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MASSES:

SUNDAY MASSES: Sat. evening at 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 (Family Mass)

11:15 (Spanish), 12:30 PM & 5:30PM (Young Adult Choir)

WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM; 12:10 PM; 5:30 PM

SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM

SPANISH WEEKDAY MASS: Second Wednesday of the month

HOLY DAYS & EVES. OF HOLY DAYS: As Announced.

BAPTISM:

Arrangements must be made at the Rectory. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must attend the Pre-Baptismal conference which is held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the rectory.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday afternoons 4:30 to 5:15 pm, and anytime at the Rectory.

MARRIAGES:

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance at the rectory to ensure the date and the hour desired. The Nuptial Mass is the ordinary form of celebrating Christian marriage, and should be strongly considered when making Wedding plans. Attendance at the Pre-Cana Conferences, or the equivalent, is required by the Archbishop.

PARISH BOUNDARIES:

Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

We welcome new parishioners, and invite them to register at the Rectory. The registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish. If you move to another Parish, or change your address within the Parish, please notify us.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS:

The Rosary is said daily after the 12:10 pm Mass. Friday from 6-7 pm there is a holy hour.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - Exposition: 12:35 pm.

Adoration: All day; Benediction: 5:15 PM.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS:

Classes in Religion for Catholic children/teenagers, Pre-kindergarten - High School take place on Sundays. The Family Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Church followed by class instruction in the school.

Ongoing religious education is important for the religious development of your children. A child must have at least one year of religious instruction before enrolling in the First Communion or Confirmation class.

Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

PARISH NEWS

My dear parishioners and friends,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has written a powerful Lenten Letter which I share with you today:

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

1. The other person is a gift

The parable begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful.

The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called Lazarus: a name full of promise, which literally means God helps. This character is not anonymous. His features are clearly delineated and he appears as an individual with his own story. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast.

Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbour or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the rich man.

2. Sin blinds us

The parable is unsparring in its description of the contradictions associated with the rich man (cf. v. 19). Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called "a rich man". His opulence was seen in his extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities (cf. Jer 10:9) and kings (cf. Jg 8:26), while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly ostentatious about his wealth, and in the habit of displaying it daily: "He feasted sumptuously every day" (v. 19). In him we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride.

The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Tim 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. [Evangelii Gaudium](#), 55). Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.

The parable then shows that the rich man's greed makes him vain. His personality finds expression in appearances, in showing others what he can do. But his appearance masks an interior emptiness. His life is a prisoner to outward appearances, to the most superficial and fleeting aspects of existence.

The lowest rung of this moral degradation is pride. The rich man dresses like a king and acts like a god, forgetting that he is merely mortal. For those corrupted by love of riches, nothing exists beyond their own ego. Those around them do not come into their line of sight. The result of attachment to money is a sort of blindness. The rich man does not see the poor man who is starving, hurting, lying at his door.

Looking at this character, we can understand why the Gospel so bluntly condemns the love of money: "No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money" (Mt 6:24).

3. The Word is a gift

The Gospel of the rich man and Lazarus helps us to make a good preparation for the approach of Easter. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday invites us to an experience quite similar to that of the rich man. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". As it turned out, the rich man and the poor man both died, and the greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife. The two characters suddenly discover that "we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" (1 Tim 6:7).

We too see what happens in the afterlife. There the rich man speaks at length with Abraham, whom he calls "father" (Lk 16:24,27), as a sign that he belongs to God's people. This detail makes his life appear all the more contradictory, for until this moment there had been no mention of his relation to God. In fact, there was no place for God in his life. His only god was himself.

The rich man recognizes Lazarus only amid the torments of the afterlife. He wants the poor man to alleviate his suffering with a drop of water. What he asks of Lazarus is similar to what he could have done but never did. Abraham tells him: "During your life you had your fill of good things, just as Lazarus had his fill of bad. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony" (v. 25). In the afterlife, a kind of fairness is restored and life's evils are balanced by good.

The parable goes on to offer a message for all Christians. The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, who are still alive. But Abraham answers: "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them" (v. 29). Countering the rich man's objections, he adds: "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead" (v. 31).

The rich man's real problem thus comes to the fore. At the root of all his ills was the failure to heed God's word. As a result, he no longer loved God and grew to despise his neighbour. The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God. When we close our heart to the gift of God's word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

- Pope Francis

We begin Lent together on Wednesday.

Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses

7:30 am , 9:30am (with the school children), 12:10 pm,

5:30 pm and at 7 pm in Spanish

To accommodate the students who attend public and private schools, Ashes will also be distributed at a service at 4:00 pm.

Please pray for world peace and we must peace for our country in this upsetting time.

May continue to provide for the common good and seek liberty and justice for all.

Father Duffell

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco ha escrito una carta sobre la Cuaresma la cual quiero compartir con Ustedes:

La Cuaresma es un nuevo comienzo, un camino que nos lleva a un destino seguro: la Pascua de Resurrección, la victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte. Y en este tiempo recibimos siempre una fuerte llamada a la conversión: el cristiano está llamado a volver a Dios “*de todo corazón*” (Jl 2,12), a no contentarse con una vida mediocre, sino a crecer en la amistad con el Señor. Jesús es el amigo fiel que nunca nos abandona, porque incluso cuando pecamos espera pacientemente que volvamos a él y, con esta espera, manifiesta su voluntad de perdonar.

La Cuaresma es un tiempo propicio para intensificar la vida del espíritu a través de los medios santos que la Iglesia nos ofrece: el ayuno, la oración y la limosna. En la base de todo está la Palabra de Dios, que en este tiempo se nos invita a escuchar y a meditar con mayor frecuencia. En concreto, quisiera centrarme aquí en la parábola del hombre rico y el pobre Lázaro (cf. Lc 16,19-31). Dejémosnos guiar por este relato tan significativo, que nos da la clave para entender cómo hemos de comportarnos para alcanzar la verdadera felicidad y la vida eterna, exhortándonos a una sincera conversión.

1. El otro es un don

La parábola comienza presentando a los dos personajes principales, pero el pobre es el que viene descrito con más detalle: él se encuentra en una situación desesperada y no tiene fuerza ni para levantarse, está echado a la puerta del rico y come las migajas que caen de su mesa, tiene llagas por todo el cuerpo y los perros vienen a lamérselas (cf. vv. 20-21). El cuadro es sombrío, y el hombre degradado y humillado.

La escena resulta aún más dramática si consideramos que el pobre se llama *Lázaro*: un nombre repleto de promesas, que significa literalmente «*Dios ayuda*». Este no es un personaje anónimo, tiene rasgos precisos y se presenta como alguien con una historia personal. Mientras que para el rico es como si fuera invisible, para nosotros es alguien conocido y casi familiar, tiene un rostro; y, como tal, es un don, un tesoro de valor incalculable, un ser querido, amado, recordado por Dios, aunque su condición concreta sea la de un desecho humano (cf. *Homilía*, 8 enero 2016).

Lázaro nos enseña que *el otro es un don*. La justa relación con las personas consiste en reconocer con gratitud su valor. Incluso el pobre en la puerta del rico, no es una carga molesta, sino una llamada a convertirse y a cambiar de vida. La primera invitación que nos hace esta parábola es la de abrir la puerta de nuestro corazón al otro, porque cada persona es un don, sea vecino nuestro o un pobre desconocido. La Cuaresma es un tiempo propicio para abrir la puerta a cualquier necesitado y reconocer en él o en ella el rostro de Cristo. Cada uno de nosotros los encontramos en nuestro camino. Cada vida que encontramos es un don y merece acogida, respeto y amor. La Palabra de Dios nos ayuda a abrir los ojos para acoger la vida y amarla, sobre todo cuando es débil. Pero para hacer esto hay que tomar en serio también lo que el Evangelio nos revela acerca del hombre rico.

2. El pecado nos ciega

La parábola es despiadada al mostrar las contradicciones en las que se encuentra el rico (cf. v. 19). Este personaje, al contrario que el pobre Lázaro, no tiene un nombre, se le califica sólo como «rico». Su opulencia se manifiesta en la ropa que viste, de un lujo exagerado. La púrpura, en efecto, era muy valiosa, más que la plata y el oro, y por eso estaba reservada a las divinidades (cf. Jr 10,9) y a los reyes (cf. Jc 8,26). La tela era de un lino especial que contribuía a dar al aspecto un carácter casi sagrado. Por tanto, la riqueza de este hombre es excesiva, también porque la exhibía de manera habitual todos los días: “Banqueteaba espléndidamente cada día” (v. 19). En él se vislumbra de forma patente la corrupción del pecado, que se realiza en tres momentos sucesivos: el amor al dinero, la vanidad y la soberbia.

