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Sunday, January 17, 2021 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OUTDOOR MASSES & DEVOTIONS:

Monday—Saturday: Morning Prayer 7:30 AM.
Monday—Saturday: Mass 8:00 AM (English)

Saturday: 5:30 PM (CANCEL) & 6:45 PM (Spanish).
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM (English),
5:30 PM (CANCEL)

Holy Days: The schedule will be announced.

DUE TO COVID-19 THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION HAS
BEEN DISCONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SACRAMENTS: Contact the Parish Office

Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:00 PM: Prayer Hour for Peace.

First Fridays, 8:30-10:00 AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour for Vocations, Benediction.

Fridays, 7:00-8:00 PM (Spanish): Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction.

First Saturdays, 8:30-9:15 AM: Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima (Rosary and meditation on the mysteries).

Maintaining Sacred Spaces of Peaceful Discourse

Given the recent difficult events we lived as a nation on January 6th, I turn to words uttered during the most difficult time this country has lived, namely the Civil War. In Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln, in the middle of the gripping national crisis that was the Civil War, he delivered the famous Gettysburg address.

There are five known copies of the speech in Lincoln's handwriting, each with a slightly different text, and named for the people who first received them. I am reproducing here the one on the walls of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, which is the only copy he signed:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863

I am recalling President Lincoln and his words because of the events of January 6, 2021, namely that a mob entered the capitol right after a speech that President Trump gave at a rally organized in Washington DC. In his speech, President Trump said:

"After this, we're going to walk down and I'll be there with you. We're going to walk down. We're going to walk down any one you want, but I think right here. We're going walk down to the Capitol, and we're going to cheer on our brave senators, and congressmen and women. We're probably not going to be cheering so much for some of them because you'll never take back our country with weakness. You have to show strength, and you have to be strong."

Indeed, after President Trump finished delivering his speech, a violent mob unlawfully entered and vandalized the United States Capitol, trying to forcefully obstruct the process spelled out by our Constitution. The counting of presidential electoral votes was halted for some time.

Such an unprecedented event, not only was it unimaginable in my mind, but to many people was unnerving and deeply disturbing. Most people who have supported President Trump have overlooked and tolerated the violent words he has used the past four years. I have decried the inciting words and actions from the opposite end of the political spectrum that led to the violence in our streets in 2020, and thus I cannot remain silent. What makes the event of January 6th worse in my mind is that they are tied to the highest office of the land.

Will we finally realize the dangerous direction we are headed as a country? Back in 2015, when Pope Francis addressed a joint session of congress he had already asked that that we as Americans "confront every form of polarization." The events of January 6, 2021 speak for themselves in that we did not heed to the invitation of Pope Francis.

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In the Gettysburg address I quoted above, President Lincoln's assessment of his time was that they were being tested as a nation. The notion of being tested is one that appears multiple times in Sacred Scripture. The Letter of James tells us that the "testing of your faith produces steadfastness" and that "blessed is the one who remains steadfast under trial, for when he/she has stood the test he/she will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him." The first letter of Peter and the book of Proverbs both mention that just like gold and silver are tested through fire to prove their genuineness, so may our tests reveal our own genuineness as bearers of the peace of Christ.

Besides the notion of being tested, President Lincoln calls upon another notion which may be helpful to us, namely sacredness. The intent of the Gettysburg Address was to dedicate and consecrate the land where so many fell, but he said that "the brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract." I believe that not only the land of Gettysburg, but this nation, and especially the Capitol is a civilly sacred space, namely a space set apart and dedicated for the principles of democracy. The Founding Fathers knew about disputes and disagreements, but they built this nation on principles of healthy discussion, peaceful disagreement, respect for difference of opinion, and respect for law.

The inheritance of these principles for democracy are ones that no one can maintain on her or his own, but as members of a nation who are called to pass on to others the same principles we have received. What commitments will we make for ourselves? Perhaps we need to begin with reflection about how we are being tested as a nation and whether we are upholding sacred spaces for the values we cherish.

Bishop Barron invites all Americans to a national examination of conscience. From social media, to our streets and now to the Capitol, he asked in a video: How are we adjudicating our disputes? Are we able to enter and inhabit non-violent space with those with whom we disagree and peacefully hear each other, and come to terms with each other? Or are we turning to something more primitive and dangerous?

