



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass

August 22, 2021

Fr. Robideau - What will he say next? I can't wait!

Are You Ready?

A few months ago at the Men's Night, I asked the men the question "Are you ready?" I intentionally left the question very vague so as to see where they would go with it. My curiosity was to find out what they saw going on in the world that they thought might need preparation for or constant vigilance to withstand.

Typical men, when the situation is uncomfortable, they turn it into a joke. Even after I explained to them what I was looking for, the jokes continued. I got my answer.

Scripture says that if the man knew when his house would be broken into, he would surly not allow it.

This passage should ring in the heart and mind of every man and boy. As current head of house and as future head of house (or man of the house while Dad is away). God calls us to protect and defend in practical and spiritual matters. Again, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

So to help the men out, I am letting the women in your life read this. We know the old saying - To Jesus through Mary. Well, I am hoping to get to you through your wife. I know, that is not playing fair, but you brought it on yourself. Hee, Hee. So ladies, please read this and see if you think your men and future men are living up to these questions. Remember that behind every good man is an even better woman. Or the saying that I made (at lest, I have not heard it any place else) - Men will rise to the level of excellence that the women in their life demand of them.

Practical matters are important:

- House being broken into. Do the children know where to hide. Not to run away like cowards, but so you know where they and are free to take care of business.
- Fire - Does everyone know what to do, how to escape, where to go when out side? Are there fire extinguishers? Do the children know how and when to use them?

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Mission Statement

We have a nice blank spot in the bulletin to put such a thing... if we had one.

Great, we have a start!

St. Gregory says:

"No sacrifice is more acceptable to God than zeal for souls."

Now think about a mission statement.

I had a submission this week. It sounds really good. I will pass it by the Pastoral Council.

This Weeks Schedule

- Sun: 13 Sunday after Pentecost
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon
Mass 8 am Mathew & Christina Biewer
10 am Parish
- Mon: St. Philip Benizi
Open 11 am - 1 pm
Mass 12:10 pm - Bishop Boyea
- Tue: St. Bartholomew
Open 5 pm - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm - Mathew & Christina Biewer
- Wed: St. Louis
Open 7:30 am - 11 am
Mass 8 am - Reparation to the Twin Hearts
- Thur: Feria
Open 5 pm - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm - + Farai Chiwocha
- Fri: St. Joseph Calasanctius
Open 7:30 am - 11 am
Mass 8 am - Mathew & Christina Biewer
- Sat: St. Augustine
Open 8:30 am - 11 am
Mass 9 am - Reparation to the Twin Hearts
- Sun: 14 Sunday after Pentecost
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon
Mass 8 am Josh & Britteny Papic
10 am Parish

Confessions

Confessions are available Monday - Saturday during open hours outside of Mass times.

You may also call to make an appointment outside of these times.

Weddings

Please call me as soon as you can after the engagement so we can get things started.

Do not schedule a date or rent a hall until church matters are cleared first (That will take 1-2 months)

The marriage prep process can take 9 or more months of prep.

Please pray for:



**Oh Lord,
hear our
prayers for
our family
and friends
in need.**

Tim Copernoll
Amy Sobie
Rachelle Koenigsknecht
Ed Reichstetter
Melissa Dorbeck
JoAnn Brock
Chuck Campanella
Hal Schneider
Timothy McLin
Dean Lind
Rhoda Greenhoe
David Makara
Sharon Etzel
Bob Wilson

Money Counters

This Week

Linda Cremer

Michael Nickerson

Next Week

Jim Miller

Renee Irrer

Last Sunday's Collection

# Of Contributions	16 + Cash
Sunday Total	\$ 1487
Capital Campaign	\$ 330

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings

Pastoral Council	– Sep 14
Security Council	–
Men's Group	– Sep 16
Woman's Group	– Sep 4

- When you are away, does the wife know where the gun is and how to use it? Have you taken her to the range to practice? Is she ready to use it to protect herself, the children and the castle. Remember, if she is not, the thief will take it from her and use it against her. She needs to know in no uncertain terms as we know, that you let the other guy die for his cause. Both of you need to understand the Church's teaching on self defense.
- Safe places to go and unsafe places to go.
- What to watch for in public. Is your head always on the swivel, looking for possible bad stuff to go down? If it does, do you already know how you are going to protect your family?

Social stuff is important:

- Are you aware of what is going on in the world and how it all impacts your family, your safety, your way of life and your livelihood.
- Are you aware of what the government is up to and again, how it all impacts your family, your safety, your way of life and your livelihood. It is not just a question of who to vote for. It is not just about the question of whether you can do something about it or not as an individual.
- Do you have friends, circles, networks that you can trust to talk about these matters and to help you maintain your resolve or even to help you or come to your aid as you would for them?

Faith matters are important:

- Do you know the Faith?
- Do you have basic resources (books, trusted web sites,...) to find answers and to teach your family?
- Do you know what is in the house?

Religious Education Sign up

Today - after both Masses in the class room

Who to sign up?

Children in 2nd grade for sacramental prep

And

Teens grades 8 - 12

- Do you watch what is brought into the house through the TV, internet, radio, smart phones, games, products, friends, neighbors...?
- Three Days of Darkness, Armageddon, the Second Coming...
- Are you living the faith so as to be a good example and witness to your family?

Family Matters are important:

- Does your wife know that you love her. NO! Not that you know that she knows... How have you showed her TODAY that you love her? Romance is not just for courting, it is a daily endeavor and a duty. Remember that romance is not about the bed, it is about showing her that she is special, loved and treasured and that she is worth the time and effort. Remember also that romance does not need to be grandiose or complicated. Hold the door for her and say, "After you my love." And you have to mean it, or she will know the difference.
- Have you taken time to be with the children? Gotten down on the floor and played with them? Listened to their little

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stories? Read or made up a story for them?

- Have the children seen you love your wife? I still remember the times my Dad would tickle Mom. She would laugh and yell at him to stop. And then Dad would give her a bear hug for a moment, she would slap his arm and push him away. I knew they were still in love and the marriage and family were safe.
- Does the family feel safe? Do they know that you are in control and doing your part. Being aloof is not an option. They have to know and feel like you are there for them, to protect them and that they are loved by you. Many women have a difficult time with God as father because they never felt loved by their father. Love is security. Even if the family knows you could not break your way out of a wet paper sack, they still need to know that you love them and are doing your best for them. That will bring more peace to them than anything else. But that is not to say that physical security is not important. It is, so do your best on that too.
- Are you providing for them: spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, intellectually? Remember that they do not need luxuries so do not try to provide the material stuff to the neglect of the other stuff. Family prefers your love, time and attention over material things.

Death is important:

- Is your family ready if something happens to you?
- When was the last time you took your family to confession? Are they in the state of grace if (God forbid) something were to happen?
- Do they know that dying is part of life and to be looked forward to. Just stay in the state of Grace.

These only touch on a few questions; the more obvious ones. But they are very important. The duty as head of house is not about having the authority to have everything your way. It is about making sure that you have the authority to direct things for the physical, mental, intellectual, and spiritual well being of your family, especially as it pertains to their salvation.

You need to be having personal and in depth discussions on these matters with your wife to gain her insights and wisdom. You are not in this alone. Scripture says that you are to be helpmates to each other, so help each other!

And don't forget, your priest is to be manly, bold and courageous too. I am sifting through the same questions as I am head of house in this parish. I am struggling right along side of you.

And ladies - if you get tickled today - your welcome.

God Bless - Fr. Robideau

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