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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Oct. 11th	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:00 a.m.	† Fr. Nicholas Gruner - <i>Mike & Nancy Emig</i>
10:15 a.m.	† Carlos S. Casavantes, Sr. - <i>By Family</i>
Mon. Oct. 12th	Feria, IV Class
7:45 a.m.	Shamus Gerrity - <i>K of C</i>
Tues. Oct. 13th	St. Edward the Confessor, King, III Class
7:45 a.m.	† Jacqueline Gates - <i>John Bellington</i>
Wed. Oct. 14th	St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr, III Class
7:45 a.m.	Jim Lazzaro - <i>Sue Gillenkirk</i>
Thu. Oct. 15th	St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin, III Class
7:45 a.m.	† John Stephen Lomango - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Fri. Oct. 16th	St. Hedwig, Widow, III Class
6:00 p.m.	† Sr. M. Doloritas Donnegan, IHM - <i>Robert McHale</i>
Sat. Oct. 17th	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin, III Class
9:00 a.m.	Anthony Bogorowski - <i>David & Karen Scatena</i>
Sun. Oct. 18th	Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:00 a.m.	Consecration of Russia - <i>Emig Family</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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

INTROIT

Dan. 3: 31, 29, 35

All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done in true judgment; because we have sinned against You, and we have not obeyed your commandments; but give glory to Your name, and deal with us according to the multitude of Your mercy. *Ps. 118:1.* Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. *V.* Glory be.

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech You, graciously grant Your faithful forgiveness and peace, that they may be cleansed of all sin and serve You with minds free from care. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

Eph. 5: 15-21

Brethren: See to it that you walk with care: not as unwise but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not become foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, for in that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

GRADUAL

Psalm 144: 15-16

The eyes of all look hopefully to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season. *V.* You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

ALLELUIA

Psalm 107: 2

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* My heart is steadfast, O God; my heart is steadfast; I will sing and chant praise to You, my glory. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 4: 46-53

At that time, there was a certain royal official whose son was lying sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and besought Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders, you do not believe." The royal official said to Him, "Sir, come

down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go your way, your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and departed. But even as he was now going down, his servants met him and brought word saying that his son lived. He asked of them therefore the hour in which he had got better. And they told him, "Yesterday, at the seventh hour, the fever left him." The father knew then that it was at that very hour in which Jesus had said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household.

OFFERTORY

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered you, O Sion.

SECRET

May these sacramental rites, O Lord, we beseech You, be our heavenly medicine and expel evil from our hearts. Through our Lord.

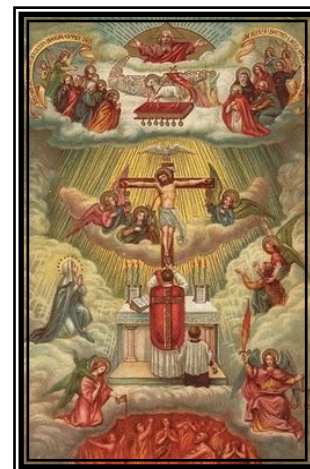
COMMUNION

Ps. 118: 49-50

Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, since You have given me hope. This is my comfort in my affliction.

POSTCOMMUNION

That we may be made worthy, O Lord, of Your sacred gifts, make us, we beseech You, ever obedient to Your commandments. Through our Lord.



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

The liturgy of the last Sundays after Pentecost has a special note, warning us of the approaching end of all things. In fact, the liturgical year is almost at its close, and, as it ends, it invites us to consider the uncertainty of the present life and to turn our eyes toward the eternal life awaiting us. Spontaneously we stop to reflect on the condition of our own soul: How have we employed the time that God has given us? In the Introit we find the humble confession: "O Lord, we have sinned against Thee, we have not obeyed Thy commandments," and in the Collect we pray to obtain forgiveness: "Grant unto Thy faithful people pardon and peace, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord." In the Epistle St. Paul counsels us to use the time that remains to us in the best possible way, to attain eternal glory. "See, therefore, brethren, how you walk circumspectly, not as unwise, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." The Apostle then explains what the nature of our wisdom should be: "Become not unwise, but understand what the will of God is." It would be the height of folly and imprudence to go through life following our own whims and desires. This is a most dangerous way and one which will never lead us to our destination. The only road that takes us to our eternal home is that of the will of God. Anyone who sincerely seeks God's will and follows it, will be guided, not by his own spirit, but by God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, and can be sure that he will not go astray. "Be ye filled with the Holy Spirit," exhorts St. Paul, "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual canticles, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord... being subject one to another." When a soul allows itself, with childlike docility, to be led by the Holy Spirit, He takes complete possession of it, filling it entirely with Himself; and from this plenitude, the spirit of prayer, virtue, humble submission and fraternal love spontaneously blossoms forth. To follow God's will under the direction of the Holy Spirit is the quickest and safest way of reaching our heavenly home.

