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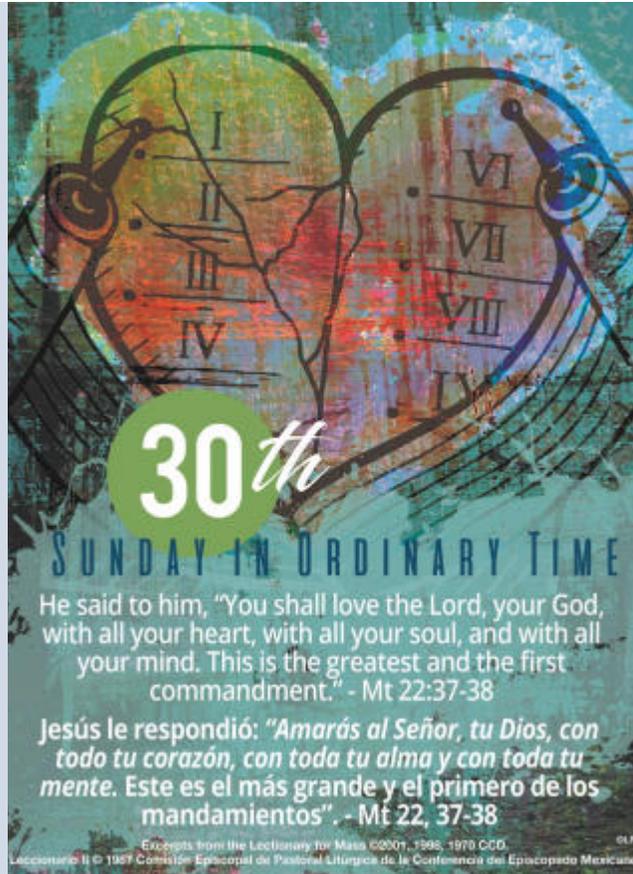
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Desde niños hemos escuchado este pasaje del Evangelio y hasta lo hemos cantado ininidad de veces en nuestras Misas. Hoy la liturgia, nos pone la escena nuevamente de preguntar a Jesús sobre la resurrección de los muertos y sobre cuál es el mandamiento más importante de la ley.

Jesús contestó: “Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente”. Este es el gran mandamiento, el primero. Pero hay otro muy parecido: “Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo”.

El mandamiento nuevo, el mandamiento del amor. El amor espiritual vertical hacia el Señor, hacia arriba y el amor horizontal hacia el hermano/hermana, y hacia el interior de la persona, como a ti mismo. ¡Qué hermosa enseñanza nos heredó Jesús! Solo un desentendido no la comprende. Tres pasos, a seguir. 1. Ama al Señor con el corazón, con el alma, con todo tu ser 2. Ama a tu prójimo, en el servicio a los demás, los necesitados. 3. Como a ti mismo, vida de oración de meditación caminando siempre hacia el interior del corazón para imitar a Jesús.

Todo, absolutamente todo, se fundamenta en estos dos mandamientos. Vivimos en una sociedad que ha olvidado a Dios, lo ha hecho a un lado, la tecnología y el dinero, los negocios son primero. Ahora, a casi un año que llegó la pandemia, es el tiempo de tomar termómetro en estos tres pasos. ¿Cómo va mi relación con Dios? ¿Cómo va mi amor al prójimo? ¿Cómo va el cambio en mi corazón, sigue de piedra? Seamos honestos con nosotros mismos, pongamos en práctica lo aprendido en este tiempo de prueba.



For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday.....6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance Wednesday.....6:00-6:30 pm

Saturday.....4:00-4:30pm

(Sacrament of Penance is also available by appointment)

San Juan Diego Mission—Stilwell

Misa en español: Domingo.....8:30 am

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Oct.25	Parishioners of St. Brigid
Tuesday, Oct. 27	+Anita Gunter
Wednesday, Oct. 28	+Larry Peterson/+Arlan Hanson (Sp)
Thursday, Oct. 29	+John Paul Baluh
Friday, Oct. 30	+Jeannie Carlile
Saturday, Oct.31 (5:00pm)	+Arlan Hanson



2020 Weekend Mass Times:

First Saturday 9:00am English

Saturday 5:00 pm English

Sunday 10:30 am English

12:30 pm Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Wednesday 5:30 pm (Eng)

7:00 pm (Sp)

Thursday 12:15 pm

Friday 8:15 am

Pope's October Prayer Intention: The Laity's Mission in the Church

“We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the church.”

ST BRIGID “BOXES OF JOY” CHARITY DRIVE—Boxes Due Back Next Sunday, Nov. 1st!

Once again this fall we are teaming up with Cross Catholic Outreach to give children living in the worst poverty something special for Christmas. Some of the children that will receive these boxes have never before received any Christmas gift. Last year, we had such a positive response from our parishioners, that we actually ran out of all the boxes within the first weekend! We hope this year will be an even greater success, as well!

Instructions and gift ideas will be included in each “Box of Joy” according to the age of the boy or girl who will receive your box (ie—things most needed, liked, etc.)

