

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday
in Lent



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 7

Saturday	Feb 27	
4:00 pm	Our Parishioners	
5:15 pm	Walter Brandt	Priska & Paul Meier
Sunday	Feb 28	Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Albert Shomali	Carole & Kevin Shanahan
11:00 am	Josephine & Jean Gurulian	Marie Gurulian
Monday	Mar 1	
8:30 am	Youth of the parish	
9:30 am	Kathleen Rush Heald	Maria G. Cabral
Tuesday	Mar 2	
8:30 am	Alf and Chris Kolodnicki	The Family
9:30 am	Sick of the Parish	
Wednesday	Mar 3	
8:30 am	Maureen Kelly	Becket's Council of the C.W.L.
9:30 am	Anna Donald (L)	Maria G. Cabral
Thursday	Mar 4	
8:30 am	Anna & Tony Di Chiaro	The Drudi Family
9:30 am	Matthew de Souza	Family
Friday	Mar 5	
8:30 am	Guglielmo & Adele Bertoli	The Children
9:30 am	Maureen Kelly	Cathy, Phil & Family
Saturday	Mar 6	
4:00 pm	Tommy Stock	Cathy, Phil & family
5:15 pm	Teresa Angeline Samuel	Cynthia Arulanandam
Sunday	Mar 7	Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Johanna Buccongello	Christine Agombar

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

February 28: Alf & Chris Kolodnicki, requested by the family

March 7: Patrick Guerrero-Belmar, requested by Luciano Guerrero

REFLECTIONS ON FORGIVENESS & MERCY (Part 1)



Reconciliation sounds great as an idea, but how do you reconcile with someone who's bitterly hurt you and won't even acknowledge that he or she has done wrong? Isn't forgiveness a two-way street?

Forgiving those who hurt us is our business. Making our forgiveness contingent on the other person's admission of guilt is just another way of demanding justice and insisting on our "rights." That's a subtle form of pride. Jesus forgave his murderers even as they mocked him on the cross. His forgiveness was a free gift, no strings attached. We can't follow him unless we do the same. However, you're right that when a breach exists between two people, it can't be healed unless both sincerely want it healed. Even then, someone or something has to provide a means of bringing them back

together. That's God's role. Reconciliation is the work of God. Seeking reconciliation is our work. We need to do whatever we can to make peace with others, and then leave the rest in the hands of God.

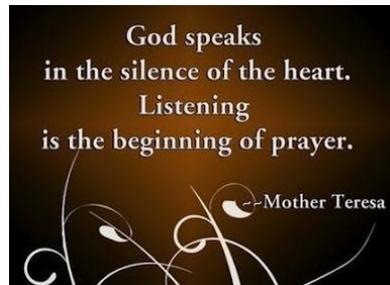
~ *Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia*

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INTERIOR SILENCE



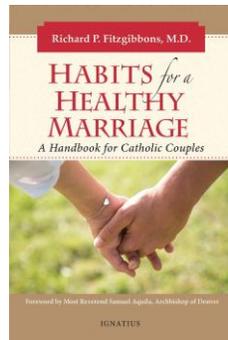
An excellent method of preserving interior silence is to keep exterior silence... Even in the world, each one of us can make his own solitude, a boundary beyond which nothing can force its way unperceived. It is not noise in itself that is the difficulty, but noise that is pointless; it is not every conversation, but useless conversations; not all kinds of occupation, but aimless occupations. In point

of fact, everything that does not serve some good purpose is harmful. It is foolish, nay, more, it is a betrayal to devote to a useless objective powers that can be given to what is essential. There are two ways of separating ourselves from almighty God, quite different from one another but both disastrous, although for different reasons: mortal sin and voluntary distractions—mortal sin, which objectively breaks off our union with God, and voluntary distractions, which subjectively interrupt or hinder our union from being as close as it ought to be. We should speak only when it is preferable not to keep silence. The Gospel does not say merely that we shall have to give an account of every evil word, but of every idle thought.

~ *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

WORTHWHILE READING

Habits for a Healthy Marriage: A Handbook for Catholic Couples by Richard Fitzgibbons MD



Drawing on his forty years as a marriage and family psychiatrist, Dr. Fitzgibbons presents a book that can bring self-knowledge and healing to struggling marriages. It will help couples to identify and resolve the major emotional conflicts that weaken their relationships and hurt their marriage. It is very timely because of the epidemics of selfishness, anger, pornography and infidelity in marriage today. This work is unique because it draws upon the field of positive psychology, which focuses on growth in virtues by the spouses. It is the first book on strengthening

marriages by a mental health professional that incorporates the luminous writing of St. John Paul II on marriage and empirically proven forgiveness therapy. The book demonstrates the benefits from a commitment to a mission of personal growth in acknowledging one's fault, receiving and giving forgiveness and cultivating virtues. This healing process is both fulfilling and demanding. Whether you are newly engaged, recently married, or married for many years, the conflict-resolving strategies described in this book—the habits of a healthy marriage—can help you to protect your relationship from the emotional storms that often lead to quarrelling and mistrust, and sometimes to separation and divorce.

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth. This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover. Until everything is subject to him, "until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God." That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: Maranatha! "Our Lord, come!" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #671)

AN INVITATION TO *THE MARRIAGE COURSE*

Looking for an intimate and effective way to make your marriage stronger, healthier and last a lifetime? *Any* marriage can be made better. Whether you have a strong marriage, or perhaps struggling, you will learn the valuable tools necessary to overcome the issues you are facing, and thrive into the future.

Over the course of seven evenings, you and your spouse can spend quality time discovering the essence of a healthy marriage, and privately discussing the topics covered each evening. There are absolutely no group discussions. Think of it as a "date" night with your spouse!

The course will be held via Zoom, on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 pm, beginning March 23, and ending May 4, 2021. The only cost involves the on-line purchase of the course study journal, approximately \$30 per couple. To register, or for more information, please contact Nathalie & John Bondyra, at 514-695-7896, or at kahndyra@sympatico.ca.

"PASS ON THE FIRST OF JESUS' MERCIFUL LOVE"



Pope Francis has written a letter to the Bishop and Church of Płock, Poland, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the first apparition of the Merciful Jesus to St Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. The apparitions to St Faustina formed the basis of the Divine Mercy devotion. In his letter, Pope Francis recalls the words heard by St Faustina on 22 February 1931: "Paint a picture according to the pattern you see, with the caption: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the world." The image of the Divine Mercy has subsequently spread around the globe. "I share the joy of the Church of Płock that this special event is already known throughout the world and remains alive in the hearts of the faithful," Pope Francis writes. The Holy Father encourages the faithful to "ask Christ for the gift of mercy," to allow Christ's mercy "to embrace us and penetrate us," to have "the courage to return to Jesus, to encounter His love and mercy in the Sacraments," and to "feel His closeness and tenderness," so that we "might be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness, and love." He notes that his predecessor, St John Paul II, whom he calls "the Apostle of Mercy," "wanted the message of God's merciful love to reach everyone in the world." In 2002, during a visit to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow, the Polish Pope said, "This fire of mercy needs to be passed on to the world. In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!" Pope Francis in his turn insists, "This is a special challenge for the Church of Płock, marked by this revelation"; for Sister Faustina's community, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy; for the city of Płock, "and for each one of you." "Pass on the fire of Jesus' merciful love," Pope Francis writes in conclusion. "Be for everyone a sign of His presence among you."