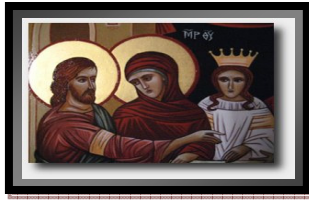


The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



This Week in Our Parish January 17, 2010


Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary time / **NO PSR**
8:30 am: Mass **9:30 am:** RCIA **10:00 am:** Spanish Mass
11:30 am: Life Teen Mass **1:00 pm:** Spanish Mass
3:00 pm: Baptism class in Spanish **7:00 pm:** Spanish Mass

Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
12:15 pm: Communion Service TBD

Tuesday: **12:15 pm:** Communion Service TBD

Wednesday: **12:15 pm:** Communion Service TBD
6:30 pm: Rosary

Thursday: **12:15 pm:** Communion Service **5:00 pm:** Girl Scouts

Friday:  Cleaning Team Two
7:30 pm: Prayer Group/Adoration

Saturday: **10:00 am:** PSR in Spanish **11:30 am:** Baptisms in Spanish
12:30 pm: PSR **2:00 pm:** Spanish youth Int. Group/
 PSR Session II **5:30 pm:** Vigil Mass

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am: Mass **9:30 am:** Parish Breakfast/RCIA
10:00 am: Spanish Mass/ Parish Breakfast PSR 2nd-8th
11:30 am: Life Teen Mass / Pre-K-1st /
 ESOL & citizenship class **12:30 pm:** Youth Group
1:00 pm: Spanish Mass **7:00 pm:** Spanish Mass

Why We Do What We Do

Why do we move the spiritual fathers, mothers, and brothers of our parish families? Why do we move the priests, religious sisters and brothers?

This question comes up any time there are transfers. Any time there is change. And there are no perfect or easy answers.

This time, the move of Sister Beatriz Taneco, MAG, who leaves us to become the Superior General of her religious community, raises the question. Especially for our Hispanic Community that calls her Mother Beatriz.

Christ promises us He will never abandon us. He will always send us people to lead us, to care for us, to embody His presence in the Church and thru the Church in a special way.

He promises Shepherds and for 2,000 years there have always been bishops and priests. The word pastor comes from the Latin word for Shepherd. Christ is the only permanent Shepherd. He is the only one who is always with us.

Christ gives His mother to the Church and even before her Assumption, sends other holy women to serve as spiritual religious sisters and brothers. They serve wherever they are sent for however

long God wants them in a specific place. Hopefully the Church listens to the Holy Spirit when a decision is made to move someone.

Historically the decision making and reasoning behind transfers and moves has changed as the Church has changed. During transient times (times of great movement), the Church has sent forth missionaries and ambassadors to meet new needs, new opportunities, new challenges. From 1492 to the 1900s, Europe sent missionaries to the New World. Today the New World sends missionaries to Europe, Ireland, and England.

Currently one in six people in the world is migrating. In the Archdiocese of Atlanta mass is celebrated in 12 different languages each Sunday. We have priests and nuns from all over the world.

In times of stability, there are historically less transfers and moves. In the United States, there was relatively less migration movement from about 1929 to the late 1960s. During that time cultures and groups were in fairly established locations. Parishes and dioceses were more settled.

Church philosophy also was more in the direction of stability. Father so and so stayed in Parish X for 30 years. Sister Mary Perpetua stayed at St. Mary's School of Perpetuum (forever).

The priest who baptized my mom also officiated her wedding. He came as an assistant, moved across town for a few years, and came back as pastor for many years after.

The blessing was stability. The problem was stagnation. No fresh perspective. If Monsignor did not want it, it may not happen in your lifetime. Some 30 year pastors did great things. Others built fiefdoms (personal kingdoms). It became Father X's parish rather than the people's parish and the focus was on Father X rather than Christ. No one who followed could change anything as it became a shrine.

Loving our priests and nuns is excellent. Developing friendships, personal connections, etc., all to be encouraged. Thinking that no one can replace them-that you can't survive without Father X or Mother Mary Perpetua-that's not good. That borders on idolatry-putting anyone or anything before God. Believing that a particular priest or nun (or anyone) is your only connection to God is a sign of an unhealthy relationship with the person and with God. We are instruments and servants, not replacements or the only way to God.