El apóstol Pablo dice que “la codicia es la raíz de todos los males” (1 Tm 6,10). Esta es la causa principal de la corrupción y fuente de envidias, pleitos y celos. El dinero puede llegar a dominarnos hasta convertirse en un ídolo tiránico (cf. Exh. ap. *Evangelii gaudium*, 55). En lugar de ser un instrumento a nuestro servicio para hacer el bien y ejercer la solidaridad con los demás, el dinero puede someternos, a nosotros y a todo el mundo, a una lógica egoísta que no deja lugar al amor e impide la paz.

La parábola nos muestra cómo la codicia del rico lo hace vanidoso. Su personalidad se desarrolla en la apariencia, en hacer ver a los demás lo que él se puede permitir. Pero la apariencia esconde un vacío interior. Su vida está prisionera de la exterioridad, de la dimensión más superficial y efímera de la existencia (cf. *ibid.*, 62).

El peldaño más bajo de esta decadencia moral es la soberbia. El hombre rico se viste como si fuera un rey, simula las maneras de un dios, olvidando que es simplemente un mortal. Para el hombre corrompido por el amor a las riquezas, no existe otra cosa que el propio yo, y por eso las personas que están a su alrededor no merecen su atención. El fruto del apego al dinero es una especie de ceguera: el rico no ve al pobre hambriento, llagado y postrado en su humillación.

Cuando miramos a este personaje, se entiende por qué el Evangelio condena con tanta claridad el amor al dinero: “Nadie puede estar al servicio de dos amos. Porque despreciará a uno y querrá al otro; o, al contrario, se dedicará al primero y no hará caso del segundo. No podéis servir a Dios y al dinero” (Mt 6,24).

3. La Palabra es un don

El Evangelio del rico y el pobre Lázaro nos ayuda a prepararnos bien para la Pascua que se acerca. La liturgia del Miércoles de Ceniza nos invita a vivir una experiencia semejante a la que el rico ha vivido de manera muy dramática. El sacerdote, mientras impone la ceniza en la cabeza, dice las siguientes palabras: «*Acuérdate de que eres polvo y al polvo volverás*». El rico y el pobre, en efecto, mueren, y la parte principal de la parábola se desarrolla en el más allá. Los dos personajes descubren de repente que «sin nada vinimos al mundo, y sin nada nos iremos de él» (1 Tm 6,7).

También nuestra mirada se dirige al más allá, donde el rico mantiene un diálogo con Abraham, al que llama «padre» (Lc 16,24,27), demostrando que pertenece al pueblo de Dios. Este aspecto hace que su vida sea todavía más contradictoria, ya que hasta ahora no se había dicho nada de su relación con Dios. En efecto, en su vida no había lugar para Dios, siendo él mismo su único dios.

El rico sólo reconoce a Lázaro en medio de los tormentos de la otra vida, y quiere que sea el pobre quien le alivie su sufrimiento con un poco de agua. Los gestos que se piden a Lázaro son semejantes a los que el rico hubiera tenido que hacer y nunca realizó. Abraham, sin embargo, le explica: «Hijo, recuerda que recibiste tus bienes en vida, y Lázaro, a su vez, males: por eso encuentra aquí consuelo, mientras que tú padeces» (v. 25). En el más allá se restablece una cierta equidad y los males de la vida se equilibran con los bienes.

La parábola se prolonga, y de esta manera su mensaje se dirige a todos los cristianos. En efecto, el rico, cuyos hermanos todavía viven, pide a Abraham que les envíe a Lázaro para advertirles; pero Abraham le responde: “Tienen a Moisés y a los profetas; que los escuchen” (v. 29). Y, frente a la objeción del rico, añade: “Si no escuchan a Moisés y a los profetas, no harán caso ni aunque resucite un muerto” (v. 31).

