



March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

Letter from the Pastor

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR LENT 2017, PART II**

"The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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.

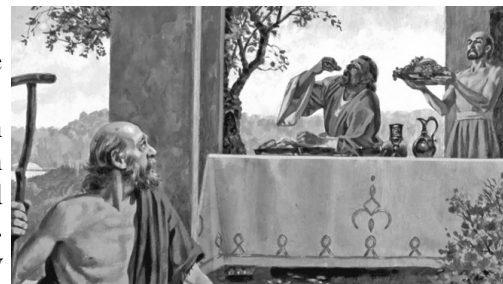
Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider 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
2. **Sin blinds us**

The parable is unsparing 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 (cf. Homily, 20 September 2013).

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 (cf. *ibid.*, 62).

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).

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.

From the Vatican, 18 October 2016

FRANCIS

MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 11TH AND 12TH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
READINGS : Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9	
SATURDAY, MARCH 11 TH	
CONFESSION 3:45 PM	ROSARY 4 PM
VIGIL MASS 4:30 PM	
SUNDAY, MARCH 12 TH	
CONFESSION 8:30 AM	MASS 9 AM
CAIRO SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 12 TH	
CONFESSION 10:45 AM	11:00 AM BILINGUAL
MONDAY, MARCH 13 TH NO MASS	
TUESDAY, MARCH 14 TH	
CONFESSION 11:50 PM	ROSARY 11:40 PM
MASS 12:10 PM	
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 TH	
CONFESSION 8:40 AM	ROSARY 8:30 AM
MASS 9:00 PM	
THURSDAY, MARCH 16 TH NO MASS	
FRIDAY, MARCH 17 TH NO MASS	
MARCH 18 TH & 19 TH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
READINGS : Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42	
SATURDAY, MARCH 18 TH	
CONFESSION 3:45 PM	ROSARY 4 PM
VIGIL MASS 4:30 PM	
SUNDAY, MARCH 19 TH	
CONFESSION 8:30 AM	MASS 9 AM
CAIRO SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 19 TH	
CONFESSION 10:45 AM	12:15 PM SPANISH
MASS 11 AM	12:45 PM SPANISH

This Week's Mass Intentions & Commemorations			
DAY	MASS	MASS INTENTIONS	COMMEMORATIONS
SAT 3/11	4:30 PM	Conrad Dudzic	
SUN 3/12	9:00 AM	†Russell E. Treadon	Second Sunday of Lent
SUN CAIRO	11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Augustine	
MON 3/13	NO MASS		Lenten Weekday
TUES 3/14	12:10 PM		Lenten Weekday
WED 3/15	9:00 AM	Conrad Dudzic	Lenten Weekday
THUR 3/16	NO MASS		Lenten Weekday
FRI 3/17	NO MASS		Lenten Weekday

Liturgies & Devotions at St. Augustine's
Please join our traditional Catholic Prayer services:

Litany to St. Augustine:

Each Friday immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass

The Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesday - Friday following Mass

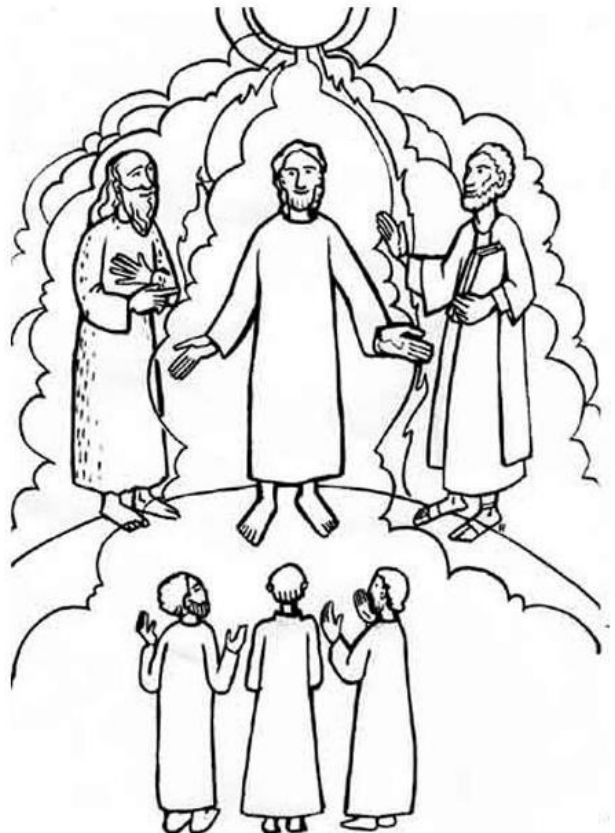
Eucharistic Adoration:

