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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

FROM THE RECTOR - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord is kind and merciful the greatest manifestation thereof is the mystery of His Cross. However, in the Gospels when He cured those who were ill or afflicted it served to draw attention to His saving power that is given to everyone along with a clear presentation of His infinite and divine mercy. In the Holy Gospel we are privileged to witness the healing of the ten lepers who, with great confidence, approach our Lord for healing. In His love for them they are cured along their way to show themselves to the priest who would verify their healing and restore them to the community. At the sight of their cure, the lepers should have returned to give thanks to God; however, the only one who does so is a foreign, one outside of the divine promises, a Samaritan. He thanks the Lord for the healing of his body and through that act of humility opens himself to being healed in his soul as well. This passage from Saint Luke's Gospel clearly illustrates the power of the Lord and His command over all things. It also serves to teach us the proper disposition before the grace and mercy of God. We must be thankful for the blessings that come from God and we must make ourselves attentive to these blessings through eyes open to God's guiding hand in the world. It is far too easy to see only sorrow and sadness in the world and to allow this to overshadow all the good God bestows upon. In confidence, ask the Lord for what you need. Regardless of the outcome, always given Him thanks!

IN THANKSGIVING

The last two weeks we have been blessed with great celebrations to honor Our Lady and our patron, St. Louis, King of France. I want to express my gratitude to all those who assist me in the preparation and execution of our beautiful liturgies, gloriously adorned side altar of Our Lady, and our processions. To the MCs, servers, cantors, schola, musicians, and those who assist with honoring Our Lady's statue, please know of my gratitude and the gratitude of all the faithful of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. Please remember to pray for all these generous and faithful souls.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration begins this coming Wednesday. For those unable to commit to a particular hour, please come and spend some time in prayer. Let us thank God for the manifold blessings He will bestow upon us through our sacrifice of Adoration.

Sign-ups for Eucharistic have begun: Please sign up at https://oratorv.weadorehim.com

Eucharistic Adoration will begin at the Oratory on **Wednesday, September 2nd** at 9 am with Exposition and continue until 6 pm that day concluding with Benediction. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of Church for the next two weeks. All slots must be filled with at least two adorers in order for us to move forward with adoration.

We will also have Adoration on the **First Friday of the month, September 4**th from 9 am until 6 pm. Again, all slots must be filled.

Please direct questions/concerns to Joel Stein at 314-201-3487

ARCHDIOCESAN REGULATIONS

It has been communicated to the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine that we need to be more diligent in response to the Archdiocesan Regulations regarding COVID-19. Specifically, the faithful of the Oratory are reminded of the regulation to wear a face mask coming into and exiting the Church. During the celebration of Holy Mass, at the discretion of the pastor/rector, the wearing of face masks is not required. Again, I encourage everyone to exercise good and sound judgment, be cognizant of those around you and let us work together to continue the good work that the Oratory is doing.

VISITING CLERGY

With the addition of a 3^{rd} Mass on Sunday at 6:45 am, I have asked for assistance from some of my brother priests to offer one of the Sunday Masses. Periodically, depending on their schedules, there will be visiting clergy at either the 8 am Low Mass or the 11:30 am High Mass. We are specifically blessed with the assistance of Fr Conedera, SJ and

Fr. Linus Dolce, OSB. Please pray in gratitude for their generosity and for an increase in priestly vocations.

SOCK ANGEL CAMPAIGN

August/September 2020

The Knights of St. Peter Claver (a fraternal organization in the Church akin to the Knights of Columbus) have initiated a campaign that will provide socks to those in need in our city.

Any and all types of <u>NEW SOCKS</u> are welcome! So be an angel and please drop <u>NEW Socks</u> in the Box in the Oratory's vestibule during the months of August & September

The socks will be delivered to:

- Peter and Paul Community Services https://www.stspeterandpaulstl.org/homeless-shelter
- St. Patrick Center of St. Louis https://stpatrickcenter.org/ Thank you for your generosity. Please consider becoming a Knight or Lady of St. Peter Claver!

