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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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July 21, 2013 ~ 21 de Julio 2013



MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA

Saturday	5:00 pm	St. Gregory
Sunday	9:00 am	St. Gregory
	11:00 am	OLF
Domingo	11:30 am	San Gregorio

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4:00 pm	St. Gregory
By appointment		(231) 873-2660

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LITURGY ~ LITURGIA
July 22-28 de Julio

Tuesday/Martes

9:00 am G Mass

Thursday/Jueves

5:15 pm G Mass

Friday/Viernes

9:00 am F Mass

Saturday/Sabado

5:00 pm G Henry & Lillian Lehman

Sunday/Domingo

9:00 am G Bette Roche

11:00 am F Parish Family

11:30 am G Familia Parroquial



PRAYER GROUP: You are invited to join a prayer group at St. Gregory's on Mondays, 8-9:00 am. This is a way to participate in the Year of Faith. For more information call Teresa 873-5753 or Sally 616-430-0687.



PRAY THE ROSARY: Thursday, July 25, 7:00 pm, 4041 168 Ave, Walkerville. If you need transportation, call Sr. Guadalupe 231-301-1899.



GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY: Saturday, August 24, 9:00 am at Colonial Golf Course. Shotgun Scramble, prizes, and lunch to follow. Contact Jim Lamie 873-3752 or Duane VanderZanden 873-4062.

OLF NEWS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sandy Beyer, Brian Kukla 7/21; Mackenzie White 7/24; Louise Kludy, Henry Kidder 7/25; Pat Earhart 7/26; Bob Pochyla 7/27

THANK YOU to the church family for all your prayers. It sure has worked! God bless, *Gordon Merten*.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE/MINISTERIOS de la MISA
July 27-28 de Julio

Ministers of the Word/Lectura

5:00 pm Jim Cunningham

9:00 am Pat Campbell

11:00 am Kathy Lound

11:30 am Reyna Ramirez

Ministers of the Eucharist/Comuni3n

5:00 pm H Schaner, V Griffen, A Cunningham

9:00 am G Merten, J Merten, R Dold

11:00 am M Sanford, E Graham, G Markiewicz

11:30 am A Tudon, L Ybarra, H Madrigal

Altar Servers/Acolitos

5:00 pm S Gonzalez

9:00 am D Dold, J Wittman

11:00 am M Mather

11:30 am E Cruz, A Briones

Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida

5:00 pm H Schaner, L Schaner

9:00 am M Jastrzembski, L VanZoeren

11:30 am Olga Escamilla y Familia

Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas

5:00 pm Bosse, Wiegand, Aerts, Schaner, Bosse

9:00 am VanderZanden, Dennert, Schaner, Ulmstead

11:00 am Revilla, Wade, Zaverl, Kludy

11:30 am I Hinojoza y Familia



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Please consider giving to the CSA 2013 campaign if you have not already done so. At OLF we still need \$3,994 to reach our goal. Your contribution is needed and appreciated. THANKS to all who have given.

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Assessment \$14,262.00 Assessment \$16,461.00

Pledges 10,427.00 Pledges 20,455.32

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On July 27/28 there will be representatives at the exits of both parishes to collect signatures for the statewide effort that is now underway to restrict insurance coverage for abortion. If you would like to help after any of the Masses or circulate your own petition, call Wally & Donna Carrier 231-233-1560 or the parish office 873-2660.

PETITION DRIVE Q&A:

Q: Why do we need this petition drive?

A: The federal health care reform bill (Affordable Care Act), enacted in March 2010, requires the insurance exchanges be available in all 50 states by 2014. The ACA contains a special provision allowing the states to exclude abortion as a covered benefit. To date, 21 states have passed such legislation. This petition drive will ask the state Legislature to prohibit abortion coverage in the exchange that will be accessed by Michigan residents.

Q: How can registered voters initiate legislation?

A: Michigan's Constitution allows the people to initiate legislation through a petition. The advantage of this approach is that bill's language cannot be changed by the Michigan Legislature nor can it be voted by the executive branch.

Q: Will this law also stop private insurance from covering abortion?

A: Private health insurance plans will not include abortion unless the purchaser's elect to pay for an optional rider that would include abortion coverage.

Q: How would my tax dollars fund abortion without this petition drive?

A: The federal health care reform law provides federal subsidies for millions of American families. Families with household incomes up to 400% of federal poverty level will be allowed to receive federal subsidies when purchasing a health care plan through the health care insurance exchanges. If Michigan doesn't opt-out, federal tax dollars will be allowed to subsidize the purchase of health care plans—which cover abortion.

Q: What about women whose lives are at risk?

A: This legislation allows insurance to cover the treatment of pregnant women who are experiencing physical conditions which threaten their lives, are experiencing a miscarriage or have ectopic pregnancies.

Life in Oceana County is beautiful, especially if you have air conditioning or live at the beach. Whether living here or visiting, we all benefit from its advantages.

So value and enjoy the time spent. Who wouldn't? But while you're enjoying, recognize the need for gratitude at a deeper level. Be sure to integrate spiritual life into the easy times of summer. If you're reading this, I assume you're here praying with our communities and thanking our Lord. Kudos.

Living or visiting in this lovely county, our hopes are for an increase in the quality of life of all. Active thanksgiving includes giving back—sharing. With an awareness of others, we strive to change life for the better. Let's not forget faith, its inherent responsibilities, and what we hold most dear. Enjoying summer, let's work for a better world for all, and a shared sense of hope.

Following is a reflection on Santiago de Compostela (The Way of St. James). Perhaps it will provide some food for thought as you enjoy your summer, give thanks, and reflect spiritually on the quality of life.