De esta manera se descubre el verdadero problema del rico: la raíz de sus males está en *no prestar oído a la Palabra de Dios*; esto es lo que le llevó a no amar ya a Dios y por tanto a despreciar al prójimo. La Palabra de Dios es una fuerza viva, capaz de suscitar la conversión del corazón de los hombres y orientar nuevamente a Dios. Cerrar el corazón al don de Dios que habla tiene como efecto cerrar el corazón al don del hermano.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, la Cuaresma es el tiempo propicio para renovarse en el encuentro con Cristo vivo en su Palabra, en los sacramentos y en el prójimo. El Señor —que en los cuarenta días que pasó en el desierto venció los engaños del Tentador— nos muestra el camino a seguir. Que el Espíritu Santo nos guíe a realizar un verdadero camino de conversión, para redescubrir el don de la Palabra de Dios, ser purificados del pecado que nos ciega y servir a Cristo presente en los hermanos necesitados. Animo a todos los fieles a que manifiesten también esta renovación espiritual participando en las campañas de Cuaresma que muchas organizaciones de la Iglesia promueven en distintas partes del mundo para que aumente la cultura del encuentro en la única familia humana. Oremos unos por otros para que, participando de la victoria de Cristo, sepamos abrir nuestras puertas a los débiles y a los pobres. Entonces viviremos y daremos un testimonio pleno de la alegría de la Pascua.

El Miércoles comienza la Cuaresma...Las cenizas serán distribuidas durante todas las Misas.

7:30 am, 9:30 am (con los niños de la escuela), 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm y 7 pm en español.

Para acomodar a estudiantes de escuelas públicas y privadas, también distribuiremos las cenizas durante un servicio a las 4:30 pm.

Recemos por la paz en el mundo en estos momentos tan difíciles.

Y continuemos luchando por el bien común y por la libertad y justicia para todos.

Padre Duffell

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Wednesday, March 1st, begins our Lenten journey toward Easter. As we know, the Church encourages us to embrace a spirit of repentance and conversion during these forty days so that, relying on the mercy of God, we may be filled with a greater sense of thanks and praise for the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Prayer, fasting from some goods or activities, and almsgiving are the primary ways we are encouraged to grow closer to God and one another during this time.

The Fridays throughout Lent are days of *fasting*, which "requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able."

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *fasting and abstinence*, which prohibits those 14 and older to eat meat. Those not specifically obliged to abstain and fast are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

CRS RICE BOWL: JOIN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY — and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. CRS Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action Lenten program for families, individuals and faith communities with family activities, meatless meals, prayers and reflections. Rice Bowl invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the Lenten pillars of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

This weekend at all Masses, a prayer will be said over the Rice Bowls and they will be distributed after Mass. Please pick up a Rice Bowl with a Lenten calendar and a flyer for more information. What you give up for Lent changes lives.

CLIMATE CHANGE FILM SERIES – March 8th 7PM!

Please join us for a screening of **"The Wisdom to Survive"** followed by a **discussion with filmmaker JOHN ANKELE** in the Blessed Sacrament Hall, Wednesday, March 8th at 7PM.

All Welcome – Bring a friend! This special screening is hosted jointly by the Social Action Committees of Blessed Sacrament & Holy Name-St. Gregory's

FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY: Saturday, March 11, 9am: Please join us as we help JoyJ pack bags for their homeless outreach. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to put into action some of the the Corporal Works of Mercy. While parents with children of all ages are invited to help pack bags, please consider the age and maturity of your children when deciding whether to participate in the outreach - i.e. actually handing out bags. You MUST RSVP on Meetup to participate in this event, as JoyJ has requested a list of volunteers in advance of the event. www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/

NYC CATHOLIC FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN: Please join us for our second annual Lenten gathering! We will meet for crafts, songs, and snacks to learn and talk more about Lent. This year, we will also be making cards to include in the care packages which JoyJ will be distributing the following weekend. The Lenten Gathering starts Saturday, March 4 at 3:30 and will end just in time for 5:30pm Mass. Please RSVP on Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/> The event is free.



Saturday Evening, February 25th

5:30 Tadhg McCarthy +

Sunday, February 26th

8:30 Hoi Kwong +
 10:00 John & Johnny Silvestro +
 11:15 Joseph E. Caceres, III +
 12:30 Sophia Wallace +
 4:00 John & Pat Brierley +
 5:30 Ty McCarthy +

Monday, February 27th

7:30 Carl Misch +
 12:10 John Lacher +
 5:30 Carl Misch +

Tuesday, February 28th

7:30 Carl Misch +
 12:10 Carl Misch +
 5:30 Carl Misch +

Wednesday, March 1st – Ash Wednesday

7:30 Joseph Garrison +
 12:10 Intentions of Grace Kaplita
 4:00
 5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff +
 7:00 Bolivar Garcia +

Thursday, March 2nd

7:30 Anna Maldonado Padilha Barbosa +
 12:10 Denise Dalton +
 5:30 Jack Kelliher +

Friday, March 3rd

7:30 All Saints in Purgatory
 12:10 John McGuirk +
 5:30 Leonard DeCarlo +

Saturday, March 4th

7:30 Theresa Brady +
 12:10 In Thanksgiving and Reparation for Sinners

Finance Committee Corner

Last Sunday \$8,603 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$5,322.4 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$13,925.4. Our average weekly operating budget is \$15,000. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. Thank you.

