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WEBSITE POLICY
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A CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
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Sixth Sunday Year A
Isaiah 49:14-15 I Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34

Words from God that jump out at me today are these: “Can a mother forget her infant … Even if she should forget, I will never forget you.” “… as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.” “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life … Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the sky … Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself …”

Worry! Dick Costolo wrote: “Don’t always worry about what your next line is supposed to be. There is no script. Live your life. Be in this moment.” To be honest, we all worry about many things - a kind of living in fear of sorts, and tormenting ourselves. We dream about the future, but God creates today.

What do we need? I think there is a vast difference between what we need and what we want. Our society is based on acquisition of things, especially wealth, and we tend to be more concerned about what we don’t have than what we have. Jesus’ parable about the rich fool [Luke 12:13-21] is a good example of what Jesus is trying to tell us in today’s Gospel. The rich man/fool kept building bigger barns, and then he died. Jesus is telling us to prepare for a future with him by putting our trust and faith in him, and by letting Him work through us as stewards of the mysteries of God …

We learn that in times of trouble, or anxiety, or fear that it is only when we let go that God has our back. Clearly Jesus tells us in the Gospel: “Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?” Think of how God clothes the earth with the beauty all around us … the flowers of the field and the birds of the air! It’s clear that the challenge is: Do we trust in God? Clearly, Jesus draws us out to choose to follow him and not ourselves. Jesus is asking us to walk with him in faith, pruning not earthly desires but those that are of God, and letting ourselves be filled with every blessing as a result. Yes, this is often a difficult path, but one that is trod long before us. Following in the footsteps of Jesus, let us hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God and the blessings it bears for all God’s children. Worry doesn’t prevent disaster. It prevents joy!

Reflection by: Fr. Billy

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday February 26
4:00 pm Vigil McCleland & Gardner Families, Mr. & Mrs. Nick Fitzpatrick, Dave & Debbie Liuzza, Sr. (Blessing), David & Emily Liuzza, Jr.& Family (Blessing), David & Emily Liuzza, Jr.& Family (Blessing), Amy Liuzza (Blessing), Matt & Jennifer Liuzza & Family (Blessing), Becky McMath (Health), Elaine Wingerter, Anna P. Quinlan, Thomas LeVon Davis, Brian Kelt, Gustavo Zachrisson

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

9:30 am Jorge Migenes

11:00 am Michael Bonura, James Miller, Souls In Purgatory, Deceased members of Malta Square Park & Families, Mary Quaid & Family, Grace Schifflet, Paul Brue (Health), Ann Gardner (Health), Collette B. Miller

5:00 pm Parishioners

Monday February 27
6:30 am Mark J. LaBorde

8:45 am Paul Pizzo

Tuesday February 28
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander

8:45 am Joseph & Emma Nolan

Wednesday March 1 Ash Wednesday
6:30 am Roberto C. Haughton

8:45 am Mark Melancon

12:00 pm Liturgy of the Word

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Word

6:00 pm Jennifer Courville

Thursday March 2
6:30 am Chris Alessi

10:00 am Jorge Migenes

7:00 pm Curtis Dupree

Friday March 3
6:30 am Mary Quaid

10:00 am Pat Roberts

7:00 pm Carol Rizzo

Saturday March 4
10:00 am Chris Alessi

PLEASE NOTE: NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND NO 7 PM MASS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 (MARDI GRAS). THANK YOU.

February 26-March 4, 2017
“Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Mark J. LaBorde
February Respect Life Focus
Human Trafficking
Our corporal work of mercy...

This month we are assisting a local safe house, the Free Indeed Home, where girls ages 12-17 who have been sex trafficked can come for healing and restoration. Donations can be placed in the plastic bins at the entrances to the church throughout the month of February. Cash and/or gift cards can be sent to the parish office or placed in the collection basket. Please be sure donations are in an envelope marked “Respect Life - Free Indeed Home.”

The following items are needed:

- Cash or gift cards for grocery/big box stores
- Canned vegetables, flour, sugar, corn meal, seasoning, cooking oil, pasta, rice, cereals, canned meats, boxed cake mix, pudding
- Paper towel, toilet paper, paper napkins
- Comet cleanser, Clorox clean-up, dish detergent, disinfectant spray, multi-surface cleaner, baking soda, floor wax for hardwood floors, laundry detergent
- Feminine products
- Board games, puzzles, craft items
- Copy paper (Cheapest kind), pens/pencils/crayons/color pencils/markers/dry eraser markers, loose leaf paper, notebooks, binders, printer ink: HP 950 and 951, batteries (all sizes, primarily AA and AAA)

Please be aware of the signs of human trafficking. If you see something, SAY SOMETHING! It is better to report a suspicious incident and be wrong than to be right and say nothing. Learn more at http://polarisproject.org/recognize-signs.

