



St. Ignatius Catholic Church

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February 15, 2009– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Ignatius & Christ the Redeemer

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From the Pulpit

The readings from daily Mass this past week centered around the creation story in the book of Genesis. This story has far more theology and philosophy packed in it than most people realize. The point of this story was not to give us a scientific account of how humans came to be. Instead what it points out is that we are not an accident, God is the cause of our existence. Since God has created us, then that means that he must have done so with a specific plan or purpose because God never does anything just for the heck of it. That piece of information in itself is great news for us because we all have a need to know that our lives do have purpose and meaning, that we are not simply some insignificant speck in the universe, but instead that we have value. So what is our purpose and meaning you might ask? If we are made in the image and likeness of God, then we are meant to image God by how we live our lives. Unfortunately, through sin we image false notions of God. For example, some people are unknowingly tempted by the false notion that power makes you more like God. Some people try to manipulate, control or force others to do their will. But that is not how God operates. God is love, and it is through love that we imitate and participate in the divine life. That is our purpose.

Another question that is worth asking is this: If God in fact doesn't do anything for the heck of it, then why did he make us male and female? Well, if we are to love, then we need an object to love. There are of course many different kinds of love, but one of the ways that we can closely approximate God's love is to have the ability to make it fruitful. Love was the motivation for God to create the world. All of creation is the fruit of his love. God's love is not sterile. In that same sense, man and woman can participate in that kind of love by participating in God's act of creation and making their love fruitful by having children. Therefore, making us male and female was a very necessary and beautiful part of God's plan.

Unfortunately, some ideas about gender have sprout up over time which has harmed our understanding of the human person. One idea is the idea that in order for everyone to be equal, we all have to be the same. As a result, when it came to gender, the idea was to minimize the differences between male and female. Differences in behavior were only a result of conditioning. Men and women had to do all the same things in order to be equal, and so that even meant that women should be able to be as promiscuous as men without ever having to worry about being "tied down with a baby." Therefore, we have abortion. We also see this idea working in other ways. The whole phenomenon of the metrosexual male where men are fun to shop with, but don't ask them to save you from a burning building. This emasculating of men is not at all satisfying for anyone. And haven't you noticed that there are so few positive father figures on television? So often men are portrayed as a doofus or unprincipled or violent and abusive. Certainly some men can be these things unfortunately, but why must men always be demeaned? None of these portrayals points to what it means to be a real man. The ideal of what a real man is, is lost in our society. Ultimately, this is a symptom of losing touch with God. Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of what it means to be a man. When we lose touch with God, that's when we begin to become confused about the nature of our humanity, which includes our gender. Because God made us male and female, we must realize that we are complimentary parts that need each other, not interchangeable parts. What we are is only made clear in light of our creator who is the source of our lives and our existence.

As I said before, there is so much packed into the creation story in the book of Genesis. In this short synopsis, I have only scratched the surface of its meaning. That is why it is always good for us to reflect on scripture so that we can gain a deeper understanding of ourselves and our relationship with God.

God Bless,
Fr. Paul Ballien

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597 Walker's Road

Mass times:

Monday - Friday 7:00 am

Friday 6:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 11:30 am & 6:00 pm

Confessions:

Sat. 5:00pm-5:45 pm

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

Rev. Blackman Road, West Bay

Mass times:

Sunday: 9:45 am

Sick Calls:

Please notify the parish—949-6797

Rosary:

St. Ignatius:

Monday—Friday in Adoration Chapel 7:30am-8:00am

Saturdays in Adoration Chapel after 8:30 am mass

Christ the Redeemer:

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Prayer Meeting:

St. Ignatius—Wednesday 6:00pm

Christ the Redeemer —Wednesday 6:30pm

Music Ministry:

St. Ignatius:

Choir practice Sundays at 10:00 am—Everyone welcome!

Christ the Redeemer:

Sundays at 9:30am WB—Everyone welcome!

