

Fourth Sunday of Lent, "Laetare"

March 26, 2017

Calendar

Saturday, March 25th

4:00pm Vigil Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Vincent Boudreaux Jr, Anthony J. Cartozzo, Emma & Louise Grunwald, Joy Nalty Hodges, and Christopher Joseph Vanderbrook

Sunday, March 26th

8:00am Mass All parishioners

10:30am Mass Paul Haygood, Lester & Ethel Heidingsfelder, Earl LeCorgne, Joy Nalty Hodges, Ronald & Pauline Marchessault, Deacon Paul A. Nalty, Miriam Ogden, Lynn Roche, the Cassard Family, the Derbes Family, the Mercante & Youngblood Families, and the Vaughn Family
12:30pm Latin The Right Reverend Patrick Regan, OSB

Monday, March 27th

6:30am Mass Joséphine Champagne Bourgeois

Tuesday, March 28th

6:30am Mass The Boudreaux & Bergeron Families
10:30am "Lord, Teach Me to Pray" (@ St Henry's)
4:45pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm Mass William Allen

Wednesday, March 29th

6:30am Mass Emma Templet
5:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, March 30th

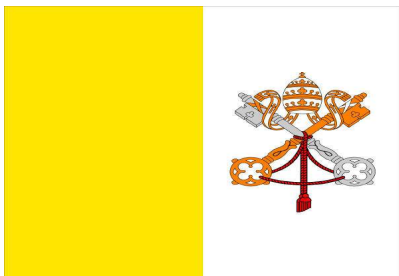
6:30am Mass Jocelyn Pechon
7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
9:30am "Lord, Teach Me to Pray" (St Stephen Rectory)

Friday, March 31st

6:30am Mass A Special Intention
6:00pm Stations of the Cross (@ St Henry Church)
6:30pm Fish-Fry (@ Blessed Pauline Center)

Saturday, April 1st

10:00am Rosary (@ Church of St Henry)



The Sanctuary Light in the church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of the Right Reverend Patrick Regan, OSB.

The Sanctuary Light in the chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



Mass Setting

The Mass setting for the Season of Lent is the Gregorian *Missa jubilate Deo*, found on the Pew Card.



Banns of Matrimony

Paige Johnson & William Kery



Abby Ruiz & Mark Caponegro

Lay-Ministers Schedule for April 2nd

4:00 pm

Lector: Dan Jens

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Richard Eason, André Mouledoux, and Eleanor Mouledoux

8:00 am

Lector: Liz Raeshide

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana D'Anzi, Deacon Richard Eason, and Daniel LeBlanc

10:30 am

Lector: Sophie & Caroline Ondrusek

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Richard Eason, Maxine Fox, Douglas Kariker, Gay Kariker, and Matthew Ponseti



"St Paul gives us a wake-up call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?"

Collection Report	March 12th	July 1st-Mar 12th
Total Collections	\$6,088.00	\$265,025.48
Budget	<u>\$6,684.69</u>	<u>\$247,333.53</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$596.69)	\$17,691.95
Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations		
Restoration Fund		\$2,151.03
Clarion Herald		\$0.00
Catholic Charities		\$1,524.00

The Monthly Prayer-Request for Priests

March

1 st	The Rev. Sam Anthony Morello, OCD
2 nd	Seminarian Thien Nguyen
3 rd	The Rev. Kenneth Allen
4 th	The Rev. Luis E. Henao*
5 th	The Rev. F. William Huete, SJ*
6 th	The Rev. Thomas M. McCann*
7 th	The Rev. Victor Brown, OP
8 th	The Rev. Kyle V. Dave*
9 th	His Holiness Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI
10 th	The Rev. Joseph de Water
11 th	The Rev. José Roel Lungay*
12 th	The Rev. Charles J. Caluda*
13 th	The Rev. Damian Hinojosa*
14 th	The Rev. Paul A. Clark
15 th	The Rev. Victor Cohea*
16 th	The Rev. Martin J. Gleeson, OP
17 th	The Rev. Kyle J. Sanders*
18 th	The Rev. Peter P. Finney III*
19 th	The Rev. Gregory Heslip, LC
20 th	The Rev. Paul S. Hart
21 st	The Right Rev. Patrick Regan, OSB†
22 nd	The Rev. Anthony McGinn, SJ*
23 rd	The Rev. Simon C. Kim*
24 th	The Rev. Colin Vincent Braud
25 th	The Rev. Bernard Son Hong Pham, SDD*
26 th	The Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Lipps*
27 th	His Holiness Pope Francis
28 th	The Rev. John Dominic Sims, OP*
29 th	The Rev. Vinh Dinh Luu, JCL*
30 th	The Rev. Charles Whitney Dussouy*
31 st	The Rev. Joseph Duc Dzien

* birthday

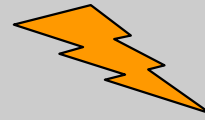
† deceased

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Lightning Apologetics

by Phillip Bellini, DRE



THE EFFECTS OF SIN

Since we are in the season of Lent and we are concentrating on making our spiritual lives better and become close to Christ, I thought it might be good to touch on the effects of sin. In many cases we as human being do not see the effects that our sins have, but they do have an effect.

Why does God give us commandments? Because He likes to give orders? No. Is there anything He gains in it for Himself? No. Try to imagine 1,000 great saints "serving" God for a century—what would He gain from that? Nothing at all! So He does not give us orders to get anything for Himself. No, instead He wants to give things to us, such as His graces. However, if we are not open to take in what He sends, the graces will run off uselessly, like the water on the back of a duck!

So the first reason He gives orders is so He can give good things to us! But there is another reason: God is Holiness itself. So He loves all that is right and dislikes what is morally wrong. So if a sinner disturbs the right order of things and puts it out of balance, the Holiness of God wants that restored. Pretty simple, right?

