

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St Eulalia Parish
Winchester/Arlington



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Eulalia Parish,

Happy Lunar New Year!

My Heart is moved with pity for the crowd... (Mk8:2). Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him... (Mk 1:41). In this week's Gospel of Mark we hear twice that Jesus shows compassion to the people in need. As I meditate on the intimate sensibilities that Jesus had toward the people, my mind wanders back to China where my family is. I am not homesick.

Friday is the Chinese New Year's Day. It has been my custom since 2014 to return home to celebrate the New Year with my family. This year is certainly an exception due to the pandemic. It was wonderful to be with my mother, my 3 siblings, my 6 nieces and nephews, and 7 grand nieces and nephews last year. When I was home, the city of Wuhan was on lockdown for some weeks already and the people were told that the VIRUS was very much contained. My New Year celebration continued without any interruptions.

I enjoyed meeting relatives and friends at home before I was urged to come back to the US on the second day of the New Year. When I learned that I got the last available ticket and was going to take the last Delta flight from Shanghai before the closing down of the international borders, I realized the dangerous nature of that Virus. I thanked God for the divine intervention.

About a year later, the virus, which was once considered by the Chinese government as *can be prevented, controlled and stopped*, claimed over 2.33 million peoples' lives worldwide and according to Yelp about 60% of the business closures are now permanent in the US alone. Research also shows that this pandemic has 'catastrophic' impact on families.

Friends, we are not going through this terrible pandemic alone. Jesus is not only with us, but also moved with pity for us and for the world. Using Henry Nouwen's words, "Jesus became lost with the lost; hungry with the hungry, and sick with the sick. In Jesus, all suffering was sensed with a perfect sensitivity." May this New Year, also called *The Spring Festival* mark a new beginning for us to journey with Jesus. May the spirit of the Zodiac sign of this year of the OX(02/12/2021-01/31/2022), which represents diligence, kindness, generosity and patience, inspire us to *do everything for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31)*. I am at home.

God bless,

Fr. John Chen

SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY 14

First Reading Leviticus 13:1–2, 44–46 (77B)

According to the law of Moses, people with leprosy had to live alone, outside the camp. Aaron or another priest declared them unclean as long as they had a disease.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 32:1–2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “Do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God....Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

Gospel Mark 1:40–45

A leper said to Jesus, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, Jesus touched him: “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him, and he was healed.

STREAMING SCHEDULE

Monday	Feb 15	9:00 AM	Daily Mass
Tuesday	Feb 16	9:00 AM	Daily Mass
Ash Wed	Feb 17	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
		9:00 AM	Daily Mass
		5:30 PM	Daily Mass
Thursday	Feb 18	No Streaming	
Friday	Feb 19	No Streaming	
Saturday	Feb 20	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sunday	Feb 21	10:00 AM	Sunday Mass
		5:00 PM	Sunday Mass

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 1

Masses:	\$ 1,417
Mail In:	\$ 11,346
Prison Ministry:	\$ 748
Online:	\$ 1,808
Total:	\$ 15,319



ASH WEDNESDAY (2/17) SCHEDULE

Morning Prayer	8:30AM
Mass with Distribution of Ashes	9:00AM
Distribution of Ashes (no service)	noon to 1
Mass with Distribution of Ashes	5:30PM

Ashes will be distributed this year with a cotton swab for your safety.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Friday evenings in Lent
at 7:00pm in the church.

LENTEN PRACTICES



Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and Good Friday, April 2nd are days of abstinence *and* fasting.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply. If you have questions regarding fasting and abstinence, please consult with Fr. John.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but, together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but, liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance, and in preparation for baptism, or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

CATHOLIC APPEAL

In just a couple of weeks, we will be launching our parish's annual Catholic Appeal for 2021. As you may know, the Catholic Appeal funds the 51 Central Ministries of the Archdiocese that support our parish on a daily basis - especially as we continue to navigate the pandemic. You may have already received a letter from Cardinal Sean asking for your early support. If you are able, please consider responding to that request to help our parish meet our Appeal goal early. You can offer your support by going online to bostoncatholicappeal.org to make your gift at any time. Be sure to indicate St. Eulalia as your parish, so we receive proper credit. We also wish to take this opportunity to thank the 228 donors who gave \$109,840, 89% of our 2020 goal. We pray that this year we will return to our historical results of always meeting or exceeding our goal. Thank you for your support!

BEST LENT EVER

To receive a daily Lenten inspirational email, go to Dynamiccatholic.com and click on Best Lent Ever to sign up. The theme this year is based on Matthew Kelley's book, "I Heard God Laugh", the book that was distributed at Christmas, the gift of a parishioner. This will be a wonderful way to add to your spiritual enrichment during the season of Lent.

Our Miracle Stories

by Norm Dionne

.....*Continued from last week*.....2. Grandfather's Miracle (1977)

During another weekend retreat that following spring, I was in prayer before the tabernacle at the same retreat center when I received an inner locution stating "Norman, you will soon learn that your Grandfather has cancer. If you walk by faith, he then will be healed." This was repeated so that I would avoid misrepresentation of what I had heard. I kept pondering: what does it mean to "walk by faith"?

That following Thursday, I received a telephone call from Douglas who by now was testing a call to the priesthood at the Oblate Fathers in Brighton, MA. He relayed the message that Grandfather, Ludger Gagnon, was observed via gastroscopy to have a large carcinoma in his stomach. Since he was 93 years old, the prognosis was poor at best and he would be very unlikely to survive a surgical procedure to remove that massive cancerous tumor.

