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Ramblings XVIII by Carl Beyer and Friends

Are we having fun yet with the new verbiage for the Mass? The change reminds me of a lesson taught to me during RCIA. There are "Traditions," with a capital T, and then there are "traditions."

Traditions with a capital T do not change; they are set in stone. One such Tradition is the "Our Father," the prayer given to us by Our Lord Himself. Then there are traditions which become rituals but may change or disappear. Mass in Latin was a tradition.

A good explanation of a tradition is the story of the bride and the Easter ham. A newlywed bride cuts the ends off the Easter ham and her husband asks her why. She answers that it is a tradition in her family. He asks why, what is the significance, and she does not know. So, she asks her mother, who says she does not know why but that her mother had always done it that way. So, off they go to Grandma, who explains that she only had a small pan, so she always cut the ends off the ham so it would fit in the pan....How many of us have such family traditions, of whose origins and meanings we do not know?

Several of you have taken pictures of our Lord's image in the tabernacle, which occurred in our church this past week and was witnessed by many. If possible, could you email them to me at bulletin@sjvnm.org so that I may compile them? I would really appreciate it!

2011 is wrapping up and we are heading into 2012. Is anyone worried? The good news is that according to some "authorities" the world will not end until December of 2012, but the bad news then would be that Christmas 2012 would be cancelled. Then again, I seem to remember the Lord mentioning that we will not know the day or the hour, that the Lord's coming will be like a thief in the night. So, enjoy the next year, but be prepared, for the Lord also mentioned something about being watchful and ready for the end, and His coming, at all times. So, thinking in those terms, I encourage you not to hesitate to pitch in with your treasure for our Church, because I have a feeling that it will be standing tall come January, 2013 and, God willing, all of us along with it.

Is everyone enjoying the early dark nights? Here is one date in 2012 to which to look forward: March 11. That is when we will begin to have more sunlight in the evenings. I myself have moved my projects inside for the winter. I have plenty to do there and it seems that no matter how much I exert myself and how hard I work, there will always be more work to do (such is life!). I love it! It must be a man thing because my wife keeps asking when the projects will be DONE. All I can say is that I NEVER have enough 2"x4"s for all the projects I can imagine!....I am tackling the burden of laundry right now. It seems to me that we spend too much time moving clothes around. Do not think I will solve this one before The End Of The World (12/2012, or WHENEVER).

I am about halfway through inputting the Bible into the SJV database. That means a couple of you are halfway through reading the whole Bible via your daily Bible verses. 81 of you receive daily Bible verses, all of you at different stages. We welcome anyone interested in reading the Bible and catechism in four years to join us. It is amazing to think that two years have passed since we started this project! Visit www.sjvnm.org and click on "subscriptions" to join us in this wonderful project.

I cannot think how reading the Bible would not be a priority for anyone serious about our Faith. I have heard that anyone can simply pick up the Bible and read it. But how much more accessible and FUN it is to get the daily reading in your email?!

Go forth and celebrate (and practice) the new translation of the English Mass. Go forth and read the Bible. God Bless You All.