

Saint Augustine Chapel

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Roman Catholic ✠ Traditional Latin Mass

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Quinquagesima Sunday

February - March 2020

SUN	MAR	1	Holy Hour: 9:30am
FRI	MAR	6	Mass: 11:00 am; Stations 7:15 PM
WED	MAR	4	Ember Days - Fast & (partial/total) abstinence
FRI		6	
SAT		7	
SAT	MAR	7	Mass 8:00 am
SUN	MAR	8	Mass: 9am Confessions: 8:15-8:45am
SUN	MAR	15	Holy Hour: 9:30am
FRI	MAR	20	Mass 11:00 am
SAT	MAR	21	Gentlemen's Recollection
SUN	MAR	22	Mass: 9am Confessions: 8:15-8:45am
SUN	MAR	29	Holy Hour: 9:30am
SUN	APR	5	Palm Sunday – 6:00 PM Mass (tentative)
THU	APR	9	Holy Thursday – 5:30 PM Mass
FRI	APR	10	Good Friday
SUN	APR	12	Easter Mass: 9am Confessions: 8:15-8:45am
FRI			Each Friday Stations of Cross 7:15 PM

Quinquagesima

The First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, xiii. 1-13. *Brethren:* If I speak with the tongues of men, and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal;

St. Paul here teaches the Romans, and us in them, the necessity, the qualities, and the advantages of charity:

The *necessity* - because all natural and supernatural gifts - all good works, virtues, and sacrifices - even martyrdom itself - cannot save us if we have no charity. By **charity only** are we and our works **pleasing to God**.

The *qualities* of charity - which are **good-will** without envy, suspicion, perversity, or malice; pure **intention** without self-love, ambition, immodesty, or injustice; untiring patience without hastiness; and finally, humble **submission** to God, Who is all to him that possesses charity.

The *advantages* of charity - in that it gives to good works their value, and that it never fails; for while all things else cease - while faith passes into seeing, hope into possession, knowledge in part into knowledge of the whole - charity is everlasting, and therefore the greatest of the three. "Faith," says St. Augustine, "lays the foundation of the house of God; hope builds up the walls; **charity** covers and **completes** it."

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ, According to St. Luke, xviii. 31-43. At that time: Jesus took unto Him the twelve, and said to them: Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things shall be accomplished which were written by the prophets concerning the Son of man; ...

Why did Our Saviour so often predict His sufferings to His apostles?

1. To show that He **already knew** of them, thereby indicating His omniscience; and that, 2. He desired to suffer. 3. In order that His disciples should not be scandalized at His humiliation, nor think evil of Him as if He had deceived them, but, by remembering His words, be rather **confirmed** in their belief in Him as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

Did not the apostles understand anything of what He thus predicted in regard to His sufferings?

They may have known that He was to suffer, for St. Peter undertook to dissuade Him from it (Matt. xvi. 22), but they could not reconcile these predictions with their **expectation** of a future glorious kingdom. Nor would we be able to cast off our prejudices, and understand the truths of the faith, however plainly taught, were we not **enlightened** by the Holy Ghost.

What should we learn from this history of the blind man?

1. The inexpressible misfortune of blindness of the **heart** - a state in which we know not our God, our Redeemer and Sanctifier, and see neither the way of divine life, nor the hindrances to our salvation, but grope about in the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Lenten Fast Rules - These apply to those between 21 and 59 years of age. One ordinary sized main meal is permitted each day. There may be two lesser meatless meals which do not add up to a main meal. Meat may be eaten at the main meal except on days of abstinence. There may be no snacking between meals, but beverages may be taken at any time.

Recollection for Gentlemen: Please sign up at church or email to Frdahern@aol.com.

Sat March 21 near Glouceter; 8:30 – 3:30

Bring missal, rosary, sack lunch, clothing & footwear for rain or mud.

Theme: Fire in sacred history & the spiritual life.