

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

JANUARY 8, 2017

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

HEART OF THE WORLD V

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

Like the heart in the body, the very center and life-moving force of the Church is the Eucharist. All of the other Sacraments and the whole life of Grace and the Church in the world flow from it and lead back to it.

2017 commemorates 100 years since the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to the three children (Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco) at Fatima. In this column, we have been discussing how St. Michael appeared to them in order to prepare them to meet Our Lady. In his third apparition, he was holding a consecrated Host and Chalice filled with the precious Blood of Our Lord. He taught them a prayer and how they are to comport themselves in the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

St. Michael's prayer is: *Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference, by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I pray for the conversion of poor sinners.*

Last week, we focused on how before he even taught the children the words of the prayer, St. Michael taught them how to practice Reverence (or Piety). It is a Gift of the Holy Spirit and denotes an interior attitude that is usually also expressed outwardly. This Gift precedes any interaction and prayer with God.

To show this to the children, St. Michael would prostrate himself before God when he would pray. In this way he taught the children this posture of prayer that they had never seen before. He knelt down and would then bow profoundly, touching his forehead to the ground—very similar to the posture our Muslim brothers and sisters use in prayer.

Before we go on and discuss the components of the prayer that he taught (in the coming weeks), I would like to focus on the importance of *how* he prayed.

One of the beautiful fruits of the Liturgical Movement that in part led to Vatican II is the sense of how much God desires us to approach Him as His children. He does not want artificial barriers. He does not want formality or routine without the engaged attention *and understanding* of the heart. He does not want us to avoid approaching Him due to the necessities of the circumstances of our lives.

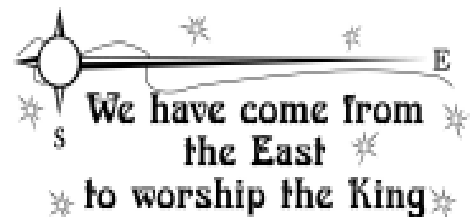
On the other hand, the “come as you are” attitude is often used to rationalize an abuse of this desire to have us in His presence by presenting ourselves in a disrespectful manner. The consequences of this are surprisingly deep and wide—some you may not have considered before.

Next week, we will continue with the outward components of Reverence.

Saturday:		Jan 7
8:30 AM	John Barry	
4:00 PM	Edmund Dery	
Sunday:		Jan 8
9 AM	Special Intention	
11AM	Deacon Richard Dresser	
1 PM	Theresa Corcoran	
Monday:		Jan 9
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
Tuesday:		Jan 10
8:30 AM	Margaret Moran	
Wednesday:		Jan 11
8:30 AM	Josephine Henderson	
Thursday:		Jan 12
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
Friday:		Jan 13
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
Saturday:		Jan 14
8:30 AM	Eleanor Brown	
4:00 PM	Mary Nelson	
Sunday:		Jan 15
9 AM	Gil and Maria Moniz	
11AM	Members of the Parish	
1 PM	Theresa Corcoran	

~ SACRED HEART CHAPEL ~

Saturday:		Jan 7
4 PM	Members of the Parish	
Sunday:		Jan 8
8 AM	Osbourne & James McConathy	
Saturday:		Jan 14
4 PM	Deborah Bellis	
Sunday:		Jan 15
8 AM	Members of the Parish	



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ADORATION

MONDAY

THROUGH

FRIDAY

NOON TO 3PM

COME PRAY

AN HOUR WITH ME.



ADORATION COME PRAY ONE HOUR WITH ME

There is a need for additional people to spend a time with Our Lord. Sometimes things come up (illness, family problems) that require the presence of the person who said they would pray with the Lord. It is difficult to predict, but also makes it difficult for them to follow through with this commitment. If you can fill in as a substitute, could you please contact Deacon Bruce Baxter at his email at deaconbrucebaxter@gmail.com or call the Parish Office for details 508.775.0818. Thank you to those of you who have come forward and offered to help.



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP... LIGHT LUNCH, TOO...!!

