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Second Sunday of Lent  Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma
February 25th, 2018

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

**FOCUS:** Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers. Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, we remember that Jesus spent years working as a carpenter. Work is important to help people fulfill their potential. And everyone must receive a fair wage to provide for themselves and their families.

**JOURNEY TO NICARAGUA**

**Cesia** Cesia Lea Gomez is from the rural town of Somoto, Nicaragua, close to the Honduran border. It is a beautiful farming community, but there are few job opportunities for young people, especially women. Many leave their communities to find work, but Cesia wanted to stay home with her parents and youngest sibling.

With her mother’s encouragement, Cesia decided to pursue her dream of starting a business. The CRS YouthBuild program helped her achieve that dream. YouthBuild’s core values—family, service, opportunity and leadership—guide what participants learn and the kinds of relationships they build with one another. The program helps them build the confidence to pursue their goals. Once very shy, Cesia is now a leader in her community. With what she learned in YouthBuild, she has built a thriving business making and selling cattle feed. She dreams of expanding her business throughout Nicaragua and leads workshops in her community to help other young people.

Since 2007, CRS Nicaragua has worked with the Youth Builders development methodology to educate, train, and place unemployed, marginalized youth in employment and self-employment livelihood opportunities. The model utilizes life-skills training and community-based service projects to facilitate youth acquiring critical leadership, employment, and/or enterprise development competencies.
Dear Parishioners,

You want me to sacrifice my child?

What kind of God are you? No, I won’t!

This might very well be what we would say if we were invited into the “test” that we hear about in our first reading on this Second Sunday of Lent: “Abraham! … Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There offer him up as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you” [Gn 22:2].

God’s invitation to Abraham sounds truly barbaric, doesn’t it? Although we know that the angel of the Lord intervened just in the nick of time to save Isaac from being sacrificed, this story can still leave us quite uneasy.

Perhaps that is because we are hearing it with 21st century ears. From Abraham’s point of view, what is being asked of him, though painful, was nothing unusual: doesn’t every god expect a bit of human sacrifice from time to time?

Yet, as Sacred Scripture will continue to reveal, the God who calls Abraham is nothing like other gods. Here is a God who stops this type of sacrifice. It will not be a part of this God’s plans. In fact, Jesus, as the fullness of the revelation of the God of Abraham, actually invites us to go a step further when he says to the Pharisees and thus says by extension also to us: “go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice’” (Mt 9:13).

The late Jewish scholar, EA Spiers, in his illuminating Anchor Bible Commentary, however, points out that this story may not be about a condemnation of human sacrifice at all. He writes: “if the author had intended to expose a barbaric custom, he would surely have gone about it a different way.” Instead, Spiers argues that the story is designed so that the reader focuses upon whether Abraham could come up to the test and thereby “maintain his confidence in the promise when all appeared lost.” After all, Isaac represents Abraham’s future: how else would the promise to become a great nation be fulfilled except through Isaac? So, although Abraham resolutely set out from his homeland for the Promised Land, thereby demonstrating his faith in God’s promise, the story asks whether he, and by extension successive generations, could still have the “unswerving faith” needed to make the appropriate sacrifices to survive the many trials that would beset the unfolding of that promise - a promise that for us as Christians takes shape and culminates in Jesus’s proclamation of the coming of the Kingdom, the Reign of God.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we might pray that we, like Abraham, may share his unswerving faith, particularly when all seems lost. During such times, may we continue to hope in God’s faithfulness and mercy.

With faith and hope,
Fr. Joe

Queridos Feligreses,

¿Tú quieres que sacrifique a mi hijo?

¿Qué clase de Dios eres tú? ¡No, de ninguna manera!

 Esto podría muy bien ser lo que nosotros diríamos si Dios nos invitara a pasar la “prueba” que escuchamos en nuestra primera lectura en este Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma: “¡Abraham! … Toma a tu hijo único, Isaac, a quien tanto amas; vete a la región de Moria y ofrecémeolo en sacrificio, en el monte que yo te indicaré” (Gn 22:2).

