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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 13, 2022

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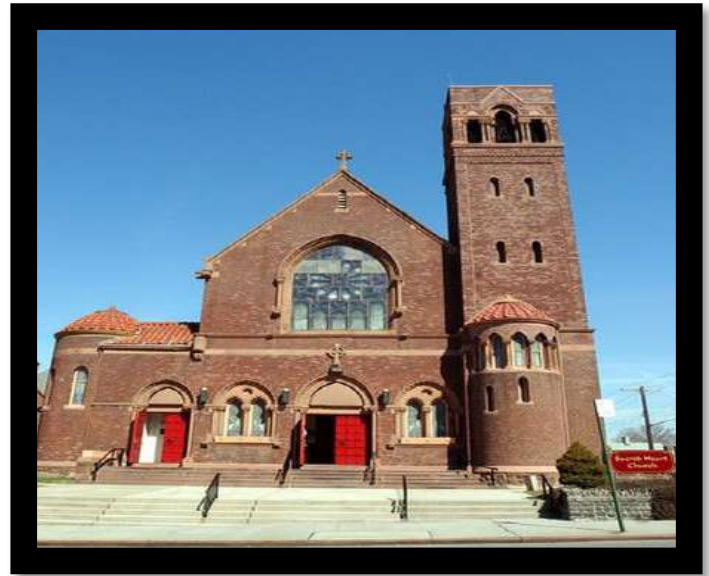
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Masses

The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM, 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

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Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Church open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

Novena Devotions: Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

Parents & Godparents should attend a meeting at 3 PM on the second Sunday of the month in the Rectory with Fr. Eric to initiate the Sacrament. For more information please see: www.sacredheartsi.org/worship/sacraments.

Marriages

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

Websites:

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FEBRUARY 13, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OPENING HYMN: MORNING HAS BROKEN

MORNING HAS BROKEN LIKE THE FIRST MORNING, BLACKBIRD HAS SPOKEN LIKE THE FIRST BIRD. PRAISE FOR THE SINGING! PRAISE FOR THE MORNING! PRAISE FOR THEM, SPRINGING FRESH FROM THE WORD!

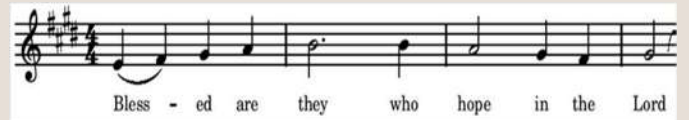
GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING 1 **JER 17:5-8.**

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **PS 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6.**



R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night.
R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.
R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.
R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

READING 2 **1 COR 15:12, 16-20.**

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.



ALLELUIA

LK 6:23AB.

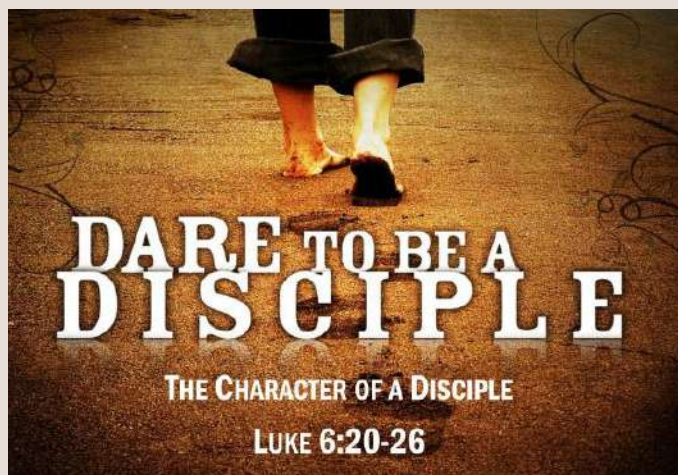


Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

GOSPEL

LK 6:17, 20-26.

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."



Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: BLESSED BY YOUR SACRIFICE

BLESSED BY YOUR SACRIFICE, STRONG IN YOUR LOVE, O CHRIST, OUR GRATEFUL VOICES TO YOU WE RAISE. TRUE ADORATION THROUGHOUT CREATION RINGS OUT IN JOYFUL SONGS OF PRAISE.

O SPLENDOR, GLORY BRIGHT, BROUGHT FORTH AS LIGHT FROM LIGHT! O DAY, ALL DAYS ENLIGHTENING! ANGELS WITH ONE ACCORD CRY "HOLY, HOLY LORD!" TO YOU, OUR EVERLASTING KING.

