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V DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

February 9 de Febrero 2014



MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA

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

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Saturday 4:00 pm Shelby
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LITURGY ~ LITURGIA
February 10-16 de Febrero

Tuesday/Martes	9:00 am G	Communion Service
Thursday/Jueves	5:15 pm G	No Mass
Friday/Viernes	9:00 am F	No Mass
Saturday/Sabado	5:00 pm F	Eugene & Alice Kelly
Sunday/Domingo	9:30 am G	Faye Roche
	11:30 am G	Familia Parroquiál

MINISTRY SCHEDULE/MINISTERIOS de la MISA
February 15-16 de Febrero

Ministers of the Word/Lectura	5:00 pm	Andrea Bosse
	9:30 am	Georgia Dennison
	11:30 am	Sofia Escoto
Ministers of the Eucharist/Comuni6n	5:00 pm	P Earhart, P Poynter, R Setlak
	9:30 am	H Schaner, B Stiphany, D Hodson
	11:30 am	A Contreras, E DeBlas, M Barco
Altar Servers/Acolitos	5:00 pm	B Cerquist, J Kersjes
	9:30 am	E Smith, J Vanderstelt
	11:30 am	U Escoto, A Briones
Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida	9:30 am	M Jastrzembki, V Griffen
	11:30 am	Luis y Anita Torres
Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas	5:00 pm	A Revilla, J Wade, D Zaverl, K Kludy
	9:30 am	J Schaner, R Ulmstead, T Bosse, A Bosse
	11:30 am	Jos6 Rodrigoquez y Familia

 Carmen Garcia, David Adamczyk, Connie Navarro, Rachel Ybarra, Maria Lozano, Sharon VanderKooi, Melissa Galindo, Cathy Thocheer Evans, Angie Setlak, Bernice Biggs, Heather Swiech, Ray Hanslits, Mara Barco, Michelle Stovall, Bill Baranski, Jane Cooper, Alberto Contreras, Mero Davila, Oralia Davila, Alice Battice, Joe Merrill, Elba Ibarra, Haley Gale, Marshall Jorissen, Barbara Foster, Julie Quinn, Gene Schaner, Bernadette Eckerle, Allen Aerts, Ed Lathrop, Jim Johnson, Frank Fila, Juanita McCann, Lindsey Blamer, Ken Church, Paul Setlak, Armando Járquin, Olga Cantu, Jerry Dennert, Tom Greiner, Tim Beyer

TITHES & OFFERINGS

February 1-2 de Febrero

Envelopes	\$3,600.00
Loose	832.50
Total	\$4,432.50
10% Tithe	\$443.25

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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February 9-16 de Febrero

Sun/Domingo	F	Youth Group	6-8:00 pm
Mon/Lunes	G	Prayer Group	8-9:00 am
	F	Confirmation Class	6:30-8:00 pm
Wed/Mi6rcoles		Food Pantry/Dispensa de Comida	3-5:00 pm
	G	1-5 Faith Formation	3:30-4:45 pm
	G	6-7 Faith Formation	6-7:30 pm
	F	K-6 Religious Ed	6:15-7:45 pm
Thurs/Jueves	G	Bible Study	7:00 pm

SCOUT RECOGNITION MASS: Sunday, Feb 23, 10:00 at Cathedral of St. Andrew, with Bishop Walkowiak. All Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and leaders are invited to attend and be in uniform; families invited too. Reception after Mass at Cathedral Square Center. Contact 616-866-2767 or scottharvey@prodigy.net for more information.

SACRED RELICS EXHIBIT: Over 150 relics of saints and our Lord's passion. Holy Family, Caledonia, Feb 22-26. For more details and information: <http://www.holyfamilycaledonia.org/> or call 616-891-9259.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING: "A Dialogue on Prison and Jail Ministry", Thursday, Feb 20, 11-1:00 pm, Cathedral Square. Lunch included. RSVP by Feb. 13: 616-551-5663 or email bstowe@ccwestmi.org.

POSITION OPENING: FT, Dominican Sisters-GR. Promoter of Justice to advance the call of justice rooted in the mission, vision and history of the Congregation. 616-514-3317 or lploof@grdominicans.org.