There's no limit to the number of boxes you may pick-up to fill. If you would like to give gifts for multiple children, no worries! We have twice as many boxes this year to go around!

Please remember each “Box of Joy” must include:

- Check written to **Cross Catholic Outreach** (*NOT St. Brigid—there was some confusion last year*) **for the amount of \$9.00** (this check will help CCO cover the cost of shipping per box).
- Appropriate and needed gift ideas (a list of suggestions is included in the box you will pick up to fill)
- Do NOT pack any liquids in your box
- Do NOT tape the boxes
- **All gift items should fit cleanly into that standard size “Box of Joy” box**, without overflow (bulk out-of-shape)
- FYI: IF you discover after filling your box that you've got it too full, you can always get another box to fill, or simply choose to bring your leftover items to the church office. Any extra items we have will not go to waste—these can be used to help fill-out any under-filled boxes we or Cross receive.

Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 1st (last day to return filled boxes)

Readings for the week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Collections

Oct. 11th Regular Collection: \$1,782.00

Oct. 18th Regular Collection: \$2,367.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Tom Tinnen, Maria Gerber, Molly Peterson, Sue Hooper, Patty Calloway, Doug Roberts, Jane Bailey, Mary Thirsty, Abigail Flavin, Donna Lewis, Janie Hanson, Wallace H. Allen, Janice Archer, Rolland Turcotte, Lisa Herrin, Justin Simmons, Mary White, Sally Hilger, Mary Fulk, John Witosky, William Righthouse, Anita Brockman, Courtney Short, Don Brockman, Larry Guthrie, Amanda King-Summers, Marty Barnett, Robert Nicodemus, Nathaniel Galdamez, Rex Fann, Dean Harless, Terry Dunlap, Angie Fay, Gary Harrington, Maddie Cochran, Kirby Merrill, Marquette Lyons, Renee Ridge, Ann Payette, Carol Carroll, Michael Roberts, Jim Roberts, Alana Roberts, Dixon Davis, Tiffany Robinson, Caden Murphy, Bill Scrimshire, Kylee Osburn, Donald Sizemore, J.D. Ward, Zack Kelley, Carrie Ann Mitchell, Melynda Elias, Jesse Price, Alan Linde, Joyce Eastham, Bobby Dean Ward, Rose Penton, Rosa Castillo, Margaret Miller, Meaghan Roberts, Kyla Roberts, Charlee Burke, Keith Burke, Glenda Burke, Debbie Rich, Kim Harris, Melanie Medaris, Kelly Callaway, Dan & Donna Trout, Darren Sunday, Della Moore, Mary DeHaas, Kathy Seidletz, Jon Mitchell, David Alley, Andy Groat, Angie Mitchell, Emily Mitchell, Walter Sizemore, Jessie Casey, Michael Murphy, Tony Croman, Jonah Evans, Janice Booker, Matt Booker, Eddie Booker, Calvin Pope, Jasmine Evans, Calvin McCoy, Danny Craig, Laura Lollar, Karan Housley, Eddy Mcinnis, Colin Mcinnis, Cathy Farinelli, Tom Carlile, Mary Mead, Connor McClure, Terry Hearn, Jim Madison, Steve Blair, Jennifer Vinson, Bobby McCaslin, and all our military.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults has begun!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which those interested in joining the Catholic Church may discern that call. Our adult faith formation sessions for RCIA are open to all who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and her teachings. This also includes those already Catholic or who are baptized Catholic but have not yet made their First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Steve Hamby conducts our sessions on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the first classroom on the right in the Activity Center.

Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

October brings the annual appeal for Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma. Together with the annual Faith & Works campaign, Catholic Charities is the other major appeal we are asked to support. Faith & Works supports the ministry programs of the Diocese; Catholic Charities provides assistance to those in need throughout Eastern Oklahoma. Here at St. Brigid we receive support from Catholic Charities with our utility assistance program here in Cherokee County, and this year they also offered funding to help San Juan Diego Mission meet the needs of people in Adair County.

Please be generous in supporting this year's annual appeal for Catholic Charities. If you have not yet contributed to the appeal, you can still bring your donation to Mass and drop it into the contribution basket during October, or you may donate online. Just visit their website at

www.cceok.org

BAPTISMAL CLASSES/PLATICAS PRE-BAUTISMALES

Las platicas pre-bautismales reunen el primer domingo de cada mes a las 11 am en el salon con Sra. Lula Andrade.

Baptismal classes for parents and godparents in English may be scheduled with Fr. Stuart through the Parish Office.

Reminders about CoVID-19 Precautions

Tahlequah does have a mandatory mask ordinance in place for places of public accommodation, which includes churches. If you need a mask when attending Mass, we have some disposable ones available in the church foyer. Hand sanitizer is also available in the pews and in the foyer for your use. Thank you to everyone for your consideration of others in helping us abide by these protocols.

Catholic Student Organization at NSU

Our CSO is the campus ministry group for students at NSU. All college-age young adults are welcome to attend CSO events. For information, please contact Montana Hale at (918) 284-6869 or Noah Enlow at (918) 708-2458.

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