

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Feb. 9th	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bellington - <i>Alice Tomas</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Feb. 10th	St. Scholastica, <i>Virgin, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Jose de Jesus Zepeda
Tues. Feb. 11th	Our Lady of Lourdes, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Delaplace Children - <i>Their Father</i>
Wed. Feb. 12th	Seven Holy Servite Founders, <i>Confessors, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Stephanie Pendrak - <i>Her Father</i>
Thur. Feb. 13th	Feria, <i>IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Patrick Elms - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Fri. Feb. 14th	St. Valentine, <i>Priest & Martyr, IV Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Wallace White - <i>Robert Paqotta</i>
Sat. Feb. 15th	Saturday of Our Lady, <i>IV Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	FSSP Vocations
Sun. Feb. 16th	Septuagesima Sunday, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Mildred Gaiser - <i>Patricia and Jack McGovern</i>
10:15 a.m.	<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

Ps. 96: 7-8

Adore God, all you His angels: Sion heard, and was glad: and the daughters of Juda rejoiced. The Lord hath reigned, let the earth rejoice: let many islands be glad. Glory be. . .

COLLECT

In Thine infinite goodness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to watch over Thy household, that even as it relies solely upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace, so 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 101: 16-17

The Gentiles shall fear Thy name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. For the Lord hath built up Sion: and He shall be seen in His glory.

ALLELUIA

Psalm 96: 1

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath reigned, let the earth rejoice: let many islands be glad. 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 117: 16-17

The right hand of the Lord had wrought strength: the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me: I shall not die, but live, and shall declare the works of the 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

Luke 4: 22

All wondered at these things which proceeded from the mouth of God.

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...

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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. (Saint Matthew 13:30) He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man. Meaning: "I am the sower of the good seed, namely the Gospel and the word of God; for I sow, that is, preach it not only by Myself, but also by My Apostles, in such a way, however, that they are only My instruments, My voices and My preachers. But I am the sole Author of this preaching; and whatever they preach exteriorly of My doctrine, I preach interiorly in the minds of the hearers, and I cause them to understand, to love, to embrace and to put into action these things, through My grace, with which I illumine their mind and inflame their will."

And the field is the world. And the good seed are the children of the kingdom. And the cockle are the children of the wicked one. The world, for Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth (Ps. 18). The field, therefore, is the world, not the Church, for by the cockle of this field many understand heretics, who are not in the Church, especially when they are manifest and public.

Children of the kingdom. These are the faithful, the righteous, and those who persevere in justice, who are, therefore, elected by God to be heirs of the kingdom of heaven. Hence, in verse 43, they are called "the just".

Note: the just are here called seed, because although the seed which Christ actually sows is the word of God, sowed both outwardly in speech by the lips, and inwardly in the heart by grace (as it says in Luke 8:11, The seed is the word of God); nevertheless, because the fruit of this seed is the conversion of the faithful, and their justification, therefore, the just believers also are called seed, i.e., the fruit of the seed and the harvest, by metonymy, which expresses the effect by the cause. Hence Christ explains this seed (v. 39) as the harvest and the reapers at its conclusion. And the cockle are the children of the wicked one, namely the devil. Therefore, they themselves are evil and good for nothing, for the offspring follow their father. As the sons of God are good and divine, so are the sons of the devil wicked, good for nothing and diabolical, being imitators of the devil's falsehood, says St. Augustine.

Note: by cockle and children of the wicked one, some understand heretics, because they are the chief and most injurious kind of cockle, inasmuch as they choke and de-

stroy the faithful and faith from their foundation. St. Augustine who, however, retracts this and teaches from St. Cyprian, that cockle denote all the wicked in the Church. St. Gregory, St. Ambrose, Theophylact teach the same. For all wicked persons, by their evil life, hurt the faithful and the Church, as cockle injure wheat, and choke it. Hence they are called "good for nothing" because the worthless man is not worth as much as the lowest estimation of him, says Festus. Falsely then from this passage (v. 29), where Christ forbids these cockle to be plucked up, and adds, suffer both to grow (v. 30), the Innovators infer that heretics are not to be punished and extirpated. For by the same reasoning they might conclude that murderers and thieves must not be punished; for they, too, are cockle. And I say that Christ does not here absolutely forbid these cockle to be plucked up, but says that no one must attempt to root them all up together; nor at a time when they cannot be distinguished from the wheat; or when there is danger of pulling up the wheat at the same time with them, as Christ Himself explains (v. 29). But all this does not apply when anyone is a manifest heretic, especially if he teaches and infects others with his heresy. For such a one does more harm to the Church than a murderer, for the one only kills the body, but the other the soul. See 1 Corinthians 5:13, Galatians 5:12, where the Apostle commands impious persons, especially false teachers, to be taken away and extirpated.

Tropologically, the Author of the Imperfect Commentary says that cockles are concupiscence, e.g., the desire for vain glory that stealthily creeps into a good deed, which can be tolerated if it is inadvertent, nor should the good work be abandoned.

But the harvest is the end of the world. For then shall God by the angels reap the harvest of all men, bad as well as good; and shall separate them in the Day of Judgment, gathering the good into the heavenly barn, and delivering the evil to the fire of hell. Hence it follows: And the reapers are the angels. For the harvest, says St. Remigius, is the Day of Judgment, in which the good are to be separated from the wicked, and this shall be done by the ministry of the angels.

(The Great Commentary of Cornelius à Lapide)

Father James Gordon, FSSP, will be covering for Fr. Zepeda until he returns.

GIRLS RETREAT: Fr. Gordon will give a one day retreat for girls of our parish ages 8 to 18 on Saturday, February 15th. The retreat will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a Holy Hour followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m. concluding with two talks. A schedule is posted the vestibule of the church. Mothers may attend the retreat! Lunch will be provided by the parish. For more information, contact Mrs. Maria Mitchell, 610-599-0238.

PLEASE NOTE: To get an idea of the number of those attending, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the Church for mothers to sign up their daughters for the February 15th retreat.

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter: February 22, Feast of the First Class in the FSSP, by concession of the Holy See on July 7, 2010. A Plenary indulgence is granted for all members of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

COLLECTION: February 2 - \$2739.00

Indulgences Confraternity: By decree of the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, dated June 7, 2008, a plenary indulgence is also granted at the usual conditions to the members of the Confraternity of St. Peter the day of their admission and each February 22nd and June 29th.

TALENT SHOW 2014: This year's Talent Show will be after Lent. More information will be posted in the upcoming weeks.

GIRLS RETREAT SCHEDULE

8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:05-8:40	Confessions
9:00 am	Mass
9:45-10:10	Breakfast
10:15-12:00	Two Talks
	1. On the Privilege of being a woman
	2. On Vocations
12:10 p.m.	Lunch

Altar Boy Schedule

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9nd
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Justin LaFata
AC2 Francis LaFata

TEAM D

MC William Skuba
TH Matthew Gillenkirk
AC1 Chris Shanahan
AC2 Joseph Schneider
C Patrick Schneider
S1 John Skuba
S2 Joseph Skuba
S3 Joseph Seeley
S4 Brendan Seeley

WEEK ONE

Monday
7:45 a.m. Joseph Schneider
Patrick Schneider

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday
7:45 a.m. John Pheasant
Andrew Pheasant

Thursday
7:45 a.m. William Skuba
John Skuba

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 16th
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

TEAM A

MC James McWhirter
TH John Gillenkirk
AC1 Joseph McWhirter
AC2 Patrick Seeley
C Robert Seeley
S1 John Pheasant
S2 Andrew Pheasant
S3 Matthew Gillenkirk
S4 Timothy Emig