La invitación que Dios hace a Abraham suena como una verdadera barbaridad, ¿no es así? Aunque sabemos que el angel del Señor interviene en el último momento para salvar a Isaac de ser sacrificado, esta historia nos deja muy inquietos.

Quizás es porque escuchamos a la historia con oídos del Siglo 21. Desde el punto de vista de Abraham, lo que se le está pidiendo, aunque doloroso, no suena nada inusual: ¿no espera todo dios algún sacrificio humano de vez en cuando?

Sin embargo, como la Sagrada Escritura revelará a continuación, el Dios que llama a Abraham no es nada parecido a los otros dioses. Aquí tenemos a un Dios quien le pone fin a este tipo de sacrificio. El sacrificio humano no será parte de los planes de este Dios. De hecho, Jesús, quien es la revelación plena del Dios de Abraham, nos invita a ir un paso más allá cuando le dice a los Fariseos, y por extensión también a nosotros: “vayan y aprendan el significado de las palabras, ‘yo deseo misericordia y no sacrificio’” (Mt 9:13).

El erudito Judío EA Spiers, en su brillante obra Anchor Bible Commentary, sin embargo, señala que esta historia puede ser que no tenga nada que ver con la condenación del sacrificio humano. El escribe: “si el autor hubiera estado tratando de exponer una costumbre bávara, seguramente él habría ido al respecto de otra manera.” En su lugar, Spiers argumenta, que la historia está diseñada de manera de enfocar al lector en si Abraham podrá aceptar la prueba y por lo tanto “mantener su confianza en la promesa cuando todo parecía ya perdido.”

Después de todo, Isaac representa el futuro de Abraham: ¿de qué otra manera, excepto que a través de Isaac, podría realizarse la promesa de ser una gran nación? Así es que, aunque Abraham con gran determinación deja atrás su tierra natal en búsqueda de la Tierra Prometida, de esta manera demostrando su fe en la promesa de Dios, la historia pregunta si él, y por extensión futuras generaciones, podrán continuar teniendo la “fe inquebrantable” necesaria para hacer los sacrificios apropiados para sobrevivir las muchas dificultades que acosarían el despliegue de esa promesa. Una promesa que para nosotros, los Cristianos, toma forma y culmina en la proclamación de Jesús de la venida del Reino, el Reinado de Dios.

Mientras continuamos nuestra peregrinación de Cuaresma, podríamos orar para que, al igual que Abraham, compartamos (Continúa en la página 3)
Lenten Taizé Prayer
Mondays at 7:15 p.m.
Upper Church
Starting February 19th, join us for a memorable time of quiet candlelit meditation, simple music, uplifting readings and peaceful silence.

Film & Reflection
Join us as we reflect on movements of spirit, peace, and justice through film discussion.
We gather for a meal at 5 p.m. (after the 4 p.m. Mass) in the Friary Room followed by film viewing. Please RSVP to the Parish Office (617-552-6102 or ignatius@bc.edu) by the Wednesday before the film.
Mark your calendars for the upcoming films!
March 10th: Marshall
Have you ever wondered "why me"?
Sam Friedman does as he is teamed up with a young Thurgood Marshall in the challenge of a lifetime. Join us as we reflect on our call to racial justice.
April 28th The Shack
A grieving family encounters God in all things. Join us as we reflect on the surprises of our spiritual journeys.

Via Crucis en Español
Viernes de Cuaresma a las 6:15 p.m.
en la Iglesia de Arriba
Caminen con Jesús recordando como El ofreció su vida por todos, incluyendo sus enemigos, para transformar los corazones.

