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January 27th, 2013 in the Year of Grace Septuagesima Sunday and the Third Sunday of the Year

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"What return can I make to the Lord for all His kindness to Me?"



OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th: \$4,382.00 + \$6,841.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) = \$11,223.00

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION: THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Traditional Latin), 5:30 PM

Weekdays: Monday—Friday 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; Tues. & Thurs., 5:30 PM, Sat. 9:00 AM.

<u>Holy Days:</u> if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 & 7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight **Christmas Day:** 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM **January 1st:** 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass, First Fridays (before the 12:30 p.m. Mass)

Matrimony:

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Pastor's Note



(Front cover: Adam and Eve, Edvard Munch, A.D. 1908. Septuagesima Sunday begins the Easter Cycle of the Church's Year of Grace. The sinful human condition as a result of the Original Sin of our first parents Adam and Eve is the chief consideration of this week.)

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Recently I was given a book to read which is the memoir of a contemporary conversion story. The book is entitled: *The Price to Pay: A Muslim Risks All to Follow Christ*. Its author is Joseph Fadelle, an Iraqi Muslim who converted to Christianity and who has been living in exile in France since 2001. The original French edition was published in 2010 under the title *Le prix a payer*. The English-language version has just been put out by Ignatius Press.

A Shiite Muslim from a wealthy clan, the author had never met a Christian until he was placed with an Iraqi Christian roommate during his military service in Shatt-al-Arab, southern Iraq, in 1987. His plans to convert his roommate to Islam fizzled. Instead, he was the one converted to Catholic Christianity, albeit secretly. After his release from the military he tried to make contact with a Christian church in Baghdad, but nobody would admit him because he was a Muslim and the Christians were afraid of

retribution if they were accused of proselytizing. Eventually, he was admitted secretly as a catechumen, together with his Muslim wife. Their crypto-Christianity was discovered by his family, however, and a Shiite imam issued a *fatwa* against him. According to Muslim law, anyone who leaves Islam is to be put to death.

With his wife and two small children they fled Iraq in 2000, finding refuge among Christians in Jordan. His family, however, tracked him down in Jordan: they kidnapped him, gave him once last chance to return to Islam, and then shot him, leaving him for dead by the side of the road. He survived, however, and attributes it (quite rightly) to miraculous protection. This time the family fled to France where they have lived since.

It is a most remarkable and thrilling story of coming to faith. Three things in particular stand out for our consideration:

The first is that this Iraqi Muslim man was strongly impressed by the authenticity of the Christian soldier who was his roommate. The man did not try to proselytize him (in fact he was taking extra precautions not to offend the religious sensibilities of a Muslim in any way), but once he was asked about his Christianity he was able to explain it and give witness to it in such a way that the Muslim man-hearing the Gospel for the first time—let down his guard, thus allowing the grace of God more room into his soul. How crucially important it is for each of us as adult Christians to be able to "give an account of our hope" when asked, as St. Peter says: do it clearly, simply, with our words backed by the way we are living our lives.

The second is an appreciation of the terrible dangers faced by Christians still living in the Islamic countries, the dangers that have been faced by our new parishioners among the Iraqi Catholics of Our Lady of Mesopotamia Mission. For 13 years, from 1987-2000, (over)

this man is seeking admission into the Church. At first, he is barred from even entering a Christian church, so frightened are the local Christians of a pogrom from Muslim fanatics if they are accused of spreading Christianity. It seems so clearly counter-apostolic. Yet the man understands the reality all too personally when he himself is delivered over to the torturers in one of Saddam Hussein's jails in 1997. They demand that he confess the names of all those Christians who influenced him. He realizes that if he gives up a name, both the individuals and the Christian communities they are part of, will suffer murderous violence.

Thirdly, finally, this testimony of a present-day Muslim convert holds up to us the great value of being called a Christian. Through all the long years, through all the rejections, in spite of being imprisoned and tortured at the behest of his own family, all Joseph Fadelle wants is to become, at last, a baptized Christian, which he finally becomes in Jordan, in the Year 2000, together with his wife and children. We read in the Gospels how Christ warns his would-befollowers that they must be ready to suffer the loss of everything they hold most dear. It is sobering for us to be confronted with real-life, contemporary examples of this total cost of discipleship.

Would we have the conviction about the truth of our Catholicism to make the same choice? Can we at least try to guard against taking our faith and our baptism for granted?

