



Archdiocesan Gay and Lesbian Outreach
CHICAGO

TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

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TRUE WINNERS

Versions of this little test have circled around the Internet for some time. You don't actually have to take the quiz. Just read straight through it, and you'll get the point. Without looking up any answers—no cheating—see if you can name the following:

1. The five wealthiest people in the world.
2. The last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. The last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Five Nobel or Pulitzer Prize winners.
5. The last five Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. The last decade's World Series winners.

How did you do? Were you stumped in some or all of the categories? The point is, none of us remember all the headliners of yesterday. They are the best in their fields, but the applause dies, awards and medals tarnish, achievements are forgotten, and tributes and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one. The answers for these questions are uniquely yours. List the following:

1. Four teachers who aided you most on your journey through school.
2. Three friends who helped you through a difficult time.
3. Four people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Six people who have made you feel loved and appreciated.
5. Five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Six saints or heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? Maybe once you got started you could list more people than the number asked for. This small exercise shows that the people who make a difference in our lives are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones who care about us and show it. Their actions speak louder than their words.

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REFLECTIONS *on the word*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading—Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (*Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29*).

Psalms—God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (*Psalms 68*).

Second Reading—You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (*Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a*).

Gospel—When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted (*Luke 14:1, 7-14*).

HUMILITY

The biblical virtue of humility often gets mistranslated in our world. Many think of humility as ongoing self-effacement or even self-degradation. Humility, as the scriptures use it, is a sense of true self-awareness, of one's capacities and abilities. A false humility is actually a kind of deceit, and is often a mask for the face of arrogance that lies beneath it. Thus Sirach today tells us not to seek what is too sublime for us, or to search out what is beyond our strength. We are called to have an awareness of what we are able to grasp, and with what we are strong enough to contend.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD *elections*

On *Sunday, September 19th*, elections will be held for four of the eight positions of our Executive Board. The positions open for your consideration are **Co-Director, Secretary, Director of Spiritual Life, and Director of Social Life**.

Currently, no one has been nominated for the open Co-Director position.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another member, please complete a nomination form and return it before *Sunday, September 5th* (Labor Day weekend). Anyone who is a registered member as of August 20th is eligible to vote. You can become a member or update your membership by completing the membership form in *The Blaze*.

Questions? Please see Jim Lux, Election Chair.

PRAYING *with the community*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you or someone you know in the community is ill or has lost a loved one, let us remember them in our prayers. Write your intentions in the prayer book located in the center of the church before Mass.



Prayers for the Sick

Ken S.	Tom M.	Anne F.
Matthew J.	John P.	Irene R.
Christopher C.	Rolando W.	Sister Anne

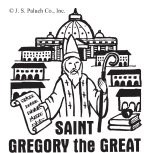
Prayers for the Deceased

†Rose B.	†Roy F.	†David H. ^{AN}
†Joe M.	†Christopher W.	†Turchan Family ^{AN}
†Elijio M. C.		^{AN} Anniversaries

Scriptural humility also has about it an openness to the goodness of others and what is best in them. That is why both Sirach and Luke's Jesus instruct us not to deny our own self-worth, but to be ready to elevate and acclaim what is good or great in others. When we live this way, we are closer to understanding how God views all of us. We ought not place ourselves, but others, first. In living this humble way, we are living out of the heart of God, who is always ready to raise us up in honor at the table of the heavenly banquet.