All Shall Be Well: Caring for Body, Mind and Spirit
A Parish Lenten Series
February 17th-March 24th
Come explore how you can cultivate more spiritual, physical and emotional wellbeing in your own life in a series of Saturday sessions being offered this Lent by and for parishioners. The program is free, but space is limited. RSVP by emailing mariasullivan47@gmail.com.
March 3rd - Chair/Gentle yoga with Ann Knocke, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Office Garden Level
March 10th, 9:00 a.m. - Yoga with Dawn Davis
11:00 a.m.- Come Learn Strategies for Developing Body Confidence in Yourself or Your Child
March 17th, 9:00 - Yoga with Liz Padula
March 24th, 9:00 - Helping Teens Manage Screens and Social Media: Dr. Tim Davis

Text To Give: To give via text, send a text message with the dollar amount to our reserved phone number (617-553-6399). If this is your first time giving this way, you will have to fill out a short form with your billing information.

Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to support the greater church by giving a gift to the Catholic Appeal. Just as our weekly collection supports parish expenses, initiatives and programs, the Catholic Appeal helps fund services that are essential to both the parish and the greater Church community. Many of you have already received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2018 Catholic Appeal. Thank you in advance for your support. You may mail your pledge or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you!
Please pray for:
Saturday, February 24th
4:00 p.m. - Pearl A. Conlan

Sunday, February 25th
8:00 a.m. - Katharine S. Doyle
10:00 a.m. - James Neylon
Family Mass - Bernadette & Michael Lynch
 Noon - Anne Regolino
5:30 p.m. - Josephine Capobianco

Monday, February 26th
5:30 p.m. - Jack Ryan

Wednesday, February 28th
12:15 p.m. - Kenneth Stout
5:30 p.m. - John Kapish

Thursday, March 1st
12:15 p.m. - Tom & Mary Shields

Friday, March 2nd
12:15 p.m. - Winnie Breathney

Saturday, March 3rd
9:00 a.m. - Janet Newell Hilliard
4:00 p.m. - Marian Spotts

Sunday, March 4th
8:00 a.m. - Richard M. Doyle
10:00 a.m. - Angelo Marchitelli
Family Mass - Robert Henson
Noon - Peter and Rosemary Christiano
5:30 p.m. - Rev. Michael Groden

Outreach Ministries

Shattuck Fourth Tuesday: We’ll be serving supper to the Guests at Pine Street Inn Shattuck Shelter on Tuesday, February 27th. Desserts are needed, so if you could provide one, please bring it to the Parish Office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday. Thank you for supporting our outreach to the Guests.

Continuing: Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls are available on the Outreach table and on the table in the Lannon Chapel. Each week’s bulletin provides information about CRS’s work in the country that is highlighted that week. One little Rice Bowl——so much good! We suggest taking one Rice Bowl for your household. If the Bowl gets filled before Lent is over, feel free to take a second one.

And a new pair can make a world of difference! New white socks can reduce the risk of skin infections, prevent frostbite and foster good hygiene. Join in our March drive to collect new white socks and new shower flip-flops for women and men, served by Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, who are living in shelters and on the streets. There will be a collection box near the Outreach table and one in the church kitchen area, beginning March 1st.

Nativity Prep Spirit Dinner
Saturday, March 3rd, 6 p.m.
Boston College High School
It is with great pleasure that we honor this year’s recipient of The Raymond J. Callahan, S.J. Service Award: Rev. John C. Wronski, S.J. For more information about the event, please contact Tabitha Rivera at trivera@nativityboston.org or 857-728-0031, ext. 22.

Get the Parish Bulletin emailed to you each week!
Simply go to: www.pilotbulletins.net/sign-up Scroll down (alphabetically) to St. Ignatius, Newton, and sign up. You will then receive from The Pilot a confirmation email to click on to register. It is that simple. Sign up today!