Fr Carlos Medina, OSA

FB Report

MASS AND FEASTS

Mass continues to be live streamed on Saturday and Sunday. Holy Hour is streamed on Fridays at 7 p.m. These videos are available on the Parish Facebook page. The Baptism of the Lord was celebrated on 1/10.

HISPANIC SOCIETY

The society holds a missionary rosary on the 12th day of each month.

DACA APPLICATIONS

A Diocese flyer announced a virtual orientation for initial DACA applications on 1/21.



Masse for the Week of January 18 — 23

Mon. 8:00 AM	Sue MacGillis Jose & Lucrisia Casero †
Tues. 8:00 AM	Mario Guzman HB Shigley & Killoran Families L †
Wed. 8:00 AM	Margie Gomez † Rev. Thomas G. Verber, OSA
Thurs. 8:00 AM	Kasey Jones † Rev. Harry Neely, OSA †
Fri. 8:00 AM	Petra & Evelio Jimenez † Kathy Rolls †
Sat. 8:00 AM	Steve Granados, Sr. † Stephanie Rossi †

† Rest In Peace **HB** Happy Birthday **HA** Happy Anniversary



Designated Donations

January 17 - The Poor: Support Catholic Non-Profits such as Fr Joe's Village, or grocery gift cards for our parishioners in need

January 24 - The Endowment: Support the future of the parish become more sustainable



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January 10
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It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in.
It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Preparation to be a Catechist

The Diocese will offer a course intended for the certification of new Catechists beginning on January 26. Class size is limited. Registration deadline is 01/20/2021. Cost for online course is \$75.00. Contact info: **Lupita Perez 858-490-8232** or lperez@sdccatholic.org or visit www.sdccatholicdisciples.net



Readings for the Week January 18 – 24

Sundays: Year B — Weekdays: Year III

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1,2,3,4;
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20;
Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9&10c;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3,15-17; Ps 110:1,2,3,4;
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6;
Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9,10,17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13;
Ps 85:8&10,11-12,13-14;
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3,11-14;
Ps 47:2-3,6-7,8-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5,10; Ps 25:4-5,6-7,8-9;
1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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Que Reine La Paz

Hace ya más de una semana hemos visto como una insurrección se metió en el capitolio nacional, resultando en 4 muertes y mucho vandalismo a un lugar que se consideraba en la historia de este país como exento de violencia.

Hay muchos con miedo de algo peor. Lo peor que este país ha vivido fue la guerra civil. En el discurso del Presidente Lincoln, en Gettysburg, PA, Lincoln hablo de ser probados. La noción de ser probado es una que aparece varias veces en la Sagrada Escritura. La Carta de Santiago nos dice que "la prueba de tu fe produce firmeza" y que "bendito el que permanece firme en la prueba, porque cuando haya resistido la prueba recibirá la corona de la vida, que Dios ha prometido a quienes lo aman." Tanto la primera carta de Pedro como el libro de Proverbios mencionan que así como el oro y la plata son probados con fuego para probar su autenticidad, nuestras pruebas pueden revelar nuestra propia autenticidad como portadores de la paz de Cristo.

A veces como país o como parroquia padecemos pruebas, y nuestra meta debe ser permanecer fiel a Dios, ya que Dios siempre es fiel. Nuestra fidelidad debe ser un compromiso. Los fundadores de este país, conocían las disputas y los desacuerdos, pero construyeron esta nación sobre los principios de la discusión sana, el desacuerdo pacífico, el respeto por las diferencias de opinión y el respeto por la ley. Ellos habían sufrido persecución religiosa, y se pusieron de acuerdo para respetar sus diferencias.

La herencia de estos principios para la democracia son los que nadie puede mantener por sí solo, sino como miembros de una nación. Igualmente en una comunidad, van a ver desacuerdos, pero que nos motive siempre el amor y la verdad. El obispo Roberto Barron invita a todos los estadounidenses a un examen de conciencia nacional. Desde las redes sociales, a nuestras calles y ahora al Capitolio. Igualmente nosotros, preguntémonos que bien están haciendo nuestras palabras? Es muy facil juzgar a Trump por lo sucedido en Washington DC, pero mas difícil examinar el uso de nuestras propias palabras, y preguntarnos si pueden alejar a otros de la comunidad, y de Dios.

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