

Reflections from Joel Fischer, Liturgist/Music Ministry

Certainty

Certainty undermines one's power, and turns happiness into a long shot. Certainty confines.

Dears, there is nothing in your life that will not change – especially all your ideas of God.

Look what the insanity of righteous knowledge can do:
 crusade and maim thousands
 in wanting to convert that which
 is already gold
 into gold.

Certainty can become an illness
 that creates hate and
 greed.

God once said to Tuka,

“Even I am ever changing –
 I am ever beyond
 Myself,

what I may once put my seal upon,
 may no longer be
 the greatest
 Truth.”

~ Tukaram (17th Century Marathi poet)

After reading through this poem a couple times, I couldn't help but think about the nature of our political discourse in this country. It seems that everyone, on all sides of every debate, is certain that they have the correct answer. Even in our individual faith journeys, we sometimes find that, just when we think we have it all figured out, God challenges us to look beyond our own certainty.

The poem was translated by Daniel Ladinsky and is from his book *Love Poems from God*, a collection of writings of poets and saints from many religious traditions. It is also one of the texts included, along with the latin texts of the Roman Catholic Mass, in a wonderful new musical work called **amass**, an ambitious project by Minnesota composer Jocelyn Hagen that will receive its world premiere performance next **Saturday, February 12th at 8pm at First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights**. As a member of the organization that is premiering this work (The Singers), I can attest to the beauty and power of the music. I hope you can come to our performance. Contact me for more details.



MOST HOLY TRINITY

Shared Opportunities



*To Most Holy Trinity
 Quilters, Knitters and Crocheters:*

Our Lady Quilters & Knitters would like to invite those interested in making quilts for donation and prayer shawls for parishioners to come to a Tuesday morning meeting at Our Lady of Grace to learn more about our work. There are opportunities for home sewers and quilt completion. Prayer shawls are done at your pace in your home. We have patterns for the prayer shawls.

Meetings are every Tuesday morning from 9-11am in the administration building located on the south side of the school at Our Lady of Grace; park in the upper lot. Do come and join us!

Should you have questions, please call Mary Jane Sushak at (763) 557-8813. Please leave your name and phone number should you reach my answering machine.

**MHT-OLG
 Mutual Status Policy**

Most Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Grace have granted reciprocal parishioner status to all members of OLG and MHT parishes. This means each parish will fully recognize the status and length of membership of all registered parishioners in welcoming and dealing with one another. This granting of “mutual status” does not require anyone to change where they worship, where they contribute or where they call their home parish.

	Greeter	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Usher
Saturday February 12 5:00 PM	Angie Kuehn The Chongs	Dan Hertsgaard (substitute needed)	Mary Kaye Becker Sue Ager	OPEN	Jeff Calder Jerry Burke Fernando Torres OPEN
Sunday February 13 8:00 AM	Angie Kuehn Dave & Bernadette Meier	Sherrie Schroeder	Pat Christensen Nancy DeShane	Teagan Wolf	John Gannon John Schulte Tom Babcock Tom Schottenbauer
Sunday February 13 10:30 AM	Rose Adams Tom & Julie Hart	Lourdes Pira	Julie Hart Tom Hart	Dante Nord	Pat O'Brien Phil Grisez John Mittelstaedt OPEN

Offertory Recorders:
 Monday, February 7.....Jim Gmyrek, Bill Koster, Dennis O'Connor
 Monday, February 14.....Bill Koster, Jim McGie

Hospitality Volunteers for February 13
 8:00 am Rita Welch
 10:30 am Angie Kuehn