(Fr. Higgins)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY
SCHEDULE
2012-2013

Candlemas Day, Saturday, February 2nd: Blessing of Candles, Procession and Mass (Traditional Latin) at 9:00 AM

UPDATE ON BABY-BOY DOMINIC

GUNDRUM: Since the beginning of Advent we have been praying for the special intention of a baby boy Dominic Pio Gundrum, the youngest of eight children, who was operated on at Children's Hospital for a serious birth defect affecting his brain. On January 8th, Dominic was taken home to Milwaukee by his parents Mark and Mary, and is now at home, re-united with his seven older brothers and sisters. He continues to need a lot of care and his future development is uncertain, but the many prayers and sacrifices made for him and his family during this time—that the child live, and return home to Wisconsin—those prayer requests have been clearly granted.



WE INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS EACH SUNDAYAFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.

PICTURE: A 19th century painting of Shatt-al-Arab by James Henry Donaldson. Joseph Fadelle was at the Iraqi army base here when he experienced his conversion to Christianity. He writes in his memoir: Depending on my mood, often in the evening I happened to stop for a long while to contemplate that magnificent region, with its crystalline rivers and sky, its sandy valleys surrounded by desert mountains. In watching the sunset, it seemed obvious to me that the local legend was right in claiming that the Garden of Eden was located in the Shatt-al-Arab. And the view of that untouched, beautiful wilderness calmed my sadness for a moment, for I could not believe that nature was so beautiful and that there was no Creator.

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Septuagesima Sunday and the Third Sunday of the Year

Religious Education

8:30-10:00 AM, Grades K-5 4:15-6:30 PM, Pre-Confirmation, Grades 6-8 Lower Church Hall

"BRING-A-SAINT-AND-LUNCH" Thursday, February 7th, A.D. 2013



The next meeting for "Bring-a-Saint-and-Lunch" will be on Thursday, February 7th, at 12:00 Noon in the lower rectory conference room. This is an open-invitation, informal

gathering for anyone who wants to learn more about the Lives of the Saints. Pack your own lunch, and then join fellow parishioners and other interested visitors for discussion. Those who wish may present a sketch of a Saint for approximately 5-10 minutes. If you don't want to make a

presentation, please just come and be inspired by the Lives of the Saints as well as to enjoy some fellowship. This month there will be a presentation on Frere Andre Bessette. For more information and to register, please contact Tina McCormick at:



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MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES: PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

By this Purgatorial Society, the names of our dead friends and relatives may be enrolled (either as individuals or in aggregate), and prayed for especially in the 52 Masses that will be offered in the parish each year for the intention of the Purgatorial Society. The requested offering for a perpetual enrollment is \$20.00. (White leatherette enrollment envelopes are available in the vestibule of the rectory.) The prayers we have offered at Mass for the souls of the faithful departed are both an expression of our belief in individual survival after the event of bodily death and of a charity towards our neighbor which reaches beyond the grave.

A partial list of the souls enrolled, including the most recent additions:

Rev. Monsignor Francis Scully, Genevieve Frances Rorta, Theresa Baxter, John Joseph Sullivan, Shawn Carty, Partricia Goeller, Joseph Camillieri, Mary Tambascio

(New members' names will be printed in the parish bulletin at the end of each month. Please let us know if any names have been transcribed incorrectly or if you think your enrollment may have been overlooked.)

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

(II Machabees 12:46)



"If a compassionate charity towards all that are in any distress, even towards the most undeserving, be an essential ingredient of a Christian spirit, and one in which the very soul of religion and piety towards God consists, how much more should we exert our charity for those in spiritual need, no longer able to help themselves, and perhaps bound to us by ties of blood or friendship?"

—Fr. Herbert Thurston, S.J.

Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

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SATURDAY January 26th	4:00 p.m.	Janet Rainey	Memorial	The Rainey Family	
SUNDAY January 27th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Septuagesima Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Pro Populo			
	9:00 a.m.	Maria Centofanti	Special Intention	Joyce Higgins	
	10:30 a.m.	Benedict Ludwig Jessica Craig	Birthday Intention Special Intention	MacKenzie Family William & Karen Provencher	
		Francis Sr., Theresa, Francis Jr. and Joseph Gordon	Memorial	Paul & Betsy Eldridge	
		Ann Reardon Gerardo Lopilato Intention of the Benedictum Book Club	Special Intention Memorial Special Intention	Mary McCarthy C. Joseph Doyle Shawn Adams	
	5:30 p.m.	Intention of the Celebrant			
MONDAY January 28th St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & Doctor/St. Peter Nolasco, Confessor	7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish			
	12:30 p.m.	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed			
TUESDAY January 29th Ferial Day/St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor	7:30 a.m.	Rev. Monsignor Francis Scully	Memorial	Bob Quinan	
	5:30 p.m.	Fr. Dennis Sheridan	Memorial	Davulis Family	
WEDNESDAY January 30th Ferial Day/St. Martina, Virgin & Martyr	7:30 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant			
	12:30 p.m.	Irene Keddy	Memorial	Bennett Family	
THURSDAY	7:30 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant			
January 31st St. John Bosco, Confessor	5:30 p.m.	Arline Covalli	160	Susan Goeller	
FRIDAY February 1st Ferial Day/St. Ignatius, Bishop & Martyr	7:30 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant			
	Health of the Sick				
	12:30 p.m.	Susan Goeller	Special Intention	Maria Centofanti	
SATURDAY February 2nd Presentation of the Lord/ Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00 a.m.	Mikayla Blanchette	Special Intention	William & Karen Provencher	
		Gerald Mazzarella Pro-Life Gib Gudrum	Special Intention Special Intention 50th Anniv. Mem.	Mazzarella Family Annie Procopio Thomas Gudrum	
	4:00 p.m.	Carol Secheyco		Secheyco Family	

