

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Wednesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

God alone passes through the split animal carcasses, symbolized by “a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch.” “Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.” The covenant God made with Abram is a sign of the good God desires for us. Thus, we are good because of God, for the Almighty creates only the good. Yet, we are weak, and the new covenant, Jesus Christ, is our source of goodness, virtue, strength, beauty, and truth. We grow in faith beginning with baptism and this seed of faith from baptism grows through the sacraments, especially worthily receiving the Holy Eucharist. When in need of God’s mercy, we confess our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation, where Jesus prunes us and helps us once again bear good fruit. The new covenant enables us to bear good fruit because we go to the Source of all Goodness! “The Lord remembers his covenant for ever”! Thank you, Jesus!

God Love You!

Fr. Jim Starasovich



Catholic Social Services During the Pandemic

Religious Freedom Week 2021: June 23

Pray that God would continue to grant Catholic institutions the wisdom and courage to serve a world suffering the effects of the COVID pandemic.

Reflect

The COVID pandemic has inflicted deep wounds on our country. Grandparents and parents have been lost to families. Children have suffered during a formative time of life. Many people have lost jobs. Pope Francis calls the Church to help heal the world, and this world desperately needs healing. Thankfully, many people, including Catholics, stepped in to serve. Catholic schools, like the Archdiocese of Boston, [have led in showing how to safely reopen schools](#). In Hawaii, [Catholic Charities worked to help renters get access to government relief programs](#). In addition to its regular work of advocacy, [Catholic Charities U.S.A.](#) has provided personal protective equipment, organized food donations, and started the [Francis Fund for Eviction Protection](#).

Act

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