

Daily Homily
Eighth Week of Ordinary Time: Wednesday
31 May 2023
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May 31st is a big day! It marks at least three things for us.

First, Yes, it's my Ordination Anniversary – 26 years a Priest today. Over half of that time has been spent here at St. Brendan. It's been a blessing for me in many ways... I hope that blessing has been mutual.

Second, today marks another anniversary. On May 31, 1987... a year after the groundbreaking on this baseball field... the doors of the new church of St. Brendan were open (I was a junior in high school). Today marks the first time Mass was celebrated in this actual church building. Some of those here this morning may remember that Mass or at least remember being part of that day. So, in a special way in my prayer today, I remember Nick Del Giudice and Fr. Murray who were so instrumental in the building of this church in many ways.

Third, today is the Feast of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. What a feast day to be ordained a priest. I didn't appreciate it at the time, but I do now. I cherish it as a matter of fact. We celebrate these two women, so in touch with God, and God's plan, and their vital role in God's plan, and the possibilities happening out of so many impossibilities. It's a wonderful scene in scripture. And I love this about that scene – this wasn't just a dinner, this wasn't just a stop by, a quick visit – this was three months to reflect, ponder, and pray, and be together as God unfolded in what they talked about and shared and what was happening. It's an easy scene to get lost into.

May the way they took time to ponder, reflect, and pray inspire us today as we too are visited – visited by Jesus in this Eucharist, and not just for a quick moment, but He stays with us forever.