

**COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA de  
ST. GREGORY-OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~ EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR  
January 10, 2016 ~ 10 de Enero 2016



**MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA**

Saturday	5:00 pm	Shelby
Sunday	9:30 am	Hart
Domingo	11:30 am	Hart; Español

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday	4:00 pm	Shelby
By appointment		(231) 873-2660

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Our Lady of Fatima is located at 1372 S Oceana Dr, Shelby  
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**LITURGY ~ LITÚRGIA**  
Jan 11 ~ 17 de Enero



**Tues/Martes**  
9:00 am StG Communion Service  
**Thurs/Jueves:**  
5:15 pm StG No Mass  
**Fri/Viernes:**  
9:00 am OLF No Mass  
**Sat/Sabado**  
5:00 pm OLF Parish Family  
**Sun/Domingo**  
9:30 am StG Jane Cooper  
11:30 am StG Familia Parroquial

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**MINISTERIOS DE LA MISA**  
Jan 16 & 17 de Enero

**Ministers of the Word/Lectura**  
5:00 pm Paul Inglis  
9:30 am Patty Campbell  
11:30 am Rosalba Rangel  
**Ministers of the Eucharist/Comunión**  
5:00 pm H Schouten, P Earhart, P Poynter  
9:30 am B Stiphany, B Birkman, M Walsworth  
11:30 am A Contreras, A Mendez, L Ybarra  
**Altar Servers/Acolitos**  
11:30 am Alfredo Martinez, Diego Rivera  
**Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida**  
9:30 am C Aerts, L VanZoeren  
11:30 am Luis y Anita Torres  
**Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas**  
9:30 am C Aerts, D VanderZanden, J Schaner, R Umstead  
11:30 am Lourdes Rivera y Familia



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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**STEWARDSHIP**  
Jan 2/3 de Enero

Envelopes	\$3,060.00
Loose	1,154.00
Total	\$4,214.00



**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are available in the back of church. If you do not find your envelopes, or if any corrections are needed, please call the parish office at 873-2660.

**2015 YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** If you would like a statement, please call the parish office.

THANKS for your support.

**PARISH CALENDAR - CALENDARIO**  
Jan 10 ~ 17 de Enero

Sun/Domingo	StG	12:30 pm	Taking down Christmas decorations - help needed
Mon/Lunes	StG	8-9:00 am	Prayer Group - 206 S Peach, Hart
	StG	6:30-7:45pm	Confirmation Class & Jr High Rel Ed Gr 6-8
Wed/Miércoles		3-5:00 pm	Food Pantry, 11 Washington, Hart
	StG	3:30-4:45pm	Rel Ed Gr 1-5
	OLF	6:15-7:45pm	Rel Ed Gr K-6; Supper 5:45 pm
Thurs/Jueves	StG	7:00 pm	Bible Study Resumes
Sat/Sabado	OLF	4:40 pm	Rosary before Mass
Sun/Domingo	OLF	6-8:00 pm	Youth Group

**YOUTH GROUP:** Sun, Jan 17, 6-8:00 pm. Special: Praise & Worship with Joni Moras, Leona Perigard.



**BIBLE STUDY** resumes this Thurs, Jan 14 at 7:00 pm at St Gregory. Commentary: Israel Part II will be the guide. All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to learn, reflect and share.

**BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY:** Special needs include peanut butter, tuna, canned meat, and toiletries. Donations may be left at church anytime, or at the pantry on Wednesdays, 3-5:00. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated, to buy fresh food, and products at a greatly reduced price from Feeding America. Monetary donations may be sent to the parish office or put in the collection in a separate envelope marked "pantry". Many thanks for your support!

**CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTER:** Upcoming programs with live streaming. Visit catholicinformationcenter.org for details.

- ST LUKE, THE GREAT STORYTELLER: Jan 11, 1-2:45.
- DIVORCE, ANNULMENT AND REMARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH TODAY: Jan 14 & 21, 7-8:45 pm.

**POSITION OPENINGS:**

- FT Director of Communications for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Contact dogrhr@DioceseOfGrandRapids.org
- Sacristan needed for the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Contact barb@cathedralofsaintandrew.org for more info.
- \* FT, bilingual Legal Secretary for Diocese of Grand Rapids. Contact dogrhr@DioceseOfGrandRapids.org.

**FAMILY REFLECTION:** In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.



**THANK YOU** for your Christmas gifts, cards and New Year wishes. All are much appreciated. May you be abundantly blessed in the coming year.

Fr Tom

**DIOCESAN MASS:** On Fri, Jan 22, the nation will mark the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortions in the United States. The Diocese of Grand Rapids will observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on Jan 22. As Catholics, we are deeply committed and concerned about the need to protect human life from the time of conception to natural death. Many prayer resources and ways you can participate can be found on the diocesan webpage. On Fri, Jan 22 at 7:00 pm Bishop Walkowiak will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, giving thanks to God for the gift of human life. A light reception will follow in the parish center of the Cathedral. All are welcome! If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to the parish office this week 873-2660.



January 17, 2016 is World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and far from being a mere remembrance, it is a call to respond with the Gospel of Mercy.

Immigration has always been part of human history. Pope Francis affirms that “In our time, migration is growing worldwide. Refugees and people fleeing from their homes challenge individuals and communities, and their traditional ways of life; at times they upset the cultural and social horizons which they encounter. . . . In the light of these facts, I have chosen as the theme of the 2016 World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy.”

