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"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord:...For the Lord shall comfort Zion...and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the Garden of the Lord;..."

Isaiah 51:1, 3

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In hearing today's Gospel, it seems that some persons might be led to believe that Jesus had come to abolish the old law and the words of the prophets. Jesus clarifies his position by stating that he did not come to abolish them but rather to fulfill them. In a rabbinical style, Jesus gives some concrete examples of what it means to "fulfill" the law and the prophets. Jesus then invites his listeners to consider a higher justice, one that implies a radical commitment from those who choose to follow him with full knowledge of the facts and with total clearness of mind and freedom of choice. Nevertheless, Jesus was not a man of half-measures. He wants a choice that is clear and firm. "When you say "yes," let your "yes" be "yes;" when you say "no," let your "no" be "no." Jesus knows well our limits. He will never demand of us something that is beyond our powers. When God asks for something, he also gives the power to accomplish it.

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, muchas personas pensarán que Jesús vino para abolir la ley o los profetas. Jesús les aseguro que no vino para eliminarlos, sino darles plenitud. Jesús como maestro les explica por medio de ejemplos como deben de cumplir las leyes. Jesús les invita a todos a seguir su ejemplo dándole a todos el derecho de escoger claramente lo que desean hacer. Los que eligen seguirle deben decir "sí" y que sea "sí" de verdad; y los que digan "no" que sea en realidad "no." Jesús conoce los límites de cada persona. Jesús no demanda nada de nosotros que sea fuera de nuestro poder. Cuando Dios nos pide algo, él nos da el poder para completarlo.

Sixième dimanche du temps ordinaire

Dans l'évangile d'aujourd'hui, il semblerait que des gens devaient penser que Jésus était venu abolir la Loi ancienne et la parole des prophètes. Jésus clarifie sa position en déclarant qu'il est venu non pas les abolir mais les accomplir. Dans un style rabbinique, Jésus donne ensuite des exemples concrets de ce que signifie pour lui "accomplir" la Loi et les prophètes. Il (Jésus) invite alors à une justice supérieure qui implique un engagement radical de la part de ceux qui décideront de le suivre en connaissance de cause, en toute lucidité et en pleine liberté. Jésus n'était cependant pas homme des demi-mesures. Il demande donc un choix clair et ferme. Quand vous dites "oui", que ce soit un "oui", quand vous dites "non", que ce soit un "non". Jésus connaît bien nos limites il ne demandera jamais rien qui soit au-dessus de nos forces. Ce que Dieu demande il donne la capacité de l'accomplir.

Jesus said, "Do you think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets? I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of the letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and who teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven."



Schedule of Masses and Sacraments

WEEKEND

Saturday: 12 Noon (English)
5:30 PM Vigil (English)

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM (English)
10:00 AM (Spanish)
11:30 AM (English)
1:00 PM (French)

DAILY

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
12 Noon -English

Tuesday - Thursday
9:00 AM - Spanish
12 Noon - English

Every Monday Miraculous Medal Novena
and Benediction after Noon Mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on our altar on the first Thursday of the month from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation. All are welcome to participate in this silent devotion.

FIRST FRIDAYS

Masses are at: 12 Noon (English) 7:00 PM (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS

There are usually at least two masses on holy days of obligation, but the times may vary. Consult page 3 of this Weekly Bulletin or phone the Rectory Office for mass times for any specific holy day.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM
Any time by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Call one month in advance.
Instruction required.

WEDDINGS

Arrangements must be made with priest at least six months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In cases of serious illness or advancing age, please call the Rectory to arrange a visit.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Rectory to arrange a visit by a priest.



Monday February 17

NEW PARISHIONERS are welcomed at St. Gregory's Parish. If you wish to register, please fill out the coupon below, and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the rectory.

Name _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

Phone _____

PRESIDENTS DAY – FEBRUARY 17

Monday of this week, February 17, is Presidents Day, a national holiday. At St. Gregory’s, there will be only one mass on Monday--the 12:00 noon mass in English--after which the church will be closed for the remainder of the day. St. Gregory’s School and the Rectory Office will be closed all day on Monday.

WELCOME TO FR. CASWELL

He had not yet arrived as of the writing of this Bulletin, but nevertheless we welcome again to St. Gregory’s and New York City, Fr. Thomas Caswell of the Diocese of Spokane, who relieves Msgr. Crimmins during the latter’s winter break in California.

PLEASE “HOLD UP” SVDPS RUMMAGE DONATIONS

For now, our parish conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking parishioners not to donate any goods of any kind for future sale. The problem is simply one of storage space. SVDPS has no plans for a rummage sale in the near future, and there is no extra storage space in the church basement for new donations. SVDPS is most grateful for our parishioners’ past generosity as regards donations. Please just await word, however, for when donations of sale items may resume.

