

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2013

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Oct. 13th	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:00 a.m.	† Daniel Donovan - <i>Pheasant Family</i>
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo
Mon. Oct. 14th	St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr, III Class
7:45 a.m.	Neglected Souls in Purgatory- <i>Leonard / Mary Tabone</i>
Tues. Oct. 15th	St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin, III Class
7:45 a.m.	† Poor Souls in Purgatory - <i>Skuba Family</i>
Wed. Oct. 16th	St. Hedwig, Widow, III Class
7:45 a.m.	Elizabeth Miller
Thur. Oct. 17th	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin, III Class
7:45 a.m.	Stephen Pendrak
Fri. Oct. 18th	St. Luke, Evangelist, II Class
6:00 p.m.	Pro Populo
Sat. Oct. 19th	St. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor, III Class
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Zepeda - <i>Gillenkirk Family</i>
Sun. Oct. 20th	Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:00 a.m.	† Richard V. Kasarda - <i>Ruth and Children</i>
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-5 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

INTROIT

Esther 13, 9, 10, 11

All things are in Thy will, O Lord, and there is none that can resist Thy will: for Thou hast made all things, heaven and earth, and all things that are under the cope of heaven: Thou art Lord of all. *Ps. 118, 1.* Blessed are the undefiled in the way; who walk in the law of the Lord. *V.* Glory be to the Father ... All things are in Thy will ...

COLLECT

Keep Thy household, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with continual loving-kindness, that by Thy protection it may be free from all adversities and devoted to Thy Name in well-doing. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

Eph. 6, 10-17

Brethren, be strengthened in the Lord, and in the might of His power. Put you on the armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the deceits of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against Principalities and Powers, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places. Therefore, take unto you the armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and to stand in all things perfect. Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast plate of justice, and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; in all things taking the shield of faith, wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one. And take unto you the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

GRADUAL

Ps. 89, 1, 2

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge, from generation to generation. *V.* Before the mountains were made, or the earth and the world was formed; from eternity and to eternity Thou art God.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 113, 1

Alleluia, alleluia. When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a barbarous people. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matt. 18, 23-35

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven is likened to a king, who would take an account of his servants. And when he had begun to take the account, one was brought to him that owed him ten thousand talents: and as he had not wherewith to pay it, his lord commanded that he should be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. But that servant falling down, besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And the lord of that servant, being

moved with pity, let him go; and forgave him the debt. But when that servant was gone out, he found one of his fellow-servants that owed him a hundred pence: and laying hold of him, he throttled him, saying, Pay what thou owest. And his fellow-servant falling down besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not; but went and cast him into prison till he paid the debt. Now his fellow-servants, seeing what was done, were very much grieved; and they came and told their lord all that was done. Then his lord called him, and saith to him, Thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all the debt, because thou besoughtest me; shouldst not thou then have had compassion also on thy fellow-servant, even as I had compassion on thee? And his lord being angry, delivered him to the torturers until he paid all the debt. So also shall My heavenly Father do to you, if you forgive not every one his brother from your hearts.

OFFERTORY

Job 1

There was a man in the land of Hus, whose name was Job, simple, and upright, and fearing God: whom Satan besought that he might tempt: and power was given him from the Lord over his possessions and his flesh; and he destroyed all his substance and his children; and wounded his flesh also with a grievous ulcer.

SECRET

Graciously receive, O Lord, the sacrifices with which Thou hast willed that Thou shouldst be appeased and our salvation, by Thy mighty love, restored. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Ps. 118, 81, 84, 86

My soul is in Thy salvation, and in Thy word have I hoped: when wilt Thou execute judgment on them that persecute me? the wicked have persecuted me: help, me, O Lord my God.

POSTCOMMUNION

Having been fed with the food of immortality. O Lord: we beseech Thee, that what we have received with our mouth, we may follow with a pure mind. Through our Lord.



Then his lord called him, and said to him: Thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all the debt, because thou besoughtest me: Shouldst not thou then have had compassion also on thy fellow servant, even as I had compassion on thee? And his lord being angry delivered him to the torturers until he paid all the debt. (Saint Matthew 18:32-34). It appears from history, and from the civil law of the gentile Romans, to whom at the time of Christ the Jews were subject, that debtors were accustomed to be delivered by their creditors to torturers, who cast them into prison, and scourged them. The Emperor, Constantine, was the first, out of Christian clemency, to abolish the punishment of scourging debtors with flails loaded with lead. Moreover, the torturers are the demons, says Remigius, who torment souls of sinners in hell in a thousand ways. *Until he paid*, i.e., he must be tormented forever. For he could never pay off that debt of 120 million. So St. John Chrysostom.

