

FROM OUR PASTOR



This Friday, February 26th, we are so blessed to welcome to our parish, ANDREA THOMAS and JOHN FINCH with the VIGIL PROJECT. You may recognize them from our parish Advent-Christmas Devotional CD gift. The Vigil Project is a community of musical artists that was formed in 2016 with a common mission to make Catholic music for Catholic prayer. Featuring a collective of seasoned singer/songwriters and worship leaders, they exist to invite the Church to a new encounter with God and to deep prayer through the experience of beautiful music. They have quickly garnered international acclaim through the release of three music video series' ("Lent and Easter", "Advent and Christmas", "Live at The Steeple"), as well as numerous other music albums that have helped set a new standard globally for quality in Catholic music. The Vigil Project maintains a seasonal touring schedule between producing new music/film projects and finding creative ways to invite and unite the universal Church in prayer. We are so excited to welcome the Vigil Project as they lead us at the beginning of our Lenten journey through music, worship and adoration that promises to inspire a deeper encounter with the Lord. Open to all, you don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity as a part of our overall quarterly Ember Day Observance. Lenten blessings to all ~ Fr. Bashista



EMBER DAYS COMING THIS WEEK!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 7:30PM, MAIN CHURCH

"WITNESSES TO THE WALK"

A Testimonial Journey along the Way of the Cross

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 7:00PM, MAIN CHURCH

MASS, ADORATION & CONFESSION

With music and reflections by Andrea Thomas
& John Finch from the Vigil Project

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, SETON HALL

STEWARSHIP

Join us in preparing spiritual and material care packages for our Bishop and all the seminarians and priests in our Diocese.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Empty Your Pockets!

Many of us have an erroneous notion of what an authentic Christian life is, of what it means to grow in grace and holiness. We imagine that the one who grows ever stronger and taller in faith is the one closest to God.

In reality, the journey toward God is much more like a continuous descent into one's own worthlessness. Those who daily realize their weakness become more aware of the limits of their own strength; they are the ones most ready to receive the Lord.

It may happen that God leaves you with your own insufficiency, so that you can become conscious of what you are in yourself. This is a way to protect you from the temptation to think that you can manage by yourself. The great danger for Christians who want to pursue the way of holiness is to begin to think that they have safely secured certain virtues "in their pockets," when the way of holiness, actually, is all about a daily emptying of these "pockets."

You can block God's life in you if you continually try to love, be good and truthful, out of your own strength and discipline. It is only God's life in you that can make you a genuinely Christian human being.

"Well, then it's rather easy: This is all I have to do. God is in no need of my strength; I can take it easy and just wait for him to step in." No. That is not the way it works. Only when you have truly "given it your all" can you present your poverty for what it is: the fruit of your failed attempts.

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