Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2015

Fr. José M. Zepeda, FSSP, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Sun. June 28th Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class 8:00 a.m. Philomena Therese LaFata - Her Parents

10:15 a.m. Pro Populo

Mon. June 29th SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles, I Class

7:45 a.m. James Patrick Williams - Eileen Hanisch

Tues. June 30th Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle, III Class

7:45 a.m. Stephen Keifer - Mom & Dad

Wed. July 1st Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I Class

7:45 a.m. † Fr. Kenneth Walker, FSSP - Brian & Jennifer

Thu. July 2nd Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class

7:45 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory - Mike Craig

Fri. July 3rd Sacred Heart of Jesus, III Class

6:00 p.m. † James P. Reap - Robert S. McHale

Sat. July 4th Immaculate Heart of Mary, III Class

9:00 a.m. Thomas & Lauren Emig Family - Mike & Nancy Emig

Sun. July 5th Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:00 a.m. Brien Emig - His Parents

10:15 a.m. Pro Populo

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

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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. 26, 7-9

Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to Thee: be Thou my helper, forsake me not, nor do Thou despise me, O God my Saviour. *Ps. 26, 1.* The Lord is my light, and my salvation: whom shall I fear? *V.* Glory be to the Father ... Hear, O Lord...

COLLECT

O God, Who hast prepared good things unseen for them that love Thee, pour into our hearts the fervor of Thy love, that, loving Thee in all things and above all things, we may attain Thy promises, which surpass all desire. Through Our Lord.

EPISTLE 1 **Peter 3**, 8-15

Dearly beloved, Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, being lovers of the brotherhood, merciful, modest, humble: not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing: for unto this are you called, that you may inherit a blessing. For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. Let him decline from evil, and do good; let him seek after peace, and pursue it: because the eyes of the Lord are upon the just, and His ears unto their prayers, but the countenance of the Lord upon them that do evil things. And who is he that can hurt you, if you be zealous of good? But if also you suffer anything for justice' sake, blessed are ye. And be not afraid of their fear, and be not troubled; but sanctify the Lord Christ in your hears.

GRADUAL Ps. 83, 10, 9

Behold, O God our protector, and look on Thy servants. *V.* O Lord God of hosts, give ear to the prayers of Thy servants.

ALLELUIA Ps. 9, 5, 10

Alleluia, alleluia. Ps. 20, 1. In Thy strength, O Lord, the king shall joy; and in Thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matt. 5, 20-24

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Except your justice abound more than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to them of old, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you, that whosoever is angry with his brother, shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath anything against thee, leave there thy offering before the altar, and go first to be reconciled to thy brother; and then coming thou shalt offer thy gift.

OFFERTORY Ps. 15, 7, 8

I will bless the Lord, Who hath given me understanding: I set God always in my sight; for He is at my right hand, that I be not moved.

SECRET

Be propitiated, O Lord, by our supplications, and graciously accept these oblations of Thy servants and Thy handmaidens, that what each has offered to the honor of Thy name may profit for the salvation of all. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION Ps. 26, 4

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, whom Thou hast filled with the heavenly gift, that we be cleansed of our hidden sins and delivered from the snare of our enemies. Through our Lord.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, Divine Intimacy

O Lord, teach me to live in perfect harmony with my neighbor, so that my prayers and offerings will be pleasing to You.

This Sunday could well be called the Sunday of Fraternal Charity, a virtue so necessary to preserve proper relations with our neighbor. "Be ye all of one mind," says St. Peter in his first Epistle (3,8 -15), "having compassion one of another, being lovers of the brotherhood, merciful, modest, humble." The Apostle speaks to us in a very practical and realistic way. He realizes that with our weakness and frailty we cannot preserve peace if we have no compassion for the faults of others, if we do not know how to be kind to those who displease us, and if we cannot bear blame with humility. Anyone who pretends that in achieving a life of perfect harmony with others, he need never suffer any annoyance or displeasure, and that he need never be contradicted or upset, has very little experience of the reality of life and forgets that, far from being pure spirits, we are limited by matter; he forgets that "we are mortal, frail, and weak, bearing about our bodies like vessels of clay, a source of friction for one another" (St. Augustine), even as clay jars carried in the same vehicle strike against and jostle each other. By reason of our limitations we have mentalities, tastes, desires, and interests that differ from those of others, and thus we do not always succeed in understanding one another.