And his lord being angry, delivered him to the torturers until he paid all the debt, namely the ten thousand talents which had been already remitted (vv. 24, 27). He goes on to say, So also shall My heavenly Father do to you, if you forgive not everyone his brother from your hearts, that is, He will recall all your past sins which have been already forgiven, even as the lord recalled the past debt of his servant which had been already remitted. This remitted debt, therefore, and sin is said to be recalled and to return, through that subsequent mercilessness and ingratitude.

1. Because this want of mercy is a deadly sin; for to be unwilling to forgive our neighbor a fault, is to cherish hatred, anger, and revenge against him, which is clearly a mortal sin. And thus by this means the former state of sin and liability to hell returns. For he who will not forgive is a debtor to the wrath of God in the same way that he was previously, on account of other sins. When someone is damned, it is for some sin that he is damned. Now this sin cannot be remitted, because so long as a man will not forgive his neighbor for a trespass against himself, so long God will not forgive him his own faults. By the fact, therefore, that a similar new sin of mercilessness is committed, by means of it, in some way, past offenses against God seem to live again, because the state of sin and the liability to hell revive.

2. Because this ingratitude sorely aggravates the sin, even

mortally, if we believe Soto, who asserts that it must be mentioned by a penitent in confession. Others, though, take a milder view, that the circumstance of ingratitude aggravates the sin to which it is attached, only venially; for this gratitude is not as great as the benefit itself [for which one is ungrateful], or as great as the sin to which it is attached. For this ingratitude attaches itself to all sin; nevertheless its malice and guilt increase proportionately, so that the greater the benefit [received] or the sin remitted to the person, the greater consequently is the ingratitude, but within the limits already mentioned. Ingratitude for the remission that one has received for sins, therefore, in a certain way recalls those past sins, in that it aggravates the following sin.

3. Although this ingratitude is perhaps not a mortal sin per se, yet it is often a cause of mortal sin. For God, on account of this ingratitude, withdraws the more plentiful supply of His grace from the sinner, and permits him to be more severely tempted by the flesh and the devil.

So also shall My heavenly Father do to you, if you forgive not everyone his brother from your hearts. (v. 35) “From your hearts”, meaning from the very bottom of your heart. For there are many who forgive with their lips, but not with their hearts. Christ, therefore, bids that the gall of rancor be cast out from the depths of the heart, and the honey of love substituted in its place. This parable, therefore, teaches how gravely displeasing to God it is to harbor in our minds anger, rancor and revenge against a neighbor who has offended us; and, on the other hand, how pleasing it is to God to lay them aside, and convert them into love, even as God receives the penitent sinner to His grace and the bowels of His love, and buries in oblivion all his past offenses, even as though they had never been committed. Moreover, this is to be done not once, but seventy times seven, that is, always, and as often as our neighbor repents of the offense. To demonstrate this, Christ spoke the parable of the ten thousand talents – that is, of a very vast debt. Let us, therefore, who are but men, and very weak men, imitate God, Who every day forgives us our daily offenses against Him, be they very many and very grievous, as often as we repent, and does let us do the same from the heart. And, therefore, He bids us pray daily, Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. (*The Great Commentary of Cornelius à Lapide*)

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday on October 20th.

ALL SAINTS PARTY: The All Saints party will be held on Thursday, October 31st at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Kate Gardner 570-689-4958.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18th, on the Feast of Saint Luke, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter as a Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right. A High Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for the many graces that we have received in this first quarter-century.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th, we will have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of Christ the King. Please mark this date in your calendar and make a special effort to be at the 10:15 Mass (procession afterwards) and become a public witness to our Faith.

CONFRATERNITY MEMBERS: Members who wish to receive the blessing, please bring your certificate and your prayer with you on Sunday, October 20th. Fr. Zepeda will give you instruction at 10:00 a.m. before the 10:15 Mass. The blessing will take place after the Mass.

HOLY SOULS NOVENA: Please make sure that you have the Mass intentions for the Holy Souls in by **October 27th**. Your intentions will be included in a novena of Masses beginning on November 2nd, All Souls Day.

FR. ZEPEDA will be on vacation from October 6th until October 19th. During that time, there will be no 6:30 a.m. Mass until his return.

COLLECTION: October 6th - \$4,539.00

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

October 13th

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 TWO

Monday

7:45 a.m.

Tuesday

7:45 a.m.

James McWhirter
Joseph McWhirter

Wednesday

7:45 a.m.

John Mitchell
Anthony Mitchell

Thursday

7:45 a.m.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

October 20th

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