School News: Please check our school website at www.stannschool.org to learn more about our school. The seventh grade monthly assembly was last Friday. At St. Ann School we are proud that we offer each grade level K-7 the opportunity for a performance on stage. Each grade level has a different month and a different theme.

Happy Mardi Gras to all!
Father Robert (Bob) Perry, O.P., a member of the Southern Dominican Province of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), recently completed his ministry as Pastor of St. Elizabeth University Parish in Lubbock, Texas where he remains in residence as he continues his preaching ministry and several writing projects.

Since his ordination fifty years ago, Father Perry has spent many years teaching at the University level, and has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada for over twenty years, preaching, lecturing and conducting retreats and workshops among high school and university students, young adults and religious sisters, brothers and priests. In 1983, at the request of the newly formed Southern Dominican Province, Father Perry founded and directed the Aquinas Center of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 2006 Father Perry completed thirteen years as Pastor of Holy Ghost Church in Hammond Louisiana, and six years as Pastor of Our Lady of Pompeii in Tickfaw, Louisiana. For twenty years he was in Formation Ministry, preparing Dominican Students for ordination to the priesthood.

Father Perry holds a Ph.D. in Psychology and Religion.

**Novena Schedule**

**Weekdays:** 10:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses with Homily, followed by Novena to St. Ann. Sacrament of Reconciliation with private confession before and after the Masses.

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

NO 7:30 am Mass and NO 8:00 am Rosary on Saturday, March 4th

10:00 am Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, followed by Novena to St. Ann. Sacrament of Reconciliation with private confession before and after Mass. The **Sewing Seams of Faith** ladies will be handing out Prayer Blankets to those in need after Mass at all the entrances.

**Sunday Masses:**

4:00 pm Vigil (Saturday), 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm.

All Masses followed by Novena to St. Ann.

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11:00 am - 6:00 pm.
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and
The Novena to St. Ann

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick prolongs the concern which the Lord himself showed for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick, as the gospels testify, and which he asked us his followers to show also. This sacrament provides the sick person with the grace of the Holy Spirit by which the whole person is brought to health, trust in God is encouraged, and strength is given to resist temptation of the Evil One and anxiety about death. A return to physical health may even follow the reception of this sacrament if it will be beneficial to the sick person’s salvation. If necessary, the sacrament also provides the sick person with the forgiveness of sins and the completion of penance.

St. Ann Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, March 4, 2017 during the annual Novena to St. Ann at the 10 am Mass. Fr. Robert, will lead us in the celebration of this sacrament of healing.

When the church cares for the sick, it serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body. When it follows the example of the Lord Jesus, who “went about doing good and healing,” the Church obeys his command to cure the sick.

Parishioners who may benefit from receiving this sacrament are invited to join us for this celebration of healing.

Lent and Easter Fasting Regulations

A distinction is to be made between Lent and the Easter Triduum. Strictly speaking, Lent ends with the beginning of the Triduum on Holy Thursday. The Ordo notes: Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. The spirit of the season of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent. The obligation to observe penitential days of the Church is serious. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not necessarily considered serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. People should seek to do more rather than less, since fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion of life.

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS…

TO CHAMPION THE RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN, THE DYING, THOSE ENSLAVE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND THOSE CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Please contact Barbara Weller at barbara.weller@earthlink.net if you can give some of your time to protect the vulnerable.
Make this Lent the Best Lent Ever
A Lent to Remember

St. Ann Pastoral Council is offering you a free copy of “Resisting Happiness” by Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic. Books can be found at the entrances to the church.

ABOUT BEST LENT EVER 2017

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don’t always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a FREE, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?  http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever

ABOUT RESISTING HAPPINESS

Best Lent Ever 2017 is based on Matthew Kelly’s newest book, Resisting Happiness. It’s a true story about why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams, and lack the courage to simply be ourselves . . . and how to start choosing happiness again.

A Lent to Remember

A Lent to Remember is a study of the newly released program FORGIVEN – The Transforming Power of Confession. With beautiful film-making and teaching on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, FORGIVEN will move your heart and give you plenty to discuss as a family or as a group of friends.

A Lent to Remember will be a 4-week study, with a 30-minute episode to watch each week. There are accompanying discussion guides that help penetrate the beauty and mystery of God’s mercy and the importance of regular confession. The final week of the study is capped with an episode from the stunning video series SYMBOLON. SYMBOLON Episode 6: The Paschal Mystery dives deep into the mystery of Jesus’ death and resurrection and the difference it makes in our day to day life as Catholics. Both FORGIVEN and SYMBOLON can be accessed through www.formed.org. FORMED is a Netflix-like VOD and digital content service for both seeker and believer that features the best audio, video, e-books and feature-length films from some of the world’s most credible Catholic sources, such as the Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press and Word on Fire ministries. FORMED is available to all parishioners through a parish subscription. St. Ann’s five-digit code is XX87MF. Parishioners simply input the parish code on the main page of formed.org to set up their free account. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Make this Lent A Lent to Remember.