REPORT ON “MAKING ALL THINGS NEW” [“MATN”]

During the months of January and February, MATN subcommittee meetings of the six West Side parishes in our “cluster” have been going on, and many ideas for future parish collaboration have been shared. While it is too soon to say what the cluster recommendations will be, parishioners should be aware that some changes in parish worship, programs and administration seem inevitable and are dictated by the concerns about the Archdiocese’s future originally expressed by Cardinal Dolan. We ask parishioners to keep an open mind about change as the MATN process continues.

ORIGINS OF ST. VALENTINE’S DAY

“You all did see that on the Lupercal
I thrice presented him a kingly crown,
which he did thrice refuse. Was this ambition?”
Shakespeare, Julius Caesar, Act III, Scene II

Valentine’s Day has just passed, and there are many unknowns and many stories surrounding its origin. One story is that, on Feb. 14 & 15, the ancient Romans would celebrate the feast of the Lupercalia [see Julius Caesar above] on which a young man might draw, in a lottery, the name of a young woman who then became his concubine for one year. To discourage this un-Christian practice, Pope Gelasius I changed the Lupercalian practice to one of drawing the name of a saint whom the young man was then to emulate for one year. But the prior association with “amor” continued to attach to February 14 /15. Many historians now discount this story, and other explanations of the identity of Valentine and his connection to romantic love exist.

PRESIDENTS
DAY



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News



FEBRERO 17—DIA DE PRESIDENTES

El Lunes de esta semana, Febrero 17, es el Día de los Presidentes un día feriado nacional. Aquí en San Gregorio solo habrá una misa a las 12:00 del mediodía en Ingles, después la iglesia estará cerrado por el resto del día. Nuestra escuela de San Gregorio y la Oficina de la Rectoría estarán cerrados durante todo el día.

BIENVENIDA AL PADRE CASWELL

Le damos nuevamente la bienvenida a San Gregorio y a Nueva York al Padre Thomas Caswell de la Diócesis de Spokane, quien estará con nosotros mientras nuestro Monseñor Crimmins esta de vacaciones de invierno en California.

POR FAVOR “NO MAS DONACIONES”

Nuestra Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul le pide a los parroquianos que por favor no mas donaciones de ninguna clase.

El problema es que simplemente no tenemos mas espacio para guardar sus donaciones. SVDS no tiene planes para ninguna venta en los próximos meses, y el espacio donde guardan las donaciones esta lleno. Por favor esperen hasta que les pidamos mas donaciones cuando vayamos a tener una venta. Serán notificados. Gracias por su cooperación.

NOTICIA DE “HACIENDO TODAS LAS COSAS NUEVAS”

El subcomité de las seis iglesias del Oeste de Manhattan se han reunido durante el mes de Enero y también continuaran reuniéndose en Febrero y han colaborado con muchas ideas para el futuro de nuestra parroquia. Es muy temprano para saber las recomendaciones del grupo. Las parroquias deben de estar alertas y preparados para los cambios en los servicios, programas y en las administraciones, como la Arquidiócesis y el Cardenal Dolan lo expresaron. Les pedimos a nuestros parroquianos por sus oraciones mientras nos reunimos para continuar nuestras deliberaciones.

ORIGEN DEL DIA SAN VALENTIN

“Ustedes todos han visto en el Lupercal
Yo le presente tres veces la corona de rey,
Y que tres veces fue rechazado. Es esto ambición?
Shakespeare, Julius Caesar, Acto III, Escena II

El Día de San Valentín, ya ha pasado y tenemos muchos cuentos acerca de su origen. Uno de ellos dice, que Feb. 14 y 15, los Romanos celebraban la fiesta de Lupercales, en la cual un Joven por medio de una lotería, ganaba el nombre de una dama quien entonces ella se hacia concubina (amada) por un año. Para poner fin a esta practica no-Cristiana, el Papa Gelasius cambio la practica Lupercalian en la cual en la lotería el joven ganaba el nombre de un santo para imitar por un año. Pero la asociación con “amor” continuo siendo atraído al 14 y 15 de Febrero. Muchos historiadores no creen en esta historia y en la explicación de la identidad de Valentín y su conexión con el amor.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 : Frances Elizabeth Dyjak

10:00 :Cursillos de Cristiandad —Geraldina Prez (dec.)

11:30 : Frank Gallagher (dec.)

1:00 :

Monday, February 17 President's Day

12:00 : James & Elizabeth Egan

Tuesday, February 18

9:00 : In thanksgiving

12:00 : Frank Gallagher (dec.)