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HEALTH OF THE SICK

"In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice."
—Padre Pio

For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for... Jeff Pino, Dotty Hayes, Wendy Watts, Joseph F. Fresolo Sr., George Jay, Joseph Nolan, Barbara Nyhen, Rev. Walter Cuenin, Ronald Orlando, Dominic Gundrum,



Louis Komuves, Sr. Catherine Granfield, Mary Adams, Hugh Doyle, Lorraine Orlando, Rob Quagan, Paul Wenger, Nathan Johnston, Frank Downey, Janet Pino, Fr. Carney Gavin, Irene Campana, Gerry Mazzarella, Maureen Nyhen, Francis McNary, Warren Yee, Betty Chrishi, Marie Rappazzini, Mary Trombetta, Helen Reid, BrendaWinegarner, Jean Johnson, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Jeanne Ciocca, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Spagnuolo Family, Katie O'Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O'Brien, Evelyn Donovan, Helen Donnelly, Priscilla Brossard, Mary Sims, Billy Hickey, Lee-Anne Ketchum, Arthur Nauss, Rod MacLeod, Monica Wellenstein, Teresa Tambunan, Mary Platt, Sean Monaghan, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay,

Bobbie Hoffmann, Beverly Balconi, Martial Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Sharon Kopchik, Erin Marie Fell, Dominic Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, Joyce Higgins, Karen Starbird, Jack Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Mary Hoffmann, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, Annie Procopio, Marie Danca, David Kase, Thaddeus Davulis, Andrew McCloskey, Barbara Sullivan, Wanda Lempitski, Thomas Corcoran, Tony Palladino, Lucia LoPresti, Polly Sullivan.

"I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next"—Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette, February 18th, 1858

MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... Sgt. Troy Stemen, U.S. Army (Afghanistant), Mark Gaudet, Army Special Forces, Pierre K. Ripert, USN, Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne (Afghanistan), Lance Cpl. Alex Tomchik, USMC, Brian Rainey, US Army (Afghanistan), Joseph Rainey, US Army, Sgt. Kevin James Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. Brian Joseph Howard, USMC Afghanistan), Sgt. William J. Duggan, U.S. Army, 342nd Military Police Detachment, deployed to Afghanistan March, 2010; 2nd Lt. Richard S. Pluta, deployed to Iraq; Sgt. 1st Class David Garduque; ;Sgt. Jeffrey R. Quinn, USMC; (Please let us know if you would like someone on active duty prayed for by name.)

Pray for Tommy Holcum, severely wounded in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

Pray for Pfc Bowe Bergdahl, captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

IN THANKSGIVING: Sgt. Dennis Geary and his unit have returned safely from Afghanistan.





Requiescant in Pace

Claire O'Malley, aged
90
(Step-mother of
Cardinal Sean)
Mary Tambascio,
aged 85



January 27th, A.D. 2013

LATIN MASS TEXTS: Traditional Propers Septuagesima Sunday

Vestments: Violet

INTROIT: Ps. 17. 5, 6, 7 The sorrows of death surrounded me, the of hell encompassed me: and in my affliction I called upon the Lord, and He heard my voice from His holy Temple *Psalm 17. 2-3* I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength: the Lord is my firmament, my refuge, and my deliverer. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT Graciously hear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people, that we who are justly afflicted for our sins, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness for the glory of Thy name. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 9. 24-27; 10. 1-5

Brethren: Know you not that they that run in the race, all run indeed, but one receiveth the prize? So run that you may obtain. And every one that striveth for the mastery refraineth himself from all things: and they indeed that they may receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible one. I therefore so run, not as at an uncertainty; I so fight, not as one beating the air: but I chastise my body, and bring it into subjection, lest perhaps when I have preached to others, I myself should become a castaway. For I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all in Moses were baptized, in the cloud and in the sea; and all did eat the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink: (and they drank of the spiritual rock that followed them: and the rock was Christ). But with most of them God was not well pleased.