Coffee and Fellowship will resume this weekend, January 8, 2017, following both 9 and 11AM Masses on Sunday morning. Please plan to join us.

FOUNDATION TO ADVANCE CATHOLIC EDUCATION - FACE

A winter brunch on Cape Cod will take place beginning at 11:30 AM on Sunday, February 5, 2017, at the Coonamessett Inn of Falmouth. Proceeds will provide need-based scholarships to children attending Catholic schools on Cape Cod and throughout southeastern Massachusetts. Mary and Larry McGrath, Esq. are serving as co-chairs for this year's event. The festivities will include an award winning Sunday brunch buffet, silent auction, mystery prizes and a fun-filled raffle with fantastic prizes. "Together, we will continue making Catholic education available to as many children as we possibly can," writes the Bishop. The FACE winter brunch offers a great opportunity to help support Catholic education in the Fall River Diocese. For details, including ticket information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jane Robin at 508-759-3566.

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are held every other Monday. The next meeting will be held on **Jan 9**. For further information, call the office at 508.775.0818.



YOUNG ADULTS MEETING:
The Young Adults will be meeting every 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 5:30pm in the Fr. Duffy Center.

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SANCTUARY LAMP

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to book the Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis, in honor of a loved one. The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in honor of:

INEZ MARTINELLI

COLLECTIONS

December 25, 2016 - \$ 7,779

St. Vincent DePaul Society - \$ 1,373

"GROWING INTO WHOLENESS" - JAN 13 - 15, 2017

A mini-retreat on loss and grief, led by Peggy Patenaude of Taking Time Out, will be held ...at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA January 13-15, 2017. For more details, Contact Peggy at timeoutretreats@comcast.net OR www.timeoutretreats.com or call her at 508.548.9149. Pre-registration required.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - JAN 20 - 22, 2017

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Offer your spouse the treasures of each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA and Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY - *HELP NEEDED*****

Through the generosity of Trader Joe's we receive between 10 and 20 cases of fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, and bread every Friday morning. It is our responsibility to pick up the food, deliver it to our Food Pantry, unload the crates/boxes and set out the items for our clients, who start arriving by 10:00 AM. It is very taxing work and requires "strong arms" to accomplish this. We are in need for "strong arms" to help us with this work. If you are interested in helping us with this work, please call us at 508 775-3073 or come to the Pantry on a Tuesday or Friday morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent for a career opportunity representing their Insurance, Annuity and Long Term Care Program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information on this exciting career opportunity, please contact Michael R. Capobianco, General Agent at (508) 238 – 2300.

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SAVE THE DATE!!

EIGHTH ANNUAL FATHER/DAUGHTER

VALENTINE'S DANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017 - 7 PM TO 10 PM

MUSIC, DANCING, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS and

PHOTOS WITH DAD

TICKETS ARE \$5.00 PER DAD AND DAUGHTER (S) AND

CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE PARISH OFFICE

DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS



AWAY FOR THE WINTER??

If you are going away for the winter, or for an extended period of time, please be sure to return the white card that is enclosed with your envelopes, or email the following info to the office: Name, Cape address, Winter address, Email, Date leaving and Date returning. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In cases of inclement weather when the Barnstable School Department cancels classes, the Parish Office, Religious Education classes and other parish events or gatherings are also cancelled. Masses will be held as scheduled. Please check with civil authority (i.e. state of emergency) and use your discretion and good judgment about whether you may safely attend Mass.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If a loved one needs the Sacrament of the Sick, please do NOT wait until death is imminent to call the Parish Office. As you know, with only one priest at the Parish and the other at his Hospital Ministry, there are days on which a priest may not be available to attend to these matters. Keep in mind that the Sacrament of the Sick is not solely reserved for the death bed. It is better to make arrangements, at the beginning of declining health or serious illness, so we can provide holy communion (viaticum) to your loved one, until The Lord calls them home. On that note, family, not the Hospice Nurse, should call the office to make that arrangement. Also, if the patient has been in hospital, recently, please be aware that he or she may already have received the Sacrament of the Sick. Usually, a six-month interval is fine, if a person has been ill.