

Pope Francis' homily on the Holy Year of Mercy, Part I

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis presided over a penance service in St. Peter's Basilica on Friday afternoon, during which he announced an extraordinary Jubilee dedicated to Divine Mercy. Below, please find Vatican Radio's English translation of the Holy Father's homily, in which he made the announcement.

This year as last, as we head into of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we are gathered to celebrate the penitential liturgy. We are united with so many Christians, who, in every part of the world, have accepted the invitation to live this moment as a sign of the goodness of the Lord. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, in fact, allows us with confidence to draw near to the Father, in order to be certain of His pardon. He really is "rich in mercy" and extends His mercy with abundance over those who turn to Him with a sincere heart.

To be here in order to experience His love, however, is first of all the fruit of His grace. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, God never ceases to show the richness of His mercy throughout the ages. The transformation of the heart that leads us to confess our sins is "God's gift", it is "His work" (cf. Eph 2:8-10). To be touched with tenderness by His hand and shaped by His grace allows us, therefore, to approach the priest without fear for our sins, but with the certainty of being welcomed by him in the name of God, and understood notwithstanding our miseries. Coming out of the confessional, we will feel God's strength, which restores life and returns the enthusiasm of faith.

The Gospel we have heard (cf. Lk 7:36-50) opens for us a path of hope and comfort. It is good that we should feel that same compassionate gaze of Jesus upon us, as when he perceived the sinful woman in the house of the Pharisee. In this passage two words return before us with great insistence: *love* and *judgment*.

There is the love of the sinful woman, who humbles herself before the Lord; but first there is the merciful love of Jesus for her, which pushes her to approach. Her cry of repentance and joy washes the feet of the Master, and her hair dries them with gratitude; her kisses are pure expression of her affection; and the fragrant ointment poured out with abundance attests how precious He is to her eyes. This woman's every gesture speaks of love and expresses her desire to have an unshakeable certainty in her life: that of being forgiven. And Jesus gives this assurance: welcoming her, He demonstrates God's love for her, just for her! Love and forgiveness are simultaneous: God forgives her much, everything, because "she loved much" (Luke 7:47); and she adores Jesus because she feels that in Him there is mercy and not condemnation. Thanks to Jesus, God casts her many sins away behind Him, He remembers them no more (cf. Is 43:25). For her, a new season now begins; she is reborn in love, to a new life.

This woman has really met the Lord. In silence, she opened her heart to Him; in pain, she showed repentance for her sins; with her tears, she appealed to the goodness of God for forgiveness. For her, there will be no judgment except that which comes from God, and this is the judgment of mercy. The protagonist of this meeting is certainly the love that goes beyond justice. (Part 2 in next week's bulletin)

This month's CD is "Made for Greatness--Runway Model Turns to Christ", by Leah Darrow. Jason Evert said that Leah Darrow's testimony is a powerful example of God's mercy at work. Leah Darrow was a fashion model in New York City and a reality TV contestant of America's Next Top Model. She now shares her unique experiences each year with tens of thousands of people on five different continents. In this presentation, Leah speaks about how the pursuit of pop culture's definition of love and happiness led her to a moment of mercy and deep conversion in her life. This CD and several others are available in the kiosk of the church for a \$3. donation to the Christian Mothers.

Daily Mass Schedule -May 11-17

Mon: 5:30 p.m. +Cecil Cook, Jr.
 Tues: 9:00 a.m. +Rosemary LaPlante
 Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Chad Jutz
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. No Mass
 Fri: 7:30 a.m. No Mass
 Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Betty Cook
 Sun: 8:30 a.m. Pro popolo

Father Ilango gone for Retreat May 14-22. There will be no daily Mass in his absence.

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Mass Times

Monday 5:30 p m
 Tuesday-Thursday
 9:00 am
 Friday 7:30 AM
 (Care Center)
 Saturday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS:
 Saturday 4:30PM

ADORATION:
 Tuesdays: 9:30AM-6 PM

We will pray the rosary during the month of May, 25 minutes before Mass, on the following dates:
 May 09, May 16 and 17, May 23 and 24, May 29 and 30.

The **adult choir** will be singing for mass on May 23rd and 24th. Rehearsal is at 4pm on Saturday the 23rd, and 8am on Sunday the 24th.

Holy Rosary Catholic School is selling calendars through May 17th to help fund the school's program. For only \$25 you have a chance to be a winner-\$25 daily, \$75 on Fridays, \$250 on the 15th and \$500 on the last day of the month. Contact the Jaroszewski family at 334-2307 or after Masses if you would like to purchase one.