As far as the Father Joe Shrine.. hmmm.

Prayer

A priest friend of mine every so often says: "my new favorite prayer this week is...." There are so many wonderful prayers. Each unique and different, yet resonating the same spiritual truths.

One of my favorites the Memorare: "Remember most loving Virgin Mary, never was it heard that anyone who turned to you for help was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, through burned by my sins, I run to your protection for you are my mother. Mother of the word of God, do not despise my words of pleading but be merciful and hear my prayer. Amen.



"2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected January 10 th	\$ 4,402.57
Difference	-\$ 947.43
Second Collections 01/10/09 "St. Vincent de Paul ".....	\$1,945.29
Campaign '09 Pledges:	
Total donations made (from pledges) as of 12/27/09.....	\$ 88,242.33
January 10 th Collections.....	\$ 765.00
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....	\$ 89,007.33

Second Collection: Next week the second collection will go to aid the Church in Latin America and the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. We have an extraordinary opportunity to give concrete witness to our compassionate concern for the universal Church.

Please give your generous support to the collection and share the hope and freedom that we have been privileged to enjoy in this country. Proceeds from the collection, sponsored by the bishops of the United States, are used for supporting religious education programs, training seminarians, expanding social ministries to those in need, and rebuilding churches, convents, and schools. Please be generous.

Stewardship Thought

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits-the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

St. Clement's Parish History

Sister Beatriz Taneco, MAG, came to St. Clement's in the summer of 2006. During her more than 3 ½ years with us, she has helped expand, add to, and fortify our programs, celebrations, services, and activities. Sister Beatriz has also helped and supported the integration of our religious education programs as they are now interconnected and working as one. Sister brought an exterior calmness to us that was very helpful to me as a new pastor. On the inside is the fire-the fire of Christ's love and a servant's heart. Sister Beatriz helped people to grow spiritually, to grow in knowledge of Christ and His church, and to cultivate their gifts to serve and praise. She helped people have a sense of belonging and that they are valued and needed. She also challenged and nurtured. Sister helped start the School of Evangelization with its retreats and training programs. She also started the September Independence Festival and expanded the ongoing formation of liturgical ministers and community leaders. And did it all with a mother's love.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2010

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

One and the same Spirit distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee.

Living the Paschal Mystery

Belief entails a Who rather than a what. Our own encounters with Jesus (in prayer, through others, in struggling with daily dying) are truly epiphanies of God's glory that also invite us to respond to divine presence with belief. These epiphany signs might come in many ways through others in a cry for help, in a lonely person's plea for companionship, in the spontaneous laughter of delight, in the beauty of nature. The challenge for us is to see these as revelations of God's glory, as epiphanies of God's love for us, and an opportunity to respond in belief.

Yes, these common, ordinary signs of God's love and glory are all around us. By responding to other people (recognizing them as revelations of God to us) we also become signs of God's in-breaking, epiphanies for others. We ourselves are the good wine kept until after Jesus' ascension when we take up Jesus' mission as disciples. Living the paschal mystery means that we empty ourselves in order to be filled with the goodness of God's glory. ~Living Liturgy

Stewardship

Thank you to all who helped with the taking down and putting away of Christmas decorations.

"Call no man happy before his death, for by how he ends, a man is known. (Sir 11:28)

Saturday January 16, 5:30pm.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, January 17, 8:30am.....	Don Steffen (RIP)
Sunday, January 17, 10:00am.....	(..Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, January 17, 11:30 am.....	Sam DeFalco (RIP)
Sunday, January 17, 1:00pm.....	(Spanish Mass) Isidro Chavez (RIP)
Sunday, January 17, 7:00pm.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Monday, January 18, 12:15pm.....	Communion Service TBD
Tuesday January 19, 12:15 pm.....	Communion Service TBD
Wednesday, January 20, 12:15pm.....	Communion Service TBD
Wednesday, January 20, 7:00pm.....	Rosary
Thursday, January 21, 7:00pm.....	Communion Service TBD
Friday, January 22, 12:15pm.....	Prayer Group/Adoration
Saturday January 23, 5:30pm.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, January 24, 8:30am.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, January 24, 10:00am.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, January 24, 11:30 am.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, January 24, 1:00pm.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, January 24, 7:00pm.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family

Upcoming Changes in the Mass

A priest friend of mine said, "Why are you telling people now about the changes. Why not wait until right before when the fear and panic set in." I am hopeful that we can avoid the confusion and frustration that occurred 40 years ago when we last made substance, and the beauty of the first language of the Church.

