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GOD'S PLANS

By Sister M. Beverly, HSM



Father Ed White, pastor of St. Stephen Martyr parish in Renton, WA, offers Mass daily at 11 AM during his retreat.



Father Ed reads the gospel at Mass in the chapel at Marymount Hermitage. His homilies are food for the soul!

January always represents a time of greater solitude, silence, prayer and work for me. I tend to put the interior stress on work because I do not have outside commitments and usually no retreatants. I can create gift items for my sales inventories and focus on the infrastructure of Marymount Hermitage, which gets neglected during the busier months of the year.

The Lord God Almighty saw my worker-bee determination and found a way to call me to deeper prayer...in other words, HIS plan, not mine. I have physically recuperated well from cataract surgery, thanks to the prayers of many, but I currently do not yet have new glasses which will enable me to do most of my work. So that has been a big restriction to the kinds of work I could do in January so far. (Patience is a

virtue!)

The biggest draw to more prayer and deeper concentration on the Lord is my long-time friend, Father Ed White, being here on retreat this month.

Father Ed needed and received special permission to have an extended retreat to pray and study in preparation for concluding his licentiate degree. I gave him the option of offering Mass during the day whenever it best fit his schedule and he chose 11 AM. He also liked the idea of offering an hour of adoration and reparation for the sins of priests and religious each day and we decided to have the two times of prayer together. This schedule was all new to me, but has been so beautiful, peaceful and deeply contemplative. It is a gift from heaven for me...daily Mass, holy hour and Benediction. God is so good! I might have less time to do the work I had imagined as a



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at the conclusion of daily Mass. We pray then until 12:30 PM.



The hour of adoration concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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*"May my prayer rise like
incense in your sight, O Lord!"
(Psalm 141:2)*

goal, but obviously, I am doing God's will according to His plan, which is best!

These five photos were taken at Mass and holy hour on January 13, 2019. Last Sunday was the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, hence the white vestment. It is also the last day of the Christmas season, therefore you see the manger with the Baby Jesus and the poinsettias.

Today, we begin Ordinary Time and a new season of grace in the Lord.

COMMUNITY NEWS

By Sister M. Beverly, HSM

A sincere thank you to all of you who sent a Christmas card, donation or gift. I am blessed to have such generous friends and benefactors. I did write a personal note to each person, so if you sent something and did not receive acknowledgement, maybe your letter was lost in the mail or my record keeping is not as great as it should be. Please let me know if anything is amiss! It is still easier for me to hand-write notes than to work on the computer, so this small newsletter is a "s-t-r-e-t-c-h".

I received word that our first chaplain, Father Howard Curtis, OCSO, died on December 31, 2018. I was unable to attend his funeral at the Trappist Abbey in Oregon on January 7, 2019. More on Father Howard, God willing, in the February newsletter...after I get my new glasses. In your charity, please remember to pray for the repose of Father's soul and consolation for his Trappist community. Thank you sincerely.

God bless you abundantly in this New Year in the Lord and let us pray for each other daily.

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