Men’s Spiritual Growth
The purpose of the Men's Spiritual Growth meetings is to deepen our relationship with God and others in our everyday lives. We do this with the help of the 3-Minute Retreat from Loyola Press and with faith sharing. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office (the next meeting will be on March 7th), and on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in the parish office (the next meeting will be March 10th).
Nearly 200 members of Congress received a Valentine on February 14, 2018, from the Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN), inviting them to consider how they can “love their neighbor,” including those who are immigrants and refugees. The Valentines arrive to Capitol Hill as U.S. Senators debate immigration proposals, including a solution for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, offered by President Trump as well as Senate members of both parties. The effort is a part of ISN’s “Love Your Neighbor Campaign,” a Valentine’s Day-centered initiative designed to support those who migrate.

The message in the Valentines: Roses are red, Violets are blue. Our faith teaches us to love our neighbor, you should too!

Included with each Valentine was a cover letter that called on members to work for compassionate immigration policies that support family unity, provide a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients and other undocumented young people, and promote humane and just treatment of those who migrate. It also encouraged Congress to rethink policy proposals that unnecessarily militarize the border and increase the vulnerability of individuals fleeing their countries in search of safety.

From the Ignatian Solidarity Network. Learn more by going to igsol.net

Green Team

Prayer: God of the seasons, as the days lengthen, we look forward in hope to the bounty your love brings forth in our land. When your Son was tempted in the wilderness, he refused the spirit of domination by which we try to gain our daily bread and even to free ourselves from earthly limitations. In this season of renewal, grant us his life-sustaining Spirit, so that we may tend the earth with joy and thanksgiving, and share its bounty with all living things.

Practice to live more simply: Local Purchasing -- Try to buy locally. Think about purchasing and limit purchase of fresh produce that requires extensive and long air travel. For example, “One round-trip flight from New York to Europe or to San Francisco creates a warming effect equivalent to 2 or 3 tons of carbon dioxide per person.” (“The Biggest Carbon Sin May Be Air Travel”, NHT 1/26/13)

BC Corner

Wise and Holy Women of Lent: Art and Stories with Br. Mickey McGrath
Saturday, March 3rd, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Presenter: Michael O’Neill McGrath, O.S.F.S.

The Spirituals: An African American Music Idiom and Its Relevance to Our Lives Today
Thursday, March 8th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Presenters: Meyer Chambers and Rev. Oscar Pratt

The Dead Sea Scrolls after 70 Years: What Have We Learned?
Tuesday, March 13, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Presenter: Angela Kim Harkins
http://www.bc.edu/schools/stm/edevnts/events/2018

Eucharistic Ministers Needed!
Would you be willing to visit St. Elizabeth Medical Center once a week? You will easily be trained to offer Holy Communion to our patients! If interested, please call Fr. Salamone at 617-789-2609 or Maureen Higgins at 617-789-2093.

This Lent, the Ignatian Solidarity Network is facilitating an online reflection series entitled “Break Forth: A Lenten Call to Solidarity.” From Ash Wednesday until Easter Monday, the ISN will offer a daily reflection exploring a response to injustice through the lens of daily readings and Ignatian spirituality. Break Forth! Sign up free daily reflections: http://igsol.net/lent18

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Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday
Upper Church 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 5:30 p.m.
Lower Church 10:00 a.m., Family Liturgy
12:00 p.m., Misa En Español En La Capilla Lannon

Weekday
Lower Church 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m (Adoration—12:45 p.m., Friday)

Saturday
Lower Church 9:00 a.m.
Upper Church 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Other Sacraments
Reconciliation—Saturdays, 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Upper Church or by appointment.

Baptism—Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

First Eucharist—Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

Confirmation—Our Confirmation program begins in 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but are not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

Matrimony—Parishioners, BC Grads and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact the parish office for available dates and details.

Anointing of the Sick—By arrangement. Contact the parish office.

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Parish Registration
Newcomers to St. Ignatius are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we can stay in touch with you via email with Faith Formation news, notice of special events, volunteer opportunities and more.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church in the gathering space or on the website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

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