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Quinquagesima Sunday

February 7, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Feb. 7th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Quinquagesima Sunday, <i>II Class</i> Intentions of Mary & Leonard Tabone <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Feb. 8th 7:45 a.m.	St. John of Matha, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> Sica Family - <i>Tim & Mary Morris</i>
Tues. Feb. 9th 7:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. Cyril of Alexandria, <i>Bp, Conf. & Doc. III Class</i> † Michael Todisco - <i>F.O.S.S.</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Wed. Feb. 10th 7:45 a.m.	Ash Wednesday, <i>I Class</i> Sammy Jo Margaret Primakow - <i>Anon.</i>
Thu. Feb. 11th 7:45 a.m.	Thursday after Ash Wednesday, <i>III Class</i> Brian J. Craig - <i>F.O.S.S.</i>
Fri. Feb. 12th 6:00 p.m.	Friday after Ash Wednesday, <i>III Class</i> † Ceil Luksis - <i>Gillenkirk Family</i>
Sat. Feb. 13th 9:00 a.m.	Saturday after Ash Wednesday, <i>III Class</i> † Joseph A. Lackner - <i>Jerome Lackner</i>
Sun. Feb. 14th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	First Sunday of Lent, <i>I Class</i> † Dorothy & Thomas Burke - <i>Pheasant Family</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

Quinquagesima Sunday

INTROIT

Ps. 30, 3,4

Be Thou unto me a God, a protector, and a place of refuge, to save me: for Thou art my strength, and my refuge; and for Thy name's sake Thou wilt be my leader, and wilt nourish me. *Ps. 30, 2.* In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded: deliver me in Thy justice, and set me free. *V.* Glory. Be Thou unto me ...

COLLECT

Of Thy clemency harken unto our prayers, O Lord, loose us from the bonds of sin, and keep us from all adversity. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 Cor. 13, 1-13

Brethren, if I speak with the tongues of men, and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I should have prophecy, and know all mysteries, and all knowledge, and if I should have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity; I am nothing. And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity is patient, is kind: charity envieth not; dealeth not perversely; is not puffed up; is not ambitious; seeketh not her own; is not provoked to anger; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never falleth away: whether prophecies shall be made void or tongues shall cease or knowledge shall be destroyed. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away the things of a child. We see now through a glass in a dark manner; but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then I shall know even as I am known. And now there remain, faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

GRADUAL

Ps. 76, 15, 16

Thou art the God that alone dost wonders: Thou hast made Thy power known among the nations. *V.* With Thy arm Thou hast redeemed Thy people, the children of Israel and of Joseph.

TRACT

Ps. 99, 1, 2

Sing joyfully to God all the earth: serve ye the Lord with gladness. *V.* Come in before His presence with exceeding great joy: know ye that the Lord He is God. *V.* He made

us, and not we ourselves: but we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

GOSPEL

Luke 18, 31-43

At that time, Jesus took unto Him the twelve, and said to them, Behold we go up to Jerusalem, and all things shall be accomplished which were written by the prophets concerning the Son of man: for He shall be delivered to the gentiles, and shall be mocked, and scourged, and spit upon; and after they have scourged Him, they will put Him to death; and the third day He shall rise again. And they understood none of these things, and this word was hid from them, and they understood not the things that were said. Now it came to pass, when He drew nigh to Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the wayside, begging. And when he heard the multitude passing by, he asked what this meant. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. And they that went before, rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out much more, Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus standing, commanded him to be brought unto Him: and when he was come near, He asked him, saying, What wilt thou that I do to thee? But he said, Lord, that I may see. And Jesus said to him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he saw, and followed Him, glorifying God: and all the people when they saw it, gave praise to God.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 118, 12, 13

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy justifications: with my lips I have pronounced all the judgments of Thy mouth.

SECRET

My this offering, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse away our sins, sanctify us in soul and body, and fit us, Thy servants, for the celebration of the sacrifice. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Ps. 77, 29-30

They did eat, and were filled exceedingly, and the Lord gave them their desire: they were not defrauded of that which they craved.

POSTCOMMUNION

We beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who have partaken of heavenly nourishment, may be fortified by it against all adversities. Through our Lord.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

Lent is approaching and our thoughts turn spontaneously to the sorrows of Jesus. Today's Gospel brings us an announcement of the Passion.