Peace, Fr. Tom

Every day we embark on "the path of life." For some of us this path is marked by situations of pain, adversity, insecurities, and dissatisfaction. Of course, not all is negative because there are also moments of joy, success, satisfaction, days we wished would last forever. The Way of St. James of Compostela is a reflection of the road we embark on every day.

The story dates back to the 9th century with the supposed discovery of the tomb of St. James of the Greater, who is considered the evangelizer of Spain. Thousands of people have embarked on the journey of the Way of St. James throughout history: people of all types and condition; men and women of good faith; simple and humble people seeking the meaning of faith and life; drifters; adventurers; scientists; artists and writers.

When we hear about the Way of St. James, we naively think it is a simple path or route, but in reality, the road has no beginning. In the Middle Ages, pilgrims departed from every corner of the world to Santiago de Compostela, where the Way ends. The most famous route, and perhaps the most traveled, is called the French Way, which originates in France, crosses the Pyrenees mountain range, enters Spain through the ancient Kingdom of Navarra, and continues towards Galicia where its capital, Santiago de Compostela, is located.

Those who have embarked on the Way say that it consists, for the most part, of dirt, clay, and stone paths, as well as ancient Roman roads that sometimes merge with modern roads or run parallel to these into towns and villages, some of which seem to still live in the Middle Ages. Renowned Brazilian author, Pablo Coelho, describes the landscape as stunning and a path full of surprises.

The Way has existed for over 1,200 years. Unesco declared it a World Heritage Site in 1985 and the Council of Europe recognized it as the First European Cultural Route in 1987. After a trip to Spain in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI, in one of his Wednesday audiences in Rome spoke highly of the Way: "The faith in Christ gives sense to Compostela, a place that is an extraordinary spiritual place, which continues to be a point of reference for today's Europe." In this way he also reflected on the many reasons that lead pilgrims to embark on this spiritual journey.

Tradition says that many religious penitents, who embarked on the pilgrimage of the Way, were moved by a need and a personal and relentless desire to enter into a relationship with God and with themselves. Today thousands of people are also moved by endless reasons. However, deep down human beings have the need to respond to fundamental questions that give meaning to their lives: Who am I? Where do I come from? Where am I going? How do I make sense of my life?



EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Diariamente emprendemos todos "el camino de la vida". Para algunos de nosotros el camino está marcado por situaciones de dolor, adversidad, inseguridades, insatisfacción. Claro es que no todo es negativo, porque también hay momentos de alegría, éxito, satisfacción, días que quisiéramos que duraran para siempre. El camino de Santiago de Compostela es un reflejo de ese camino que recorreremos todos diariamente. Su historia se remonta hasta el siglo IX con el supuesto descubrimiento del sepulcro de Santiago el Mayor, que es considerado el evangelizador de España. Millares de personas han emprendido el viaje a Santiago de Compostela, a través de la historia; personas de toda índole y condición; hombres y mujeres de buena fe; gente sencilla y humilde que busca el sentido de la fe y de la vida; vagabundos; aventureros; científicos; artistas; y escritores.

Cuando escuchamos hablar de este Camino a Santiago de Compostela ingenuamente pensamos que es una simple ruta o una vía, pero en realidad, el camino no tiene un inicio. En la Edad Media, los peregrinos partían de todas partes del mundo rumbo a Santiago de Compostela, donde termina el Camino. El trecho más conocido, y quizás el más transitado, es el llamado Camino Francés, que llega de Francia, cruza la cordillera de los Pirineos, entra en España por el antiguo Reino de Navarra y continúa en dirección oeste hasta Galicia, donde se sitúa la ciudad de Santiago de Compostela, su capital.

Aquellos que han emprendido el Camino cuentan que éste está compuesto, en su mayor parte, de sendas de tierra descubierta, barro, piedras, antiguas calzadas romanas y que en ocasiones se confunde con las modernas carreteras o va paralelo a ellas, penetrando en ciudades y pueblos, algunos de los cuales parecen vivir todavía en la Edad Media. El mismo Pablo Coelho, famoso escritor brasileño, describe que el paisaje es deslumbrante y que es un camino lleno de sorpresas.

El Camino ha existido por más de 1,200 años. La Unesco lo declaró Patrimonio de la Humanidad en 1985, y el Consejo de Europa lo reconoció como Primer Itinerario Cultural Europeo en 1987. El papa Benedicto XVI, después de su viaje a España en 2010, en una de sus catequesis en Roma habló extraordinariamente del Camino: "La fe en Cristo da sentido a Compostela, un lugar espiritualmente extraordinario, que sigue siendo un punto de referencia para la Europa de hoy". Incluso así reflexionó sobre las razones que llevan a los peregrinos a emprender este viaje espiritual.

La tradición cuenta que muchos penitentes religiosos emprendían el peregrinar por el Camino movidos por un a necesidad y un deseo personal e incontenible de entrar en relación con Dios y consigo mismos. Hoy miles de personas son movidas igualmente por un sinfín de razones. Sin embargo, en el fondo se deslumbra una necesidad del ser humano de dar respuesta a las preguntas fundamentales que dan sentido a nuestra vida: ¿Quién soy? ¿De dónde vengo? ¿A dónde voy? ¿Cómo voy a dar sentido a mi vida?

Por Francisco Javier Reyes

ROSARIOS EN LOS CAMPOS. Invitamos a la comunidad de Fe a participar en los Rosarios en los campos con las familias migrante. El Jueves 25 de Julio, a las 7:00 PM será en casa de Lorenzo y Dulce Martinez, en 4041 168 Ave. en Walkerville. Si usted gusta participar hable con Hna. Guadalupe Moreno (231)301-1899.



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