Let's compare this picture to a two-pan scale. they balance off when you put the same weight on has no right to take – then the scales are out of can anyone do that? If a man stole property, he is to continue the sin. Suppose Pat stole \$100 from Suppose Mike said: I do forgive you. But Mike the offense would continue. Therefore no forgive-should not let it go without seeing the money come on holding on to the money he would be continu-while the offense continues. So Mike could say: be friendly to you again. But I cannot afford to lose even one mortal sin is infinite – too much for any Yet as we said, His Holiness wants the things to be



You've seen them. There are two pans on each side and each side. Let's say a sinner takes from one pan what he balance. The Holiness of God wants it rebalanced. So how *begins* to rebalance by giving it back. To keep the property Mike, and then came back and asked Mike to forgive him. still should ask Pat to give back the \$100. For if Pat kept it, ness could be had then. To forgive is to let it go – but Pat back. That would be bad for his friend Mike. If Mike kept ing the offense. An offense cannot be forgiven or let go Yes, I am willing to let it go in the sense that I am willing to that \$100. (We said "begin" because the imbalance from creature to make it up.) God of course cannot lose anything. given back.

Suppose someone did not steal property, but stole a so we cannot talk about giving it back. But the some other pleasure he could have rightly had. that the rebalance be complete at once – if the (Purgatory) that will be enough. But there is another angle. St Paul told the Corinthians (1 Cor 12:26): "If one member [of Christ] suffers, all the members suffer. For we are naturally bound together, we form one body in Christ." An old Rabbi said it well, Simeon ben Eleazar: "Someone has committed a transgression. Woe to him! He has tipped the scale to the side of debt for himself *and for the world*. For any sin of someone harms all. There is no such a thing as a victimless crime!"

pleasure he had no right to have. That pleasure is used up, sinner could do what amounts to the same by giving up That begins to rebalance the scale. God does not demand sinner intends to do it – in this world or in the next

So the Holiness of God wants the scales rebalanced because He loves what is right in itself. He also wants it rebalanced because the imbalance is harmful to all the other members of the Body of Christ. But can one member can make up for another? Yes! St Paul said, "I fill up the things that are lacking to the tribulations of Christ in my flesh for His body, which is the Church." (Col 1:24). Of course, Christ lacked no suffering. His suffering was beyond telling. But the whole Christ, that is, Christ with His members, can lack something. For we are not saved as individuals. We are saved in as much as we are members of Christ. And of course that means we must be like Him – like Him in the matter of making reparation for sin. Paul knew that many members of Christ were not doing their part – but he, Paul, could make up for them. So he did.

This remarkable interrelation reflects the fact that love of God and love of neighbor are most closely joined together. To love in general is to will good to another for the other's sake. Of course, we must adjust that a bit when we direct love to God, for it is foolish to say we wish Him well! But, as we saw above, it pleases Him when we obey. So in practice, to love God is to obey Him, so He may have the generous pleasure of giving to us, and of seeing the moral order righted. But – God wills also to give to neighbor. Therefore if I love Him, I will want Him to have the pleasure of giving to my neighbor too! In that way I love God – and also, by willing good to my neighbor, I am loving my neighbor.

St Paul tried to make up for the sins of others. That is true love for others and that helps to put them in position to be able to receive God's generosity. But this brings to mind a large question: How can we have reparation enough to not only make up for our own sins, but also to help with those of others? It's true that by our own power we cannot fully make up for our own sins – recall above we said that make-up for sin only begins to make up? Yet we can offer the same reparation twice, as it were. If I offer suffering in reparation for sins of my neighbor, then it doubles in value, or is counted twice. First, it is reparation for my own sins but also, in willing to make reparation for neighbor, the love of neighbor involved makes it a help to neighbor, and additionally pleasing to God's generosity!

Pray for the Sick

Ron Behler, Corey Behler, William Brown, Ray & Zetta Burkart, Gary Callahan, Jeanne García, Mary Gremillion, Jolleen Jackson, Leddie Lopez, Louise Martin, Dilia Martínez, Dilia Miller, Sophie Rodríguez, and William Youngblood.

Pray for the Dead

Shelley Baptiste, Sister Josephine Cusimano DC, Hunter Harris Jr, Joy Nalty Hodges, Sister Suzanne Kullowitch SCC, Sister Claire Mulé DC, Gertrude Petit, and the Right Reverend Patrick Regan OSB.

Pray for Our Armed-services

Lt Junior Grade, USN, Neil P. Chatelain; LT John Tortorich; and LT Kate Tortorich.



News

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite, the “Tridentine” (Latin) Mass, will be offered again at St Stephen Church this Sunday, March 26th (**Fourth Sunday of Lent, *Laetare***), at 12:30 pm. The Reverend Denzil Perera will be the celebrant.

We will have a Second Collection this week -end, the Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC).

We have the Stations of the Cross (*Via Crucis*) every Friday during Lent at the Church of St Henry, at 6:00 pm, followed by a Fish-Fry sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, at the Blessed Pauline Center, 4219 Constance Street.

Loyola University will present “Ignatian Spirituality: The Virtues of the Spiritual Exercises,” conducted by the Reverend Father F. William Huete, SJ, this Wednesday, March 29th, at 7:00 pm, in Ignatius Chapel, Bobet Hall.

The “Golden Jubilee” Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal will take place from March 31st to April 2nd, at the Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel & Suites, in Metairie. For further information, please telephone 828-1368.

On Saturday, April 8th, Woman’s New Life Center will host their annual Born to Run 5K to benefit WNLC’s goal of providing support for women and their unborn babies. Please ‘phone 496 -0212 for details.



***Laetare* Sunday.**