The prediction is clear: "The Son of Man... shall be delivered to the Gentiles, and shall be mocked and scourged and spit upon, and after they have scourged Him, they will put Him to death; and the third day He shall rise again." However, as on other occasions, the Apostles "understood none of these things, and this word was hid from them." They did not understand because they imagined that Jesus' mission was like an earthly conqueror's and that He would re-establish the kingdom of Israel. Since they dreamed only of triumphs and of occupying the first places in the kingdom, any allusion to the Passion upset and scandalized them.

To those who dream only of prosperity and earthly glory, the language of the Cross is incomprehensible. Those who have a purely material ideal of life find it very difficult to understand any spiritual significance, and especially that of suffering. St. Paul said that Christ Crucified was "unto the Jews indeed a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness" (I Cor 1,23). Rebuking St. Peter, who at the first mention of the Passion had exclaimed, "Lord, be it far from Thee, this shall not be unto Thee," Jesus had said, "Go behind Me, Satan... because thou savorest not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men" (Mt 16,22.23). To human wisdom, suffering is incomprehensible; it is disconcerting; it can lead one to murmur against divine Providence and even to lose all trust in God. However, according to the wisdom of God, suffering is a means of salvation and redemption. And as it was necessary "for Christ to have suffered these things, and so to enter into His glory," it is also necessary for the Christian to be refined in the crucible of sorrow in order to attain to sanctity, to eternal life.

It was not until after the descent of the Holy Spirit that

the Apostles fully understood the meaning of the Passion; then, instead of being scandalized, they considered it the greatest honor to follow and to preach Christ Crucified.

The human eye has not sufficient light to comprehend the value of the Cross; it needs a new light, the light of the Holy Spirit. It is not by chance that in today's Gospel, immediately after the prediction of the Passion, we find the healing of the blind man of Jericho. We are always somewhat blind when faced with the mystery of suffering; when it strikes us in what we hold most near and dear, it is easy to get lost and to grope our way like blind men through uncertainty and darkness. The Church invites us to repeat today the blind man's prayer of faith: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

The world is often astonished at the sufferings of the good, and instead of encouraging them in their reliance on God, seeks to turn them from Him by urging them to defiance and false fear. Our passions themselves, our innate tendencies toward pleasure, often cry out to us and try, by a thousand pretexts, to prevent us from following Jesus Crucified. Let us remain steadfast in our faith, like the poor blind man. He was not disturbed by the crowd that tried to keep him from approaching Jesus, and he did not give up when the disciples remonstrated with him and wanted him to be quiet; he only shouted his prayer "even more loudly."

Let us cry to the Lord from the bottom of our hearts *De profundis clamo ad te, Domine; Domine audi vocem meam!* (Ps 129). Let us ask, not to be exempt from suffering, but to be enlightened as to its value. "Lord, that I may see!" As soon as the blind man recovered his sight, he immediately followed Jesus, "glorifying God!" The supernatural light which we seek from the Lord will give us the strength to follow Him and to carry our cross as He did.

ST. MICHAEL TALENT SHOW: The 2016 Talent Show is today, February 7th after the 10:15 Mass. This year's theme is **DOWN ON THE FARM**. Everyone is invited. Pizza and lemonade will be provided.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 10

Team B will serve both Masses

Low Mass 7:45 a.m.

Sung Mass 7 p.m.

Plenary Indulgence: On each of the Fridays of Lent, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Communion, recite the "Prayer Before a Crucifix." Copies of the prayer may be found in the Church vestibule.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS begin Friday, February 12th, at 5:00 p.m. and are held every Friday during Lent. Mass is at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Holy Rosary. **Confessions will be heard from 4:30 - 4:55 p.m.**

SECOND COLLECTION: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that

dioceses throughout the United States conduct a one-time special appeal for victims of numerous 2015 storms and other natural disasters as well as those that are likely to affect our country in 2016. This collection will be taken up on Sunday, February 21st.

FR. SAGUTO will give his next class on Wednesday, February 24th, at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be "Theology of Worship and the Tridentine Mass." This topic will take us into May. Everyone is welcome!

Indulgences Confraternity: 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; a) the day of their admission; b) the day of the feast of the Chair of St. Peter and c) the day of the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

COLLECTION: January 31st - \$2,334.00

Altar Boy Schedule

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Feb. 7th

8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 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

WEEK TWO

Monday
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Joshua Sica
7:45 a.m. Timothy Sica

Thursday John Mitchell
7:45 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Feb. 14th

8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Patrick Schneider
AC2 Colin Chidester

TEAM C

MC Dominic Gardner
TH Robert Seeley
AC1 Timothy Emig
AC2 Patrick Seeley
C Jack Gardner
S1 Michael Gardner
S2 Sean Michelin