

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

GOD GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Anthony & Vera Dragas
11:00AM Thomas Byung Lee
Rita & Pasquale Garritano
Nicole & Benjamin Shikhman

MONDAY, JULY 6

ST. MARIA GORETTI
11:00AM Vincent F. Rizzi
Vincent Libero

TUESDAY, JULY 7

11:00AM Antonio & Maria Hroncich
Angelo Bonnici

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

11:00AM Ernest & Joan Regensburg
Matea Morin

THURSDAY, JULY 9

ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG & COMPANIONS
11:00AM Louis Botto
Maria Morin

FRIDAY, JULY 10

11:00AM Andrea & Maria Mircovich
Maria & Martin Morin

SATURDAY, JULY 11

ST. BENEDICT
11:00AM Edwin Henriquez
5:00PM Norman Knebel

SUNDAY, JULY 12

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00AM Rose Bellobuono
Norman Knebel
Jose & Maria Henriquez

The First Reading today (Zechariah 9:9-10) reminds us of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The King of kings and Lord of lords enters the city of Jerusalem, riding on a donkey (ass) alongside a colt. What is very significant here is the fact that the great one decides to ride on something of a lower standard. Kings ride on horses and camels, not on donkeys that usually carry loads.

Our Lord's ride on a donkey demonstrates that he came to carry our weight of sin, and he does so with deep humility. The word of God tells us more precisely that though he was in the form of God, he did not count on his equality with God but humbles himself, taking the form of a slave (Phil.2:6).

The Gospel Reading begins with our Lord's gracious thanksgiving to God for hiding "THESE THINGS" from the wise and the learned and revealing them to little ones. You will be as curious, as I am, about what "THESE THINGS" could be. We can search for the answer from the statement that follows immediately.

In the subsequent verses, our Lord extends an invitation to those who labor and are burdened with a promise of giving them rest. Furthermore, he tells us to take up his yoke and learn from him, for he is meek and humble of heart.

If we take a reflective look at that passage, we could see some words that could be meaningful for us if we put them together: LABOR, BURDENED, YOKE, LEARN, MEEK, AND HUMBLE. We can decipher from the above that our Lord is saying that "*If we learn to be meek and humble (like him), there is no labor, burden nor yoke we cannot contain.*" Hence the secret or hidden things are meekness and humility.

Humility poses a challenge as well as a chance for us. St. Peter tells us (1 Pet. 5:6) to humble ourselves under the mighty arm of God so that at the proper time, he would exalt us. Humility goes before exaltation, just as pride goes before a fall (Prov. 16:18). The Apostle James (4:6) recalls the books of Proverbs (3:34), where it says that "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

How can we positively scale through this humility challenge that the liturgy of today places before us? St. Paul gives us an answer in the Second Reading of today (Romans 8:9, 11-13). According to him, we live in the flesh, or we live in the spirit. Life in the flesh leads us to worldliness and pride. On the contrary, when we live in the spirit, we are quickly drawn to be genuinely meek and humble.

*God bless you,
Fr. Bonnie Anusiem*

ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of
Fred Barbato*

ALTAR WINE

*In Memory of
Cecilia Gaspertich*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of
Maria Morin*

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are-

Is 55:10-11

The word of God brings forth good seed.

Ps 65:10, 11. 12-13, 14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Rom 8:18-23

The trials and sufferings of this life are as nothing for the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

Matt 13:1-23

Jesus tells us of the parable of the sower and the seed.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.

June 28, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$4,096.00

Peter's Pence Collection

\$ 500.00

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." – Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given to us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MISSALETTES

If someone would like to purchase a weekday missalette, please call and let us know. We have both Sunday and Weekday Missalettes. Cost is \$2.00 per book. We only have about 100 Weekday Missalettes for sale. We are open 9:00AM-7:00PM – Monday-Friday.