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

When I was studying for the priesthood in the nineties, we called this time of year “the February doldrums.” Deep into grey, dreary, winter, but fresh into the new semester of rigorous academics with no end in sight, we felt the weight of our collective experience. Some of the students were afflicted with what they would describe as boredom.

Theologian Peter Kreeft said, “I think Jesus is the only man in history who never bored anyone. I think this is an empirical fact, not just a truth of faith. It is one of the reasons for believing His central claim, and Christianity’s central claim, that He is literally God in the flesh. That is, of course, the ultimate reason for the shock, and for the uniqueness of the shock: it is like the shock of Macbeth meeting not Banquo’s ghost but Shakespeare; like Frodo meeting not Gandalf but Tolkien.” (Peter Kreeft, *Jesus-Shock*, p. 40, 2008).

Dr. Kreeft continues, “The Greek word used to describe everyone’s reaction to Him is *thauma*, ‘wonder.’ That was the reaction of His enemies, who killed Him; of His disciples, who worshipped Him; and even of agnostics, who went away shaking their heads and muttering ‘No man ever spoke like this man,’ and knowing that if He didn’t stop being what He was and saying what He said, then eventually they would have to side with either His killers or His worshippers. For ‘Jesus-shock’ breaks your heart in two and forces you to choose which half of your heart you will follow.”

“Boredom is one of our major psychological problems today, though few of our ‘experts’ acknowledge this. I suspect that boredom is the primary cause of violence and war. No one is bored while they are killing someone else, or planning to. Do you remember how interesting the TV news suddenly became when we started our last little war? Haven’t you ever wondered how much of the psychological roots of war come from boredom? Can’t you see that bored little bunch of ghostly children sitting around in the cellar of your unconscious looking for trouble? ‘Hey, yesterday [stunk]. What shall we do tomorrow?’ ‘I know. Let’s dress up in funny uniforms and get guns and find a big field and go out and kill each other.’ ‘Yay! What a great idea!’” (Ibid, p. 41).

“We all know the harm boredom does if we have kids. The single most effective way to make them behave is to keep them interested. This is the single most practical principle of child management: kids will always get into trouble when they are bored. Ah, but adults are only large kids, once you see through the transparent layers of socialization. Like kids, if we are to have any hope of improving their behavior, we first of all have to get their attention. Promiscuous sex is another great boredom-reliever. Our culture, like late Rome’s, is saturated with sex and violence because it is saturated with boredom.” (Ibid, 42).

“Habitual boredom, boredom not with a specific task like chopping wood ten hours a day but with everything, boredom that is like the sky, spread over everything, not only leads to sin; it is a sin. The medievals called it ‘sloth,’ one of the Seven Deadly Sins. Sloth is not simply laziness. In fact, it does not necessarily imply any physical laziness at all. It means the passivity and inactivity of the will and the desires even in the presence of the true good. It is the soul’s refusal to eat its food. Violence is spiritual junk food, and boredom is spiritual anorexia. Where do we find sloth? Go to your nearest Sunday morning church service, Protestant or Catholic. Then go to your nearest athletic field, amateur or professional. Compare the interest, the passion, the energy, the investment of the heart in those two places. How much soul-stuff, how much of the self, rubs off in those two places?” (Ibid, 43).

Kreeft asks, “Don’t we know what’s going on in church? Don’t we know that we’re attending a meeting of spies plotting a revolution against the Prince of This World? Don’t we know the great Lion of the Tribe of Judah, who sneaks into our churches in disguise to meet us there?” (Ibid)

Kreeft further questions, “Why are we bored? What’s missing? It’s not pleasure. We moderns are inveterate and successful hedonists. But no amount of pleasure satisfies us if it’s boring. The most total opposite of pleasure is not pain but boredom, for we are willing to risk pain to make a boring life interesting. That’s why we find war interesting, and also its civilized substitutes, sports and gambling, both of which are ritualized risk. That’s also why the rich blow their brains out at an alarming rate, more than the poor do: because a lot of money makes life predictable and controllable and therefore boring. The unsurprising life is not worth living.”

“What is the opposite of boredom? Not pleasure, not even happiness, but joy. Joy always includes surprise, sometimes even shock. Joy’s opposites—rage, outrage, horror, and terror—are also shocks. Those who meet Jesus always experience either joy or its opposites, either foretastes of Heaven or foretastes of Hell. Not everyone who meets Jesus is pleased, and not everyone is happy, but everyone is shocked.”

God bless you!

