Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020
SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:
- Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM en español
- Sun. 8 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 1:15 PM en español, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Weekday Masses: Mon.—Fri.: 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 PM
- Confessions:
- Tuesday after Mass: Memorare, 5:30 PM Vespers;
- Thursday after Mass: St. Jude;
- Mon.—Fri. after 4:45 PM Mass: Rosary
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
- Mon.—Fri.: 8:30 -11:45 AM, 1:00 - 4:30 PM;
- Sat. 9:30 - 11:30 AM, 12:30 - 3:30 PM;
- Sunday 2:30-3:30 PM
- Gift Shop Hours:
- Monday—Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM;
- Saturday 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*
- Sunday 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM*

(*Closed during Sun. and Sat. Vigil Masses)

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Keeping the Commandments
By Fr. James Doran, OMV

When the rich young man asked Jesus; What must I do to have Eternal Life? Jesus says keep the Commandments. Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. He completes it, perfects it. He elevates it to a higher Law. Just as Moses brought the Law down the mountain to give to the people, Jesus led the people up the mountain to receive the more perfect Law. Remember He told His disciples; Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

He does not want just an exterior show of politeness. He wants conversion of heart and virtue. He not only prohibits murder but unjust anger and insults.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 2302 By recalling the commandment, "You shall not kill," our Lord asked for peace of heart and denounced murderous anger and hatred as immoral. Anger is a desire for revenge. "To desire vengeance in order to do evil to someone who should be punished is illicit," ... If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbor, it is gravely against charity; it is a mortal sin. The Lord says, "Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment."

Raqa means brainless fool or moron. He does not forbid the emotion, but He forbids consenting to that emotion by words or deeds to harm.

But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Adultery is not only illicit relations but surrender to lustful thoughts. Again, it is not the passion that our Lord prohibits but the consent to fantasizing or entertaining oneself with immoral thoughts.

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away.
It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna.

He uses hyperbole to make a point and get our attention. Custody of the eyes is already in the 9th Commandment; Do not covet your neighbor's wife. 10th, Do not covet your neighbor's goods.

If your mobile device causes you to sin throw it away or at least put a filter on it. Better to lose that device than contaminate your memory, pervert your imagination and have your self thrown into Gehenna. With closest custody, guard your heart, for in it are the sources of life. Proverbs 4:23
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**The Friends of God: Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto**

*Feast Day: February 20*

*Patron of: Bodily ills, People ridiculed for their piety*

Francisco and Jacinta, along with their older sister Lucia, were the three children who received the vision of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. From May 13 till October 13 the three children were visited by Our Lady 6 times. They were instructed by her to pray the rosary for the conversion of sinners and for peace in the world. Francisco was 8 and Jacinta 7 at the time of the visitations. The three children together suffered from the ridicule of many for their claims. On October 13, 1917, 70,000 people witnessed the sun dance in the sky as a sign that Our Lady truly had appeared. Both children died of influenza at a very young age. Francisco first in 1919 and Jacinta in 1920. Their tombs are in the basilica of Our Lady in Fatima.

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**Mass Intentions This Week**

**Sunday, February 16**

8:00 AM Diane Heavey
9:15 AM + Elesine Sadak
10:30 AM + Marino Family
11:45 AM + Michael Desesa
1:15 PM (esp.) Lavit-Lopez Family
4:00 PM Holy Souls of Purgatory
5:30 PM Ronal Florentine — health

**Monday, February 17** - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 AM Ann Livesey
12:05 PM Michael, Irene & San
4:45 PM + Mr. & Mrs. Lim Sio Pek & Family

**Tuesday, February 18**

8:00 AM + Elma Del Rosario
12:05 PM + Dorothy McLoughlin
4:45 PM + Mr. & Mrs. Chin Fun & Family

**Wednesday, February 19**

8:00 AM + Roberta LePage
12:05 PM + Jamie O’Connor
4:45 PM + Clara Arno

**Thursday, February 20**

8:00 AM + Ernestina Gutierrez
12:05 PM + Restrepo Family
4:45 PM + Kenneth West

**Friday, February 21** - St. Peter Damian

8:00 AM + Patrick Connolly
12:05 PM + Thaddeus “Ted” Borowy
4:45 PM Celeste Frias — health

**Saturday, February 22** - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9:00 AM + Harvey Williams
12:00 PM Calvin Eaton, Sr. — health
4:00 PM + Joseph Timilty
5:30 PM + Karen McManus
7:00 PM (esp.) Una Intención Especial

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**Prayer Before Mass**

by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

*Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary*

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to recognize, honor and glorify your infinite greatness and the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance, I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with so many praises, with so many wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.
**Catechesis: Choice**

The first reading this week is from the wisdom book of Sirach. Sirach opens by explaining that the choice of keeping the commandment of the Lord, the choice for life and salvation belongs to us. We live in a world today that greatly emphasizes choice. Some people even call themselves “pro-choice.” Go to a coffee shop and you will find yourself awash in so many options to choose from that it can be overwhelming. For Sirach this kind of choice is not real freedom. It is not having the ability to choose something from an abundance of options that makes one free and filled with life. What makes a person free and full of life is choosing God’s ways.

Sirach finishes his wisdom piece by stating that “to none does [God] give license to sin.” Our ability to choose is not a license to choose evil. Our ability to choose is about love. When we choose to obey God’s commandments we have life and share in God’s glory. This really is the only choice, and it is the choice to love. That is why we must have choice, so that we can love. Choice is not so we can have license to do what we feel like in any given moment. How often do we feel like doing one thing but we know we must choose another. That is what makes wisdom and love possible.

**The Catholic Way: The Passion of the Lord**

February is the month dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is 10 days away. In consideration of all Our Lord gave for us and suffered for us, now is the time to pray in union with the suffering of Jesus and ask for guidance on what sacrifices we should make for Lent.

**Prayer before a Crucifix**

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul I pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, having in mind the words which David Thy prophet said of Thee, my Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones."

**On Following the Lord’s Commands**

By Ven. Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

What more has the Lord done to persuade me to believe that which he teaches me, and to practice the Law? After having sent the Patriarchs and the Prophets, he came himself in person, visibly, making himself one of us, and making himself our Associate in the Incarnation, our Teacher in Preaching, our exemplar in the whole course of his life. And to precede us he also provided the example of so many fragile others like ourselves, who practice the virtue that he has proposed to us, so that it is inexcusable if we do not also practice the same virtue ourselves, taking up the resolution of St. Augustine, and saying "That which this man is doing, and that man, why am I not also doing it?" And saying to the Lord "I will follow you wherever you go."

In the past, have I comported myself according to this truth? Examine the many occasions you have had, and neglected; seek the cause for such failures, especially the deliberate ones, feel displeasure for them, and ask pardon for them.

**Lectio Divina**

“*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him...*” — 1 Cor. 2

Ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind to receive the word of God with reverence and joy.

Notice the thoughts and emotions within you. As you prayerfully consider this passage, are you able to identify what thoughts and feelings are generated?

This is the word of God. Take time to consider it carefully. Clear from your mind all distractions. Does it bring you hope or frustration? Do you ever think of heaven? What has been your imaginings of heaven? Why would God prepare more than we can imagine? How does your heart feel about this? Take time right now to let these words touch your heart. Might you ask Mary to help you listen with confidence to the Lord?

Ask the Holy Spirit, in your heart, to help you to apply this to your life.