FOOD PANTRY

We are in dire need of food for our Community Food Pantry which is now opened. Please bring food to the church from 1:00-5:00PM or bring it to the rectory vestibule. We are also available on Friday mornings from 10:00AM-12 Noon. **We especially need all non-perishable foods. Our supplies are very, very low.** We appreciate all your help to feed our clients. May God bless you for your generosity. **Please do not bring any pasta at this time.**



SUNDAY MASSES

We now have a 5:00 PM mass on Saturday and the 11:00 AM mass on Sunday. As the state guidelines have changed, we will be able to accommodate up to 100 persons at each mass. The situation has improved but we are still not "out of the woods" with COVID-19. Once again, please consider whether you are "at risk" and make a good choice about whether or not to attend mass. I remind you that the Archbishop has indefinitely dispensed all Catholics from their "Sunday obligation" so do NOT feel compelled to attend mass out of fear. If any of you is feeling "under the weather" or running a fever, we ask you please DO NOT come to the church. You may be jeopardizing the life and health of others. We take this seriously and we ask you all to take this situation seriously. We are not acting out of irrational fear, but making good decisions based on the best advice we have available at this time.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL

This year's goal for Sharing God's Blessings Appeal is \$32,219.00. We are happy to report that we have \$29,645.00 in pledges. If we go over our goal, we will get 100% returned to our parish for every dollar over \$32,219.00. We are only \$2,572.00 short of our goal. This is an excellent fundraiser for our parish.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

**Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.**

**For You alone are our hope. We place before You the
disease present in our world.**

**We turn to You in our time of need. Bring wisdom to
doctors.**

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

**Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal
Home. Stabilize our communities.**

**Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our
hearts.**

**Fill us with confidence in Your care. Jesus, I trust in
You. Amen.**

**"SHARE YOUR FEELINGS.
DON'T BE AFRAID TO TELL
THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE HOW
YOU FEEL!"**

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are waiting to see if the Archdiocese and the Governor will allow any affairs between September and December. If we are able to do so, we will be having an affair which will replace our St. Patrick/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance. Watch the bulletin for more details.

EASTER FLOWER ADDENDUM

The following donation was received too late to be on the Easter Flower Donation List: M/M Reynaldo Nolasco.

ESTATE SALE

There is a huge estate sale in Leonia. If interested in browsing or purchasing, please call 757-645-6868 for an appointment or you may email tradetalks@aol.com Items to be sold include: sports equipment, hummels, dinnerware, furniture, furs, women's clothing, garden tools, lawn mower, tools, a 2010 Lexus, costume jewelry and much more. A percentage of the proceeds from the estate sale will be donated to Epiphany Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Cora Shaffer, Baby Michael, Clyde Harger, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate Tatiana Flores, Rosalie Connors, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Donna Carrajat, Tony Martello, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Sean O'Connor, Vladimir Drobikov, Louanne Mitchell, Kathy Lennon, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino, Rosemarie Liversidge, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia, John Keegan, Kay O'Connor, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Patricia Citro, Brother Peter Lyne, Conrado Trinidad, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Angie Vigna, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi, Laura Cipullo, Frances Marino, Robert Donato, Richard Allen, Anthony Martello, Jr., Miguel Madera, Natalie Dente, Joe Villani, Lisa Mutchler, Elizabeth Chan, Benjamin Yap, Henry Yap, Archbishop Emeritus John Joseph Myers, Rose & Anthony McCluskey, Jane Kim Estantino, Mike Hromin, Nancy Manto, Giuseppe Totaro, Peter Barbato, Roy Regaspi, Gloria Marquez, David Barmore, Drew Johnson, John Reynolds, Kunaim Emelyanesko, Kathy Santiago, Vinny Franco, Evelyn Leone, Baby Grayson DiNatale, Norma Warren, Lois Sekula, Kathie Gumb, Michael O'Connor.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Ursulina Vernaglia, Michael Vernaglia.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

***God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory
of those who declared that life and liberty
are your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong:
that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor that belongs
to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts towards the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

From Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