Recalling the words of that inner locution, I then knew that we had to visit Grandfather. Our growing family of three children and Douglas were gathered into the station wagon, and we ventured outbound for Skowhegan to pray for Grandfather. Along the way, I received a visualization of other family members entering grandfather's abode, indicating that we should recite the family rosary together at that time.

All went according to plan. Just prior to the entry of our family from around the area, I had prayed with my hands laid upon Grandfather's belly. Later, I lead the recitation of the family Rosary while we stood in a large circle, much as I had envisioned during our interstate journey earlier that morning.

Three weeks later, my Mother called Rachel about some recipe info that she wanted to relay to her. When I heard that it was Mother, I wrest the phone away from my wife's hands and asked Mom how Grandfather was doing. Mother replied. "Oh, I didn't tell you? Your Grandfather's pains went away; and the surprised doctor had him come in for a gastroscopy to find out what was going on". They found not even the slightest trace of the carcinoma. He was also amazed to discover that his rheumatoid arthritis swellings on his knuckles were no longer painful. He remained spry and active every day and did not die until he was in his 102 year! [Revisit another familiar biblical walk by faith in Lk 5:17-26, heard in yesterday's Gospel reading (7 Dec 2020).]

.....*to be continued next week*

THE UNBROKEN WORD.....BY MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM



“Man’s best chance of finding God is to look in the place where he left him.”

Miester Eckhart, 14th Century mystic

As I consider this wisdom from Miester Eckhart, the 14th century mystic, it both mystifies and illuminates the words. Before I bring you into my own spiritual journey, and what this means to me, I think its worth exploring what Eckhart was getting at way back when.

My first impression on this saying is it asking us a question. A great question. When, and how often did I leave God. Like a friend who wants to come with us on every excursion, regardless of weather conditions, mode of transport, or even how difficult it may be.

Always on. That is our God.

The only experience I can compare this commitment to is the dogs I have owned over the years. Everything with you is “my favorite thing”. Waking up. Going for a walk. Having breakfast. Playing ball. Running. Sleeping on your lap. Licking your face. Every dog I have owned has been a living, breathing, loving example of unconditional love. Right to the very end, even when I was bringing them to the vet for that final inoculation, where we said goodbye to each other.

Now, of course, God is not a dog, and that was not my point. But they don’t have much of an agenda other than wanting to be close to you. They will endure hunger, pain, tiredness, and much more if they are in your presence. How much more does God feel for us?

How many journeys have I taken in my life when I didn’t invite him into the room, or if he was there, introduce him to someone who needed him?

How many times was he left at home, without food or water?

How many times did I deny him, not by saying it out loud, but by not saying anything at all?

So, perhaps this was what Eckhart was saying. He never left, but we made a deliberate attempt to not bring him with us. What do you think this saying means? If you were offering advice to others? And what it means to you?

Luke 11: 9-10

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”



MASS INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday, February 13

4:00PM Betty Vittoria

Sunday, February 14

10:00AM Marisa Guarino

11:15 to Noon - Distribution of Communion

5:00PM Vincent & Anna Colella

Monday, February 15

9:00AM Anthony Cataldo

Tuesday, February 16

9:00AM Lillian Spano

Wednesday, February 17

9:00AM Vincent Natale III

5:30 pm Helen Costello & Jane Buckley

Thursday, February 18

9:00AM The Ward Family for healing

Friday, February 19

9:00AM Larry Albertelli

Saturday, February 20

4:00PM Nicholas J Aufiero

Sunday, February 21

10:00AM Edmond Bandar

11:15 to Noon - Distribution of Communion

5:00PM Donald Hamblett

Office Hours

Currently the office is open Monday - Thursday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and the church is open for Masses Monday through Friday at 9:00am. Please reference the schedule on page 3 for the weekday and Sunday streamed Masses.

Also, Mass Intentions are now available. Call the parish office if you would like to schedule a Mass. Please check the website regularly as it is constantly being updated.

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NEW TO THE PARISH - Welcome to St. Eulalia Parish. If you are a newcomer, please introduce yourself to a member of the parish staff. Please call or visit the office at 781-729-8220 to register.

ANOINTING AND PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK
Both sacramental and pastoral services are offered by the Pastoral Staff to the sick, hospitalized, homebound, and all who are in need. Pastoral visits are currently on hold. The parish offers a special ministry to the hospitalized at Winchester Hospital. The Catholic Chaplain at the hospital is Mary Beth Moran, 781-756-2295.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - by appointment by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION - Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith should call Louise Cocuzzo at 781-729-8220, ext. 102. To register, please call Louise Cocuzzo, ext. 102.

MARRIAGE - Engaged couples planning marriage are asked to contact Fr. John Chen at 781-729-8220, ext. 104 to make arrangements for the wedding. A program of marriage preparation is offered to all couples.

FAITH FORMATION - Saint Eulalia Parish offers a full program of faith formation for ages kindergarten to adult. Please call the Faith Formation office at 781-729-8758 for information.

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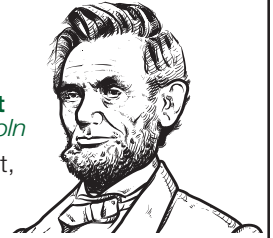
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