SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Two sinners visited a holy man and asked his advice. "We have done wrong," they said, "And our consciences are troubled. What must we do to be forgiven?" "Tell me of your wrongdoing, my sons," said the holy man. The first man said, "I committed a great and grievous sin." The second man said: "I have done some small things, nothing much to worry about." "Okay, go and bring me a stone for each sin," said the holy man. The first man came back with a BIG STONE. The second man brought a bag of small stones. "Now", said the holy man, "Go and put them back where you found them." The first man lifted the rock and struggled back to the place where he had gotten it. The second man could not remember where half of the stones belonged, so he gave up, it was too much like work. "Sins are like these stones," said the holy man. "If a man commits a great sin, it is like a heavy stone on his conscience, but with true sorrow, it is removed completely. But the man, who is constantly committing small sins which he knows to be wrong, gets hardened to them and feels no sorrow. So he remains a sinner," continued the holy man. 'So you see my sons, it is important to avoid little sins as well as big ones. Big sins and little sins are the same. They are still sins."

Jesus clearly teaches us that sins are committed in the human mind if one has the definite intention of doing wrong even if the decision is not acted on. If we hate someone so bitterly that we want to kill him or her, Jesus says that we are guilty of murder – it is called murder by intention. It is the same with adultery. Even if you say that you are never been unfaithful to your wife if you lust for another in your heart, you are still committing the sin though it is in the heart. It is because as it is stated in the penitential rite of the Mass: "...that I have sinned through my own fault. In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do." So, it is very clear.

In the Bible, the heart is not just the seat of man's affections and emotions: it stands for the entire person. It is where a person's personality and activity emanate. "It is from within, from men's hearts," Jesus declares, "that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride and folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean," (Mark 7:21-23). What is the meaning of sin? According to the Catholic catechism, "it is an offense against or disobedience to God's commandments; preferring to do our will rather than the will of God."

But for me, the best definition of sin is a rejection of the unconditional love of God for us. So, we don't like to be loved by God, it's old-fashioned.

Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil.



Monday, Feb 17

9:00 a.m.

******FAMILY DAY**** No Extended Adoration

Doug and Donny Cockman req Mark Graham Ryan Stevens req Anna Gustin Rodolfo Hernandez req Mercy

Rudy Hernandez req Carolina Lewis

Tuesday, Feb 18

7:00 p.m.

*******HEALING MASS******* No Morning Mass No extended Adoration

Stanislawa and Josef Bakowski

req family

Mercy Hernandez reg Carolina Lewis

Diana Saliba reg Diana

Tammy req Peter and Barbara

Stirling

Wednesday, Feb 19

9:00 a.m.

Victoria Kare

Angelina Cordero req Joe and Naty de Leon

Thursday, Feb. 20 9:00 a.m. Deceased members of San Andres family

req Joe and Naty de Leon

Friday, Feb 21 9:00 a.m.

Milo Martin
Jackie and Jonathan Kahana req Yaying

Saturday, February 22 5:00 p.m

Safe trip req Lolita Pascua

For the soul of Gladys Navarro

req Gisela Navarro

Cae Breanne Bencito

req Carolina Lewis

Sunday, February 23 10:00 a.m St. Charles Garnier Parish Community

SOUPFEST

Sunday Feb. 23 following the 10:00 Mass in the parish hall. Tickets to be purchased in advance. \$5.00 per serving. Take out available. Please bring mug for your soup.



Total Collection

\$2,740.00

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<u>COME, LORD JESUS!</u> Bible Study Prayer, Scripture, Eucharist, Community

<u>COME, LORD JESUS</u>, is a Bible Study and so much more. It is a program committed to forming small Catholic Faith Communities. The program centers around four basic elements — Prayer, Scripture, Eucharist, and Community — elements inspired by the Holy Spirit and practiced in the early Church (Acts 2:42). We are excited to offer our parish an opportunity to form small faith communities for the purpose of deeper reflection of the Sunday readings proclaimed at Mass. This inspiring program will be introduced on 21st of February at 7:00 pm in the evening. If interested, contact Fr. Saju or put your name, address, and phone number on the sign-up sheets found at the back of the Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26 is Ash Wednesday. There will be two Masses: 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2019

Are now available for pick up after all Masses. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.



EXTENDED ADORATION

Please remember you are invited to spend time in Adoration Monday to Friday following the 9:00 Mass until 1:00 p.m.. We would like to ensure that there is always someone in the church with the Blessed Sacrament. Ideally, it is hoped that parishioners can

commit to the same day and time each week. Please sign the volunteer book at the back of the church indicating the day and time you can come. We are blessed to have this opportunity for prayer. Please come and encourage others to join you. For prayer request and thanksgiving Email us at saintcharlesadoration@gmail.com

PRAYER, SCRIPTURE, EUCHARIST AND COMMUNITY

Please consider becoming a group leader for "
Come, Lord Jesus!" My plan is to put together a
leader training session, for those who are
interested, sometime on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m... I will
then announce the various times that "Come, Lord
Jesus!" groups will meet. (Group leaders decide
the day and time that works best for them, and
then must be committed this day and time once a
week in their respective homes). I will then invite
parishioners to sign up. Thus it is my hope that the
program will officially start here at St. Charles
Garnier on Feb 26. Please prayerfully consider this
leadership

Would you please let me know as early as possible by <a href="mailto:e

HEALING MASS Tuesday, February 18, 2020

6:00 p.m. Adoration 7:00 p.m . Holy Mass

All are welcome. Invite your families and friends