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT (540-604) September 3

IMAGINE, 1,400 YEARS AFTER DEATH, BOASTING A BEST-SELLING CD! YET OUTSIDE THE CHURCH AND WITHIN, "GREGORIAN" CHANT IS ENJOYING A RENAISSANCE. STILL, THE TIMELESS SACRED MUSIC THAT BEARS HIS NAME IS BUT PART OF GREGORY'S LEGACY. RENOUNCING CIVIC SERVICE FOR MONASTIC LIFE, GREGORY'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND DIPLOMATIC SKILLS PROMPTED CONTINUAL SUMMONS FROM THE CLOISTER. PAPAL AMBASSADOR AND ADVISOR, HE WAS EVENTUALLY ELECTED POPE HIMSELF, RENOWNED AS A WISE STEWARD OF THE CHURCH'S MATERIAL POSSESSIONS, GENEROUS BENEFACTOR OF THE POOR, SPONSOR OF MISSIONARIES, AND PROMOTER OF MONASTICISM. HIS LITURGICAL ENRICHMENT OF THE CHURCH ENDURES NOT ONLY IN GREGORIAN CHANT, BUT IN ELOQUENT HOMILIES STILL GRACING THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS, THE "GREGORIAN CANON" (EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I), AND HIS SPIRITUAL CLASSIC, PASTORAL CARE, ONCE PRESENTED TO NEW BISHOPS AT ORDINATION. OF COUNTLESS IMPRESSIVE PAPAL TITLES—SUPREME PONTIFF, VICAR OF CHRIST, SUCCESSOR OF SAINT PETER, PRINCE OF THE APOSTLES—THE TITLE STILL SO CHERISHED THAT IT HEADS OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS IS THE ONE GREGORY COINED TO DESCRIBE HIS PAPAL IDEAL: SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD. TOGETHER WITH BEING DESIGNATED "THE GREAT," A FITTING EPITAPH.



EUCCHARISTIC *celebration*

Today (08/29)

Fr. James Barry
Nathan P., Joe Vitek
Ron H.
Bob M., Jerry S.
Steve Z., Kris J.
Greg Coloian, Phillip G.
Werner Ochoa

Celebrant
Ushers
Cross Bearer
Acolytes
Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers
Announcements
Social Hour

Next Week (09/05)

Fr. Lawrence Choate, OSM
Brian D., Ron F.
Steve M.
Horacio A., Mike L.
Rick G., David S.
Tony H., Mike S.
Dan Weitendorf

ACTIVITIES *with aglo*

HEY GILLIGAN!

Join us on **September 4th** for a Saturday evening Navy Pier fireworks tour on Lake Michigan! While this won't be a three-hour tour with Gilligan and the Skipper, it is sure to be just as much fun.



Shoreline Cruises

Board from Shoreline's dock at the west end of Navy Pier
(600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago)
Board at 8:45 pm
Cruise and fireworks: 9:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Tickets are only \$20. See Werner Ochoa tonight for details and sign-up! But hurray—Only a few tickets remain! Or email Werner at wochoa@aglochicago.org.

SOCIAL ON THE STEPS

Join us after Mass tonight for our summer social—friendship and cool beverages—on the steps of the church. Only two Sundays left for this summer tradition. Our after Mass social in Casey Hall will resume after Labor Day on Sunday, Sept. 12th.



HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST

Our social in Casey Hall just couldn't happen without the dedicated help of members like you. We are in need of volunteers to help set-up and host the weekly after Mass gathering. Can you lend a hand? Would you be willing to help out once a month? Maybe a group of friends who enjoy the social could host it once a month? Many hands make light work! Please see or email Werner Ochoa, Director of Social Life.


SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We will offer the sacrament of reconciliation again on Sunday, October 3rd at 6:15 pm in the Eden Chapel.

HELP BRING ABOUT AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE IN LAKEVIEW & UPTOWN

The Lakeview Action Coalition (LAC), along with graduate nursing students at DePaul University, is working to identify barriers to healthcare in the Lakeview and Uptown neighborhoods. This summer, LAC is distributing a survey and in the fall we will be conducting focus groups. If you are over 18-years-old, uninsured or under-insured, on Medicaid, Medicare, we want to hear from you! A link to the survey can be found at www.lakeviewaction.org. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes. Paper copies of the survey are also available at the back of the church tonight. This information will help create change in your community. Be a part of the solution! If you want to know more about this campaign, please contact Hannah at 773-549-1947 x387.

