

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:

I just read an article "The Right Way to Say I'm Sorry". I found it very helpful in understanding the dynamics of apology.

Here are some examples: Don't say "I am sorry you feel that way". This shifts the focus away from the person who is supposedly apologizing and turns the "I am sorry" into "I am not sorry at all".

The best apologies are short and don't include explanations that can undo them e.g. "I am sorry but..."

A request for forgiveness should not be part of an apology. The offended party may accept a sincere apology but still be unready to forgive the transgression. Forgiveness, should it come, may depend on a demonstration going forward that the offense will not be repeated.

I liked this article because it was down to earth and very practical. I had just been reading the sections of the Gospel of Matthew in our next three Sundays' Gospels and was puzzled as to what to say about them. Are they all hyperbole i.e. exaggerations, not to be taken seriously? Or perfect ways to acting that only can be followed by a few saints. How can we reconcile the interpretation of Mosaic Law in Matthew's Gospel with that of Paul?

Is my preference for practical advice in today's world the result of cognitive decline or the wisdom that comes from experience?

Renew + Rebuild Campaign: Our in-pew pledge last Sunday was very successful. For those who have not made a pledge so far, I ask you to do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the back of the church.

Collection : the collection for last Sunday, January 29, 2017 was \$3,644.00

The 2nd collection this Sunday will be the collection to help with our Heating Costs.

Parish News!

Classes have resume, Children are to line up in the Parish Hall between 9:15 and 9:20 am. Classes start promptly at 9:30 am. The Confirmation students will have their Confirmation Retreat in the Parish Hall on February 23, 2017 at 9:30 - 2:30pm.

Food Collection: Once again we are asking that you remember the needy in our parish with our monthly food collection when you do your shopping this week. Please donate non-perishable items. Thank you for your generosity.

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Our Sunday focus on discipleship continues in today's readings. We who were called to live the Beatitudes last week are now encouraged to let our light shine. As we move through our celebration today, let us ask God to strengthen our faith so that we can truly believe that the presence of Christ in each of us has the power to bring light to the darkness of racism, fear, hunger, oppression, and all other evils in our world.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10:

Isaiah prophesied: Share bread with the hungry. Shelter the homeless. Clothe the naked. Do not turn away from your own. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn".

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:

"The just man is a light in darkness to the upright!"

Second Reading :1 Corinthians 2:1-5:

Paul's teachings did not come from himself but from the convincing power of the Spirit. So the faith he passed on rests "not on human wisdom but on the power of God".

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16:

Jesus called his disciples the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world". He cautioned them not to let the salt lose its flavor and not to put a cover on the light but to let it shine. "Your light must shine before others...and glorify your heavenly Father".

Dates to Remember: Saturday, March 18th at 1:00pm: Yonkers St. Patrick Day Parade on McLean Avenue. We will march as a parish.

April 24-26; A mission for neighboring parishes including St. Mary's. Details will follow.

Child Protection: Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 1-212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 1-917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website: www.archny.org In keeping with Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Mass Schedule for the week of

February 5, 2017 to February 12, 2017

**Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays
at 7:30pm**

Below are the Special Intentions for this week

Sunday, February 5, 2017

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Luz Cartes & Alejandro Ramirez Maria & Adrian Ramirez

11:00 Magdalena Peter Francisco & Claudia Dougan

Monday, February 6, 2017

8:15: Judy Charmichael Erin & David DeNapoli

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

12:05 Cecelia Ann Facareau Alice DeWaters

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

12:05 Cecelia Ann Favareau

Thursday, February 9, 2017

12:05 Ibrahim Innabi Linda DiDavide

Friday, February 10, 2017

12:05 Patricia Zamborsky William Zamborsky

Saturday February 11, 2017

5:00 John Kucilla Anthony & Joanne Kunny

7:30 Josefa Lazara Dias de Lopez & Ramon Lopez Josefa Navarro

Sunday February 12, 2017

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Juana Garcia Spanish Community

11:00 Coltilde Dos Anjos Alves Eduardo & Esther Rodrigues