

GRANDPARENTS DAY
PRAYER SERVICE & RECEPTION



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019
ROBERT M. CONLIN GYMNASIUM
&
TOM AND GAYLE BENSON MALL

Introduction & Welcome

Greg Rando '77 *President*

Opening Reflection

Justin Chambers '19

Opening Song

"We Are Called"
Members of the Brother Martin Chorus

First Reading

Genesis 31:51-32:1
Chandler Bonvillian '21

Laban said further to Jacob: "Here is this mound, and here is the sacred pillar that I have set up between you and me. This mound will be a witness, and this sacred pillar will be a witness, that, with hostile intent, I may not pass beyond this mound into your territory, nor may you pass beyond it into mine.

May the God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us!" Jacob took the oath by the Fear of his father Isaac. He then offered a sacrifice on the mountain and invited his kinsmen to share in the meal. When they had eaten, they passed the night on the mountain. Early the next morning, Laban kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them; then he set out on his journey back home.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128 "...May you see your children's children."
Andrew Choina '20

Response: **May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Gospel

Mark 7:5-16
Justin Chambers '19

So the Pharisees and scribes questioned Jesus, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?"

He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.' You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He went on to say, "How well you have set aside the commandment of God in order to uphold your tradition!

For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and 'Whoever curses father or mother shall die.' Yet you say, 'If a person says to father or mother, "Any support you might have had from me is qorban" you allow him to do nothing more for his father or mother. You nullify the word of God in favor of your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many such things.'

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Grandson's Reflection

Written & Read by Ryan O'Connor '19

Reflection Song

"Like A Shepherd"

Members of the Brother Martin Chorus

General Petitions

Don Musselman & Dylan Williams '19

Please respond to the petitions *Ametur Cor Jesu, Ametur Cor Mariae.*

Brother Martin School Prayer

Written by Thomas Mavor

Loving and forgiving God,
We thank you for the charism of Andre Coindre,
the selfless service
of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart,
and the sanctuary that is Brother Martin High School.
Please continue to bless us
with leaders, teachers, and students
of wisdom and compassion
who love us, form us, challenge us, and inspire us.
Enlighten our minds, sanctify our hearts,
strengthen our wills,
and grace us with courage and confidence
to meet the needs of our changing world,
We ask all of this through your son Jesus Christ. Amen.
Ametur Cor Jesu! Ametur Cor Mariae!

Reflection Song

"Amazing Grace"

Brother Martin Band Member, John Breaud '20

The Lord's Prayer & Sign of Peace

Closing Prayer

Grandsons: (Please Recite Together)

Dear Lord, today I turn to You to give You thanks for my grandparents. Bless all grandparents and keep them in Your care. Bless them with peace, health and healing. Reward them for their faith and fidelity, for their work and goodness, for their love and thoughtfulness, for their gifts and prayers.

Allow them Lord to feel and understand the love that I have for them. As I grow older during my time at Brother Martin, remind me to seek them in time of need, help, joy, and celebration.

Most of all, Lord, on this special day, give my grandparents the graces they most need and desire. Amen.

Grandparents: *(Please Recite Together)*

Dear God, I am grateful for the grandchildren You have given me. I pray that You will give me the grace to continue to be a grandparent who loves, accepts, leads, and guides them with Your love.

I pray they will develop a compassionate heart with a desire to serve others. When discouraged, may they trust You for their future and develop perseverance during hard times.

May they enjoy hard work and find joy and contentment in each day, despite difficult circumstances. Help them to enjoy the small things in their lives, taking the time to notice the beauty of all Your creation.

Above all, may they seek Your guidance in everything they do and may Jesus' love shine through them to everyone they encounter. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Closing Song

"O Sacred Heart"

Members of the Brother Martin Chorus

O Sacred Heart, we plight to Thee,
Our honor, health, and liberty.
O Sacred Heart, we vow to Thee,
Our life and faith, our worship free.
O Sacred Heart, O Sacred Heart,
We pledge to Thee
Our all in loving loyalty

Composed 1947 by Joseph A. Taverna

Arranged 1993 by Dominick Caronna, Jr. '85

Closing Remarks

Greg Rando '77