Esquina Financiera

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$8,603. Recibimos \$5,322.4 a través de Parish Pay para un total de \$13,925.4. Nuestro presupuesto de operación semanal promedio es \$15,000. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. Gracias.

The Magnificat Lenten Companion provides a series of original reflections to guide you through every day of Lent. Each book is \$3.00 and can be purchased in the rectory office.

Stations of the Cross (English) will be held Fridays at 11:40am & 6:00



If you have not registered in the parish and attend our mass regularly, please fill the following form out and return it to the Rectory office. *All information will be kept confidential*

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Date _____

Your Name _____

Your Spouses Name _____

(Only if BOTH are Registering)

Children _____

Address _____

Apt. # _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

Zip _____ **Telephone** _____

Email _____

Your Occupation _____

Your Spouses Occupation _____

How should we address you? (Check One)

Mr. & Mrs. _____ **Mr.** _____ **Mrs.** _____ **Ms.** _____

Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes?

Yes _____ **No** _____

If not, would you like us to sign you up for ParishPay?

Yes _____ **No** _____

What is Parish Pay?

With ParishPay, it's simple to make online donations to Blessed Sacrament using a credit or debit card. Simply go online at www.parishpay.com or call 1866-727-4741 ext.1 and--just like your monthly mortgage or other bills--the money will simply be debited from your account and go directly to Blessed Sacrament.

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

Please join us during any or all of the Tuesdays of Lent: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 and 4/4 for our Lenten Simple Suppers. Prayers and meditation begin at 7PM in the rectory, followed by a meal of soup and salad...and fellowship. The suppers are a wonderful way to not only deepen one's Lenten experience, but also to be able to reflect in a very comfortable and quiet setting with fellow parishioners. For more information, please call John Gasdaska at 646-345-7350. We look forward to seeing you then.

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule
Saturday, Feb. 25**

5:30 pm 1st Rebecca Painter
 2nd Elizabeth Hutton
 POF Vincent Gardino
 EM
 Mia Yabut Wiese, Edward Wiese, Ginetta LaBlanca, Rebecca Painter, Elizabeth Hutton

Sunday, Feb. 26

8:30 am 1st Jennie Lynch
 2nd Eileen Simpson
 POF Damian Begley
 EM
 Hugh Regan, Vivian Villaluz, Jennie Lynch, Eileen Simpson, Damian Begley

10:00 am 1st CJ Groeschke
 2nd Mary Bradley
 POF Kamila Palka
 EM
 Mary Bradley, Peter Diggins, Nellie Gonzalez-Arce, Shirley Rodriguez, CJ Groeschke, Patricia Caffrey, Andrew Fitzsimmons

11:15 am 1st Cindy Ochoa
 2nd Lilliana Sagbaicela
 POF Marina Che
 EM Marina Che, Maite Marles, Lucytonia Bruno

12:30 pm 1st Loretta Edmonds
 2nd Loretta Edmonds
 POF Mark Murphy
 EM Mark Murphy, Ed Casey, Lidia Stempien, Thomas Alexander, Elsa Alvarez, Wendy Pineda, Raul Garcia-Moncada

5:30 pm 1st Kimberley Orman
 2nd Roscor Orman
 POF Elizabeth Occhipinti
 EM Elisa Dragu, Ellen Koneck, Joyce Polistena, Rob Porell, Stephen Whelan, John Gasdaska, Suzy Xiong

SPECIAL NEEDS MASSES

This weekend February 26th, 2017, at 4:00pm we will celebrate our Special Needs Mass. Your children are especially welcome at this warm, family celebration.

The following Special Needs Masses are March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 21, June 11. Please join us.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY 2017

Please mark your calendars for Hospitality Sundays 2017

Coffee Hour will be held in the Rectory after the morning Masses and Spirit Sunday will be held in the Church Hall after the evening Mass. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with your fellow parishioners.

February 26; March 26; April 30; June 4; September 10; October 1; November 5; December 3 2017.

