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ST. GREGORY-OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
XXI DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

August 23, 2015 ~ 23 de Agosto 2015



MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA

Saturday	5:00 pm	Hart
Sunday	9:00 am	Hart
Sunday	11:00 am	Shelby
Domingo	11:30 am	Hart; Español



RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4:00 pm	Hart
By appointment		(231) 873-2660

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Our Lady of Fatima is located at 1372 S Oceana Dr, Shelby
 St. Gregory is located at 316 S Peach Ave, Hart

LITURGY ~ LITURGIA
Aug 24-30 de Agosto

Tuesday/Martes			
9:00 am	StG	Mass	
Thursday/Jueves			
5:15 pm	StG	Mass	
Friday/Viernes			
9:00 am	OLF	Mass	
Sat/Sabado			
5:00 pm	StG	Jerry Dennert	
Sunday/Domingo			
9:00 am	StG	Betty Horton	
11:00 am	OLF	Wayne Richard Wells	
11:30 am	StG	Enriqueta Martinez de Contreras	

Mark your calendars for the upcoming change in Mass schedules. Beginning **SEPTEMBER 12**, weekend Masses are as follows:

- 5:00 pm Our Lady of Fatima
- 9:30 am St. Gregory
- 11:30 am St. Gregory - Mass in Spanish



MINISTRY SCHEDULE/MINISTERIOS DE LA MISA
Aug 29/30 de Agosto

Ministers of the Word/Lectura	
5:00 pm	Linda Foster
9:00 am	Patty Campbell
11:00 am	Walter Carrier
11:30 am	Eduardo Mendez
Ministers of the Eucharist/Comuni3n	
5:00 pm	V Griffin, M Mahynski, B Stiphany
9:00 am	L VanZoeren, R Dold, W Dold
11:00 am	R Setlak, M Sanford, D Carrier
11:30 am	A Mendez, E DeBlas, H Madrigal
Altar Servers/Acolitos	
11:30 am	Alfredo Martinez, Oziel DeBlas
Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida	
5:00pm	C Aerts, V Griffin
9:00 am	Vanderstelt Family
11:30 am	Lorenzo Martinez y Familia
Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas	
5:00 pm	T Bosse, C Wiegand, C Aerts, D Schaner
9:00 am	J Schaner, J Lamie, R Ulmstead, B Steen
11:30 am	Gerardo Morales y Familia

PRAYER GROUP: Mon, 8-9:00 am, 206 S Peach, Hart. All welcome.



BIBLE STUDY will begin Thurs, Sept 10 at St Gregory. Watch the bulletin for more details, or contact Sharon Hedinger at 873-4253. All are welcome.

FUNERAL CHOIR: The first one of a few randomly scheduled rehearsals for the funeral choir will be held on Tues, Sept 1 at 1:00 pm at St Gregory. New members are welcome.

DID YOU KNOW: BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY welcomes the help of Summer folks. As you get ready to close your cottage and have extra unopened canned/boxed goods, we would be happy to have them. They can be left at either church at any time. Thanks for your contributions and support.




RIGHT TO LIFE is looking for volunteers to work their booth at the Oceana Fair, Aug 26-29. If you can help, please call Wally at 231-233-1560.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS PATH is offered at 739 S 96th Ave. Wally & Donna Carrier welcome you to walk the path, which is @ 600 yards long and runs through their woods. The stations are mounted on crosses throughout the path. *Thanks to those who participated in the parish mission the last week of July who helped finish the path.* Call Carriers at 231-233-1560 for more info.



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STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER SERIES & NETWORKING EVENT: Tues, Sept 8, 5-6:30 pm at Cathedral Square, GR. Fr. Phil Shangraw will offer a presentation "It's About Time!" exploring the mystery of time, the gift of time, spending time, and discerning what to do with our time. No-cost. RSVP: jkatt@dioceseofgrandrapids.org or 616-459-4508.

FALL MEN'S RETREAT: Consider a weekend of reflection, rest, prayer, and enjoyment at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, Sept 11-13. For reservations or questions: www.stgrancis.ws or Jim Hulst at 616-299-1238.

OCEANA'S GOT TALENT will benefit Oceana and Mason County Jail Ministries: Kick-off is Tues, Aug 25, 6:15 pm at the fairgrounds. Free-will offering. There will also be a Silent Auction. For more info: 231-425-3693 or jerrythorne@charter.net.

HELP FOR CHILDREN who struggle with adjusting to the new school year or feel anxious about certain school situations is offered through Catholic Charities West Michigan. Substance abuse counseling for adolescents is also available. Inquire at ccwestmi.org or 877-359-6523. Sliding scale fee.

BOWLING BALLS WANTED: Fr Norbert Leyrita is asking for donations of 7, 8, 9, 10 lb used bowling balls. They can be left at St G or OLF gathering spaces.

POSITION OPENING: FT Facilities Manager, Diocese of Grand Rapids. Visit www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org or email doghr@DioceseOfGrandRapids.org for details.



August 15/16 de Agosto	
Envelopes	\$1,968.00
Loose	<u>1,320.00</u>
Total	\$3,288.00

There are sayings and sayings. I am an immigrant from Ecuador and English is my second language. I had to learn some sayings in English such as: "Out of sight, out of mind" or "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree." I have heard many sayings these years; some of them good and others that made me want to run away. I remember one time when I didn't know English well and had to go to the pharmacy to buy medicine. I approached the clerk and with broken English I asked her: "Do you speak Spanish?" She looked at me with disdain and more or less I understood that she was saying to me: "It's stupid that you are here in the United States and don't speak English." I also learned that day what "wetback" meant. There are sayings and sayings.

