ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH LENTEN MISSION – MARCH 2020

“LET US CLIMB TOGETHER”

With Fr. Richard Sutter

Monday:  Lessons on Meekness and Mercy
Tuesday:  Lessons on Purity and Poverty
Wednesday: Lessons on Zeal and Peace
Thursday: Lesson on Mourning and Examining Our Conscience

Recommended Reading

The Cross and the Beatitudes by Fulton Sheen

Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton Sheen’s book will be our guide for this worship in Spirit and Truth: the 7 virtues, linking the preaching of Jesus Christ on the Mount of the Beatitudes, to the living of each beatitude on the Mount of Calvary as expressed by Jesus in his 7 last words on the Cross.

MONDAY REFLECTION QUESTIONS:  MEKNESS AND MERCY

MEEKNESS

Fulton Sheen (paraphrased) shares that, “Meekness is not cowardice or an easy-going temperament…Meekness is not a spineless passivity that allows everyone to walk over us. No, meekness is self-possession and self-control – a fruit of the Holy Spirit.”

1. How is my self-control or self-possession? Do my passions, sentiments, or self-seeking get the most of me in my family, in my place of work, in my friendships or community?
2. The greatest miracle our Lord wants to work for us is a transformation of heart, for our hearts one day will meet Jesus in paradise. It demands that we tear up self-love and be meek and humble of heart like our Beloved Lord. How do I draw strength from the Lord for meekness and self-control?

**MERCY**

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” Matthew 5:7 God meets us on the shoreline of our life and invites us to cast our sins into the ocean of his mercy. He calls us to offer mercy to others.

1. Where is it difficult for me to offer mercy to others? Where do I tend to find fault in others, and as a result not see my own fault?

2. How do I seek to find the good in others? How do I turn to the Lord for strength in thinking of others instead of myself?