Father Eric



Lector Schedule

Saturday, February 12:

5:00 PM Mary Rosso

Sunday, February 13:

7:00 AM Vincent O'Grady

9:00 AM John Mooney Jr.

11:00 AM Maria Montuori

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

Saturday, February 12 :

9:30 Nancy Vidikiss Ozimek

5:00 Peter Pellegrito

Celebrant

Fr. Soju

Fr. Eric

Sunday, February 13:

7:00 People of the Parish

9:00 Patrick & Bridget Jordan

11:00 Brendan Hoey

1:00 Deceased Members of
The Decker Family

Fr. Eric

Msgr. Nick

Fr. Eric

Msgr. Greg

Monday, February 14:

9:30 Jack Graham & Souls in Purgatory Msgr. Nick

Tuesday, February 15:

9:30 Diana Kisto

Fr. Eric

Wednesday, February 16:

9:30 Florence Kennedy &
Corinne A. O'Brien

Fr. Eric

Thursday, February 17:

9:30 John & Patricia Molloy

Msgr. Nick

Friday, February 18:

9:30 Maria Elena Graziano

Fr. Eric

Saturday February 19:

9:30 John & Joan Prenty

5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

Fr. Eric

Fr. Eric

Sunday, February 20:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn
& McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory

9:00 People of the Parish

11:00 Moira Mackey (4th Anniversary)

1:00 Nancy Vidikiss Ozimek

Fr. Soju

Msgr. Greg

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Collections:

February 6th:

\$8,643.00

February 2022 Monthly:

\$2,780.00

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Valerie Kelly

Attendance Feb. 6th:

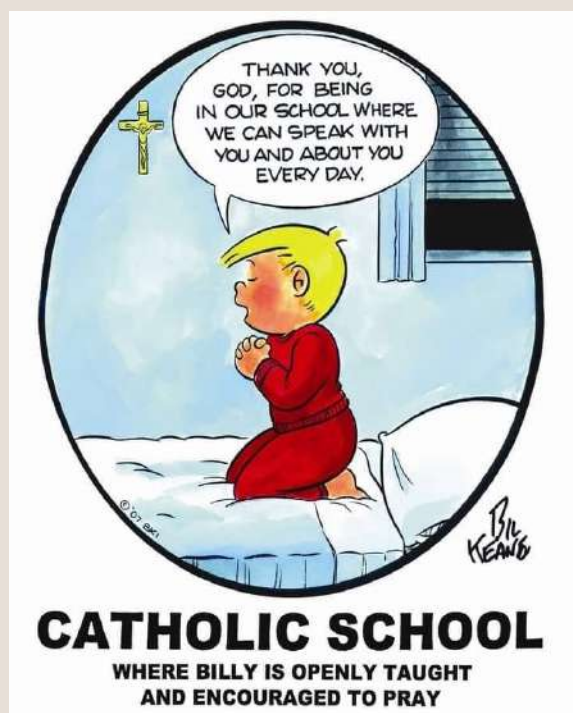
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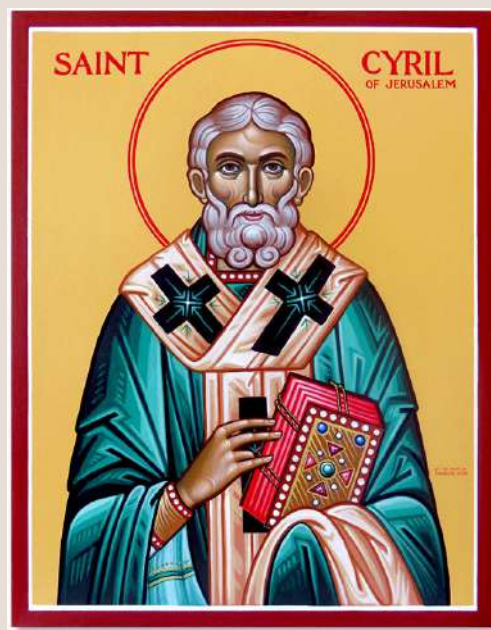


Newly Baptized: We welcome into our parish our newly baptized parishioners including; **Aiden Maisonet, Sofia Rose Pinzone, Jackson Thomas Syracuse, Matthew Asher Celenzano, Caroline Dacunta, Precious Omosigho, Theodore Rudolph Fischer, Giovanni Antonio Calvello, Winifred Pearl Campbell, Emma Madeline Cosgriff, Marsope Rosario & Alessandra DiSimone Biggins.** God bless them and their families.

SAINT CYRIL

FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 14TH

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SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

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