4—11, 2010

Sunday 04—8AM + Kenneth Kostray  
Monday 05—8AM + Franciscan Mission Un  
Tuesday 06—8AM + Annie Masilunis  
Wednesday 07—8AM + Annie Masilunis  
Thursday 08—8AM Paulick/Dubinsky Family  
Friday 09—8AM + Charles Zaremba  
Saturday 10—8AM + Clare Brinsky  
Saturday 10—5PM + Frank/Helen Timms  
Sunday 11—8AM + Dr. John Dubinsky

**Reconciliation**  
Thurs. & Friday 3—4.30 & 7—8.00 PM

**With Joy We Announce:**  
**Our Pilgrimage of Peace**  
August 1, 2010

The Emmaus Ministry Council has met for the last three months; now it seeks your wisdom to help plan and prepare the services required on August 1st. The Annual Pilgrimage is an important celebration/event at Holy Dormition over many years. Many volunteers -like YOU - "make it happen " by preparing the facilities and grounds, by serving the people who gather here. The success of the Pilgrimage depends upon everyone. A meeting for all volunteers will take place on July 18th in the Emmaus Hall at 3PM. Please join us. We are counting on you. Call: Mary Soltis or Frs. Laurian or Jerome at 570-788-1212. We appreciate your help!

**It Will Take a Mission**

Jim Wallis, Sojourners

In President Barack Obama's Oval Office speech on the oil spill, he used the term "mission". That's the right word. Most of the media coverage, and even much of the presidential address was about "management" - but the real deeper meaning that is now emerging out of the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is indeed the call to a new **mission**.

The ongoing discussion about who's to blame, who's responsible, and who's in control of the oil spill disaster — which is now the worst environmental catastrophe in U.S. history — has been constant in the media, and the speech was in response to many of those questions. The clear financial and perhaps criminal, responsibility of BP is a fundamental moral and political issue here, of course; as is the continuing frustrations of people in the Gulf Coast region with the government's response and leadership in the crisis. The need for more skimmers, more boom, more equipment, more people, more help, and much more coordination in protecting and cleaning up the endangered Gulf Coast from the gushing assault of toxic oil is very clear; but missing the deeper meaning would be an even greater disaster now.

It will take a purposeful commitment to a mission of change, of transformation in the way that our entire society and culture is energized and powered, to truly respond to the epiphany in the Gulf. After President Obama described what he plans to do in response to the immediate and long-term consequences of the oil spill, he returned to more moral and even theological language in admitting how "our addiction to fossil fuels" had taken us to deeper and more and more dangerous water: drilling more than a mile under the ocean. "For decades, we have known the days of cheap and easily accessible oil were numbered," he said. "For decades, we talked about the need to end America's century long addiction to fossil fuels."

And for decades we have failed to act with a sense of urgency that this challenge requires. Time and again the path forward has been blocked, not only by oil industry lobbyists, but also by a lack of political courage and candor. The consequences of our inaction are now in plain sight."

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***Which is easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Rise and walk"?***

It takes more muscles to frown than to smile, or so the saying goes...it's easier to smile than to frown. But Jesus is not talking about how much *God-power* it takes to forgive sins or to heal a paralytic. Instead, he's trying to make us laugh...at ourselves! The Pharisees complained that Jesus was blaspheming by claiming the power to forgive sins, power held by God alone. Jesus wants to startle us, even humor us, out of our narrow-minded attempts to restrict the power of God.

Most of us can think of someone ... maybe at one time even ourselves ... who was consumed by anger or sorrow or shame, paralyzed and unable to get off their hurt. If we realize that the first step to forgiveness can be a simple word, then perhaps we can recognize that we too need not be paralyzed by anger and hurt.

We should call it an act of faith when we are fearful but still act with courage, when we are troubled by someone and still offer forgiveness and a chance at a renewed relationship, or when we allow the power of God's Word to overcome the bitter paralysis that holds us to bad habits and attitudes, and start to follow the healing way, the mercy of Jesus Christ.

Let us not fear but speak and act with faith in a God who is more powerful than sin or physical disability. Let us not fear but rather share God's merciful love with others. Some will laugh at us; some will say we are out of our league. In offering mercy, we are walking with one who now calls us *friend*.

***Love it and Change it!***

Criticism is more than a right; it is an act of patriotism—a higher form of patriotism, I believe, than the familiar ritual of national adulation. All of us have the responsibility to act upon the higher patriotism which is to love our country less for what it is than for what we would like it to be.

*William Fulbright, former Senator, Arkansas*

Our Country, right or wrong. When right, to be kept right; when wrong, to be put right.

*Carl Schurz, famous German immigrant.*

**July Meditations**

Russell Becker, OFM

I hope that summer is shaping up to be a time of rest. There are some feasts in July worth remembering and using as days of prayer for special intentions. July 1st is the feast of Blessed Junipero Serra, a great day to pray for the missions. July 3rd is the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, a great day to pray for those who have doubts in faith. July 9 is the Feast of Our Lady of Peace and also the Martyrs of China. July 15th is the feast of St. Bonaventure, a good day to pray for the Franciscan family. On July 22, the Church remembers St. Mary Magdalene, one of the Lord's women disciples. July 26th is the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Please pray for all grandparents, living and deceased. There are also civil holidays that are important to observe: July 1st is Canada Day and July 4th is Independence Day. Pray for the people of Canada and the United States, that God may bless them and give them peace, prosperity and a spirit of generosity. Always be assured of our prayers for you, your loved ones and your intentions. There would be no missions, if it were not for all of you and people like you who believe in helping to share the gift of the Gospel. May God keep you in his love.

**4th of July, 2010**

French writer Alexis de Tocqueville, after visiting America in 1831, said, "I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests--and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning--and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!"

Alexis de Tocqueville - He was a political scientist, historian, and politician, best-known for "Democracy in America," 4 vol. (1835-40), a perceptive analysis of the political and social system of the United States