The Gospel of Mercy comes to rescue people for whom it is not easy to abandon their motherland, but because of many sociopolitical factors (among others) are pushed against the wall and forced to find other alternatives in order to subsist. The Holy Father says that “Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet’s resources which are meant to be equitably shared by all.”

Lately, the answer to immigration seems to counteract the Gospel of Mercy. We all can remember that picture of the Syrian infant lying dead on the seashore, in Turkey. We remember the Hungarian reporter hitting and pushing immigrants of all ages. We all are afraid of the unknown and the Pope knows it well: “The presence of migrants and refugees seriously challenges the various societies which accept them. . . . How can we ensure that integration will become mutual enrichment, open up positive perspectives to communities, and prevent the danger of discrimination, racism, extreme nationalism or xenophobia?”

Despite our limitations and fears, there is a light in each of us that always shines bright and is like a compass that leads us to what is true, beautiful, and meaningful: that light is our baptismal call to be priests, kings, and above all, prophets. As prophets, Pope Francis says, we stand “at the side of all who work to defend each person’s right to live with dignity, first and foremost by exercising the right not to emigrate and to contribute to the development of one’s country of origin. This process should include, from the outset, the need to assist the countries which migrants and refugees leave.”

This is precisely what the Gospel of Mercy is about: awareness. Fr. Tony Diaz, CMF, during a parish leadership class at San Gabriel Mission in California, said that we cannot ignore the people we get to know. When we realize that each of us is a human being, it is there that we begin to try to understand and help those who are different from us.

When we learn to see beyond our differences, race, religion, social status, etc., that’s when we meet face to face with a person like us, whose only evil is to be poor and oppressed. That is the exact point when the Gospel of mercy flows like a river and irrigates almost arid fields of hope and love; mercy is action; mercy is justice; mercy is equality; mercy is a mess, because it does not remain within the four walls of the temple but breaks between social structures to promote peace and justice for all.

by Byron Mecias, CMF



El 17 de enero del 2016 es el Día Mundial de los Inmigrantes y Refugiados, y lejos de ser una mera remembranza, es un llamado a responder con el evangelio de la Misericordia. La migración siempre ha sido parte de la historia humana. el Papa Francisco afirma que “en nuestra época, la migración está en aumento mundialmente . . . desafiando el modo tradicional de vivir y, a veces, trastornando el horizonte cultural y social con el cual se confrontan. . . . Sobre la base de esta constatación, he querido que la Jornada Mundial del emigrante y del Refugiado de 2016 sea dedicada al tema: emigrantes y refugiados nos interpelan. La respuesta del evangelio de la Misericordia”.

El evangelio de la Misericordia llega al rescate de la gente para la que no es fácil abandonar su tierra, pero debido a muchos factores sociopolíticos (entre otros) son acorralados y forzados a buscar alternativas para poder subsistir. el Santo Padre dice que “Los emigrantes son nuestros hermanos y hermanas que buscan una vida mejor lejos de la pobreza, del hambre, de la explotación y de la injusta distribución de los recursos del planeta, que deberían ser divididos equitativamente entre todos.

Últimamente, la respuesta a la inmigración parece contrarrestar el evangelio de la Misericordia. Todos podemos recordar aquella fotografía del infante Sirio que yacía muerto a la orilla del mar, en Turquía. Recordamos a la reportera húngara que golpeaba y empujaba a inmigrantes de todas las edades. Todos tememos a lo desconocido y el Papa lo sabe bien, por eso pregunta: “¿Cómo hacer de modo que la integración sea una experiencia enriquecedora para ambos, que abra caminos positivos a las comunidades y prevenga el riesgo de la discriminación, del racismo, del nacionalismo extremo o de la xenofobia?”

Pese a nuestras limitaciones y temores hay una luz que brilla en cada uno de nosotros y que es como una brújula que nos lleva hacia lo que es verdadero, hermoso y significativo: esa luz es nuestro llamado bautismal a ser sacerdotes, reyes y, sobre todo, profetas. Como profetas, dice el Papa Francisco, nos ponemos al lado de “todos los que se esfuerzan por defender los derechos de todos a vivir con dignidad, sobre todo ejerciendo el derecho a no tener que emigrar para contribuir al desarrollo del país de origen. este proceso debería incluir, en su primer nivel, la necesidad de ayudar a los países del cual salen los emigrantes y los refugiados”.


Esto es precisamente de lo que el evangelio de la Misericordia se trata: crear conciencia. el padre Tony Díaz, CMF afirma que no podemos ignorar a la gente que llegamos a conocer. Cuando nos damos cuenta de que cada uno de nosotros es un ser humano, es ahí que empezamos a tratar de comprender y ayudar a aquellos que son diferentes de nosotros.

Cuando aprendemos a ver más allá de nuestras diferencias, raza, religión, estatus social, etc., ahí es cuando nos encontramos frente a frente con una persona como nosotros, cuyo único mal es ser pobre y oprimido. ese es el punto exacto cuando el evangelio de la Misericordia luye como un río y riega los campos casi áridos de la esperanza y el amor; la misericordia es acción; la misericordia es justicia; la misericordia es igualdad; la misericordia es un lío, porque no se queda entre las cuatro paredes del templo sino que irrumpe entre las estructuras sociales para promover la paz y la justicia para todos.

Por Byron Mecias, CFM

**SOBRES DE 2016:** Se pueden llevar sus sobres en la iglesia. Si hay errores o no hay sobres para su familia, favor de llamar a la oficina, 231 -873-2660.

**GRUPO JUVENIL:** Domingo, 17 de Enero, 6:00 pm, OLF. Música con Joni Moras y Leona Perigard.

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