Wednesday February 19

12:00 :

Thursday, February 20

9:00 : Familia Giscombe

12:00 : Joan Mooney (liv.—b'day)

Friday, February 21 St. Peter Damian

12:00 :

Saturday, February 22 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

12:00 :

5:30 : Margarita Masol (liv.—b'day)

READINGS FROM THE LECTIONARY

2/10 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56 (329)

2/11 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13 (330)

2/12 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23 (331)

2/13 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30 (332)

2/14 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Mk 7:31-37 (333)

2/15 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10 (334)

PRAY FOR/RECE POR/PRIEZ POUR

This is the list of the sick whom we remember in our prayers. Please notify the Rectory of any corrections, deletions or additions that you require.

Anthony Alexander, Buenaventura Almonte, Collette Austin,
Alicia Becerra, Dorise Black, Josefa Brito, Miriam Burns,
Anthony Carreras, Alexandra Castillo, Teolina Cepeda,
Christina Coger, Josefina Colkosz, Paula Corredor, Kyle Carbbe,
Ernesto Carrera, Roberto Colon, Patricia Collar, Ted Collar,
Emmanuella Constant, Leonie Constant, Candita de la Cruz, Maria
Cruz, Edna Curley, Ivylyn Davis-Bell, Elba De Jesus, Migdalia
De Jesus, Elizabeth Dillon, Lidia Estrella, Florence Feaster,
Patricia Flannery, Porcia Fontilus, Eileen Ford, Raymond Gandolf,
Violeta Gomez, Rosa Gonzalez, Yolanda Gorrasi, Jacqueline
Graham, Aparecida Guimaraes, Luis Carlos Guimaraes, Sonia M.
Guimaraes, Michael Holohan, Loretta Hosein, Marie Innocent,
Barbara Jones, Ivonne Kennedy, Hebert Laurent, Mr. Louks,
Adrea Lundquist, Ina Martinez, Frantz Matthurin, Lili Maury,
Juanita Martinez, Lucy Martinez, Ruben Mayen, Kenneth
McGahren, Jeanne McGahren, Frank McQuade, Juan Medina,
Isabelle Moldovan, Maria Morales, Helen Murray, Wanda
Napolitano, Kervin Narsisse, Ralph Nicolas, Domingo & Nancy
Ortiz, Simmilian Paul, Stephen Paul, Maria Pinedo, Cyril Pinto,
Rose Pizzuli Denise Price, Katrina Rabey, Santa Richardson-
Castillo, Thomas Squires Sr., Melina Mae Ridgeway, Aida Robles,
Mrs. Rose, Casiano Rodríguez, Evelyn Rodríguez, Maria
Rodríguez, Otilia Rodriguez, Nidia Rosario, Richard Safire, Joan
Shea, Marvin Seldin, Carmen Simon, Paula Solis, Carolyn
Stewart, Stephen M. Stewart, J. P. Sullivan, Ana Torres, Regina
Trinidad, Megan Valvano, Maeyle Vargas, Joseph Yelagin

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY:

Coffee Hour after 10 AM Mass 11:00 AM
Ultreya 11:30 PM

MONDAY:

A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) 4:00 PM
Legion of Mary (Spanish) 5:30 PM
Faith Sharing Group 3rd Monday 7:30PM
Christian Meditation 6:30 PM

TUESDAY:

Spanish Bible Class 7:00 PM
A.A. 4:00 PM
Food Pantry 3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY:

A.A. 4:00 PM

THURSDAY:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30—5:00 PM
Charismatic Prayer (Spanish) 7:00PM

FRIDAY:

Coronilla - Divina Misericordia 3:00 PM
A.A. 4:00 PM

SATURDAY:

A.A. 1:00 PM
A.A. 2:30 PM
Prayer Meeting (French) 7:00—9:00 PM

Parish Finances

Our parish goal for the weekly collection is \$7,800. Last weekend's [2/9] collection amounted to **\$6,017**, which figure includes "ParishPay" gifts. A second collection for the so-called "Peter's Pence" amounted to \$946. American athletes are now making an extra effort in Sochi, Russia, for "Olympic Gold." You might make that extra effort here in New York for "St. Gregory's Gold," that is, bringing the weekly collection up to \$7,800.

Finanzas Parroquiales

Nuestra meta semanal para la colecta es \$7,800. La colecta de la semana pasada Febrero 9, fue **\$6,017**, que incluye contribuciones del programa de Pagos Parroquiales. La segunda colecta para "Peter's Pence" fue \$946. Los Atletas Americanos están haciendo un gran esfuerzo para ganar "Medallas de Oro" en las Olimpiadas en Sochi, Rusia. Ustedes pueden hacer un gran esfuerzo aquí para "Oro para San Gregorio" trayendo la colecta a nuestra meta semanal de \$7,800.