Most of the changes will be subtle. Changes to the opening prayers, prayers over the gifts, prefaces (introductions to the Holy, Holy), and prayers after communion will rarely be noticed.

The changes that will be noticed will be: the greeting/response, wording of the Gloria, slight changes to the Nicene Creed, and changes to some hymns/songs. Also, the modifications to some of the Eucharistic Prayers. These we will look at in the coming weeks.

Please pray for the following people who are suffering:

Donna Thibault - respiratory illness, Barbara Smith- cancer, Marty McKinnon- ovarian cancer, Cayla Johnson-hydrocephalus, Laura Petty- advanced colon cancer, Joe Campbell-follicular lymphoma, Tonya Isham-tumor, Curtis Lunt-ill health, Melissa Silva-health, Juanita Rochester-cancer, Chuck Terry- prostate cancer, June Macejkovic-heart condition, Fr. Denis Kolumber-health, Ernie -leukemia, Maria Farias- breast cancer, Jeanne Walraven-health, Jean Seitz-cancer, Angie Defalco-health, Erna Wyatt-health, Daven Smith & family-health, Jim Rorer-special intention, Michael Llop-brain tumor, Erik Bigelow-special intention, Janice Miller-health, Brian Pierce-health & safety, Bob Steele-cancer, Anthony Ortiz-health, Teresa Howard-health, Lou Brown-brain cancer, Jim Robertson-cancer, Jaden Bates-health, Roy Davies- safety, Members of the Armed forces-safety & well being.



U.S. Catholic History

This Friday (Jan.22) marks the 37th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade (1973) that legalized abortion. It is a day of penance and prayer for all Catholics and all who believe in the protection and preservation of human life.

By a 7-2 majority, the highest U.S. Court ruled that the 14th Amendment-the Right to Privacy-is a higher right than the Right to Life. A mother can take the life of her child because it's her body. Anyone else causing the same result-causing the death of the same child-is charged with feticide (or infanticide).

Roe vs. Wade was the first time the Catholic Church spoke out against a U.S. Government decision. It was not the last. God's law has not changed. U.S. law has. Many times as it continues to move away from God's law. Let us remember, He will be the final Judge. He has spoken: "Thou Shalt not Kill."

GEORGIA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH



SCHOOL SENIORS...The Archbishop John Francis Donoghue Scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded to two high school seniors residing in the Archdiocese of Atlanta as follows: 1st. Place recipient \$1,500, and 2nd. Place recipient \$1,000. All entries are due by March 1, 2010 to GFCU's Catholic Division, 6705 Sugarloaf Parkway, Suite 100 , Duluth , GA 30097 .Winners will be announced by April 1, 2010. Application and guidelines are available at gfcuonline.org by choosing the Member Groups link, and selecting *Catholic Community*, or by calling Hilda Zamora, at 770-476-6400, ext. 6826, or email at hzamora@gfcuonline.org

Archdiocesan News

ASSOCIATES OF THE SISTERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT invite interested lay men and women, single and married, to join them. Associates commit to grow in Eucharistic spirituality through prayer and service that promotes justice and care of the poor, especially among peoples of Native American and African descent. Associates meet at OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, Atlanta. Contact: Alphonsine Mfwamba, ASBS, at (404) 432-1475.

On Fri., Jan. 22, the ADVICE AND AID PREGNANCY PROBLEM CENTER in Hapeville is sponsoring a BANQUET AND AUCTION at the Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop-emeritus John F. Donoghue at 6:30 p.m., refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m. and the dinner at 8 p.m. The evening honors pro-life volunteers and raise funds for the center's life-affirming work in over seven counties. Contact: Father Edward J. Thein at St. John the Evangelist Church, Hapeville, at (404) 768-5647.