Sunday School & First Communion:

Sunday mornings @ 10:15am to 11:15am

All Children of the Parish are welcome to come to classes, please call Mr. Miller for details.

Confirmation:

Classes are held on Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:15pm.

For students in Years 7-9 of High School. Also for other High

School aged students who have not been Confirmed

Baptisms:

To be held on the second Sunday of every month at 1:00 pm

Next class: Feb. 24 & Mar. 3 or Mar. 13 & Apr. 7, 2009

Please call the Parish Office at 949-6797 to register for classes.

Next Baptism: April 19, 2009

Marriages:

Please call Fr. Paul or Fr. Alex . Six months notice needed, and completion of pre-marital instruction.

Classes will be offered twice a year, the next classes will be on

April 18 & 19, 2009

Please call the Parish office to register for classes.

Catholic Women's League

Meet every 4th Sunday at 9:45 am in the Cry Room

St. Ignatius Mass Intentions

Saturday: Feb. 14th

Fr. Alex 8:30 am

Troy Sulliman
NKT/BFT/REsty & Cesar Kierulf
Carmelita Javier
Abbott Family
People of the Parish

Fr. Paul 6:00 pm

Sunday: Feb. 15th

Fr. Paul 8:00 am

Celes Broderick (b'day)
Rolly dela Cruz (dec'd)
Juanito Bilacsi (dec'd)
Charles & Carmen Calaway
Anya Tibbetts & Christopher Orlandini
Geri & Jim MacArie (dec'd) req. by Dr. McGratt & Family
Dr. Donovan Forte (dec'd) req. by T. Black

Fr. Paul 11:30am

Fr. Alex 6:00 pm

Monday: Feb. 16th

Fr. Alex 7:00 am

Christian Chu Fook
Anna MacDonald (special intention)
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday: Feb. 17th

Fr. Paul 7:00 am

Tammi Maw
Carmencita Calaway
Jovane (b'day/thanksgiving)
Jean (thanksgiving)
St. Ignatius H.S. & Staff
Henry Giles (dec'd)

Fr. Alex 8:15 am

Wednesday: Feb. 18th

Fr. Paul 7:00 am

Hilda Straitan (dec'd) req. by Jane
Hugh Sheils (dec'd) req. by Abbott Family
James Robert Henderson (healing)
Shauna Roy (b'day) req. by Godma

Thursday: Feb. 19th

Fr. Alex 7:00 am

Alexander Protacio (repose of his soul)
St. Ignatius Prep. & Staff
Eileen Allen (healing) req. by Corinna

Fr. Paul 11:00am

Friday: Feb. 20th

Fr. Paul 7:00 am

Sarah Ann Sulliman
Maria Joselyn Protacio
Anne Giuliany
Patricia Tibbetts

Fr. Alex 6:00 pm

Saturday: Feb. 21st

Fr. Paul 8:30 am

Tom Abbott (dec'd) req. by Abbott Family
Troy Sulliman
Lourdes Protacio
People of the Parish

Fr. Alex 6:00 pm

Sunday: Feb. 22nd

Fr. Alex 8:00 am

NKT/BFT/Cesar & Resty Kierulf
Carmencita Javier (dec'd)
Maria de Souza (b'day)
Benjamin Protacio (healing)
Jolene Castillo (b'day)
Deacon Joe Biggs (b'day)
Dr. Donovan Forte (dec'd) req. by Trigger Black

Fr. Alex 11:30am

Fr. Paul 6:00 pm

Christ the Redeemer Mass Intentions

Sunday: Feb. 15th

Fr. Alex 9:45 am

People of the Parish

Sunday: Feb. 22nd

Fr. Paul 9:45 am

Scripture Readings for the Week Beginning February 14, 2009



Saturday: Feb. 14th

Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday: Feb. 15th

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (77B);

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

Monday: Feb. 16th

Genesis 4:1-5, 25; Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: Feb. 17th

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21

Wednes: Feb. 18th

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26

Thursday: Feb. 19th

Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33

Friday: Feb. 20th

Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1

Saturday: Feb. 21st

Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13

Sunday: Feb. 22nd

Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 (80B);

2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February 2009



General: That the Pastors of the Church may always be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit in their teaching and in their service to God's people.

