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Sunday, February 7, 2021 — Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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OUTDOOR MASSES:

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, (English),
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).

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Praise the Lord Who Heals the Brokenhearted

In the past two weeks we have had quite a number of deaths of either members of our parish, or relatives of parishioners. Some families are choosing a memorial Mass first due to delays with funeral homes. Last week we had two memorial Masses and a funeral Mass. This week I have had two burials, and another memorial Mass. Next week, on Monday before my surgical procedure on Tuesday, there will be a burial. May God grant the eternal Light of His countenance to Sixto Mendoza, Melquiades Bahena, Antonio Aguilar, Alejo Brito, and Jose Luis Varela. Let us keep their families in our prayers.

In the midst of the pain and sorrow that families experience with the loss of a loved one, I am glad we can provide a space of comfort for them where the Mass and other prayers are offered for the deceased. Our rituals allow the families to experience that something beautiful was done.

The Serendipity of the Holy Spirit once again strikes with our readings for this Sunday. On the one hand there may be moments when those grieving sound like Job who said in the first reading, "I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again."

The prayer of Job is a voice not only for those who grieve the loss of a son, spouse, parent or brother, but even for some of our young people whose life has become heavy through this long pandemic. Some parents have told me about depression experienced by their teenage children. Our own Fr. Tom Verber, OSA continues to be in the hospital, weakened so much by complications of covid that he is being fed with a feeding tube. (continues next paragraph...)

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While there are no satisfying answers to the questions of a broken heart, the first reading today encourages an honest expression of our feelings toward God. Although Job seems to be despairing, the words are addressed to God. Job realizes that he is not the source of his own being, and that there is One who is greater than the pain he suffers. There is no easy answer to Job's problems. There is no "solution" to the mystery of suffering. However, our faith can bring comfort. Rituals can provide a sacred space to manage grief. The reason for all this is that Christ conquered death and His suffering became the source of our salvation. We are promised that nothing can separate us from His love. This is a truth that we eat whenever we participate in the Eucharist.

After communion, in the parish where I grew up as a child in Colombia, we used to pray this prayer, which I am turning to again and inviting you to pray as well:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within Your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from You.
From the malignant enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me
And bid me come to You,
That with Your saints I may praise
You forever and ever. Amen

Fr Carlos Medina, OSA

Flame of Love: Presentation of the Lord

The devotional group led a prayerful candle service on the feast of the Presentation Of the Lord.

Confirmation Mass

May 23rd 5:30 PM. Confirmands and families please arrive by 5:00 PM.

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Sacrificial Giving

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Ash Wednesday—February 17
Mass Schedule 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM
(English); 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Mentor Couples

We have two couples serving as mentors couples for engaged couples. We are in need of more. The needs are to meet twice a month with the engaged couple. Training and a work-book will be provided. Many thanks to the Ambres for serving as coordinators! Please contact **Fr Carlos or Mark and Elisa Ambre** if you are interested.

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Annual Catholic Appeal ACA

The Annual Catholic Appeal will be starting again in February. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Religious Education Congress
February 18th to 21st

Usually takes place in Anaheim, CA, but this year will be virtual. Please visit recongess.org

Weather and Other Announcements

To be added to the emailing list please e-mail **Fr. Carlos** pastor@stpatsd.org

Endowment Growth

Many thanks to the recent donations to the endowment. God bless your generous support of the future of the parish! We might be able to reach the goal by the Summer.

Masses for the week: February 8 — 14

Mon. 8:00 AM	Greg Jones † Melquiades Bahena Landa †
Tues. 8:00 AM	Beth Ann Foley † Shigley & Killoran Families L & †
Wed. 8:00 AM	Joan Davis † Melquiades Bahena Landa †
Thurs. 8:00 AM	Eddie Marty † Stephen M. Baloga, Sr. †
Fri. 8:00 AM	Joe & Kay Whalen †
Sat. 8:00 AM	Maria Romero †

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

Report from Augustinian Intermediate Chapter
of CA Augustinians,
Fr Gary Sanders, OSA

Schools

Despite the fact that the presence of Augustinians may not be as strong as that of decades ago, Augustinian presence is in fact strong in our schools. St. Augustine's in San Diego has only one friar assigned in full-time ministry; however, there are an additional four or more brothers who are involved in various aspects of the school. Villanova Prep, while having recently experienced a small decline in enrollment due to the pandemic, continues to do well. There is only one brother assigned there full-time, but again, other friars in the area assist. There are two friars on the Board of Directors at St. Augustine's and Villanova Prep. This is in addition to the ex officio members of the provincial and the province's two Directors of Education. The Members of the Corporation for St. Augustine High School in San Diego, and the Members of the Corporation for Villanova Preparatory School in Ojai make final decisions regarding mission, financial proposals, and non-budgeted items. The five members of the corporations are all members of the provincial council.

