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Does God Exist?

Summer continues to unfold. I hope you are enjoying your vacation travels. And don't forget to include worship of the Lord Our God as you move about during this season. I enjoy reading bulletins from other churches so bring me one back if you think about it. If you need to find a Catholic church in your travels click on: www.masstimes.org.

Recently someone sent me the following story in response to the age old question: "Why does God allow suffering in our world?" It's not perfect, but I think you'll appreciate it:

"A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving a God who would allow all of these things."

The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. (Also the barber had the scissors in hand!) The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the Barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. The man looked dirty and unkempt.

The customer turned back and entered the Barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist!" "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!" "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist! What happens is, people do not come to me."

"Exactly!"- affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens, is, people don't go to God and do not look for God. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

God does not create pain and suffering. In fact, Jesus revealed to us that wants to heal us, cure us of our infirmities. Three fifths of the Gospel stories depict Jesus healing people! We just need to look for God around and within us. God is ready to help us. As the stories of the Gospel relate, we just need to seek the Lord and ask for healing, trusting that God will give it to us.

Have a great week and don't forget to return your raffle tickets. It is a great way to support the ministries of our parish.

Have a good week!

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Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual out door parish Feast Day Mass on

Sunday, August 12 at 10:00am at the Perinton Center Park. Remember breakfast follows the celebration and the regular Sunday Mass schedule remains the same at the parish.

