

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany (*Septuagesima*)



Saint Timothy's Church

An Ordinariate Catholic Community

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Solemn Mass – February 16, 2014

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The Mass setting is *Missa Marialis*.

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Almighty Father.

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Welcome Visitor

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. We trust that your visit here was spiritually enriching and that you were warmly received. Please come again.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Sunday: Solemn High Mass 2:00 pm

Wednesday: Low Mass 9:30 am

(Bible Class Follows)

Wednesday Mass is held in St. Mary's Rectory Chapel.

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Old Testament Reading: 1 Sirach 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

Response: Thanks be to God.

The People sing the Responses:



Bless-ed are they who fol-low the law_ of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

R/ (1b) Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they who observe his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart.

R/ Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

You have commanded that your precepts
be diligently kept.

Oh, that I might be firm in the ways
of keeping your statutes!

R/ Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Be good to your servant, that I may live
and keep your words.

Open my eyes, that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

R/ Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,
that I may exactly observe them.

Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart.

R/ Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

Response: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: (stand) Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not 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 a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. "It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again you

have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

Response: Praise be to Thee O Christ

So; what are these 'Gesima' Sundays.

Every year, at some point roughly midway between Christmas and Easter, we find the Sundays in our Missal designated by the "Gesima" words -- Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima. Originally there was also a Quadragesima Sunday but that is now called the First Sunday in Lent.

Those designations are quite different in character from the names of most special Holy Days. Christmas, Good Friday, Ascension, Transfiguration -- all these have reference to some special event which they celebrate. The "Gesima" Sundays do have reference to special religious event, but only in a calendar sort of way. What they mean is -- going forward from Septuagesima Sunday, the first one -- that they mark the Sundays which are seventy, sixty, fifty and forty days before Easter. Quinquagesima (my personal favorite because it's a rich ecclesiastical word to say) Sunday is exactly fifty days before Easter; all others are only approximations, actually a few days off by the secular calendar.

So, why are these days important? They are important because they remind us that Easter approaches and that the Lenten season of penitence, review of our lives and preparation for the Resurrection, the event that marks the gift of eternal life, are close upon us. The "Gesima" Sundays, in fact, mark a kind of pre-Lenten season, a kind of forward extension of Lent itself. These Sundays, in fact, mark a kind of divide between the joys and thankfulness of Christmas and Epiphany and the introspection of Lent to be followed by the greatest joy of all at Easter.

Beginning with Septuagesima Sunday, we are reminded that the joy of our Lord's birth at Christmas and His being shown forth to the Gentiles at Epiphany is beginning to wind down, to be put behind us, as we contemplate the sorrows of our Lord's coming Passion and Crucifixion and try to prepare ourselves for the greatest gift and miracle of the Resurrection, the conquest of death. The origin of the observance of these Sundays is somewhat obscure but is at least as ancient as the latter part of the seventh century, under Pope Gregory the Great. Even the Church of England (and our old Episcopal Church) simply continued the observance after Reformation.

A dual theme, however, runs through most of the “Gesima” Collects, as well as the Epistles or Gospels appointed. This dual theme is that on one hand there is danger, adversity and repentance for our sins which may be contributed to the adversity. Sin is the turning away from God which leads to sorrow and adversity. It is error, mistake, wrong-doing. It requires of us self-examination, self-condemnation, penitence and desire for forgiveness and a new start. Sin and damnation are unpopular words in our times, but they are realities under any name.

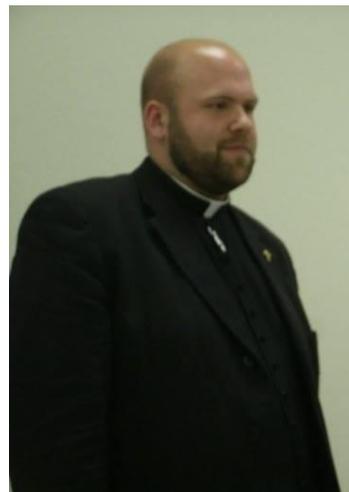
But the other theme of the “Gesima” propers is consolation and salvation through God’s mercy and loving-kindness. As someone has put it, part of the “Gesima” message is that “it is never too late to be damned (and) that it is never too late to be saved”.

Announcements

The DCCW Second Annual Diocesan Day of Reflection for Women will be held on Wednesday February 20. Come enjoy a spiritual spa day to help us prepare for the season of Lent. This special day of reflection will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Fort Worth and the keynote speaker will be, Dr. William Thierfelder who will speak on Challenges for Catholic Women Today. If you are interested in attending please pick up a flyer from the ushers.

