Sunday, February 12, 2017 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor

REFLECTION — “WISDOM OF THE LAW” BY BISHOP EMIL WCELA: For many, Old Testament “Law” has a bad name, is an oppressive list of do’s and don’ts. However, at its best, Law, or Torah better translated as “instruction” or “teaching”, is the human challenge to take what we understand about God and translate it, with God’s guidance, into a lifestyle for ourselves. “Worship God”, “Honor your parents.” “Don’t steal.” “Don’t lie.”

According to St. Paul, God’s wisdom is his plan for creation. God sends his Son into our world to lift our universe from death and sin to life with him. Human wisdom guides our efforts to know God’s plan and to live in harmony with it. Good religious laws are our efforts to match human wisdom to God’s wisdom, to put God’s plan into the nuts and bolts of our lives. Jesus, a faithful Jew, lives the Law but takes it deeper. He urges that we pull out the roots from which foolishness, the lack of wisdom, grows. Anger can come from a puffed-up sense of our own importance and put us to violence. Treating cheaply the gift of human sexuality mocks the profound meaning of the relationship between man and woman. Disrespecting the bonds of marriage destroys family and home. Untrue and careless language wipes out trust.

Paul tells us that “we speak God’s wisdom”. Together, as the community of Christian believers past and present, under the leadership of the pope and bishops, and guided by the Spirit, who “scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God”, we are trusted to form, follow, and share laws that are true wisdom.

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WE ARE ALL SINNERS LOVED BY GOD... This is the overall theme of our current Pastoral Plan. The theme and the Pastoral Plan are based on The Joy of the Gospel document by Pope Francis. He says in its opening line, “The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.” Our parish mission statement on the front cover of the weekly Sunday bulletin lifts up the centrality of personal encounter with Jesus in our faith walk. The statement puts it in the following way: Filled with the Joy of the Gospel, our parish proclaims an ongoing encounter with Jesus Christ through Word, community, Sacrament, and loving service.

Our Sunday bulletin cover each week features the following definition of a parish by Pope Francis: “The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach.” - The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis, Paragraph 28.

How does OMOS fit this definition?

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Bishop Kicanas introduced the Diocesan Annual Appeal through a DVD presentation at all Masses this weekend 2/11-12. Our parish goal is $158,000. Thanks to all who participated and helped us make our goal last year. Your pledge is needed to help educate our future priests, provide meals to the needy, and prepare men and women to become ministers of our faith. Please consider a portion of 5% to other charities of the annual tithe ideal, to our Annual Catholic Appeal. Now, more than ever, our Diocese needs your prayers and support. The spirit of generosity alive in our parish will help us to reach this year’s goal, which challenges us to a good generosity of spirit. Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Appeal.

CATHOLIC’S DIVORCE HEALING PROGRAM – The Diocese of Tucson is pleased to announce a new DVD ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce: The Catholic’s DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide. The 12-week program features 30-minute DVD shows each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. A group begins Monday, February 20 at Our Mother of Sorrows. Groups close after the third week and group size is limited, so reserve your space now. Whether you were divorced ten years ago or ten days ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone. Contact Felicia Klein at 425-6529 or email to cdsgtucson@yahoo.com. Registration form is available at http://diocesetucson.org/catechesis-and-family.

LECTIO DIVINA – PRAYING WITH THE SCRIPTURES: On this Tuesday evening, February 14th, I will facilitate a “How to pray with the Scriptures” process for beginners at 7pm in the Daily Chapel. God’s Word is a deep source of prayer and is alive, active, and effective in transforming our lives when we engage in its prayerful reading and meditation leading us to prayer and contemplation. When we set aside quality time to do this with an open and seeking heart, God speaks to us through the power of his Word. This evening session for beginners will help participants discover and enjoy the simple, yet powerful beauty of “Lectio Divina”… divine reading of Sacred Scripture. Approximately 90 minutes.

FAITH FORMATION DAY MARCH 10, 2017: On Friday, March 10th, join hundreds of adults who are engaged in helping our children, youth and adults navigate the spiritual life! Start your day with Mass celebrated by Bishop Kicanas at 8:30AM at the Tucson Convention Center, followed by a keynote address from Dr. Ann Garrido about simple commitments we can make as Christian leaders to model mercy in a time of tumult. Keynote is followed by workshops before and after lunch. The day concludes at 3PM. Cost is $25 per person and includes lunch. For registration information, contact Isabel Madrid, Diocese of Tucson Pastoral Services, at imadr@diocesetucson.org or by calling 520-838-2544.
Christian Education

Scripture Reflection
February 12, 2017
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:17-37

Not only does Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount give Christians rules for family living, it also schools us in building community. In Sunday’s gospel Jesus contrasts the law of his ancestors, the Ten Commandments, with his teachings. His rhetoric makes the commandments sound obsolete. He opens his teachings on each commandment, saying, “You have heard…” and then immediately counters, “But I say to you.”