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- CLOTHING THRIFT STORE is open at Love INC in Shelby: Mon/Wed/Thurs 10:30-2:00. Store open to all; clients receive free clothing.
 - MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET: Open to all. No income requirements; referral not needed. 861-4880.
 - PERSONAL CARE PANTRY: Thursdays, 10:00-noon, New Era Christian Reformed Church. .25 per item.
 - BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY: Wednesdays, 3-5:00, 11 Washington, Hart.
 - OCEANA HISPANIC CENTER: Weekday afternoons, 11 Washington, Hart.
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 - OUR FRIEND'S HOUSE offers quality adult day care in Hart, for Oceana County. 873-4488 or www.oceanacountycouncilonaging.com for details.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP: . This week's topic is "Why I Stay Catholic" and takes place at OLF, Sunday, Feb. 9, 6-8:00 pm. All youth from the parish are invited.

YOUTH RETREAT: Set aside next Saturday, Feb 22, 10:00 am-7:00 pm to take in the Youth Retreat at OLF. Bring your favorite snack and EXPERIENCE GOD! Includes Saturday Mass, so you can sleep in Sunday morning :) Call Mary Lorenz at 861-2475 to register or for more information.

SHINE RALLY: March 1, 1:30-8:30 at West Catholic in GR. Middle school youth (6-8th grades) are invited. <http://shinerally.wordpress.com> for info and registration.

INSPIRED MADNESS YOUTH CONFERENCE: March 2 at West Catholic in GR. Meet new friends, grow in your faith, and have fun. For info and to register visit www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org.



Please welcome Fr. Julian Reginato while I am gone. The unrelenting cold and snow got to me, so the northern part of Florida serves as an antidote. Although they are also experiencing below average temps, I particularly enjoy walking outdoors. No chance for golf yet, but I expect to swing at that uncooperative Titleist. I read some Mexican history this week and couldn't help comparing current events.

The little-known 1920s persecution of Mexican Catholics reached a fever pitch 87 years ago this month. Long-forgotten in the United States and little-known even in Mexico, the history of the Cristiada movement is popularly known as the "Cristero rebellion". The uprising and civil war that engulfed Mexico lasted for three years and reignited occasionally for decades thereafter. The situation escalated quickly in 1926, when in July of that year all Catholic religious services in the country were suspended.

The suspensions were in reaction to a severe government crackdown that curtailed the freedom of the Catholic Church, as well as that of members of the clergy and religious communities in Mexico. Public displays of religion were banned and foreign priests were expelled. Under Mexican President Plutarco Eliás Calles, the government repression in the 1920s turned increasingly vicious as many clergy and lay Mexican Catholics were summarily murdered for their faith.

In the United States, the increasingly brutal persecution of Catholics by the Mexican government was opposed by American Catholics and the Knights of Columbus. By contrast, it was endorsed by the then-powerful Klu Klux Klan.

The violent nature of the crackdown quickly resulted in a popular uprising. Based in the U.S. but with members in Mexico since 1905, the Knights of Columbus worked hard to bring a peaceful end to the Mexican persecution in the 1920s by waging a public information campaign to inform Americans of the atrocities occurring just across the border. The organization also lobbied President Calvin Coolidge, seeking his help to end the violent persecution. Several members of the K of C were martyred at the hands of the Mexican government, including six priests who were declared saints by Blessed Pope John Paul II in 2000.

While we in the U. S. are blessed to be in a country ruled by law where our differences are decided in courtrooms and voting booths, we should not forget that not all are so fortunate.

Today, the Mexican gang that calls itself the Knights Templar, known by its ceremonial white robes with red crosses, enforces a strict code of moral conduct on its members and vows to protect the oppressed, the widow and the orphan. They also have a corner on the methamphetamine market in the western state of Michoacán. Taking their name from the medieval Christian order of crusaders, this quasi-religious drug cartel has cowed or bought off local officials and police and extorts heavy fines from business owners and farmers in the region. Civilians in at least six towns, unconvinced that leaders in Mexico City have the will or the way to take on the drug lords, have formed armed self-defense groups to throw off the reign of terror.

