

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Sixth Resumed Sunday after Epiphany

November 15, 2015

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Mass Intentions

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>
Mon. Nov. 16th 7:45 a.m.	St. Gertrude the Great, <i>Virgin, III Class</i> Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Anon.</i>
Tues. Nov. 17th 7:45 a.m.	St. Gregory/Wonderworker, <i>Bp & Conf, III Class</i> † Dr. Patrick Ferraro - <i>Hanisch Family</i>
Wed. Nov. 18th 7:45 a.m.	Ded. of Basilicas of SS. Peter & Paul, <i>III Class</i> John & Rosita Bellington
Thu. Nov. 19th 7:45 a.m.	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, <i>Widow, III Class</i> † Samuel Aronica - <i>Dr. John Barczytnski</i>
Fri. Nov. 20th 6:00 p.m.	St. Felix of Valois, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> † Beverly Grab - Frank Leo
Sat. Nov. 21st 9:00 a.m.	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>III Class</i> Norine Gayz - <i>Evelyn Tereshko</i>
Sun. Nov. 22nd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> Fr. Ignatius Manfredonia, F.I. - <i>Auri Boyle</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

Sixth Resumed Sunday after Epiphany

INTROIT

Jer. 29, 11, 12, 14

The Lord said, 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. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be to the Father...The Lord ...

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that, ever fixing our thoughts on reasonable things, we may both in word and in deed do what is pleasing to Thee. Who with Thee liveth.

EPISTLE

1 Thess. 1, 2-10

Brethren, we give thanks to God for you all, making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing; being mindful of the work of your faith, and labor, and charity, and of the enduring of the hope of Our Lord Jesus Christ before God and our Father: knowing, brethren, beloved of God, your election; for our gospel hath not been unto you in word only, but in power also, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much fullness, as you know what manner of men we have been among you for your sakes. And you became followers of us and of the Lord; receiving the word in much tribulation, with joy of the Holy Ghost: so that you were made a pattern to all that believe, in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you was spread abroad the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place, your faith which is towards God, is gone forth; so that we need not to speak any thing. For they themselves relate to us, what manner of entering in we had unto you; and how ye turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from Heaven (whom He raised from the dead), Jesus Who hath delivered us from the wrath to come.

GRADUAL

Ps. 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

Ps. 129, 1,2

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

GOSPEL

Matt. 13, 31-35

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to the multitudes: The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard-seed, which a man took and sowed in his field: which is the least indeed of all seeds; but when it is grown up, it is greater than all herbs, and becometh a tree; so that the birds of the air come, and dwell in the branches thereof. Another parable he spoke to them: The kingdom of heaven is like to leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened. All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the multitudes, and without parables He did not speak to them; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 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

May this oblation, O God, cleanse, renew, govern, and protect us, we beseech Thee. Through our Lord...

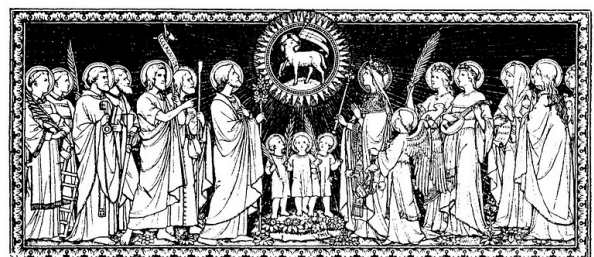
COMMUNION

Mark 11, 34

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

POSTCOMMUNION

Being fed with celestial delights, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may ever hunger after those things by which we truly live. Through Our Lord...



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

May Your kingdom come, O Lord, in the whole world and in my heart.

The parable of the mustard seed emerges from the text of today's Mass; it is brief, but rich in meaning: "The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; which is the least indeed of all seeds, but when it is grown up, it is greater than all herbs and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and dwell in the branches thereof." Nothing was smaller or more humble in its beginnings than "the kingdom of heaven," the Church: Jesus, its Head and Founder, was born in a stable; He worked for the greater part of thirty years in a carpenter's shop, and for only three years unfolded His mission to a poor people, preaching a doctrine so simple that all, even the unlettered, could understand. When Jesus left the earth, the Church was established by an insignificant group of twelve men, gathered about a humble woman, Mary; but this first nucleus possessed so powerful a vitality that in a few years it spread into all the countries of the vast Roman Empire. The Church, from a very tiny seed, sown in the hearts of a Virgin Mother and of poor fishermen, became little by little through the centuries a gigantic tree, extending its branches into all regions of the globe, with peoples of every tongue and nation taking shelter in its shade.

