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February 19, 2023

Pre-Lent Quinquagesima Sunday

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings give us an invitation to avoid unnecessary worries by putting our trust in the love and providence of a merciful God.

Today's first reading is one of the most touching expressions of God's love in the Bible. Through the Prophet Isaiah, the Lord God asks the rhetorical question: "*Can a mother forget her infant?*" and gives His solemn pledge "*I will never forget you!*" Isaiah reminds Israel that even the best of human love is only a shadow of God's eternal, life-giving love for his people.

In the second reading, St. Paul asserts his authority as an apostle and warns the Corinthians not to worry about who brought them to the Christian faith and not to judge him or other preachers. It is only God who has the right to judge.

In the first part of today's gospel, Jesus emphasizes the impossibility of serving two opposing masters, namely God and riches. Man's ultimate goal and master is God and not material possessions. Material possessions help us reach our ultimate goal, God, only when we share them. Hence, Jesus calls us to a detachment from them. Then Jesus exhorts his disciples to avoid unnecessary worries. Worry is a pagan or an irreligious attitude of those who don't believe in a loving and providing God. Worry is useless because we cannot increase even an inch of height by days of worrying. Worry is injurious to the health causing physical and mental problems and illnesses.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalms 77:2-3)

V. I cry aloud to God, cry to God to hear me.

R. On the day of my distress I seek the Lord; by night my hands are raised unceasingly; I refuse to be consoled.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

MT 6:24-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?

Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held this year at Our Saviour Parish on Sunday, March 5, 2023 after 12:00 Noon Mass.

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

001 Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

We Are the Light of the World

Communion Hymn

See Us Lord About Your Alter

Recessional Hymn

228 Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, February 19

Pre-Lent Quinquagesima Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

4:00 PM – Holy Mass

with Distribution of Ashes

Sunday, February 26

1st Sunday of Lent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, March 5

2nd Sunday of Lent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN 2023

3/5 - For the Mission Fund

3/12 - Institution of the PNCC - For the National Church Center

4/2 - For the Mission Fund

5/7 - For the Mission Fund

6/4 - For the Mission Fund

6/18 - Father's Day – For the Clergy Pension Fund

7/2 - For the Mission Fund

8/6 - For the Mission Fund

8/27 - Youth Sunday – For the Youth Fund

9/3 - For the Mission Fund

9/10 - Solemnity – Brotherly Love – For the Bp. Hodur Retreat Center

10/1 - For the Mission Fund

10/15 - Heritage Sunday – Outreach to Poland Collection

11/5 - For the Mission Fund

12/3 - For the Mission Fund

12/31 - Solemnity- Humble Shepherds – Seminary Fund

1/7 - For the Mission Fund

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.



Holy Mass on Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2023, at 4:00 PM



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

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