

## 8th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Emails. Carpools. Shopping lists. Home repairs. It can seem like we move so quickly from one thing to the next. Our news comes in sound bites and headlines. How often do we take time for silence, for prayer, for reflection, for wisdom? Jesus warns us of stumbling through life without an adequate sense of where we're going. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This Sunday's Gospel isn't about fumbling along but offers a self-check on our own motivations.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Without adequate self-reflection, it's easy to become blind to our own faults. We go through life's motions as our bad habits linger or even increase. We may become increasingly impatient, we may avoid important tasks, we may neglect the emotional needs of our spouse. Perhaps, in the process, we find fault with those around us. In the words of Jesus, "remove the wooden beam from your own eye first."

So how do we know? How can we notice the hidden faults in our lives? "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of store of evil produces evil." Do you notice certain relationships that have become strained, or situations where you know you don't act your best? Perhaps this is an area where you are acting out of sin, rather than virtue. The truth is, all of us are a mixture of light and dark, vice and virtue. We can't pretend we're perfect! But we also need to take time to pause and prayerfully examine the fruit we're bearing.

### Sunday Collection

Sunday's Collection for February 23/24, 2019 was \$2,770.00.

### 2019 – Lent

#### Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019

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| 7:45am  | Mass at St. Francis of Paola           |
| 8:30am  | Mass at St. Cecilia (Main Church)      |
| 11:00am | Mass at St. Nicholas with QRCA         |
| 1:30pm  | Service w/Ashes at Jennings Hall       |
| 3:00pm  | Service w/Ashes at St. Cecilia         |
| 7:00pm  | Mass w/Ashes St. Francis of Paola      |
| 7:00pm  | Mass w/Ashes at St. Nicholas (Spanish) |

## 8º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Nos estamos acercando a la Cuaresma, el próximo domingo la iniciaremos. Pero, antes debemos de pasar por el Miércoles de Ceniza. Al ser marcados en la frente con la cruz de la ceniza escucharemos las palabras del Evangelio que dicen, "Conviértete y cree en el Evangelio". En el lenguaje del Antiguo Testamento la palabra convertirse significaba darse vuelta, girar. Veamos el siguiente ejemplo. Cuando manejas por largo rato sin dirección y de pronto te das cuenta de que te has perdido, inmediatamente te detienes y reflexionas: ¿Hacia dónde voy? ¿Qué rumbo tomare? ¿Cuál es el camino correcto? El Miércoles de Ceniza es eso precisamente, detenerte para girar el corazón hacia Dios.

Jesús, lo explicaba de esta forma: "¿Puede un ciego guiar a otro ciego? Ciertamente caerán ambos en algún hoyo." (Lucas 6:39). Hoy se trata de fijarnos bien hacia donde queremos llegar; Sin falsedades, ni hipocresías. Si somos de parte del pueblo fiel, de los católicos comprometidos que dan frutos buenos, hay que demostrarlo con palabras y hechos. Tres cosas se invitan a practicar durante Cuaresma: oración, limosna y ayuno. Ojalá que en la oración el centro sea Dios, en la limosna el necesitado y en el ayuno el dominio de uno mismo. La Iglesia en su sabiduría nos da este tiempo de misericordia para sacar todo lo bueno de la persona, para abrir el corazón a la humildad y la sencillez. No vaya ha ser que en la confusión del egoísmo el Señor diga, ¿"Por qué me llaman: ¡Señor! ¡Señor!, y no hacen lo que digo?" (Lucas 6:46).

### Readings for the week of March 3, 2019

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| Sunday:      | Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45                 |
| Monday:      | Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27                                     |
| Tuesday:     | Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31                               |
| Wednesday:   | Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thursday:    | Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25                                   |
| Friday:      | Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15                                   |
| Saturday:    | Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32                                     |
| Next Sunday: | Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13             |

### A Message from Fr. Tom

As I have been in the habit of saying recently, it is easy to think of being a good Christian as something like scoring a winning lottery ticket—scratch off lotto. Scratch off and see if you are a winner!! It is an attitude I am picking up in the Confessional and in my daily conversations with people—especially with those who struggle with God and the “why’s” or “what if’s” of life. It is a common attitude and who can blame us. It is easy to see that good or bad luck do play a part in life’s outcomes. As mature human beings we all need to understand and appreciate this with great empathy. However, how we respond to this reality in light of our Christian faith is another matter entirely.