After every Daily Mass for 1 hour & every 1st Fri. of the Month 9 – 5

Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Every 1st Friday of the month at 9 am

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE				
	COMMUNION	LECTORS	MASS SERVERS	USHERS
SAT 3.11	Dcn Howard Dcn John Mary-Ann McL Barbara F	Maureen M Mark H	Teresa M Ana B Isaac B	Judy H Leny H
SUN 3.12	Dcn Howard Dcn John Roslyn M	Carolyn T Ed G	Sophia M Camille M Gabriel N	Barbara F Julian P
SAT 3.18	Dcn Howard Dcn John Ed S Andrea G	Lisa H Rick N	Camille M Emily H Elijah B	Debbie S Mike M
SUN 3.19	Dcn Howard Dcn John Rose B	Allison D Jim W	Jonathan R Georgia Rose P Teresa M	Miguel G Jim T

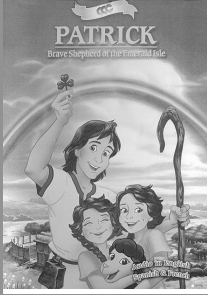


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Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, 7 pm



Council 7366 of the Knights of Columbus will have their yearly Lenten Fish Fry. The profits will be dedicated to local organizations. **March 17th and 31st.** Tickets are \$8 advance/\$9 at the door. Dine in or take out. See a Knight for tickets or call Julian Pauwels at 977.5594 or Richard Kress at 229.221.8406.

Following the 9am Mass there will be a small group study using the Opening the Word program on FORMED.org. We will meet in the social hall or available education room each Sunday in Lent! All are welcome! Come explore Scripture with us!

**Small
Group
Study**

CCW is still in need of these new mom items until the end of April:
Bibs Pacifiers Socks Blankets
Rattles Bottles Washcloths Lotions
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Please join the monthly CCW meeting on Monday, March 13, 6 pm in the social hall.

All are welcome!

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY MARCH 5, 2017

	Ash Wednesday	Mass Total	Online Total	Mail In Total	2017 Total	2016 Total
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6 HABITS OF DISCIPLES



Holy Hour

Spend time in quiet prayer every day. Start with 5 minutes and work up to an hour.



Accountable Friendships

Have one or two friends who pray for you and challenge you. Check in at least weekly.



Bible Reading & Studying

Read the daily Mass readings. Join a Bible Study group.



Invest in the Parish

Give your time, talent and treasure to support your parish.



Tell People About Jesus

Share your faith journey stories. Practice with friends first.



Sacraments

Celebrate Mass as often as you can. Confession at least monthly.

Praise and Worship Adoration Tues, 7 pm, Cairo

Lenten Prayer Service of Consolation

The Diocese of Savannah invites all victims of abuse, their families, friends and the community to gather for a Lenten Prayer Service of Consolation at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah. Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv. will preside over the service, which will end at 8:30 p.m.

La Diócesis de Savannah invita a todas las víctimas de abuso, sus familias, amigos y la comunidad, a reunirse para un servicio de oración de Consolación en la Cuaresma, el miércoles 29 de marzo a las 7 pm en la Catedral de San Juan Bautista en Savannah. El Obispo Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv. presidirá el servicio, que terminará a las 8:30 p.m.



Wednesdays | 6:15 AM
Breakfast provided by Council 7366

This spring semester includes a men's retreat
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That Man is You harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings
of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive.

Abuse Hotline Number

To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer,
call the abuse hotline number at 888.357.5330 or the Office for the Protection of
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*Please remember in your prayers our parish family & friends.
If you have a loved one in need of prayers, please call
Deacon Howard (226.7106) or Barbara Fuks (226.1182).*

Mack Barrentine	Gil Carte	Dina Halladay	Jen McPadden
Manuel Borja	Ken Creager	Howard Halladay	†Norbert Meiners
Judy Bradshaw	Phyllis Creager	Jamie Hurst	Ad & Linda Nuijten
Fred Busbee	Conrad Dudzic	Dot Keegan	Rita Ragan
Amanda Caldwell	Lisa Fuks	Henry Lauer	Jimmy Singletary
Quin Carney	Karon Hales	Marie McAuley	Margrit Voorhies

US MILITARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Amanda Brearley

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