Mission: That the Church in Africa may find adequate ways and means to promote reconciliation, justice and peace efficaciously, according to the indications of the Synod of the Bishops' Special Assembly in Africa..

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

St. Ignatius

8:00 am and 12noon

Christ the Redeemer

9:45 am



Stella Maris Church –Cayman Brac Fund Raising Auction (Let's Raise the Roof!)

We are still appealing to **ALL** if you could donate **NEW** item/ items or your time for the auction to be held on Saturday, February 21st at the Loyola Hall to raise funds for the building of the Cayman Brac Church.

Items and /or donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Tickets are available for sale at the Parish Office @ CI\$60.00/person.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Our Next RCIA Session on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 will focus on the following:

The Mystery of Grace and Justification

This session will be held at the Divine Mercy Hermitage -
Caribbean Courts
from 6:00 - 7:30pm.

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE



Join us on Saturday, 21st at 7:30 am at the Chapel as we pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for World Peace.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Please call the Parish Office at 949-6797 if you know of someone in our Prayer/Sick list that needs to be taken out to make room for others who wished to have their loved ones to be included in our prayer list.

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

Couples getting married here or abroad must attend this pre-marriage course to be held on April 18 & 19, 2009. This will be a two- whole day seminar from 9:00am to 4:00 pm. Call the parish office at 345-949-6797 to register.

Offertory Collection for the weekend of February 7 & 8, 2009

St. Ignatius Church \$ 8,851.92

Christ the Redeemer \$ 1,566.98

Thank you for your generosity and good stewardship for all that God has given you.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Mark 1:40-45

Gospel Summary.....

A leper approached Jesus. He had a very strong faith and knew that Jesus could heal him with just a touch. Jesus was moved by the man's faith and the circumstances of his disease. Jesus touched him and healed him. Jesus was concerned that the law be fulfilled and told the man to see a priest and cleanse himself. He also asked the man not to tell anyone how he had been cured, but the man was too full of joy to keep the news to himself. He told many people of the miracle Jesus had performed in his life.

Reflection for Families....

Not many things break the heart of a parent so quickly as seeing their child rejected by another person. Sometimes children are cruel and shun others or exclude them. Even more difficult are circumstances where adults or someone once trusted turn away from a child. Most of us don't witness these acts in our lives personally, but we certainly read about them in the paper or hear about them on the news. We get just a small glimpse of what it might have been like for the leper in today's gospel who was not even allowed to live with healthy people. We also better understand the courage and compassion of Jesus who touched the man and accepted him.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family....

Try to think of people in your family know (or know about) who are ostracized by society. Maybe there is someone at school whose clothes are more worn out or dirtier than everyone else's. Maybe there's someone at work whose odd behavior prevents him or her from being accepted. In our communities there are those who don't fit the norm, perhaps they are single parents, unemployed, sick, or living away from home either in prison, foster homes, or hospitals. Come up with some ways that as family you can reach out to these people just as Jesus reached out to the leper. What can you do to show the same compassion Jesus showed?

Source: faithfirst.com

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU! I would just like to say a big thank you to all those who attended my "25th Anniversary/Retirement Reception" last Sunday morning. Thanks to May, O'Neil and all the parishioners who set up, brought food and helped with clean up. Thanks to all those who gave the beautiful cards and gifts. Thanks to the parish for the gift and the gorgeous commemorative plaque. It was a wonderful morning and I won't forget it. I have enjoyed my 25 years in youth ministry, including the last 14½ here at St. Ignatius. The youth of the parish will always be in my heart and prayers. Jeremy Rice.

