

## Mercy

I know this should have been in last Sunday's bulletin but as 'they' say, it's never too late particularly when it comes to the stuff of God. And the stuff of God is in every single thing, mineral, nature and all that it protects like animals, and us.

I do not know why my beloved and I had to go through the things we did. I'll just say from a financial and health perspective we've been through the kind of things that were extremely severe and many marriages would not have survived it. In one of musings we went through our friends and we wondered if they would have survived.

But we did, via a constant showering of God's great mercy. In a somewhat convoluted way He led us to the place we can call our last earthly home. It is small but perfect for someone like me who has a tendency to pinball my way through rooms and my dearest has waved her magic wand and made it home, and a darn cute one. She is at peace now with a roof over her head that is hers/ours.

God's Mercy!

I am now acutely aware of God's great Mercy In looking back through life and seeing it up front and personal on a daily basis. Despite what really were incredible hardships, I always knew He was there right with us and constantly bestowed on us great acts of Mercy, often through the kindness of friends whose kids Holly taught, like finding us a rental at one point and finally helping us secure this home.

So now we do what we must. God has showered our little parish at the end of Alleluia row with much Divine mercy in so many ways. Now it is our most solemn duty to pray that His Mercy is showered on our world and all its tragedies. We are at war. The ultimate one. I heard a person on NPR describing the fact that in the last decade of the last century seventy percent of the nation described themselves as Judea Christian, Muslim or of some faith. That number is now forty-seven percent and crosses all faiths almost evenly.

We are now a minority.

So we must do the only thing much of us can. Recognize His Mercy which He bestows on us constantly with the ultimate persistence. Thank Him always every day many times a day. And pray unceasingly that His Mercy keeps falling on those that don't even know they are getting it and that they finally recognize His Mercy and extend it to their neighbors and their enemies.

Prayer has never been needed more and it must become the focus of our daily lives. You can still work and pray at the same time. Pray. Pray. Pray.

In Jesus name we pray.

Always.

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