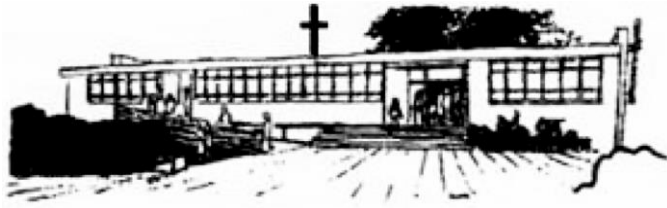


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th February 2018, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Scenes from the Life of Christ, 1451-52

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)
6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am
Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Reilly - Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm: I turn to You, Lord, in time of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 5th Week Ordinary Time

Tuesday: 8:00am Bl Jordan of Saxony Intentions of the Houlihan Family & Friends

Wednesday 8:00am ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday 8:00am Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Friday 8:00am Friday after Ash Wednesday

Saturday 8:30am Saturday after Ash Wednesday

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew to arrange another time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests. In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be 17th February. Please spread the word to any young people you know. Feel free to contribute towards a light supper after Mass.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Thomas Houlihan (1 month), Irene Barglik

ASH WEDNESDAY - 14TH FEBRUARY

Masses are 8am and 7pm.

Please collect your Project Compassion boxes from the back of the Church from Ash Wednesday.

PALMS FROM LAST YEAR

Please bring your Palms from last year by this Tuesday morning 13th February, when they will be burned after Mass, with the School Children in attendance.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be at 6.30pm every Friday night during Lent, beginning this Friday 16th February.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Kathleen Angoves, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl & Robert Waltisbuhl.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (Due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

On the Gospel and Homily

7th February 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue with the catecheses on the Holy Mass. We had arrived at the Readings. The dialogue between God and His People, developed in the Liturgy of the Word of the Mass, reaches its culmination in the proclamation of the Gospel. It is preceded by the singing of the *Alleluia* – or, in Lent, by another acclamation – with which “the assembly of the faithful receives and greets the Lord, who is about to speak in the Gospel.” As Christ’s mysteries illumine the whole of biblical revelation, so, in the Liturgy of the Word, the Gospel constitutes the light to understand the meaning of the biblical texts that precede it, be it of the Old or of the New Testament. In fact, Christ is the centre and fullness of the whole of Scripture, as well as of the whole liturgical celebration.” Jesus Christ is always at the centre, always.

Therefore, the liturgy itself distinguishes the Gospel from the other Readings and surrounds it with particular honour and veneration. In fact, its reading is reserved to the ordained minister, who ends by kissing the Book; we stand to listen to it and trace the sign of the cross on the forehead, on the mouth and on the breast; the candles and incense honour Christ that, through the evangelical reading, makes His effective word resound. The assembly acknowledges with these signs the presence of Christ who gives it the “Good News,” which converts and transforms. It’s a direct discourse that takes place, as if attesting the acclamations with which one responds to the proclamation: “Glory to you, O Lord” and “Praise be to You, O Christ.” We stand to listen to the Gospel, but it’s Christ who is speaking to us there. And so we are attentive, because it’s a direct conversation. It’s the Lord that is speaking to us.

Therefore, we don’t read the Gospel in the Mass to know how things happened, but we listen to the Gospel to become aware of what Jesus did and said once; and that Word is living, the Word of Jesus, which is in the Gospel, is living and reaches one’s heart. This is why it’s so important to listen to the Gospel with an open heart, because it’s a living Word. Saint Augustine wrote: “the Gospel is the mouth of Christ. He reigns in Heaven, but doesn’t cease to speak on earth.” If it’s true that in the liturgy “Christ proclaims the Gospel again,” it follows that, taking part in the Mass, we must give Him a response. We listen to the Gospel and we must give a response in our life.

To bring His message, Christ also makes use of the word of the priest that, after the Gospel, gives the homily. Earnestly recommended by Vatican Council II

as part of the liturgy itself, the homily isn’t a circumstantial discourse or a catechesis, such as the one I’m giving now –, or a conference or not even a lesson; the homily is something else. What is the homily? It’s “a taking up again of the dialogue already open between the Lord and His people, so that it finds fulfilment in life. The Gospel’s authentic exegesis is our holy life! The Lord’s word ends its course becoming flesh in us, translated into works, as happened with Mary and the Saints. Remember what I said the last time, the Word of the Lord enters by the ears, reaches the heart and goes to the hands, to good works. And the homily also follows the Lord’s Word and follows this course as well to help us, so that the Lord’s Word, passing through the heart, reaches the hands.

In the Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I recalled that the liturgical context “calls for the preaching to orient the assembly, and also the preacher, to a communion with Christ in the Eucharist, which transforms life.”

One who gives the homily must fulfil well his ministry – he who preaches, the priest, or the deacon or the Bishop –, offers a real service to all those taking part in the Mass, but those who hear him must also do their part. First of all, by paying due attention, namely, by assuming the right interior dispositions, without subjective demands, knowing that every preacher has merits and limitations. If sometimes there is reason to be bored by a long, or unfocused, or incomprehensible homily, at other times, instead, it’s prejudice that is the obstacle. One who gives a homily must be conscious that he’s not doing something of his own; he is preaching, giving voice to Jesus, he is preaching the Word of Jesus. The homily must be well prepared. A priest said to me that once he went to another city where his parents lived and his father said to him: “You know, I’m happy, because along with my friends we found a church where there is Mass without a homily!” And how often we see that during the homily some fall asleep and others chat. Therefore, please, make the homily brief, but it must be well prepared. And how is a homily prepared, dear priests, deacons and Bishops? How is it prepared? With prayer, with the study of the Word of God and by doing a clear and brief synthesis.

By way of conclusion we can say that, through the Gospel and the Homily, in the Liturgy of the Word God dialogues with His people, who listen to Him with attention and veneration and, at the same time, recognize Him present and operating. If, then, we listen to the “Good News,” we will be converted and transformed by it, therefore we will be capable of changing ourselves and the world. Why? Because the Good News, the Word of God enters the ears, goes to the heart and reaches the hands to do good works.