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Fifth Resumed Sunday after Epiphany

November 8, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Nov. 8th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Fifth Resumed Sunday after Epiphany, <i>II Class</i> † Andrew & Margaret Toth - <i>Mr. & Mrs. DeAngelis</i> All Souls Mass Remembrance
Mon. Nov. 9th 7:45 a.m.	Ded. of Archbasilica of Our Holy Savior, <i>II Class</i> All Souls Mass Remembrance
Tues. Nov. 10th 7:45 a.m.	St. Andrew Avellino, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> All Souls Mass Remembrance
Wed. Nov. 11th 7:45 a.m.	St. Martin of Tours, <i>Bishop & Confessor, III Class</i> Ints. of Conf. of St. Peter - <i>Mike & Nancy Emig</i>
Thu. Nov. 12th 7:45 a.m.	St. Martin I, <i>Pope & Martyr, III Class</i> Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Mike Craig</i>
Fri. Nov. 13th 6:00 p.m.	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, <i>Virgin, III Class</i> Pierre Delaplace - <i>Michael & Nancy Emig</i>
Sat. Nov. 14th 9:00 a.m.	St. Josaphat, <i>Bishop & Martyr, III Class</i> John Gillenkirk -
Sun. Nov. 15th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sixth Resumed Sunday after Epiphany, <i>II Class</i> Mitchell Children - <i>Their Parents</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

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INTROIT

Jer. 29, 11, 12, 14

The Lord saith, I think thoughts of peace, and not of affliction: you shall call upon Me, and I will hear you; and I will bring back your captivity from all places. *Ps. 84, 2.* Lord, Thou has blessed Thy land; Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *V.* Glory be to the Father ... The Lord saith ...

COLLECT

Keep Thy family, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with Thy continual mercy, that leaning only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace, it may ever be defended by Thy protection. Through our Lord...

EPISTLE

Colossians 3: 12-17

Brethren: Put ye on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, patience: bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if any have a complaint against another: even as the Lord hath forgiven you, so do you also. But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection: and let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one body: and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly, in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing in grace in your hearts to God. All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by Jesus Christ our Lord.

GRADUAL

Psalm 43, 8, 9

Thou hast delivered us, O Lord, from them that afflict us: and hast put them to shame that hate us. *V.* In God we will glory all the day: and in Thy Name we will give praise for ever.

ALLELUIA

Psalm 129, 1, 2

Alleluia, alleluia. From the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 24-30

At that time Jesus spoke this parable to the multitudes: The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man that sowed good seed in his field. But while men were asleep, his enemy came and over sowed cockle among the wheat, and went his way. And when the blade was sprung up and had brought forth fruit, then appeared also the cockle. And the servants of the good man of the house coming, said to him: Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? Whence then hath it cockle? And he said to them: An enemy hath done this. And the servants said to him: Wilt thou that we go and gather it up? And he said: No, lest perhaps, gathering up the cockle, you root up the wheat also together with it. Suffer both to grow until the harvest, and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers: Gather up first the cockle and bind it into bundles to burn, but the wheat gather ye into my barn.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 129, 1, 2

From the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my prayer: from the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord.

SECRET

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the sacrifice of propitiation, that Thou mayest of Thy mercy, absolve us from our sins, and Thyself direct our inconstant hearts. Through our Lord...

COMMUNION

Mark 11, 24

Amen, I say to you, whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and it shall be done unto you.

POSTCOMMUNION

We beseech Thee, almighty God, that we may obtain the effect of that salvation, the pledge of which we have received in these mysteries. Through our Lord...

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*

The Epistle for this Sunday recalls to our mind the fundamental duty of a Christian: charity. All programs and resolutions of the spiritual life are of little value if they are not animated by love and directed to the perfection of love. Detachment, mortification, humility, and all the other virtues are of little worth if they do not incline the heart to a wider, more complete and more expansive charity. “But above all these things,” St. Paul recommends, “have charity, which is the bond of perfection”; not only love for God, but also for our neighbor. It is under this aspect that the Apostle speaks of charity in today’s Epistle, carefully pointing out that all our relations with our neighbor should be inspired by love. “Put ye on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, patience: bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if any have a complaint against another.” Fraternal charity is the mark of God’s elect. If we do not have this distinctive mark, Jesus does not recognize us as His disciples; our heavenly Father does not love us as His children, nor will He take us into His Kingdom. The spiritual life requires the use of so many means, calls for the exercise of so many virtues that care must be taken lest we become lost in details, forgetting the love which should be the foundation and end of all. Of what value is the spiritual life, consecration to God, or even the vows of religion, if they do not help the soul to tend to the perfection of love?

Consider the perfect love which the Apostle asks us to have for our neighbor: mercy, compassion, mutual forgiveness, and that love which leaves no room for divisions or dissensions, which overcomes strife and forgets offenses. This is long-suffering charity which makes every sacrifice and overcomes all difficulties in order to be in harmony with all, because we all form “one body” in Christ, because we are all children of the same heavenly Father.

