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Quinquagesima Sunday

February 26, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Feb. 26th	Quinquagesima Sunday, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Amelia Scatena - David & Karen Scatena
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Feb. 27th	St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Melanie Therese Bennett - Mary Bennett
Tues. Feb. 28th	Votive Mass of the Angels, <i>IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Skuba Godchildren - Skuba Family
Wed. Mar. 1st	Ash Wednesday, <i>I Class</i>
7:30 a.m.	Living & Dec'd Doggett & Gristina Families
Thu. Mar. 2nd	Thursday after Ash Wednesday, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Joseph LaFata - His Parents
Fri. Mar. 3rd	Sacred Heart of Jesus, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Albert Ignatovich - Jean Ignatovich
Sat. Mar. 4th	Immaculate Heart of Mary, <i>III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	† Edward Bellington - Jerome Lackner
Sun. Mar. 5th	First Sunday of Lent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† James H. Craig, Sr. - F.O.S.S.
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 am

& 9:15-10:05 am

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.

Introduction to the Devout Life (Cont'd)

Some Useful Hints as to Meditation

Part II, Chapter 8

Above all things, my child, strive when your meditation is ended to retain the thoughts and resolutions you have made as your earnest practice throughout the day. This is the real fruit of meditation, without which it is apt to be unprofitable, if not actually harmful--inasmuch as to dwell upon virtues without practicing them leads to puff us up with unrealities, until we begin to fancy ourselves all that we have meditated upon and resolved to be; which is all very well if our resolutions are earnest and substantial, but on the contrary hollow and dangerous if they are not put in practice. You must then diligently endeavour to carry out your resolutions, and seek for all opportunities, great or small. For instance, if your resolution was to win over those who oppose you by gentleness, seek through the day any occasion of meeting such persons kindly, and if none offers, strive to speak well of them, and pray for them.

When you leave off this interior prayer, you must be careful to keep your heart in an even balance, lest the balm it has received in meditation be scattered. I mean, try to maintain silence for some brief space, and let your thoughts be transferred gradually from devotion to business, keeping alive the feelings and affections aroused in meditation as long as possible. Supposing some one to have received a precious porcelain vessel, filled with a most costly liquid, which he is going to carry home; how carefully he would go, not looking about, but watching steadfastly lest he trip or stumble, or lest he spill any of the contents of his vessel. Just so, after meditation, do not allow yourself forthwith to be distracted, but look straight before you. Of course, if you meet any one to whom you are bound to attend, you must act according to the circumstances in which you find yourself, but even thus give heed to your heart, so as to lose as little as possible of the precious fruits of your meditation. You should strive, too, to accustom yourself to go easily from prayer to all such occupations as your calling or position lawfully require of you, even

although such occupations may seem uncongenial to the affections and thoughts just before forming part of your prayer. Thus the lawyer should be able to go from meditation to his pleading, the tradesman to his business, the mistress of a family to the cares of her household and her wifely duties, so calmly and gently as not to be in any way disturbed by so doing. In both you are fulfilling God's Will, and you should be able to turn from one to the other in a devout and humble spirit.

It may be that sometimes, immediately after your preparation, your affections will be wholly drawn to God, and then, my child, you must let go the reins, and not attempt to follow any given method; since, although as a general rule your considerations should precede your affections and resolutions, when the Holy Spirit gives you those affections at once, it is unnecessary to use the machinery which was intended to bring about the same result. In short, whenever such affections are kindled in your heart, accept them, and give them place in preference to all other considerations. The only object in placing the affections after the points of consideration in meditation, is to make the different parts of meditation clearer, for it is a general rule that when affections arise they are never to be checked, but always encouraged to flow freely. And this applies also to the acts of thanksgiving, of oblation and petition, which must not be restrained either, although it is well to repeat or renew them at the close of your meditation. But your resolutions must be made after the affections, and quite at the end of your meditation, and that all the more because in these you must enter upon ordinary familiar subjects and things which would be liable to cause distractions if they were intruded among your spiritual affections.

Amid your affections and resolutions it is well occasionally to make use of colloquies, and to speak sometimes to your Lord, sometimes to your guardian Angel, or to those persons who are concerned in the mystery you are meditating, to the Saints, to yourself, your own heart, to sinners, and even to the inanimate creation around, as David so often does in the Psalms, as well as other Saints in their meditations and prayers.

St. Francis de Sales

TALENT SHOW: The 2017 Talent Show is today after the 10:15 Mass. This year's theme is **"Around the World."** Make your Sunday 'smile' and come downstairs and see the talent of St. Michael's Parish!

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. Mass will be at 7:30am. For those who cannot attend mass ashes will be available from 6:30pm-7:00pm.

FIRST FRIDAY is March 3rd. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Our Lord is waiting for you.

FIRST SATURDAY is March 4th. We are invited to pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, make sacramental confession and Communion in **reparation for sins and blasphemies** against the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother.

FR. ZEPEDA will be away on vacation from Wednesday, March 8th through Thursday, March 23rd. Fr. Harkins will cover the masses through Sunday, March 19th. There will be **no masses** from Monday, March 20th, through Thursday March 23rd.

Joan Bennett Artwork will be set up and available for purchase in the church basement after First Friday and First Saturday Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS begin Friday, March 3rd, at 5:15 p.m. and are held every Friday during Lent. Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with the Holy Rosary following the Mass. **Confessions will be heard from 4:30 - 4:55 p.m.**

ATTENTION ALTAR BOYS: Altar practice will be held after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on First Saturday. Everyone **must** attend.

FR. GERARD SAGUTO FSSP: Will give his next class on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be **"Observations and Comments on the Creed."** Instruction on how to present the faith and counter modern criticism will be covered. Everyone is welcome!

Altar Boy Schedule

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 26th
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Timothy Sica
AC2 Peter Sica

TEAM A

MC Matthew Gillenkirk
TH Patrick Seeley
AC1 Andrew Pheasant
AC2 Joseph Seeley
C Brendan Seeley
S1 Sean Michelin
S2 Mathias Morris

WEEK TWO

Monday Mathias Morris
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

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

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5th
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

MC Francis LaFata
TH Stephen LaFata
AC1 John Skuba
AC2 Sean Michelin
C Brian LaFata
S1 Patrick Schneider
S2 Joseph Skuba