The divine life Jesus presents us is a treasure—a resource—that is offered and—hopefully with God’s grace—willingly received. It is not something that just happens to us. Living the Christian life requires perseverance and intentionality. To my mind, it is not just one event—and nothing more. A conscious decision is made to base our lives *on* and under the authority *of* Jesus. This requires 1,000 good decisions every day and the appreciation that it is not just we who stand shaking our fists at heaven—but a benevolent God who questions us—by the day—by the hour—and by the minute. How will I respond to this or that challenge in the light of the relationship I have with Jesus? A good tree cannot help but produce good fruit. If we live in this awareness then “a good person out of the store of goodness in [their] heart,” cannot help but produce fruit that will endure for the kingdom.

### Why Catholic—A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church Join Fr. Tom on five (5) Wednesdays during Lent/St. Francis Rectory Dining Room

We will be taking a pause from our regularly scheduled Bible Study on Wednesday evenings to participate in the “Why Catholic?” program and explore the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The class will be conducted in English and meet for one hour from 7:45pm to 8:45pm. There are several groups meeting in Spanish. Please contact Amelia Castro after the St. Nicholas Spanish Mass for more information on the Spanish language track. Following are the dates for the program conducted in English led by Fr. Tom in St. Francis Rectory:

- Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>            7:45pm to 8:45pm
- Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>            7:45pm to 8:45pm
- Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>                7:45pm to 8:45pm
- Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>            7:45pm to 8:45pm
- Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>            7:45pm to 8:45pm

### Pro-Life Help

Catholics and all people of good are still reeling from the extraordinary, scandalous anti-life laws passed by the governor of our state last month. We must, however, recognize the great good that is being done by so many people. Please consider supporting some of these organizations that give women real, material support as an alternative to an abortion:

1. Sisters of Life, 38 Montebello Road, Suffern, NY 10901 T. (845) 357-3547
2. Life Center of New York, 6802 Fifth Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11220, T. (718) 748-4992
3. Pregnancy Help, 229 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10011, T. (212) 243-0970
4. The Bridge to Life, 147-32 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, NY 11355, T. (718) 463-1810
5. Good Counsel Homes, 411 Clinton Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030, T. (201) 795-0637

### Rosary Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00 pm, in the auditorium of St. Cecilia.

### Stations of the Cross Every Week Starting – March 7, 2019

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| Thursday’s | St. Cecilia  | 12:30pm               |
| Friday’s   | St. Francis  | 7pm (Italian/English) |
| Friday’s   | St. Nicholas | 7pm (Spanish)         |

### Regulations for Lent

**ABSTINENCE:** The faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY and the FRIDAYS of Lent.

**FASTING:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast on ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. If need be two lighter meals may be taken.

**ALMSGIVING:** Acts of charity are an essential for all Christians during the year, but most especially during Lent.

**PENANCE & EUCHARIST:** The faithful are encouraged to receive the Eucharist and participate in the Sacrament of Penance frequently, especially during Lent.

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry  
At Divine Mercy Parish**

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt 25:35-36)*

When we serve the poor by supporting our parish pantry or serving at the neighboring homeless shelter, it is an act of faith. It is an act of the parish coming together because Christ is there within us ministering to those who are less fortunate, and more importantly, He is present in them because it is with them, not us that Jesus identifies most.

Item needed this week: **Canned Meats**  
Food Pantry Coordinators and volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – March 3, 2019**

**BREAD AND WINE**

Aniello DeSarno by Teresa Puccio

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**New Kawai / Baby Grand Piano**

Recently, a new Kawai baby grand piano has been put on the market at half price. It is in the interest of the music ministry to purchase this piano. The cost is 18 thousand dollars.

Already, Fr Tom has received slightly more than half that amount from a donor who will remain anonymous. The piano would make an excellent addition to our parish, and expand the quality and types of concerts we can offer, these concerts and recent exhibitions in our gallery space have been extremely well received and can play a vital role in reintroducing the Christian faith to the secular community that surrounds us.

We understand that Christ is the origin and endpoint of all beauty, and encountering something truly beautiful is the beginning of an encounter with Him.

We are asking for donations towards the purchase of this piano. Please speak with our music director Justin Fields.

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**Daylight Savings Time**

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10, please remember to move your clocks forward 1 hour the night before.