Fraternal charity of this kind is the surest guarantee of a spiritual life that is advancing toward sanctity.

The Epistle has presented us with the ideal of the Christian life, an ideal of love which should unite all the faithful in singleness of heart; the Gospel (*Mt 13, 24-30*) shows us the practical way to live this ideal.

“The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man that sowed good seed in his field. But... his enemy came and

oversowed cockle among the wheat.” God has sown the good seed generously in His field, the world; He has sown grace and love, and the desire for total oblation, the ideals of an apostolic, religious, saintly life. But, in the midst of all this good, the enemy comes to sow evil. Why does God permit this? To sift His servants as we sift grain, to test them.

Sometimes we are scandalized, seeing evil working its way even into the best places, seeing that even among God’s friends, among those who should be a source of edification to others, there are some who behave unworthily. Then we are filled with zeal, like the servants in the parable. We want to remedy this evil and root up the cockle. “Wilt Thou that we go and gather it up!” But God answers, “No, lest perhaps gathering up the cockle, you root up the wheat also together with it.” The cockle is spared, not because it is good, but in order to save the wheat. In the same way God spares the wicked and does not destroy them, for the sake of the elect. When God asks us to endure with patience certain situations, as inevitable as they are deplorable, He asks for one of the greatest exercises of charity, compassion, and mercy. He does not tell us to fraternize with evil, to make a league with the cockle, but He tells us to endure it with the longanimity with which He Himself endured it. Was there not a traitor among the Apostles? Yet Jesus wanted him among His intimates — and with how much love He treated him! Indeed one of the greatest opportunities for the practice of charity is offered us by those who by their evil conduct give us so many occasions for forgiving them, for returning good for evil, and for suffering injustice for the love of God. Moreover, we should consider that, whereas cockle cannot be changed into wheat, it is always possible for the wicked to be converted and become good. Were not Magdalen, the good thief, and Peter, who had denied Jesus, converted? This is one of the strongest motives to incite us to do good to all. When our love is perfect, we are able to live among the wicked without being harsh or contentious, without being influenced by them, but rather doing them good.

O most noble, most beautiful, most innocent Lord Jesus, You have loved me, a vile, ugly creature, deformed by sin; teach me to imitate Your great charity, so that I will love my neighbor with sincere, brotherly love, however imperfect and sinful he may be.

SILENCE PLEASE: Please be careful of the noise in the vestibule when socializing after the Masses.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding our Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 21, 2016. Unlike past years, tickets will be sold in advance, and the dinner is all-you-can-eat. Tickets will be available before and after the 10:15 am Mass from Sunday 11/1 through 11/15. Cost will be \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children 5-10. Children 4 and under eat free. All proceeds support the Knights of Columbus activities in the parish.

2016 FSSP LITURGICAL CALENDARS: Are available in the church vestibule. A donation of \$12.00 is appreciated. You may submit your donation by mail or by placing it in an envelope marked “**FSSP Calendar**” and placing it in the offering basket on Sunday.

2016 FSSP CHRISTMAS CARDS are also available in the vestibule. More cards can be ordered with the form enclosed in the envelope. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary operating expenses in Denton, Nebraska.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: This year our goal is 10,000. Please mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060. Thank you.

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Today is the final day to gain a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the faithful departed.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2015/16 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Every gift truly matters. If you have not yet made your gift, and need an envelope, envelopes can be found in the church vestibule.

Fr. Gerard Saguto will give his third talk on the Parables of Christ on Wednesday, November 11th 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WEARING THE BROWN SCAPULAR



“We believe that all who have the happiness of wearing the Scapular while dying, obtain Grace before God and are preserved from the fire of Hell, because we believe that Mary, to keep her promise, draws forth for them from the Divine treasures of which She is the depository, the graces necessary for their perseverance in justice or their sincere conversion...” [Die Ablasser (tr.) Paderborn, 1886. Sub festo.]

COLLECTION: November 1st - \$3,367.00

Fifth Resumed Sunday
after Pentecost

Nov. 8th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** Stephen LaFata
- AC2** Francis LaFata

- TEAM D**
- MC** Matthew Gillenkirk
- TH** Andrew Pheasant
- AC1** Patrick Schneider
- AC2** Timothy Sica
- C** John Skuba
- S1** Joseph Skuba
- S2** Peter Sica

WEEK ONE

- Monday** Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.
- Tuesday** Collin Chidester
7:45 a.m.
- Wednesday** Andrew Pheasant
7:45 a.m.
- Thursday** John Skuba
Joseph Skuba
7:45 a.m.

Sixth Resumed Sunday
after Pentecost

Nov. 15th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** Joshua Sica
- AC2** Timothy Sica

- TEAM A**
- MC** Timothy Emig
- TH** John Gillenkirk
- AC1** Andrew Pheasant
- AC2** Matthew Gillenkirk
- C** Sean Michelin
- S1** Joseph Seeley
- S2** Brendan Seeley