

Dear Friends,



When I reflect back on my years of seminary training, I remember many good times. When I was in the middle of it, though, I didn't think of it as being that great. There were many experiences that were both challenging and fruitful. In the seminary, we learned many skills that were to be of great benefit later. Interestingly, one particular thing that sticks out in my memory is the etiquette class that we had to endure during my first year living in the House of Formation at the Cathedral. It seemed that we seminarians were not very refined, so our superiors saw fit that we got a little education with regard to how to eat in a dignified manner at the dinner table.

Fr. Patrick Donohoe was called in to teach the class. We learned how to set the table, which utensils were used for which food, correct posture, and good table manners. I have to admit that, while I had already been taught most of those things while growing up, I did learn a few useful things.

It goes without saying that proper etiquette reflects our attitude about things and it also demonstrates to people that we care. In some way, it says something about what lies within. If we have good comportment exteriorly, chances are we will have a certain dignity interiorly. The discipline we develop with regard to these things helps to shape and mold us into disciplined human beings. This makes us far happier.

Let's use the example of a trained and untrained dog. A family brings a puppy home. Unfortunately, none of family members are able to dedicate enough time to it's proper training, so it becomes a little unruly. Once that occurs, it starts to develop behavioral problems and becomes unhappy because it has not developed a framework out of which to operate. It is restless and so it becomes mischievous. If it were to have been trained properly, both it and the owner would be far more happy.

This same principle translates into our attitudes with regard to faith. When we develop and show reverence in church, it effects an all around change within us. When we come in and genuflect before the presence of Christ in the tabernacle, when we sit in silence, when we stand, sit, (and kneel) in the appropriate places, we develop an attitude and framework that eliminates chaos and brings order and happiness to our lives. In a sense, it helps to mold within us a deep reverence for the Lord, and we are far much more happy and at peace.

Discipline and faith can be freeing. Likewise, we gain more respect ourselves and we begin to be like the tree in the first reading that is "planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream." In other words, we become much happier because there is order to our lives. It enriches our faith and makes us more proud of what we believe.

This discipline should be shared with our children, so that they learn to develop a greater sense of peace within because they know what is expected of them. Teach them the importance of standing and sitting in the appropriate places. Encourage them to pay attention to the homily, discourage them from getting up to go to the restroom during Mass. Keep them from playing digital games during Mass. This can be a real chore for the parents, but these little sacrifices on your part and that of the children, leads them to much greater respect for themselves and for their Faith. God bless!

Fr. Paul

Saturday, February 13, 2010

8:00 AM Deceased Parents of Edward & Lorraine Nemec
4:30 PM Sacred Heart of Jesus for Good Health by Gene & Pam Gonzalez

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM +Annita Coburn by James Coburn
11:00AM Parishioners & Benefactors of St. John's
6:00 PM +James Utley by Golden Girls Club Team #4

Monday, February 15, 2010

8:00 AM +Carlota Salas by Teena & Jerry Bracco

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

8:00 AM +Jimmy Garza by Delia T. Garza

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM Cattia Longoria by Beth Turcotte
8:00 AM +Zenaida Isidro Celis by Florencio & Lourdes Villa & Family
6:00 PM +James Utley by Golden Girls Club #4

Thursday, February 18, 2010

8:00 AM Special Intention by Lorraine Nemec

Friday, February 19, 2010

8:00 AM Mr & Mrs Jay Marshall & Family by Blanca Salazar

Next Saturday, February 20, 2010

8:00 AM +Brandon Angel Castillo by Josie & Ramon Castillo
4:30 PM +Jose & Evita Mendez by Manuel & Sylvia Rosales

Next Sunday, February 21, 2010

First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Alvaro Ramos Olier (Health) by Antle Family
11:00 AM Rene & Janie Esquivel 40th Wedding Anniversary
6:00 PM Parishioners & Benefactors

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH ...



Paul Koehler, Chris Perez, Beatrice Ferrell, Joseph A. Eicher, Edward Nemec, Oscar Soliz, Gus Blomquist, Jimmy Alvarez, Florence Fuertez, Eddie Rivera, Mary Ann Broyles, Mike Konz, Gabriel Alvarado, Cookie Adame, Cameron Marshall, Gilbert Rodriguez, Alvaro Ramos Olier, Cattia Longoria, Debbie Fuqua, Amelia Ysasi Herrera, Antonia Martinez, David & Ariana Hernandez, Joseph Treviño, J. R. Rios, Adan Benavides, Sr., Mia Jolie Rios, Ofelia Arredondo, Carlos Ysasi, Ryan Rojas, Cynthia Rojas, Rachel Rojas, Linda Bush, Sylvia Cox, Jane Cheesman, John O'Flynn, Jerry Alvarez, Virginia Garza, Kathy Izassi, Sylvia Rojas, Mr & Mrs Tony Salinas, Maria Salas, Elena Bosquez, Eddie Elizondo, Teresa Koehler.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Our Troops