My best friend lost his father a few months ago. I can imagine him hearing those hard words: "Your father has died." His father died in Ecuador and my friend could not be there for his father's last breath. I can imagine the pain and the mixed emotions my friend may be still experiencing.

Many of the disciples of Jesus perhaps felt the same way. That's why they said: "This is a hard saying; who can hear it?" (John 6:60). Some people actually walked away. When we hear things that are hard or that we don't expect or we don't want to hear, our peace is threatened. There are sayings and there are sayings; and we are not immune to them, because they are inevitable.

What is not inevitable is how we react to these hard sayings. Look at Peter's response to Jesus: "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68). Today, Peter shows us how to react to hard sayings: and that is, by recognizing the truth. There is a truth about us that is stronger than all hard sayings coming our way. There is a truth that sustains us while we are bombarded by the kamikazes of misunderstanding, loss, death, illness, frustration, despair, discrimination, heartbreak... This truth pulls us out from the mud of harshness to a place of meaning and belonging. We are children of God; we are God's people and He has marked us as God's very own. This is the truth that sets us free.

So, when hard sayings come our way, let us not return to our former ways, but let us move forward guided by truth that underlines our existence. Let us remember the example of Peter and the disciples. Let us remember the brave single mothers that strive to raise their children. Let us remember John XXIII, Oscar Romero; they held on to the ultimate truth and, above all, they truly believed and were truly convinced that Jesus is "the Holy One of God" and we all have seen the fruits of their efforts since no sacrifice is in vain.

By Byron Macías, CMF
Nuestra Parroquia, July 2015



Every two years each parish of the Diocese is assigned a missionary. This weekend is our turn.

Fr. Thomas A. Tiscornia M.M., served as a Maryknoll missionary in Africa since 1970. Maryknoll - The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America - was established by the U.S. bishops in 1911 to witness the Gospel among the peoples and cultures of foreign lands. Maryknollers share the Good News, not in words alone, but in practical and concrete actions - feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving shelter to the homeless, comforting the oppressed.

Donation envelopes will be provided in the pews next weekend also, if you are not able to contribute this week. Thank you for your generous response and for welcoming Fr. Tom Tiscornia.

Peace, Fr Tom

Hay dichos y hay dichos. Yo soy un inmigrante de Ecuador y el inglés es mi segundo idioma. Tuve que aprender los dichos en inglés, tales como: "Ojos que no ve, corazón que no siente" o "De tal palo, tal astilla". He escuchado muchos dichos estos años; algunos buenos y otros que me han dado ganas de correr. Recuerdo una vez cuando aún no sabía bien inglés y tuve que ir a la farmacia a comprar medicinas. Me acerqué a la cajera y con mi inglés chapurrado le pregunté: "Habla español?" Me miró con desdén y más o menos entendí que me decía: "es estúpido que estés aquí en estados Unidos y no hables inglés". También ese día aprendí lo que *wetback* (espalda mojada) significaba. Hay dichos y hay dichos.

Mi mejor amigo perdió su padre hace algunos meses. Me lo imagino escuchando esas duras palabras: "Tu padre ha muerto". Su papá murió en Ecuador y mi amigo no pudo estar allí para el último respiro de su padre. Me puedo imaginar el dolor y las emociones encontradas que mi amigo debe estar sintiendo aún.

Muchos de los discípulos de Jesús quizá se sintieron así. es por eso que dijeron: estas palabras son muy duras; quien las puede aceptar? (Juan 6:60). De hecho muchos se fueron. Cuando oímos cosas duras o que no queremos o no esperamos escuchar, nuestra paz se ve amenazada. Hay palabras y hay palabras; y no somos inmunes a ellas ya que son inevitables.

Lo que no es inevitable es como reaccionamos a estas palabras duras. Miren lo que Pedro responde a Jesús: "Nosotros ya hemos creído, y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios" (Juan 6:68). Hoy, Pedro nos muestra cómo reaccionar a dichos duros: el reconocer la verdad. Hay una verdad sobre nosotros que es más fuerte que todas las palabras duras que nos puedan llegar. Hay una verdad que nos sostiene mientras somos bombardeados por los kamikazes del malentendido, la pérdida, muerte, enfermedad, frustración, desesperación, discriminación, ruptura del corazón... esta verdad nos saca del lodo de la dureza a un lugar de significado y pertenencia. Somos hijos de Dios; somos el pueblo de Dios y Dios nos ha marcado como suyos. esta es la verdad que nos hace libres.

Así que, cuando los dichos duros nos lleguen, no nos retraigamos sino que sigamos adelante guiados por la verdad que es la base de nuestra existencia. Recordemos el ejemplo de Pedro y los discípulos. Recordemos a las valientes madres solteras que luchan por criar a sus hijos. Recordemos a Juan XXIII y Oscar Romero; ellos se agarraron de esta verdad y sobre todo, creyeron de Verdad y estuvieron convencidos de verdad que Jesús es "el Santo de Dios" y todos hemos visto los frutos de sus esfuerzos ya que no hay sacrificio en vano.

Por Byron Macías, CMF
Nuestra Parroquia, July 2015



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