Jesus challenges his hearers not only to keep the commandments but to deal with the daily actions that have killing effects, the false promises that betray trust, and the desires that misdirect our lives. Jesus wants his followers to build communities that show forth the power Jesus reveals as God’s own – love and reconciliation.

Jesus invites us to reach into our inner conscious lives where we can transform any anger and abusiveness that lives inside. He calls us to reflect on our attitudes and measure our actions by his standard of love and compassion. He wants us to participate in the work of transforming our lives.

The commandments reach back 12 centuries before Jesus. The Gospels reach back 20 centuries to Jesus. By doing the work of conscience and wrestling with what his teachings mean today, we can bring Jesus’ teachings into our own time. ***Who has impressed you by keeping his or her word?

CALENDAR

February
14 Lectio Divina for Beginners
14 Winter Visitor Reflection/Mass/Luncheon

March
2 Conversion Study Program starts
3 Lenten Soup & Sacrifice starts
4 Lenten Lunch

DID YOU KNOW …

In Scripture, miracles served as ‘signs’ to give credibility to the claims of Jesus of Nazareth that He was the divine Son of God. Before He ascended into Heaven, Christ gave the Church power to do the same miraculous works as He did, as a proof of Her divine authority.

“Lectio Divina” Praying with the Scriptures: This Tuesday evening, February 14, Msgr. Tom will facilitate a “How to pray with the Scriptures” process for beginners at 7pm in the Daily Chapel. God’s Word is a deep source of prayer and is alive, active, and effective in transforming our lives when we engage in its prayerful reading and meditation leading us to prayer and contemplation. When we set aside quality time to do this with an open and seeking heart, God speaks to us through the power of his Word. These evening sessions for beginners will help participants discover and enjoy the simple, yet powerful beauty of “Lectio Divina”… divine reading of Sacred Scripture. Approximately 90 minutes. No fee, RSVP appreciated, Daily Chapel.

Conversion Study Program – Thursdays, March 2 – April 13, 7-8:30pm. This Conversion Study Program will enhance your understanding of Bishop Barron’s DVD presentation on the lifelong process of conversion. The study guide is divided into seven sections, which correspond to the sections of Bishop Barron’s presentation: Introduction, Bartimaeus, The Rich Yong Man, Matthew, Jonah, The Woman at the Well, and The Journey of the Magi. Each section provides four or five ‘Questions for Understanding’ and includes several ‘Questions for Reflection’, which help you reflect on how Bishop Barron’s message is relevant to your own life and experience. The final gathering will be at Mass on Holy Thursday. Cost for the Study Guide is $14. Please RSVP with the parish office so we can order enough books. “God’s patience toward sinners is without limit, yet the time for conversion is now.” ~Pope Francis

Obey and teach
God’s commandments

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
Brian Wiese, Duane Stevens,
Ernesto Arvizu, Salvacion Parayno Villamil

Liturgy At A Glance!
Lyn Bulski at 305-3612 or lbulski@omosparish.org

February 13
Formation session for NEW Altar Servers
6-8pm in church

February 15
6:30pm Mass for all OMOS Ministers

February 19
7th Sunday in Ordinary (ordered) Time

Eucharistic Adorers Needed
Sunday: 2pm, 4pm
Tuesday: 7am, 2pm
Wednesday: 8am, 9am, 12pm, 4 & 5pm
And I said to the angel who stood at the
gate of the year, 'Give me light so I may
tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied,
'Go out into the darkness
and put your hand in the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than a light
and safer than a known way.'

Author Unknown

Priest Confession Schedule
Wednesday 6pm - 6:25 pm
Saturday 4pm - 5pm
Saturday 7pm - 7:30pm

Readings for Next Week
(In some instances, the optional readings may be used)

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,
9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

New Altar Server Formations
The next formation class for NEW altar servers and their parents will be
held THIS Monday, February 13th
from 6-8pm in the church.

Boys and girls who are in
4th grade or older and have received their
1st Communion may pick up a registration form in
the parish office.

You may contact Lyn Bulski at 305-3612 or
lbulski@omosparish.org.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Many ministers are needed for loving service
at all of our weekend Masses.
In this ministry you must be examples of Christian living
in faith and in conduct; you must strive to grow in
holiness through the sacrament of unity and love.
Remember that, though many, we are one body, because
we share the one Bread and the one Cup.