The Church is not merely a society of men, but of men who have for their Head, Jesus, the Son of God; the Church is the whole Christ, that is, Jesus and the faithful incorporated in Him and forming one Body with Him. The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ of which each of the baptized is a member. To love the Church is to love Jesus; to work for the extension of the Church is to work for the increase of the Mystical Body of Christ, so that the number of His members may be filled up and each may contribute to the splendor of the whole. All this is summarized and asked of the Father in the brief invocation: "*Adveniat regnum tuum.*" *Thy Kingdom Come.*"

Perhaps there is but little that we can do for the extension of the Church. Let us, at least, do that little; let us contribute our insignificant labor, as a veritable mustard seed, toward the growth of this wonderful tree, beneath whose shadow all men are called to find

salvation and repose.

The parable of the mustard seed makes us consider not only the expansion of the kingdom of God in the world, but also its development in our hearts. Has not Jesus said "The kingdom of God is within you" (*Lk 17,21*)? Yes, in us too this wonderful kingdom began as a tiny seed, a seed of grace: the sanctifying grace which, in a hidden and mysterious way, was sown in us by God at Baptism, and the actual grace of good inspirations and of the divine word which Jesus the heavenly Sower, has scattered plentifully in our souls. This little seed has germinated slowly, it has sent down ever deeper roots, it has grown progressively, penetrating our whole spirit, until it has entirely conquered us for God, until we have felt the need of saying: Lord, all that I have, all that I am, is Yours; I give myself wholly to You. I want to be *Your kingdom*.

To be entirely the *kingdom of God*, so that He is the only Sovereign and Ruler of the heart, so that nothing exists in it which does not belong to Him or is not subject to His rule, is the ideal of a soul that loves God with perfect love. But how can we attain to the full development of this kingdom of God within us? The second parable which we read in today's Gospel tells us: "The kingdom of heaven is like to leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened." Here is another very beautiful image of the work grace must accomplish in our souls: grace has been placed in us like leaven which little by little must increase until it permeates our whole being and divinizes it entirely. Grace, the divine leaven, has been given to purify, elevate, and sanctify our entire being, with all its powers and faculties; only when this work will have been brought to completion, shall we be entirely the *kingdom of God*.

Let us reflect further on the great problem of our correspondence with grace. This divine seed, this supernatural leaven, is within us; what can prevent it from becoming a gigantic tree, capable of giving shelter to other souls; what can impede the leaven from fermenting the whole mass, if we remove all the obstacles opposed to its development, if we respond to all its motions and requirements?

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.

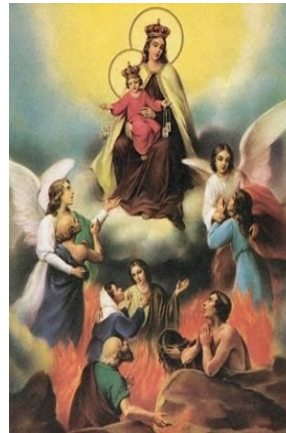
2016 FSSP LITURGICAL CALENDARS: Are available in the church vestibule. A donation of \$12.00 is appreciated. You may submit your donation by mail or by placing it in an envelope marked **“FSSP Calendar”** and placing it in the offering basket on Sunday.

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. We are at 50% of our goal. Please mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060.

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.

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 Ablasse (tr.) Paderborn, 1886. Sub festo.]

COLLECTION: November 8th - \$2,2334.00

Altar Boy Schedule

**SIXTH RESUMED SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**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

WEEK TWO

- Monday**
7:45 a.m.
- Tuesday** Joseph McWhirter
7:45 a.m.
- Wednesday** Joshua Sica
7:45 a.m. Timothy Sica
- Thursday** John Mitchell
7:45 a.m.

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Nov. 22nd
8:00 a.m. Mass**

- ACI Dominic Gardner
- AC2 Jack Gardner
- TEAM B**
- MC Francis LaFata
- TH Joseph McWhirter
- AC1 John Mitchell
- AC2 Stephen LaFata
- C
- S1 Brian LaFata
- S2 Ian McGuirk