

**ST. MARY'S
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

SAT. 4:30 p.m. +John Haydu by Daughter, Nancy & Family

SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Service

TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Service

**WED. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
+Philip Orłowski by Sister Mary Theresa**

THU. 10:30 a.m. No Service

**FRI. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
+Annette Ragan by Linda Wibly**



THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST VENERATION OF CROSS

SAT. 4:30 p.m. All Souls Commemoration

SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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Now the season for virtues has arrived and the Judge is at the door. Without looking gloomy, let us fast, offering tears, vigils, and alms, and let us exclaim : Our sins exceed the grains of sand by the sea. But forgive us all, Creator of All, that we may receive the incorruptible crown.

CHURCH DONATIONS Feb. 18,2024

Monthly Dues \$ 2.00 Lenten. \$85.00

Candles \$34.00 BCW. \$36.00

Offertory..... \$ 784.00

SOCIAL GAMES

Are played every Sunday in our Center...Doors open 4:30 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. We offer GREAT prizes ... Come and join in the FUN....and you might be one of the LUCKY ONES that walks out with some XTRA Cash in your pocket.

ST. BRENDAN FISH FRY

Will be held every Friday during Lent, Feb. 16th thru March 22.

Drive thru only. Lunch 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. \$ 9.00. Dinner \$15.00
11:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. Call 330 799 3683.

LENTEN FUND RAISER FOR OUR SISTERS

We will once again be asking for donations throughout Lent for our Sisters at St. Mt Macrina. There will be envelopes at both entrances.

PRESANCTIFIED BOOKS

Will be in the vestibule and side entrance. Please get one when entering the Church and return them on your way out.

SHUT IN VISITS

Father will be visiting the shut-ins the next couple of weeks. If you are not on his list of regular visits and would like him to visit you before Holy Week please call the office 330 792 1578 to let us know.

REPENTANCE

is the golden key that opens the Palace of eternity

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In celebration of the GCU founding and Valentine's Day, I would like to share with you a widely circulated essay:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints.

We spend more but have less; we buy more but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time;

we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgement;

more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little,

drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions but reduced our values.

We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life, we've added years to life not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.

We conquered outer space but not inner space.

We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air but polluted the soul.

We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more but learn less.

We plan more but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait.

We build more computers to hold more information to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion; big men and small character; steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses but broken homes.

These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throw-away morality, one-night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer to quiet, to kill.

It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say "I Love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it.

A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Give time to Love, give time to speak, give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.



HIS MERCY IS OUR HOPE

The Lord Jesus had prayed in agony, anticipating the cross and accepting the cup from the Father's hand, while the disciples slept. He could have written them off as unworthy of another word from Him. But He saw in them a potential, and He continued to work with them. "Rise up let us go," He said.

There is encouragement here for all who may have failed.

There is hope in Christ. He calls us to rise again above the bitter defeat we have suffered. It is never too late to start over. The years of youth may have been wasted, and the past may have scarred the life, yet why should a person throw away a whole life because part has been wasted.

The penitent thief cried out in his last hour for a new start. There was no time for him to do high and noble deeds on earth. But he made a confession of faith in Christ, and a glorious eternity awaited him.

Our Lord's mercies to men who failed Him when He walked on earth are proof that He will also forgive and restore us when we fail.

**THANK YOU GEORGE JUBA,
PRESIDENT, GCU MAGAZINE**

*Having Suffered the passion for us, Jesus Christ,
Son of God, have mercy on us.*