The formation sessions are scheduled for
Tuesday, March 21 at 7pm– Theology
Wednesday, March 22 at 7:15pm– Practical application
Both in the church
Participants must attend both sessions

Application forms are available in
the parish office and must be returned by
Thursday, March 16th AT THE LATEST
Please contact Lyn Bulski at the parish office for more
information 305-3612 or lbulski@omosparish.org

First Fruits
Weekend of 2/4-5/17
$32,231.69
Thank you for your generous support!
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Sal 50 (49):1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mc 8:11-13
Martes: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Sal 29 (28):1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9e-10; Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Sal 116 (116):12-15, 18-19; Mc 8:22-26
Jueves: Gn 9:1-13; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mc 8:27-33
Viernes: Gn 11:1-9; Sal 33 (32):10-15; Mc 8:34 — 9:1
Sábado: Heb 11:1-7; Sal 145 (144):2-5, 10-11; Mc 9:2-13
Domingo: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

El Grupo de Oración San Juan Pablo II

Grupo de Oración San Juan Pablo II se reúne cada lunes de 7-9pm en el centro de actividades de la parroquia (PAC). Te invitamos a formar parte de esta oración comunitaria e individual. Ven y ora, aprende y toma un descanso del ajetreo diario en los brazos de Jesús. La oración es la columna vertebral de nuestra fe.

Calendario grupo de oración mes de febrero:

- Lunes 13: Tema: fieles laicos - José Reyes
- Lunes 27: Misa de Sanación

Pequeñas comunidades de fe: Todos los miércoles por la mañana de 9:30 – 11:30am en el PAC salón de retiros. Estos grupos son una gran oportunidad para fortalecer nuestra fe, a través de compartir las sagradas escrituras y compartir y profundizar en nuestra fe. El grupo iniciara el estudio y meditación de la Exhortación Apostólica del Papa Francisco: Amoris Letitia –La Alegría del Amor- Sobre el amor en la familia.

Conociendo nuestra Misión Hispana: Todos los miércoles de 7-9 PM en el PAC Scout room. Aprendiendo a discernir y fortalecer nuestra vocación ministerial y descubriendo como nuestra fe y cultura se entrelazan con los procesos evangelizadores y catequéticos en nuestra Iglesia católica multicultural en los Estados Unidos. ¡Ven y acompañanos el futuro de Iglesia depende de los hispanos!

¡Llamando a todas las mamás! M.O.M.S. Grupo que le motiva a reflexionar, compartir experiencias y a reconocer el llamado al ministerio y vocación de la maternidad. Usando un diario personal suministrado en el programa, el grupo examina la dinámica de la maternidad y como le aplica a usted: Autoestima, tensiones, preocupaciones y ansiedad, espiritualidad, sentimientos, crecimiento personal y amistades. El grupo se reunirá por 8 semanas, comenzando el 7 de marzo, los martes a las 7:00 PM. El valor es de $20. Favor llamar a la oficina de la parroquia para registrarse.

Ministerios Hispanos

The St. Vincent de Paul Society
FOOD DRIVE this weekend after all Masses.
Thank you for your ongoing support!

Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus
Classic Concert Series
Saturday, February 18
7:30pm
Our Mother of Sorrows Church
Enjoy An Evening of Beautiful Sacred Classics
Discount Tickets Available in the Parish Office for OMOS Parishioners!
$10 Adults, $5 Children under 12
Advance tickets are also available online at www.boyschorus.org, at the Boys Chorus office or by calling 296-6277

Casa Maria sandwich making will be on Thursday, February 16th 8:30am-10:30am in the Parish Activity Center Dining Room Come one, come all!

CHANGE IN PRICING FOR JUST COFFEE - EARN 1LB. FREE
After no price change for many years, we will make a small adjustment in the price of coffee beginning on March 4, from $9 per pound to $10 per pound. In order to help with the price increase, you will be given a punch card to be punched each time you purchase coffee. After ten pounds, you will receive 1 pound of coffee, free!

We appreciate your sustaining support for the coffee farmers in Chiapas and Vera Cruz, Mexico. Because of your generosity, we are able to help over 60 families remain together on their coffee farms which improves their lives in so many ways.

So, enjoy a pound of free-trade plus coffee on us and help the farmers remain on their land!
The Our Mother of Perpetual Help Rosary will take place at 3pm on Wednesday, February 15th. For more information, please call 250-0242.

The next Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary will take place in the PAC Rm #2 on Thursday, February 16th at 7pm.

Celebrate Mass with us every Sunday at 12:30pm
“It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass.” St. Padre Pio

"Rooted in Christ, Strengthened in Identity"

All High School Teens are invited to Tucson Bowl this Thursday from 4pm to 6pm. Cost is $10 and permission slips must be with Kim prior to arrival (lanes need to be reserved). Permission slips are available in the parish office or on the website or by emailing ksisson@omosparish.org. Please note time change if you picked up your permission slip early!

Youth Fest “Mighty Waves” is almost here!
This is mandatory for High School Confirmation students. It will be held at the Tucson Convention Center on Saturday, March 11th from 9am - 6:30pm. Please get your permission slips back to Kim before February 26th. Cost for Youth Fest is $15. We also need Chaperones that have been cleared by the diocese. If you are willing to be a chaperone, please contact Kim at ksisson@omosparish.org or (602) 677-3064.

No H.S. Confirmation Session on Rodeo Sunday, February 26th!
However, there will be a Life Teen Hike for all High School Teens that would like to attend. We will meet at Bear Canyon Trailhead at 8:45am and return at 2:30pm. Permission slips must be returned before Thursday, February 23rd.

Plastic Jars Needed For Change Haiti Project
We are in need of wide mouth plastic jars, such as peanut butter, jelly, frosting, and grated cheese jars for the Change Haiti Project. Jars may be dropped off in the church or at the Parish Office.

Pray For Those Who Seek Healing: Names have been entered into the Book of Those Who Seek Healing, located on a stand in the back of the church.

Luis Melendez, Erica Arvizu, Laura Wind, Julie Ferderer, Bridget Tighe, Lisa Hahn, Irene Monge

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BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be available after all Masses next weekend. We will also be making appointments during that time for the Blood Drive scheduled for Sunday, February 26th.

The Catholic’s DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide 12-week group begins this Friday, February 17, at SS. Peter and Paul. There is also a group beginning on Monday, February 20, at Our Mother of Sorrows. Cost of $25 per person includes a “Personal Survival Guide” and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Groups close after the third week and group size is limited, so reserve your space now. Sorry, no child care available. Call Felicia Klein at 425-6529 [please make note of the new phone number], or email to cdsgtucson@yahoo.com. Registration form is available at http://diocesetucson.org/catechesis-and-family.

Please join us this Sunday, Feb. 12, at 2:00 pm in the OMOS PAC Auditorium for a Come & See information session on The Catholic’s DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide.
THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE: If you would like to present the gifts of bread and wine at the Mass offered for your loved one, please sign up in the Gift Bearer Book behind the last pew in the back of church.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
7:00 am - Alvaro Leon+
9:00 am - Kiyo Cecil+
10:45 am - Mary Helen Moreno+
12:30 pm - Fernando M. Sedillo+
4:00 pm - Familia Rassenti
6:00 pm - Debra Cabazos

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
6:30 am - Isabelle De La Torre
8:30 am - Joe Torres+

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
6:30 am - Gerardo Moreno
8:30 am - Javier Armando Delgadillo+

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
6:30 am - Fred Dickerson+
*8:30 am - George Elliott++
*6:30 pm - Peace & Justice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
6:30 am - Len Jasiak+
8:30 am - Guillermo Duron+

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
6:30 am - Bob Riley+
8:30 am - Angelo Alvira+

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
8:30 am - Max & Purita Kruz+
5:30 pm - Angela Simmons+

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7:00 am - James Kubik+
9:00 am - Glenn Donahoe+
10:45 am - Tara Watts
12:30 pm - Rafael Monge+
4:00 pm - Ramona Ramirez+
6:00 pm - Bernie Colonna+

*School Mass (when school is in session)
Anointing of the Sick on the first Wednesday and Friday of each month

Calling all moms! M.O.M.S is an acronym for ‘Ministry of Mothers Sharing.’ This group encourages you to reflect on your own experiences, share your stories, and realize more fully the sacredness of your call to the ministry and vocation of motherhood. The group examines the dynamics of motherhood as they apply to you: self-acceptance, stress, spirituality, feelings, personal growth, and friendships. The group meets for 8 weeks, on Tuesday nights at 7pm, starting March 7, 2017. Cost is $20. Please call the parish office to register.

COPPEL PRAYER RETREAT at Benedictine Sisters Monastery, Saturday & Sunday March 25-26. Couple Prayer Retreat shows you how to discover a way to deepen your communication with God as husband and wife. Encounter God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by discovering, discerning, and acting on the inspired Word of God as found in Scripture. The retreat is facilitated by Fr. Bob Brazaskas and Retorno Team Couples. For registration information, call Kevin or Kathie 520-722-2931, or stogskk@mindspring.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

Time to Saddle Up
Saturday February 18 6:00 pm
St. Augustine Catholic High School Gym

Enjoy an old fashioned Western BBQ with all the fixin’s and auction-Western style. Listen to live entertainment! Advance tickets $25 ($35 at the door)

For tickets, contact Doreen Alderete at (520) 382-1305 or dalderete@staugustinehigh.com

Feb. 24 – 26: Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat – Rachel’s Vineyard is a ministry to those who have experienced abortion, providing a time of forgiveness and peace to those who have in any way participated in abortion. For details about the exact time and place for the retreat, please call 520-743-6777, www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org.