

Mass for the Band
5:00 * Saturday
Dillon Hall

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Mass for the team
7:30 - church
(Breakfast - 8:00)

The Forgotten Commandment:

For meditation on the fundamental evils of the day we recommend Cardinal Gasparri's lesson on the Fourth Commandment, as it appears in Part III of his new Catechism. When one atheist boasts to another, "The noblest man, I think, is that one who fights God and triumphs over Him," (Ave Maria, Oct. 15) we don't have to look far for the cause of the depression. When God's rights are ignored, what is there to hold a man to the rights of his fellow-man? Let's suppose that you keep the first Three Commandments; see what Cardinal Gasparri has to say of the Fourth:

"In the Fourth Commandment - 'Honor thy father and thy mother' - God bids us show due honor to our parents and those who hold their place; such honor involves love, attention, obedience, and service."

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"The right and duty of seeing to the fitting education of youth belongs - apart from the parents - to the State, which for the good of the community makes up for the deficiencies of the parents; it belongs too in a more special way to the Church, from the very fact that Christ commissioned her to teach all nations and lead them to a supernatural holiness and finally to eternal life."

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"The ecclesiastical superiors to whom we ought to give not only reverence but obedience according to Canon Law are the Pope, our own Bishop or any other prelate possessing ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and our own parish priest in the exercise of his ministerial duties.

"We owe reverence and obedience to legitimate civil authority in whatever person it happens to reside because, like civil society itself, it springs from nature and therefore from God the Author of nature.

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"Workers owe to their masters complete and faithful fulfillment of any free and equitable agreement into which they have entered. They must not do damage to their masters' property or offer violence to their persons; in upholding their own rights they must refrain from violence; they must not resort to sedition, and they must avoid mixing themselves up with evil-minded men.

"Masters owe it to their workpeople to love them as brethren in Christ, to pay them the wages due to them, to see that they have time for the practice of their religion, not for any reason to lead them away from their domestic duties, or the exercise of thrift, or put upon them work dangerous to their health or beyond their strength or unbecoming their age or sex."

In support of this last paragraph Gasparri quotes from Leo XIII (Rerum Novarum):

"In deciding what is a just wage many questions have to be weighted; but, generally speaking, employers and wealthy people should bear in mind that to oppress the needy and poor for the sake of one's own profit, to strive for gain out of another person's need, is permitted by no law, human or Divine. Moreover, to deprive a person of his just wage by fraud is a grave sin calling for heaven's vengeance: 'Behold the hire of the laborers... which by fraud has been kept by you, crieth, and the cry of them hath entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth' (Jas. v,4). Lastly, the rich should be especially careful not to dissipate the savings of the poor by violence, craft or usury, and this all the more because the poor have no sufficient protection against wrongdoers and their own impotence; the more scant their property the more sacred it should be."

PRAYERS: Two deceased relatives of Walter Dupray; a deceased sister of Sister Calvary of the local convent, who has spent fifty years washing dishes here (does she deserve your prayers?). Five special intentions.

STRAYED: Bob Barrett wants his gloves back; he left them in some room while touring the campus.