Creating a safe environment for children and young people is a diocesan priority for Fort Worth. The Ordinariate has also stressed that creating a safe environment for our people is our priority as well. Article 12 of the US Bishops' document, The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, requires U.S. dioceses to establish "safe environment programs" and gives the necessary elements of these programs. Debbie Alavarez, the Business manager at Saint Mary's, is qualified to conduct Safe Environment Training Sessions. It is very important that St. Timothy's take these sessions seriously, and that as many of our people as possible attend them. Our Parish Safe Environment Program will be conducted by Debbie SUNDAY. MARCH 2nd (QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY) after the 2 p.m. Mass. The meeting will coincide with our monthly Potluck Lunch; however the meal will be catered by the Diocese - No need to bring any food on that day.

Congratulations and *multos annos* to The Rev. Jonathan Duncan ordained by the Metropolitan Archbishop of San Antonio on Saturday as a Deacon in the Holy Roman Catholic Church. He will be priested (*Deo Volente*) very soon by the Bishop of Fort Worth. He is the Pastor of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Cleburne Tx (Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter) and former rector of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Cleburne (interestingly, he is the 2nd rector in a row from there to become a Catholic priest!) It has been my honor to serve as the supply priest on Sunday mornings for St. John Vianney as we awaited Father (to be) Duncan's paperwork from the Holy See.



Speaking of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, their Parish Council President shared an innovative fund raising tip with the congregation last week. Each night, instead of putting the changes in your pocket on a dresser, why not put it in a jar for the church? Those quarters, dimes, nickels and even pennies add up over time, and can really benefit St. Timothy's. The Council President at St. John Vianney started doing this in Advent and now, just eight or so weeks later, has saved \$60 in change for his church. If all our St. Timothy's people did this as well, it would be very helpful for us -- why not consider placing a jar on your dresser or kitchen table too? It's a small gesture, but indeed, a "little change can do us all some good"! St. Timothy's thanks you for your support!



As a reminder, St. Timothy's is a fully Roman Catholic Congregation, and that receiving communion at this mass satisfies the obligation for all Catholics. Please refer to the "Guidelines for receiving Holy Communion" on page 31 of the mass booklet.

Parish Personals:

Dee Honea remains in the Heritage Trails Rehab Center in Cleburne. She would love to receive phone calls on her cell. Please keep her and the family in prayer.

Prayer List

(For Week beginning February 16, 2014)

Of your charity, pray for the Spiritual and Material needs of this Congregation, for Jeffrey, our Ordinary, for Michael our Bishop, for the Clergy in Fort Worth and in the Ordinariate, for Christopher, our Priest, and for those who are:

Serving in the Armed Forces: Nicholas, Kirk, Rob, Jamey, Marianne, Jerry Don, Rollie, Everett, Richard, Stephanie, Terry, Charles, Patrick, Kevin, Trey, Nathan, Angel, Jr., Robert, Eric, Duree, Quentin, Alec

Celebrating a Birthday: [16] Kristine Hankins [17] Shawn Kaiser
[19] Kay Christian [22] ShaRee Gill

Celebrating an Anniversary: [None]

With Child: Wendy Hankins, Jennifer Smith, Andrea Pederson, Karah Buckingham

III:

[Sun] Kenneth, Casey, Eileen, James, Larry, Ella, Virginia, Jennifer, Becky, Rick, Carolyn, Stephanie, Lois, Tony, Laverne, Dena, Louise, Victor, Tomi, Clarette, JoAnn, Jim, Evonne

[Wed] Brian, Shar, Karen, Patrick, Billie and Jimmy, Geraldine, Marshelle, Jimmie, Jessica, Rebecca, Dewey, Judy, Perc, Janice, Dee, Beverly, Gerry, Tony Jr., Albert, Peyton, Ann, Amanda, Daniel

In adversity or need of guidance: Shar, Vicky, Ryan, Julia, Kelly, Donna, Charles, ShaRee, Barbara, Sue, Linda, Martinez family, Amanda, Tony, Joshua

Anniversary of Death: [17] George Tucker, Frances Bailey [18] James R. Nichols
[19] Billie Hankins, Martha Sampsell [21] G loria Bingham

Last week's attendance: 52↑ (includes 8 visitors)

Your Parish Council:

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