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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Monday thru Saturday..... 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday 9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or
Anointing of the Sick,
please contact the Parish office.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

It is sometimes said that the Ten Commandments are the heart of the Jewish-Christian tradition and that following the Ten Commandments is the way of faith. But such a thought is certainly wrong. The Ten Commandments are the minimal requirements for both Christians and Jews. Anyone who does not obey the Ten Commandments would not only fail as a believer, but as a human being. All people must try to avoid murder, theft, lying, and adultery if any human society is to survive. So, we as Christians are certainly called to obey the Ten Commandments, but we must also recognize that we are called to do more than simply follow these minimal requirements.

Jesus expects us to be people of generosity, kindness, forgiveness, and sacrifice. Those are qualities that cannot be legislated. A daycare center was having trouble with parents picking up their children at the end of the school day. The teachers, who had their own families, could not leave until the tardy parents arrived. So, they thought that they would solve the problem by instilling a regulation. Parents who were not on time to pick up their children would have to pay a fine. But this new regulation—rather than helping the matter—made things worse. Before the fine was set, parents were motivated to arrive on time out of kindness to the teachers' needs. But once the fine was established, the whole matter became an economic exchange. Many parents were more than happy to pay the fine if it added flexibility to their day.

You can legislate a fine, but you cannot legislate kindness. A commandment can prescribe a punishment, but it cannot lead us to what is ideal and good. This is why Jesus speaks the way he does in today's gospel. He accepts the Ten Commandments and even names them: Thou shalt not kill. But Jesus wants his followers to know that they are called to more than just this minimal requirement. They are not only asked to avoid murder. They are asked to avoid anger, harsh judgment, and prejudice that fuel so much violence in our world. Developing these qualities cannot be legislated.

You and I are challenged by the words of Jesus. We cannot be content merely to follow minimal requirements. We might be able to say, "You know, I never killed anyone." But do we bear anger in our heart against people who are different or who disagree with us or who have hurt us? Jesus is asking us to let that anger go. We might be able to say, "I never committed adultery." But what is our commitment to our marriage? Do we try to understand our spouse? Do we compromise? Are we willing to seek counseling when communication breaks down? These are the deeper values to which Jesus calls us. We might be able to say, "I never bore false witness against anyone." But do we speak out when someone's character is demeaned in our presence? Do we

remain silent when a family member or friend makes a decision that is disastrous to him or herself or to others?

The Ten Commandments are part of Jesus' teaching, and we should obey them. But we should only see them as minimal requirements. Jesus is calling us to something that no law can demand. He is calling us to live our lives with hearts filled with justice, mercy, and love.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



FEBRUARY 22, 2023

*"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return"*

7 AM Mass - Fr. Nico

9 AM Mass w/ St. Philip Prep's Student - Fr. Monteleone

4 PM Prayer Service - Fr. Monteleone

7 PM Prayer Service - Fr. Nico

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

This Sunday, as we prepare to enjoy the Super Bowl with friends and family, let us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat. As you head out of Mass, you will see students from our Confirmation Program holding pots and pans.



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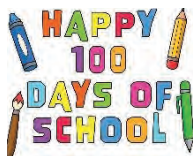
ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip Preparatory School's children have been eager to count down to the 100th day of school.

Some classes will celebrate the 100th day, and others will celebrate the 101st day.

1st grade will be making special headbands.

The third grade will complete a writing assignment about when they are 100 years old.



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Next meeting of the Widow and Widowers will be on **Monday, February 13th at 2 PM** in the Molloy Center. Anyone who is experiencing a loss is most welcome.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 16th at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center**. We are making baby blankets for upcoming respect life events. For fabric or yarn donations and information, call Cathie Murtha at (973) 471-1265.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us as we attend the **9 AM Mass on Saturday February 18th**, weather permitting. This will not be a formal meeting, but the Rosary will be recited. All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fish Fry Sunday
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Saturday, March 4 | 8:30am - 3:30pm



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| SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 5, 2023 | |
| Weekly Collection | \$13,631.00 |
| Online Giving Donation | \$ 7,396.00 |
| Total | \$21,027.00 |

Upcoming Second Collections:
February 12 - Project Faith
February 19 - Eastern Europe

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023
5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023
8:00 AM Fr. Nico
10:00 AM Fr. Nico
12:00 PM Fr. Kevin

WE PRAY FOR...

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace...

A Time to be Healed...

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Sylvia Shami,
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 Msgr. Herbert Tillyer, Lorraine DeBellis,
 Sebastian Centinaro, Pauline Jelken, Patricia Canavan
 Petrowski, The Sikora sisters, Jobo Valentin



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 Leandro Salme
 Caterina Masucci
 Emanuel Calon Rodriguez - 2nd Anniversary
 Gloria Attoinese
12:00 Marlene Chidiac
 Giuseppe Esposito

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

- 9:00** Malcolm D. Hall - 22nd Anniversary
 Emanuel Calon Rodriguez - 2nd Anniversary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

- 9:00** Dot Cervine
 Julie Gernandiso

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

- 9:00** Isabelita Litimco

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

- 9:00** Andrew Basile - 38th Anniversary
 Joseph Dewland

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

- 9:00** Dorothea Anthony - 2nd Anniversary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

- 9:00** Robert John Baran
 Conchita Bicksler
5:30 Elias Kovach
 Sean Hughes - 1st Anniversary
 Christine Chadwick

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

- 8:00** Richard D'Amico
 Anita Garbarino
10:00 Giuseppe Esposito
 Ana and Manuel Santana
 - 24th and 9th Anniversaries
 Maura and Hugo Loor - Birthday Memorial
12:00 All the People of the Parish

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