Book Club will begin again on May 20 in the Hall of Saints. Please call Kathy Peichel at 334.3843 by May 13 if you plan to attend so we know how many books to order. The book we will be discussing is *Forming Intentional Disciples*.

Knights of Columbus will be selling Long Stem roses after Masses this weekend for Mother's Day!!

Parishioners' Prayer Requests

Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill
 Please pray for:
 -Bonnie Wallace -Emily Martin
 -Jim Jacobson -Spencer Fett
 -Casey Courneya -Bob Thompson
 -Connie Ulschmid -Steven Gabbard
 -Ken Jacobson -Roger Wolden
 -Norman Buseth -Bruce Moe
 -Tammy Wothe -Lisa Flynn
 -Reid Courneya -Irene Adams

Collection May 3, 2015		Attendance	Needed per Week to Reach Budget:
Collection Basket		337	\$5,642.00—This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, Building, Steeple, and Window Funds, etc), not just the Sunday collections.
Adult	\$ 2,716.00		
Loose Guest	479.00		
Children	4.00		
Total:	\$ 3,199.00		
Other Budgeted Income			
Vigil Lights	\$ 5.75		
Youth	10.00		
Building Fund	704.00		
Window Fund	165.00		
VBS Registration	60.00		
Ascension	20.00		
Total	\$ 964.75		
This week's Total:			
	\$ 3,199.00		
	964.75		
	<u>75.00</u>		
Total	\$ 4,238.75		

Other Parish Fundraisers: Scholarship—\$75
Non-Parish Collections: Catholic Communication/Catholic University—\$20

UPCOMING:

May 10: Confirmation, 8:30 am Mass
May 12: Pastoral Council meeting 6:30 pm @ the Rectory
May 18: KC's Officers' meeting 7:00 @ Church
May 20: Book Club 7:00 pm @ Church
May 23: Adult Choir practice 4:00 pm
May 24: Adult Choir practice 8:00 am

Mass Time Change

June 21 will be Father Ilango's Farewell Mass with us followed by a celebration of his ministry here. Mass time on June 21 only will be at 10:30 am instead of 8:30 am..

Ministry Schedule for May 17, 2015

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC— Paul and Sharon Guck		
Ministers Of Holy Communion	Nancy Dashner Kathy Ulschmid Jeanne Riley	Cheryl Stegmaier Sharon Guck Paul Guck Christine Daggett Tracy Roforth Marlys Jacobson Chris Stenger Tim Stenger Chelsy Hofer Kaitlyn Wake Braylee Riewer
Lectors	Vince Roers	
Ushers	Ross Kasowski Don Ulschmid	
Servers	Catherine Jaroszewski Grace Jaroszewski Rachel Kasowski	

May Special Collections: 3rd—Building Fund; 17th—Catholic Communication/Catholic University; 24th—FACC

Circle 2 is in charge of donuts in May
 Circle 3 will be in charge in June

*****Youth*****

Saint John Paul II Middle School Camp
 Northern Pines Camp, Park Rapids, MN Sunday, July 5th through Thursday, July 9th.
 Cost: \$300 with price breaks for families.

Youth attending St. JP II Camp will be selling Tupperware the next couple weeks to raise the money to attend camp. Please check out the great items for sale after Mass. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School

June 1 through 5, 9:30AM until Noon, Monday through Friday, with a Mass at 11:30 on Friday followed by a potluck for families. Also a celebration Mass on Sunday June 7 at 8:30AM. Children will share their music from the week. Cost \$15.00 until May 16, then \$20 per student after this date (no one turned away). Registration forms are in the Kiosk and also in the entrance of Church. Questions contact Cheryl

These students are being confirmed on Sunday, May 10. Please keep them in your prayers:

Ethan Byer, Whitney Janu, Adam Jaroszewski, Andrew Jutz, Nathan LaSart, Kaitlin Morgan, Nathan Nguyen, Courtney Osterman, Hailee Oswald, Madison Oswald, Michela Sanders, Jackie Teiken, Jeric Trusty, and Kyle Wothe.

Christian Mothers is sponsoring a **Parish-wide Bake Sale** Memorial weekend, May 23 & 24. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Church Tables and chairs: Typically, we have multiple requests to borrow tables and chairs from the church for family events this time of the year. Please be aware that it is the parish policy not to loan out these items. Keeping them in the church building keeps them from getting lost or damaged.