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**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Francis of Paola Church**

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

5:00pm Priscilla (Pat) Lorenzo  
by Lorenzo Family

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

8:00am For The People of Divine Mercy Parish  
11:30am Rocco Cimino by Wife & Children

**Monday, March 4, 2019**

7:45am Charles Naccari by wife Jeanne

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

7:45am Domenica Del Priore by Esther Mendez  
& Rodriguez Family

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

7:45am Mike & Nettie Favuzza by Family

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

7:45am Marie Bavuso  
by Augustina DiGiovanna

**Friday, March 8, 2019**

7:45am Millie & Anthony Gangone  
by Carl & Valerie Battista

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

7:45am Marie Bavuso by Scotti Family  
5:00pm Anthony, Jennie & Frank Torre  
by The Torre Family

**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

8:00am Patricia Lupo  
11:30am San Sabino

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**You are invited to  
Celebrate the Rededication of  
Annunciation of The BVM Church  
and the merging of  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Annunciation  
Parishes**

All Services at Annunciation Church  
Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm - Evening Vespers  
Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm - Passion Play  
Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30pm - Parish Mission  
Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30pm - Parish Mission  
Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00pm - Tribute to Our  
Blessed Mother by the Parish Children  
Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am - Mass-Rededication &  
Parish Reception

**Come be a part of the Past, Present & Future!**

MARCH 3, 2019

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Nicholas Church**

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

10:30am Open Intention

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

7:00pm Open Intention

**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

10:30am Open Intention

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**Pray For the Sick:** Umberto Galeotafiore, Frank Morena, Clara Chang, Joe Bavuso, Anthony Porcelli, Wanda Sadwary, Carmine Giglio, Cathy Chang, Eleanor Heck, Angela Mauceri, Janet Gonzalez, Rae Pacifico

**Pray For the Recently Deceased:** Rachel Episopo, Marie Bavuso, John Porcelli, Theresa Ronzo, John Pelletier, Diane Sadowski, Bud Madden, Giovanni Guadagno, Aida Luz Lopez, Daniel Distasi, Cherubino Giganti

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**St. Theresa Guild**

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 7PM in the St. Francis of Paola rectory basement. Please note the earlier start time, which will allow us to serve refreshments and have a brief business meeting immediately followed by the movie: **“God Is Not Dead – A Light In The Darkness”** (at approximately 7:30pm).

New members are always welcome.

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**Lenten Day of Prayer in Italian  
March 23, 2019**

at

**Immaculate Conception Center  
7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11362**

Fr. Mauro Gagliardi, professor of theology will preach.  
Holy Mass celebrated by  
Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio.

The arrival time at Immaculate Conception Center is scheduled for 9:30am. Cost is \$25 for the day and includes lunch. For more information please call Apostolic Oblates #718-649-0324.

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Cecilia Church**

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

9:30am Rosary Society  
Ed & Jo Collins  
Eamon & Ray McGinn  
Thomas Petrowski  
Dan Deppa  
Mary, Frank & Frank Jr. Florimonti  
7:00pm Thanksgiving & Appreciation to  
Fr. Tom: Living Intention

**Monday, March 4, 2019**

8:30am Open Intention

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

8:30am Open Intention

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

8:30am Elba Rivera

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

8:30am Open Intention

**Friday, March 8, 2019**

8:30am Felicia Ferrara

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

8:30am Open Intention

**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

9:30am For The People of Divine Mercy Parish  
7:00pm Thanksgiving & Appreciation to  
Fr. Rafael: Living Intention

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**St. Nicks Alliance  
Affordable Housing**

Applications are now being accepted for affordable housing at OTTO Greenpoint, located at 211 McGuinness Blvd., Bklyn., N. Y. 11222, Address to obtain paper applications: Otto Greenpoint, 260 Powers St., Bklyn, N.Y. 11211. Completed paper applications must be sent to the Post Office Box address indicated on the application, postmarked by the application deadline date. Online applications: [www.nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://www.nyc.gov/housingconnect) must be submitted by March 6, 2019.

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**UPDATE**

Scaffolding will be going up at St. Francis of Paola Church for ceiling replacement. Sections of the Church will be cordoned off, we appreciate your cooperation.

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### **RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94<sup>th</sup> Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

Cell: (929) 371-4355

[Andrea.Haro@nypd.org](mailto:Andrea.Haro@nypd.org)

Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

### **CTKK Summer Camp**

CK Kids is proud to announce their partnership with Queen of the Rosary to offer a convenient summer camp opportunity! Christ the King has over 25 years of summer camp experience and is now offering transportation from the Queen of the Rosary campus.

July 5<sup>th</sup> August 12<sup>th</sup>, for Boys and Girls, ages 5 to 14. \$300 per week. Transportation to and from Queen of the Rosary and lunch are included.

For more information: [WWW.CTKNT.ORG](http://WWW.CTKNT.ORG), or 718-366-7454 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village NY., 11379