SING A NEW SONG!

The AGLO Choir will begin their next season on Sunday,  September 19th. Start practicing in the shower now. The choir invites members from past seasons and anyone interested in singing at Mass for the first time. Practice will begin in Church at 5:30 pm on 9/19. Questions? See Jim Ward or Pat Brannon after Mass or email Dan Weitendorf. Remember, those who sing at Mass, pray twice!

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DANCE'N, DANCE'N, DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

Chi-Town Squares, Chicago's all-inclusive GLBT square dance club will be holding three FREE introductory square dances on *Thursday evenings, September 9, 16, and 23, at 7:30 pm* at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1650 W Foster Ave, one block west of Ashland Ave.



You're invited! Newcomers are welcome at any/all three free new dancer sessions. This ain't your momma's square dancin'! Come alone or in a herd, and be prepared to have a blast and make new friends! Dress casually, no experience required. Once you've learned a few basic moves, you'll be ready to

start dancing with over 150 other Chicagoland members at events held throughout the year! New dancer sessions continue through winter and spring, costing \$7 per evening/members, \$8/non-members. For more information, visit www.chi-townsquares.org or email us at chitownsquares@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP *of treasure*

DELIGHT IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

We rely on your generosity for operating expenses that average **\$1,000 per week**. Please make checks payable to AGLOChicago. Checks and envelopes addressed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel must be given to our host parish for its programs and operation.



Offering for August:

8/01: \$980 8/8: \$834
8/15: \$801 8/22: \$857

Thank you for your generosity.

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- AGLOCHICAGO IS ENTIRELY SELF-SUPPORTING
- WE RECEIVE NO SUBSIDY FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE
- WE RECEIVE NO SUBSIDY FROM OUR HOST PARISH OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
- YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS REMAIN WITH AGLOCHICAGO AND ARE CONTROLLED BY YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD
- YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE USED TO FUND OUR MINISTRY, AND THAT OUR LARGEST EXPENSE IS OUR WEEKLY SUNDAY LITURGY
- AGLOCHICAGO DOES SUPPORT NON-PROFIT CHARITIES IN OUR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD, THE GLBT COMMUNITY AND FELLOW CATHOLIC MISSIONS
- YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE

CALENDAR *reminders*

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

- » *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Mass - 7:00 pm
- Lemonade Social After Mass - Church Steps

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- Fireworks Cruise at Navy Pier

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- » *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Mass - 7:00 pm
- Lemonade Social After Mass - Church Steps

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- » *Labor Day*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- » *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Mass - 7:00 pm
- Social After Mass in Casey Hall





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We, the members of the Archdiocesan Gay and Lesbian Outreach, as people of God, create a sense of community for those who wish to reconcile their sexual orientation with their faith; provide an accepting and affirming atmosphere in which to worship in the Catholic tradition; provide opportunities for integration of personal experience through spiritual growth; share our distinctive gifts with each other and the Church at large, and witness our Catholic faith to the gay and lesbian community.

AGLO Chicago is a supra-parochial organization begun in June 1988 to extend the Church's pastoral outreach to gay and lesbian Catholics throughout the Archdiocese.

AGLO LITURGY

Every Sunday at 7:00 pm at our host parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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Please tear off this page and place it in the collection basket, hand it to a member of the board after our weekly Mass, or mail it to our office at the address above.

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Title Mr. Ms. Rev. Dr. Other First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Apartment _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ May we send letters by mail? Yes/No

Telephone _____ May we call you at this number? Yes/No

Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ May we send you email? Yes/No

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How did you learn about AGLO Chicago? _____

Are you interested in participating in any of the following:

- Ministries Committee Social Committee Outreach Committee
- Women's Outreach Choir Faith Sharing Group
- Altar Server Cross Bearer Eucharistic Minister
- Lector/Commentator Greeter/Usher

Signature _____ Date _____

(Required to become a member of AGLOChicago)