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SANCTUS CANDLE

You may have noticed at Low Mass that at the conclusion of the Sanctus, a server will go to side credence table, retrieve a candle, light it and place it on the altar close to the corporal and the hosts to be consecrated at Holy Mass. This candle is called the Sanctus Candle

Shawn Tribe, who writes for *New Liturgical Movement*, offers the following information:

The rubrics speak to the Sanctus candle being lit from the Sanctus until just after the priest's communion during a Low Mass. This candle could be a smaller candle placed upon the altar itself, or it could be a candle in a bracket.

The Catholic Encyclopedia describes it accordingly: The rubrics of the "Roman Missal" direct that at the Sanctus, even of any private Mass, an additional candle should be lighted and should burn until after the Communion of the priest. This rubric however is much neglected in practice even in Rome itself.

As you might guess from the time the candle is lit until it is extinguished, this practice is symbolically tied to the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, made present upon the altar by the priest during this part of the sacred liturgy.

It is a beautiful symbol of the sacramental realities, and also a pertinent tie into the character of the priesthood and its relation to not only the Eucharist, but also the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

CHURCH KNEELERS

As many of you may be aware, many of the kneelers in the Church are in need of repair because they are cracked and/or the padding as worn out. We have secured a bid for this project and are proceeding with replacing all the kneelers in the Church. The cost of replacing all the kneelers is \$20,000.00. We are blessed with the financial resources to complete this project; however, if you are able and willing to contribute to this project to offset some of the cost, please contact the Rector by email: msgrmorris@gmail.com. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

8/23 - 8/30 Hayward	8/30 - 9/6 Fowler
9/6 - 9/13 Houlard	9/13 - 9/20 Catalano
9/20 - 9/27 Kenney	9/27 - 10/4 Raymond
10/4 - 10/11 Flannigan	10/11 - 10/18 Gelhot
10/18 - 10/25 Horan	10/25 - 11/1 Schuette
11/1 - 11/8 Filla	11/8 – 11/15 Petrick
11/15 - 11/22 Stein	

Drop off and pick up statue at back of church under Oratory

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, 2 September: Adoration 9 am to 6 pm
- Friday, 4 September: Adoration 9 am to 6 pm
- Friday, 4 September: First Friday
- Saturday, 5 September: First Saturday
- Tuesday, 8 September: Nativity of the BVM; Confessions @ 6 pm; Holy Mass @ 7 pm
- Wednesday, 9 September: Adoration 9 am to 6 pm
- Monday, 14 September: Exaltation of the Holy Cross Confessions @ 6pm; Holy Mass @ 7pm
- Tuesday, 15 September: Seven Sorrows of the BVM; Confessions @ 6 pm; Holy Mass @ 7 pm
- Wednesday, 16 September: Adoration 9 am to 6 pm
- Tuesday, 21 September: St. Matthew: Confessions @ 6 pm; Holy Mass @ 7 pm
- Wednesday, 23 September: Adoration 9 am to 6 pm
- Saturday, 26 September: Ember Saturday; Confessions @ 7 am; Holy Mass @ 8 am

- Tuesday, 29 September: Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel; Confessions @ 6 pm; Holy Mass @ 7 pm
- Wednesday, 30 September: Adoration 9 am to 6 pm

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 30

6:45am Low Mass

Acolytes: Tom Lattenzi

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Gregory Grizzle

11:30am High Mass

- Master of Ceremonies: Matt Menendez
- Thurifer: Lance Lavery
- Acolyte 1: Luke Lavery
- Acolyte 2: Damian Filla
- Crucifer: Sebastian Filla
- Choir Master of Ceremonies: Cameron Ackerman

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 31 August – *St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor* 12:15 pm: Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi

Tuesday, 1 September – Feria

7:00 am: Margaret Seibert (d)

Weds., 2 September – *St. Stephen of Hungary* 6:30 pm: Loretta Deken

Thursday, 3 September – *St. Pius X, Pope & Confessor* 7:00 am: Dan Higgins (d)

Friday, 4 September – *Sacred Heart of Jesus* 12:15 pm: Dan Higgins (d) 7:00 pm: Tim Handley (d)

Saturday, 5 September – *Immaculate Heart of Mary* 8:00 am: Tim Handley (d)

Sunday, 6 September – 14th Sunday after Pentecost 6:45 am: Pro Populo 8:00 am: Tim Handley (d) 11:30 am: Margaret Seibert (d)

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Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!

Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!