Extending the Mission

While our brothers are encouraged to extend themselves in extra missionary activities outside California, the area of Cuba is the only place where one our brothers has been assigned for missionary activity --- and that has been for a limited period of time. An additional one of our brothers makes periodic visits to Cuba, where he was once assigned. Since our provincial chapter we no longer have anyone working in our missions in Peru. Our province members also lend their talents and service to the Order-at-Large. Fr Barney Johns, OSA and I were voting members at the last General Chapter. Fr Max Villeneuve OSA is a member of the international commission for peace and justice. Fr Jim Mott, OSA is a member of the international commission for the laity. Fr Alvin Paligutan OSA is a collaborator with the Rome-based Institute of Augustinian Spirituality, and Fr Gary Sanders, OSA was the chair and moderator of last February's meeting for the provincials of English-speaking provinces, which took place in the Philippines.

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Parishes

Good work continues to be done in our three parishes. In addition to excellent liturgical practices, all of our parishes give substantial witness to the poor. Fr. Tom Davis OSA is a member of the Austin House Community, but he is a full-time parish priest at Good Shepherd Church, the largest parish in the Diocese of San Diego. Two of our parishes have schools attached to them. Our Mother of Good Counsel seems to be declining in enrollment; St. Patrick's was in a similar situation but, because they still have in-class teaching during the pandemic, they have had an increase in registrations --- a situation that seems to be common throughout California.

Casa Hogar La Gloria, Tijuana Mexico

The orphanage continues to do well. A Board (in the United States) for the orphanage oversees the mission, but particularly the fundraising. In addition, each one of our formal ministries (schools and parishes) in non-pandemic days have displayed a positive commitment to the orphanage. A number of friars are engaged in assisting with orphanage activities, most notably being on the Board.

Designated Donations

February 14 – Building Fund: Help us to maintain and beautify the Parish buildings.

February 21 - For the Poor:

Support Catholic Non-Profits such as Fr. Joe's Village or grocery gift cards to aid our parishioners.

Readings for the Week: February 8 – 14

Sundays: Year B — Weekdays: Year III

Monday:	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a,5-6,10&12,24&35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8:4-5,6-7,8-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9,15-17; Ps 104:1-2a,27-28,29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2,5,6,7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2,3-4abc,5-6,12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32:1-2,5,11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Ojos de Fe

En medio de los desafíos, la fe permite ver, experimentar y comprender toda la novedad que se ha hecho visible, palpable, cercana, del misterio mismo de Dios. No es consecuencia de lo que vemos, sino que nos permite percibir de tal manera, que comienza a reconocer todo lo nuevo que Dios está llevando a cabo. Y eso, aprender a mirar con los ojos de Jesús, permite que la obra de Dios aparezca ante nosotros y nos seduzca.

Fr Antonio Bueno OP

Dios no nos creó para que fuéramos un fracaso

Cuando Cristo llega a nuestra vida, llega a poner orden en nuestra casa interior. Cristo dice yo soy la Luz. Vamos a valernos de una frase de San Agustín: "Había dentro de mí alegrías dignas de ser lloradas y tristezas dignas de ser celebradas."

Se necesita que llegue Cristo a tu vida para que tú descubras cuáles son las alegrías dignas de ser lloradas. Dios se vale de tristezas y de crisis para llevarnos a la conversión. Bendita sea la crisis que te hizo buscar al Señor.

Vivimos en un mundo que busca la apariencia y ama la mentira. Se cuida el cuerpo y se olvida tanto el alma. Se celebra la fama y se olvida la virtud.

Ninguna vida humana prolongada o breve fue creada por Dios para ser un fracaso. Dios nos creó para que fuéramos expresión de su propio ser. Cada uno de nosotros tiene una ruta y debe dejarse guiar siendo dócil al Espíritu Santo. Cómo nos guía el Señor? A través de las suaves mociones del Espíritu Santo.

Dios no se impone a nosotros interrumpiendo nuestros planes por una razón muy sencilla: Él nos hizo libres. El Espíritu suavísimo no se impone de modo violento. Nos llama, nos invita, nos empuja con un suave movimiento. El que vive aturdido y distraído no lo puede escuchar ni sentir. Nuestra respuesta es la perseverancia y a no creer en un Dios mágico. No podemos ser esclavos del éxito inmediato.

Fr. Nelson Medina OP

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