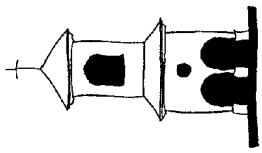


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February 4, 2006 — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Spiritual Retreat is a period of time purposefully devoted to foster our personal and communal spiritual growth. Our Lenten 2007 parish retreat at Sacred Heart will take place on March 3-4, under the direction of Sr. Barbara Jean Glodowski, O.S.B., from the Monastery of St. Gertrude in Cottonwood. Please check in another column, below, Sr. Barbara Jean's brief description of our retreat. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Feel free to invite your friends and relatives, one does not have to be a practicing Catholic to participate in our retreat. I encourage you to approach any non-practicing Catholic that you might know and suggest to him or her to come to the retreat. I would like, in particular, to reach out toward those who have drifted away from the church because of a civil marriage. I ask you also to pray for the success of this retreat.

Fr. Marcellus

STEWARDSHIP

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much." — Luke 12:32-48

Collection for January 28..... \$ 292.60

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 11: SJPC meeting in the hall after Mass.

March 3-4: Lenten retreat at Sacred Heart in Emmett.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Valentine's Day is on February 14. During the Mass on February 11, couples will be invited to renew their vows and I will bless them. During the February 10 - 11 weekend, I will be particular mindful of our widows, widowers, single parents, and grandparents who are parenting their grandchildren. *Fr. Marcellus*

ST. JUDE BIRTHDAY CORNER

Cassie Hoene: Tuesday, February 6.

LENTEN 2007 RETREAT

Our Lenten 2007 Retreat is not just for senior citizens only. Sr. Barbara Jean describes it as follows. "All mature adults can benefit from the experience. I start the workshop with "Do you want to die longer or live longer with Vitality?" The youngest one that took the workshop was 23 years old and the oldest was 103. We deal with topics of how to shift the paradigm of growing older, life review, life repair, forgiveness of self and others, death and dying, advocating for the earth, etc. I've heard from the less than 45 year old crowd say that they are so glad that they have had this wisdom in order to plan for healthy living and vitality. The older crowd from 45 + say that they wished they had this wisdom sooner. This is not geared to the youth."

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, on February 21. Ash Wednesday masses in Emmett: 8:30 a.m. (English); 7:30 p.m. (Bilingual). Ashes will be distributed during these masses. The ashes used in this ceremony are made by burning the remaining palms blessed on Palm Sunday of the previous year. Receiving the ashes is a public expression of our willingness to do penance during Lent for our personal sins and for the sins of others.

ASHES

Placing ashes on the forehead of penitents (and wearing sackcloth in ancient times) was a common biblical practice (Jer 6, 26; Mt 11,21). In the earliest period of the church the imposition of ashes was not related to the beginning of Lent. Instead, by the year 300, those who were temporarily excommunicated from the church wore ashes on the forehead as they expressed repentance and sought forgiveness. They were guilty of public scandals and sins like heresy, murder, adultery, and apostasy. By the year 600 the imposition of ashes began to be associated with the Ash Wednesday, for those who had committed major public sins. By the year 1000 the Ash Wednesday imposition of ashes was universally practiced throughout the church, as an external sign of personal willingness to do penance for personal sins and the sins of others.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

During Lent, Catholics observe the following penitential practices. All Fridays: abstinence from meat and meat products (Applies to those 14 years of age and older). Ash Wednesday, Good Friday (April 6): fast and abstinence (Applies to those between the ages of 18 - 59). Fasting involves: One moderate full meal, two very light meals for the purpose of necessary nourishments. Persons experiencing health problems and receiving medical treatment are asked to exercise good judgment and prudence when planning their Lenten penitential practices.

COURAGE

"Courage is the confidence required for living with a view to the future, for acting, building, assuming responsibilities and forming ties. For, in spite of our precautions, the future is in each case the unknown. But living means advancing into this unknown region, which may lie before us like a chaos into which we must venture. . . . Courage accepts life and meets it bravely and in each instance implies a conviction that within us there is something that cannot be destroyed, but rather which derives nourishment from everything, becomes stronger, richer, deeper through every experience rightly faced and carried out, because this something come from the creative power of God." —*Romano Guardini*

Ways to Maintain a Healthy Level of Insanity

At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point your hair dryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.

Page yourself over the intercom. Don't disguise your voice.

Every time someone asks you to do something, ask if they want fries with that?

Put your garbage can on your desk and label it "In."

Put decaf in the coffee maker for 3 weeks. Once everyone has gotten over their caffeine addictions, switch to espresso.

In the memo field of all your checks, write "For Smuggling Diamonds."

Finish All Your sentences with "In Accordance With The Prophecy."

As often as possible, skip rather than walk.

Divorce?

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Christmas and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough. "Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay" he says, "they're coming for Christmas and paying their own way."

Thought for the day: As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "THEIRS"?