It is impossible to discover and walk in the way of God's will without faith; today's Gospel expressly treats of this faith and the qualities it must have in order to be pleasing to God.

A certain ruler, having heard of the marvelous

cures performed by Jesus, went to Him and begged Jesus to come to his house and "heal his son, for he was at the point of death." This man had faith in the miraculous power of the Master, but he was far from believing that He was the Son of God. Jesus knew this and replied: "Unless you see signs and wonders, you believe not." These words, which historically were addressed to the ruler and his companions, were meant for all whose faith depends on what they see and hear. There are very few who believe with simplicity in the Gospel, in Revelation, in the teachings of the Church; most people remain indifferent and are moved only in the presence of something unusual which strikes their senses. It is true that the Lord can use such things to help our weakness, but this is not the faith which pleases Him. "Blessed are they that have not seen and have believed". He said to Thomas, who would not believe unless he saw the place of the nails and put his finger into His wounds. True faith is not based on our experience, on what we see and touch, but on the authority of God. God has revealed himself; He can neither deceive nor be deceived; and we believe firmly on His word. To believe on the word of God is supernatural faith, the pure faith which is pleasing to God.

Jesus, who wished to lead the ruler to this true faith, said to him: "'Go thy way, thy son liveth.' The man believed the word which Jesus said to him, and went his way." It was not yet supernatural faith in the Son of God; nevertheless, it was an act of faith in the Master's word, and although it was imperfect, it brought forth fruit: his son was cured. God does not demand more than each one can give Him, and when He sees our good will, our sincere efforts, He Himself intervenes to perfect the work. Thus the ruler's imperfect and still human faith was rewarded by his son's cure, and as a result, his faith became supernatural. He believed in Jesus, no longer as a simple prophet or wonder-worker, but as the Son of God; "and himself believed and his whole house."

In this life we walk toward God, not by vision, but by faith. The purer our faith is and the more free from human elements, the more pleasing it will be to God, and the more it will enable us to know His holy will and to accomplish it with love.

October Prayer to St. Joseph

To thee, O Blessed Joseph, we fly in our affliction, and after imploring the help of thy holy Spouse, with confidence we ask also for thy intercession. By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by His Precious Blood, and with thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.

Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving Father, from all pestilence of error and corruption. From thy place in heaven be thou mercifully with us, most powerful protector, in this warfare with the powers of darkness; and, as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent danger of death, so now defend the holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy constant patronage, so that, sustained by thy example and help, we may live a holy life, die a holy death, and obtain the everlasting happiness of Heaven. Amen.

APPRECIATION: Especial thanks to all the ladies who made Our Lady's Tea so beautiful. May our Lord reward you for making it so special for His Holy Mother and the ladies and daughters of St. Michael's.

Fr. Zepeda is away on vacation until October 22nd and Fr. Carlos Casavantes is here only until the 19th; therefore there will be **no Mass** from Tuesday October 20th through Thursday October 22nd.

Fr. Gerard Saguto will give his second talk on the Parables of Christ on Wednesday, October 14th at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

ALL SAINTS PARTY: St. Michael's Annual All Saints Day Party is on Saturday, October 31st! We will begin in church with the Litany of the Saints at 6 PM. *Please bring a snack or dessert to share!* Please make sure the clues for the costume contest are under a minute long per child. *See the sign up sheet in the vestibule to sign up for candy bags!* If you have any questions, please see Caroline Gillenkirk.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday next Sunday, October 18th.

SILENCE PLEASE: There is too much noise in the vestibule after Mass. Please socialize downstairs or outside after Mass. God bless you.

COLLECTION: October 4 - \$2,480.00

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 11th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Stephen LaFata
AC2 Francis LaFata

TEAM D

MC Matthew Gillenkirk
TH Joshua Sica
AC1 Patrick Schneider
AC2 Timothy Sica
C John Skuba
S1 Joseph Skuba
S2 Peter Sica

WEEK THREE

Monday Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday Robert Seeley
Patrick Seeley
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Dominic Gardner
Jack Gardner
7:45 a.m.

Thursday Sean Michelin
7:45 a.m.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 18th
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