Sgt. Roger Elkins, Glen Turner Jr., Sgt Matt Maufin, Aaron Philipchuck, Dwayne Solis, Charles Krohn Jr., Oscar Rossi Billy Swatzell, James O'Donnell, Paul Adame, Brandon Felton, Zicorian Coleman, Wendy Hand, D'Aldo Alaniz, Paul Walton, Joseph Yglesias, Jaime Robles, Rudy Hoyt, Roseann Guerrero, Sr. Airman Charlie Stevens, Sr. Airman Patrick Scheuter, Matt Hettinger, Mike Brown, Erik Garza, Damian Saldivar, Maj. Chuck Taylor, Alex Saucedo, Jay Alvarez, John Rodriguez, Jr., Jimmy Karjian, Orlando Rodriguez, Ken Demick, Yvette T. Demick, Scott Nielsen, Timothy Johnson, Mr. Rogers, Lt. jg John Dolby III, Michael Nelson, Michael A. Berry, Gabriel Reza, Mike Llamas, Manny Olvalle, Luis Martinez, Lt. Hector Jude Garcia, Lt. jg Kristopher McAbee, Capt. John A. Malley, Chris Hesse, Natalie Manzano, Capt. Cristian Alejandro Pinzon, David D. Ruiz, Melissa Davila, Ramon Panganiban, Jr., Sgt. Carlos Torres, Jr., Michael D. Valdez, Lt. Norman Renfro.

Ministry Schedules

This Week's Lectors:

Next Week' Lectors

4:30 pm Brenda Garcia	4:30 pm Annisa Hernandez
8:30am Alonzo Rivera	8:30am Lillian Cardiel
11:00am Karen McIntire	11:00am Claudia Lichtenberger

This Week's EM's:

Next Week's EM's:

4:30 pm Ed & Janie Salinas, Patty & Richard Dolan, Mary, Samantha & Tracy Mora, Sally Escobar	4:30 pm Ed & Janie Salinas, Crystal Hite, Maricela Spencer, Judy & Gerald Beckman, Mary Jones
8:30am Connie Salas, Mark & Mary Jo Cheesman, Bill & Jane Cheesman	8:30am Connie Salas, Roland & Leila Longoria, Kathy Jo & Lee Overstreet
11:00am Maribel Muñoz, Judy Cruz, Marlene King, Bonner Dorsey, Cynthia & Gabriel Gatica	11:00 am Catalina Longoria, Beto & Minnie Peña, Rene & Janie Esquivel, Cindy Morin

This Week's Ushers:

Next Week's Ushers:

4:30pm James Coburn, Virginia Haasl, Larry Dechart, Margaret Dechart	4:30pm James Coburn, Patty Dolan, Richard Dolan, Gene Gonzalez
8:30am Lawrence Balderas, Al Medina, Lou Medina, Bea Heenan	8:30am Bea Heenan, David Berlanga, Elizabeth Berlanga, Allen Rasmussen
11:00am Vanessa Bedoya, Victoria Bedoya, Eddie Cruz, Mike Nevada	11:00am David Garcia, Mike O'Flynn, Robert Moreno, Albert Lichtenberger

Sunday Collection



Gifts for God

February 7, 2010

Envelope & Loose	\$13,123.22
Building Fund	1,340.00



St. John's Parish Dates to Remember

Feb 15 5:00 PM	Intercessors of the Lamb	RM#1
Feb 15 7:00 PM	Parish Council Meeting	RM#5
Feb 16 6:30 PM	Choir Practice	RM#4
Feb 16 6:30 PM	Junior Girl Scouts Meeting	RM#3
Feb 16 6:30 PM	Tiger Scouts Meeting	RM #8
Feb 17 7:00 PM	Bible Study	Church
Feb 17 7:00 PM	RCIA	RM#3

Candles For Sale



The Guadalupana Society has candles for sale with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. If you are interested in buying candles please contact Josie Castillo at 813-0814.



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

6:30 AM 8:00 AM 6:00 PM

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence, and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. **Fasting** binds all Catholics over 18 to 59 years of age. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken in accordance to each one's needs. But together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Abstinence binds all over the age of 14. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, a parish priest or confessor should be consulted.

Fish Fry



The Knights of Columbus will have their Annual Fish Fry every Friday evening during lent starting **February 19th at 5:00 PM** at St. John's Parking Lot. And the Guadalupana Society will be selling desserts during the fish fry. Please come and support them.

Stations of the Cross



We will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7:00 PM during Lent beginning February 19th, we invite you to come and join us.

Altar Servers Waffle Breakfast

Altar Servers 6th Annual All you can eat Waffle breakfast Saturday, February 27, 2010
Cost: \$6.00



Altar Servers will be selling tickets before & after all masses or you can contact Rachel Dimas 814.2037 to buy a ticket.

Youth Ministry Announcements

ALL YOUTH GRADES 6-12: The YOUTH SPECTACULAR is here! March 7th for Middle and High School. Forms are due to Angie by 2/17 at 5pm. \$20 includes registration, lunch and dinner, and a T-shirt. Contact Angie at abower@stjohnthebaptistcc.org or 991.4400 for more info.

LIFE TEEN: What better way to spend Valentine's than with those you love at Life Teen? See you Sunday at 7pm for a night on marriage and dating - and of course Valentine treats.

EDGE: There is no official EDGE meeting this Wednesday. Instead, meet at 6pm Mass for Ash Wednesday to start our Lent off right!