It even happens that sometimes, without wishing it and without even the shadow of a bad intention, we work against one another. The remedy for these inevitable failures, when the limitations of our nature are the cause of mutual distress, is that suggested by St. Augustine: "dilatentur spatia caritatis," let more room be given to charity. In other words, let us enlarge our hearts by greater love, in order that we may better understand and sympathize with one another. Let us likewise practice greater humility, in order to overcome the resentments of our self-love. Even if someone does act against us with ill will, we should know how to forgive him, according to the words of the Apostle: "Not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but

contrariwise, blessing... But if also you suffer anything for justice' sake, blessed are ye... Sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts."

The Gospel (Mt 5,20-24) repeats and intensifies the same instruction. First of all Jesus tells us: "Unless your justice abound more than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." This is a clear allusion to the new law, the law of love, given to us by Jesus Himself and far surpassing the simple law of justice. We cannot content ourselves, as the Pharisees did, with simply not doing harm to our neighbor; we must practice toward him a positive, fraternal charity. It is not enough "not to kill" in order to escape "the judgment," the Master teaches, but "whosoever is angry with his brother, shall be in danger of the judgment." Another aspect of the new law proposed by Jesus concerns our interior dispositions. It is useless to make an exterior display of goodness if this does not proceed from a good conscience, a sincere heart. It does not suffice to avoid giving outward offense to our neighbor; we must avoid, or rather, repress our inner resentment. The Pharisees, with their materialistic interpretation of the law, had completely lost its spirit; they had forgotten that the eyes of the Lord are always upon us and that He sees our intentions as well as our acts. Anger and resentment that smolder in our heart do not escape Him. At the same time, Jesus asks great delicacy of us in all our exterior dealings with our neighbor. He demands that we avoid not only offensive acts but even words that might hurt another. Charity and fraternal harmony meant so much to Him that He did not hesitate to tell us: "If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath anything against thee, leave there thy offering before the altar, and go first to be reconciled to thy brother." How much Our Lord loves us! St. John Chrysostom remarks very aptly: "He does not take account of His own honor, when He requires us to love our neighbor. 'Let My worship be interrupted,' He says, 'but reestablish your charity." Indeed, how can our prayers and sacrifices be pleasing to God when something interferes with perfect harmony between ourselves and our neighbor?

WELCOME: St. Michael's wishes to extend a hearty welcome to all visitors.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection today in support of Peter's Pence June 28th. Everyone is encouraged to help support Pope Francis in his charitable works throughout the world.

Camp St. Isaac Jogues will have their annual family day on Sunday, July 12th, beginning at 12:30 and ending by 4:00 p.m. Families attending are asked to bring a dish and a snack for the potluck. All are welcome.

CONFRATERNITY OF ST. PETER NDULGENCE:

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

Fr. Tim O'Brien FSSP, will be with us from June 29th trough July 6th. Fr. O'Brien was recently ordained to the priesthood. He will give first blessings after both masses on Sunday, July 5th.

SEMINARIAN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN – St.

Michael's Knights of Columbus Council 14829 is asking for your help in providing financial assistance for men pursuing priestly vocations from St. Michael's parish and attending Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Nebraska. Last year, the Council provided support for seminarians James Gillenkirk and David McWhirter. The Knights will match the first \$500 in donations it receives. The campaign goal is \$2,500 in donations. Please be very generous and support our future priests. Make checks payable to "KOC Council 14829" and write "vocations" in the memo section of the check. Please drop your donation in the collection basket using envelopes in the pews for this purpose. Thank you!

COLLECTION: June 21st - \$3,635.00

Altar Boy Schedule

	FIFTH SUNDAY TER PENTECOST			SIXTH SUNDAY	
<u>June 28th</u>		WEEK THREE		AF	TER PENTECOST
8:00 a.m. Mass		<u>====</u>		<u>July 5th</u>	
				8:00 a.m. Mass	
ACI	Stephen LaFata	Monday	Joseph Schneider		
AC2	Francis LaFata	7:45 a.m.	Patrick Schneider	ACI	Joshua Sica
				AC2	Timothy Sica
	TEAM D	Tuesday			
MC	John Gillenkirk	7:45 a.m.			TEAM A
TH	Matthew Gillenkirk			MC	Timothy Emig
AC1	Joseph Schneider	Wednesday	Dominic Gardner	TH	John Gillenkirk
AC2	Patrick Schneider	7:45 a.m.	Jack Gardner	AC1	Joseph McWhirter
C	Collin Chidester			AC2	Patrick Seeley
S1	John Skuba	Thursday		C	Robert Seeley
S2	Joseph Skuba	7:45 a.m.		S 1	Matthew Gillenkirk
S 3	Joseph Seeley			S2	Andrew Pheasant
S4	Brendan Seeley				