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MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 10, 2018

Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Frank Quinn
Giuseppe Porato
Madeleine Sabino
Nicola Petti
Anna Callegarini
Dr. Michael Milde
Mr. Phil Nower

Requested by:

Family
Leo-Paul & Mary Leclerc
Family
Tony Macera & Family
Donovan Family
Jo Rossi
Renata Kozina
Sister

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

20/20 draw and **Knights of Columbus breakfast** TODAY after mass!

30th Annual Camp Caritas Fundraising Golf Tournament, Saturday, Sept. 8th at Club de Golf de L'Epiphanie - only 45 minutes from Montreal. Proceeds go toward funding Camp Caritas. Come join us for a fun day of golf and dinner for only \$180 or a lovely dinner at \$75. Bus is available from HF for only \$10. Know of a company that might be able to provide a sponsorship? \$250, \$500 or \$1,250 options available. Can you help with prize donations, gift certificates, auction gifts? Please let us know. **Raffle Travel Extravaganza!!: Tickets @ \$20/ticket for a pair of tickets to anywhere Air Transat flies go on sale early July. Only 400 printed. Get yours while they last!** Please contact Paul Evans (evans5@bell.net) for any questions or visit the camp website under "Golf Tournament" @ www.campcaritas.ca. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Donation of wool: Paola Piero wishes to thank everyone that has donated wool. The wool is used to by the good people of residence Les Deux Aires to knit items for babies and children and thence sent to the hospitals so that the young patients receive a comforting item. Please continue to bring in any wool you may have lying around the house. There is a box set up at the back of the church.

- Office Hours: Tuesdays 10 am to 4 pm (Please call before coming)
- For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

Holy Family Board of Directors:

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Last Sunday's Collection was \$1440. Thank you!

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!"

"That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!"

A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!"

"That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"

The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask.

"I work for 7 Up!"



Jesus' Battles

There is a lot of action in St. Mark's Gospel. Beginning with Chapter 1, Jesus starts his *career* and experiences immediate success. The crowds are fascinated by his ability to heal the sick and his power over demons that flee at his command. But beginning with Chapter 2, Jesus' actions begin to be noticed as he challenged the most important people in his society: the Pharisees, the scribes and even his family! He claimed to be able to forgive sins (2:5). The scribes declared this was blasphemy! He shocked others by associating with people of questionable reputations (2:16) and whose lifestyles were contrary to that proposed by the great prophet, John the Baptist (2:18). Yet the most serious was Christ's attitude toward the Sabbath, which was sacred in Israel. He dared to do prohibited acts on this day of total rest (2:23; 3:5) and even declared that the Son of Man was Lord even of the Sabbath (2:28) Small wonder from the beginning of his career those in authority were plotting his death. (3:6).

A long and dangerous battle

However, Christ was not an ambitious young rabbi who was bent on climbing to the top of the social ladder! He is the One in whom God's power was manifested as never before. John the Baptist recognized him as *the One who is more powerful than I* (1:7). Infused with the power of the Holy Spirit, not only did Jesus announce God's reign, but that he was the One who would establish this reign on earth. Not by military or political force, as many expected, but by touching and healing hearts and preaching against violence, pride, hypocrisy and lies.

Christ's approach was not unanimously accepted. Far from it! Jesus ignited fierce opposition. On one hand, the Pharisees felt their domination and control over the consciences of Jewish believers had been threatened. On the other hand, his family feared suffering the consequences of conflicts with the Jewish authorities that Christ's actions and words provoked. His family decided to bring him back to his Nazareth workshop. Then, even more dangerous, scribes from the capital, Jerusalem, declared that he was possessed by the devil.

What did Jesus do when he faced all this opposition? He didn't insult those who opposed him. He continued the dialogue and tried to make them discover the novelty and beauty of his message. He said that because of him, Satan and the forces of evil have lost the battle. Humanity's relationship with God, our Creator, would be completely restored.

The battle continues...

Even today, the battle continues... Ambition, thirst for power, exclusion, me first! Materialism often rules our lives, guides our decisions, and inhibits the growth of God's reign. When we are caught up in the same battle as Christ faced, we must never forget two things. First, we have won the battle! Evil has been vanquished forever by Christ's death and resurrection. Second, as Jesus did, we are willing to take risks, extend our hand in friendship, and engage in patient dialogue.

Georges Madore, s.m.m.

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli