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Quinquagesima Sunday

March 2, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Mar. 2nd	Quinquagesima Sunday, II Class
8:00 a.m.	Mary Dennehy - Patricia & Jack McGovern
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo
Mon. Mar. 3rd	Votive Mass of the Most Holy Trinity, IV Class
7:45 a.m.	Mrs. Helen Antonieski - Mitchell Family
Tues. Mar. 4th	St. Casimir, Confessor, III Class
7:45 a.m.	John and Joanie Maltese - LaFata Family
Wed. Mar. 5th	Ash Wednesday, I Class
7:45 a.m.	Pendrak Family
7:00 p.m.	† Wallace White
Thur. Mar. 6th	Thursday after Ash Wednesday, III Class
7:45 a.m.	Theresa McWhirter
Fri. Mar. 7th	St. Thomas Aquinas, Con /Doc, Patron II Class
6:00 p.m.	Eileen Emig - Her Parents
Sat. Mar. 8th	Saturday after Ash Wednesday, III Class
9:00 a.m.	Gregory Sica - Tim and Mary Morris
Sun. Mar. 9th	First Sunday of Lent, I Class
8:00 a.m.	† Stephen Tomas - Patricia & Jack McGovern
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

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.

The Malice of Sin, why Lent is necessary

The soul that sins, in voluntarily performing an action contrary to God's will, practically denies that God is sovereign wisdom and has the power to establish laws; it practically denies the holiness of God and refuses to give Him the adoration due to Him; it practically denies that God is omnipotent and has the right of claiming the obedience of beings that receive their life from Him; it denies that God is supreme goodness worthy of being preferred to all that is not Himself; it puts God beneath the creature. "I will not serve Thee", says the soul, repeating the words of Satan on the day of his revolt. Does it say them with the lips? No, at least not always; perhaps it would not like to do so, but it says them in act. Sin is the practical negation of the Divine perfections; it is the practical contempt of God's rights: practically, if such a thing were not rendered impossible by the nature of the Divinity, this soul would work evil to the Infinite Majesty and Goodness; it would destroy God.

And was it not this that happened? When God took to Himself a human form, did not sin slay Him? In the Passion of Christ, there is no deeper a revelation of the malice of sin. Let us for a few moments contemplate the sufferings that the Incarnate Word endured when the hour came for Him to expiate sin; we can hardly form any conjecture into what an abyss of agony and humiliation sin caused Him to descend.

Christ Jesus is God's only Son. In Him His Father is well pleased... Yet, behold how the Father dealt with His Son when the moment came for Jesus to pay in our place the debt due to justice for our sins. Behold how the "Lamb of God" was stricken when He substituted Himself for sinners. The Eternal Father willed with that will that nothing can resist "to bruise Him in infirmity". The sins of men cover Him with shame and it is as a culprit that He prays in Gethsemane: "Father if it be possible..." But it is the hour of justice, the hour when the Father wills to deliver up His own Son to the powers of darkness.

And later on the cross, Jesus is abandoned by His Father. We can never know what an abyss of suffering was this

abandonment of Christ by His Father; it is an unfathomable mystery. Jesus abandoned by His Father! Yet throughout His life has not Jesus always done His Father's will? Has He not fulfilled the mission He received of manifesting the Father's name to the world. Is it not that the world may know that He loves the Father that He delivers Himself up? Most certainly, yes. Then wherefore, O Eternal Father, dost Thou strike Thy well-beloved Son? "For the wickedness of My people." Christ having at this moment delivered up Himself for us, so as to give full and entire satisfaction for sin, the Father no longer sees in His Son anything except the sin He has taken upon Himself to such a degree that this sin appears to be His own: He is "made a curse for us" [Gal.iii:13]; His Father abandons Him and although, at the summit of His being, Christ retains the ineffable joy of the beatific vision, this abandonment plunges His soul in such profound sorrow that it wrings from Him this cry of infinite anguish: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Divine justice giving itself free course to punish the sin of all mankind has fallen like an impetuous torrent on God's own Son.

If we want to know what God thinks of sin, let us look at Jesus in His Passion. When we behold God strike His Son, Whom He infinitely loves, with the death of the cross, we understand a little what sin is in God's sight.

Blessed Dom Columba Marmion, O.S.B., Abbott,
Christ the Life of the Soul.



ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 5th and is a **DAY** of complete abstinence. A Low Mass is scheduled for 7:45 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS begin Friday, March 7th, at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m., concluding with the Rosary. As a reminder **confessions will be heard from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Team A** will serve Stations of the Cross.

On each of the Fridays of Lent, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Communion, recite the "Prayer Before a Crucifix".

FIRST FRIDAY is March 7th. In lieu of the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent, there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Lent is passed.

The Law of the Eucharistic Fast: Current Legislation. Under the New Code of Canon Law, the fast for Holy Communion is one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Those who are able to maintain the previous discipline of the three-hour fast are still encouraged to do so.

REMINDER: The season of Septuagesimsa is a preparation for the season of Lent.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling clam chowder dinners on the first Friday of Lent this year, March 7. Dinners will include chowder, rolls and corn on the cob. Adults dinners are \$5, and children are \$2.50. Cheese pizzas will also be available at \$10/pie or \$1.25/slice. Enjoy the First Friday in Lent with a great dinner that supports the Knights.

CONGRATULATIONS: St. Michael's congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Claudio Salvucci on the baptism of their baby girl, Lucy Elizabeth Salvucci, on February 15th.

Please do not place any literature of any kind in the Church, vestibule or downstairs without the express permission of Fr. Zepeda. Thank you.

COLLECTION: February 23 - \$4,563.25

Altar Boy Schedule

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

March 2nd
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

MC Justin LaFata
TH Robert Seeley
AC1 Dominic Gardner
AC2 Francis LaFata
C Timothy Emig
S1 Brendan Seeley
S2 Michael Gardner
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Stephen LaFata

WEEK ONE

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

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

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

Stations of the Cross

TEAM A

Robert Seeley
Patrick Seeley
Joshua Sica
Timothy Sica

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9th
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