One Catholic bishop, Miguel Patiño Velazques, 75, of Apatzingán, spoke in remarkably blunt terms about his support for the militias in their struggle against the cartel, which he called out by name at great personal risk. "Kidnapping, abductions, murders and bribes have increased, to the point that entire families have been forced to emigrate," he wrote in a pastoral letter issued on Oct. 16. He said Michoacán is becoming a "failed state" and called on the government to restore the rule of law.

Over 60,000 lives have been lost across Mexico since former president Felipe Calderon escalated the quite literal war on drugs, deploying thousands of troops to root out drug lords and corrupt police forces, a militarization of the conflict that his successor has reluctantly continued. During his trip to Latin America in July, Pope Francis said the scourge of drug trafficking "requires an act of courage from society as a whole." Let's hope many more in Mexico and the U.S. will be inspired to act by the example of this very brave bishop, who shows us by his actions how to live as salt and light.

Peace, Fr. Tom

ARRESTADOS POR UN SUEÑO



Cuando fue arrestado, Juan Soto, director ejecutivo de Pilsen Neighbors Community

Council y representante de la Fundación Gamaliel, llevaba consigo un Rosario que le habían regalado unas amigas y su medicina para la diabetes. En el brazo, llevaba escritos los nombres de las personas (amigos y familiares) a quienes representaba. El rosario y la medicina le fueron confiscados. Juan Soto, que siempre sonríe, nunca había tenido una sonrisa tan radiante.

Soto, junto con 200 activistas comunitarios fue arrestado en Washington, D.C. el pasado 5 de octubre con cargos de desobediencia civil. Era un movimiento cuidadosamente planificado y con el objetivo claro de que varios miembros prominentes de la organización, junto con figuras políticas como el congresista Luis Gutiérrez, fueran arrestados para llamar la atención de los medios de comunicación sobre la necesidad de aprobar la reforma migratoria de inmediato. Sus planes funcionaron y están satisfechos, pero quieren más.

"Sería fantástico que arrestaran a un obispo", dice Soto riendo. "Ahora faltaría ver qué obispo se presta..." No es una broma. Soto sabe bien que la Iglesia Católica, especialmente desde sus organismos de Justice for Immigrants CLINIC, apoya, moviliza a comunidades, defiende y sigue con interés todas las negociaciones dirigidas a pasar una legislación justa. Lo necesario, según Soto, sería algo más de ruido y de llamar la atención. "Quisiéramos empezar una serie de conversaciones con diversos obispos católicos y personas invitadas (tanto católicos como no) sobre la carta *Strangers no Longer*. Nos parece que una buena forma de empezar sería con café y pan dulce. Eso no representa una amenaza para nadie, es muy de nuestra cultura y nos ofrece una plataforma para la reflexión y el diálogo".

Strangers no longer, el documento conjunto de las conferencias episcopales de México y Estados Unidos cumple ahora 10 años de publicación y la Conferencia de Obispos de Estados Unidos ha marcado el aniversario con la publicación de: *Strangers no Longer: Perspectives on the Historic U.S. Mexican Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Migration*. Es una colección de ensayos que examina las cuestiones planteadas en la declaración y los intentos de arraigar tales cuestiones en la realidad de la experiencia inmigrante contemporánea. La reflexión conjunta, según los organizadores, daría la motivación de la fe a muchos inmigrantes, líderes religiosos de todas las confesiones, y gente de buena voluntad para entrar en acción en defensa de la reforma migratoria. La iniciativa es parte de la campaña de Gamaliel "Un sueño para todos", que busca también involucrar el apoyo y la acción de políticos prominentes, senadores y congresistas de ambos partidos. Se trata, sobre todo, de buscar el apoyo de los políticos más renuentes, quizás los más allegados a los centros de poder económico, y de ir abriendo la conciencia.

La propuesta de ley que apoya Gamaliel es la HR-15; ésta elimina las provisiones más restrictivas y los larguísimos plazos que contemplaba la anterior, y se encuentra ante la Cámara de Representantes y posiblemente se examinará en breve.

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