GRADUAL: Psalm 9. 10-11, 19-20 A helper in due time in tribulation: let them trust in Thee who know Thee: for Thou hast not forsaken them that seek Thee, O Lord. *V.* For the poor man shall not be forgotten to the end: the patience of the poor shall not perish forever: arise, O Lord, let no man prevail.

TRACT: Psalm 129. 1-4 Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice *V*. Let Thine ears be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant. *V*. If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: O Lord,

GOSPEL: Matthew 20. 1-16 At that time Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like to a householder who went out early in the morning to hire labourers into His vineyard. And having agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing in the market place idle, and he said to them: Go you also into my vineyard, and I will give you what shall be just. And they went their way. And again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour: and did in like manner. But about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing, and he saith to them: Why stand you here all the day idle? They say to him: Because no man hath hired us. He saith to them: Go you also into my vineyard. And when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard saith to his steward: Call the labourers and pay them their hire, beginning from the last even to the first. When therefore they were come that came about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first also came, they thought that they should receive more: and they also received every man a penny. And receiving it they murmured against the master of the house, saying: These last have worked but one hour, and thou hast made them equal to us that have borne the burden of the day and the heats. But he answering said to one of them: Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst thou not agree with me for a penny? Take what it is thine and go thy way: I will also give to this last even as to thee. Or is it not lawful for me to do what I will? Is thy eye evil, because I am good? So shall the last be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.

OFFERTORY: Ps. 91. 2 It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Thy name, O Most High. SECRET Having received our offerings and prayers, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse us by these heavenly mysteries, and graciously hear us. Through our Lord. Preface of the Holy Trinity COMMUNION: Ps. 30. 17-18 Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and save me in Thy mercy: let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon Thee.

POSTCOMMUNION May Thy faithful people, O Lord, be strengthened by Thy gifts: that by partaking of them they may continue to seek after them, and by seeking them, constantly partake of them.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM.

Third Sunday of the Year

Introit: Psalm 97:7,8

"Bow down before God, all you Angels of His. Zion has heard and is glad; and the daughters of Judah have rejoiced."

Kyrie

Gloria (English Chant) Responsorial Psalm Alleluia

Credo I

Offertory: Psalm 118: 16, 17

"The Lord's right hand has shown strength, the Lord's right hand has exalted me. I shall not die but live; and I shall declare the works of the Lord."

Mass Setting: English Mass

Sanctus

"Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias."

> Lord's Prayer Agnus Dei

Communion: 2 Esd 8:10

"Go, eat rich meat, and drink sweet wine, and send portions to those who have prepared nothing for themselves; this is a holy day in honor of the Lord; do not be sad; for the joy of the Lord is our strength."

Post Communion Hymn

Ave Maris Stella (Gregorian chant)

Recessional Hymn:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Worship II, **No. 10)**

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30 AM

Septuagesima Sunday

Processional Hymn: Laudamus te, O Christe (Johann Abraham Peter Schulz d.1800)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ps. 96:7,8,1

"Circumdederunt me gemitus mortus, dolores inferni circumdederunt me: et in tribulatione mea invocavi Dominum, et exaudivit de templo sancto suo vocem meam. (Psalm) Diligam te, Domine, fortitudo mea: Dominus firmamentum meum, et refugium meum, et liberator meus."

Ordinary Prayers: "Missa Aeterna Christi Munera"

(Giovanni Pierluigi Da Palestrina, **P.1590)**

Kyrie, Gloria Sanctus, Credo, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei

Gradual Ps. 9:10,11,19,20

"Adjutor in opportunitatibus, in tribulatione: sperent in te, quo noverunt te: quoniam non derelinquis quaerentes te, Domine. Quoniam non in finem oblivio erit pauperis: patientia pauperum non peribit in aeternum: exsurge, Domine, non praevaleat homo."

<u>Tract</u> Ps. 129:1-4 "De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine: Domine, exaudi vocem meam. Fiant aures tuae intendentes in orationem servi tui. Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine: Domine, quis sustinebit? Quia apud te propitiatio est, et propter legem uam sustinui te, Domine."

Offertory:Ps. 91:2

"Bonum est confiteri Domino, et psallere nomini tuo, Altissime."

Offertory Hymn: Salve Regina (Gregorian chant, Solemn tone)

Communion Hymn: Panis Angelicus (Giovanni Pierluigi Da Palestrina d.1594)

Communion Verse: Ps. 30:17-18

"Illumina faciem tuam super servum tuum, et salvum me fac in tua misericordia: Domine, non confundar, quoniam invocavi te."

Recessional Hymn: Ubi Est Abel Frater Tuus? ("Where is thy brother Abel?")

(Gregor Aichinger d.1628)

Angelus (Chant)



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