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Mission

"To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God"

Theme

"One Hundred Fifty Years of Standing on the Rock"

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASSES:

10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:

Monday 5:30 p.m.

(Tu, W, Th & F.) 11:30 a.m.

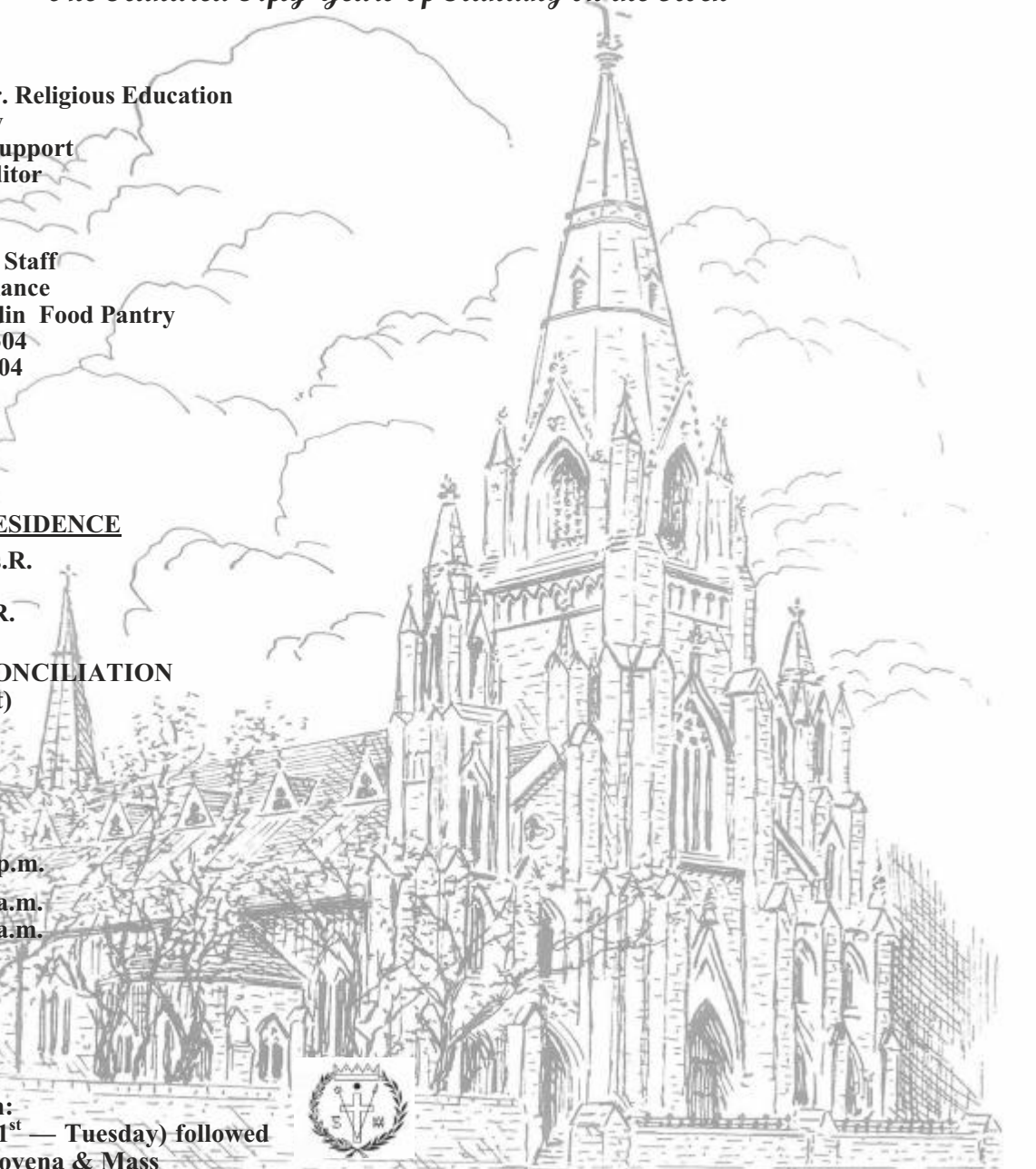
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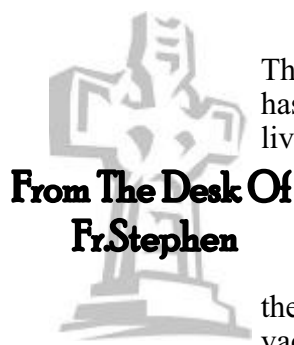
MONDAY:

Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction:
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (1st — Tuesday) followed
by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass





than later.

About a year ago, as we saw the need to close down, we were able to plan ahead. At the time, I was not sure how effective ZOOM would be, but having access to ZOOM has proven to be of significant value. Although some have spoken of ZOOM fatigue, I have looked forward to seeing the different groups I have met with as the pastor. There are times when I have multiple ZOOM meetings in a day, but I have found these meetings to be an important way of connecting with people. It's not perfect, but I am very grateful to Joyce for setting this up for us.

I have mentioned in my announcements how well the Bible Study has gone. We have been able to look at many of Paul's letters. Those that have chosen to attend have gotten to know one another on a different level. It has not always been perfect, but for the most part, we have allowed one another the opportunity to share some part of their faith. This, I believe, would not have happened without COVID and access to ZOOM meetings.

Recently, the liturgy team, Fr. Rodney, and I have discussed the possibility of doing this in another forum, and we need your help. This Wednesday at 7 pm, we will be meeting via ZOOM to discuss this venture. We want to know just what you might be looking forward to discussing. It could be a relevant Catholic topic, something happening in the world or community, or something more personal. I am not sure how many people are interested in something like this, but I think it is important given our world's reality. First, we cannot meet in person because of COVID. Second, even if we could meet in person, many would opt out because of the distance to drive to church, transportation availability, or not wanting to drive at night.

I think it is important to talk about some of these things and see one another. I realize some do not have access to a computer, but if you do, hopefully, you want to join us. This is a real opportunity to do something no one would have dreamed of in 2019, meeting on a computer. It's like the Jetson's cartoon from long ago. I hope you can join us on Wednesday.



Meeting I.D. 77788472348

Password: 37v09m

Weekly Readings...

Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
[4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps
117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a,
2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:

Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
[cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday:

Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24
39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72
73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday:

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Tuesday:

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Wednesday:

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Thursday:

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and
Doctor of the Church

Saturday:

BVM

Sunday:

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Schools Week

NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks

INTENTIONS 01/12/21

Bowens, Patricia
 Burke, Terry Bro.
 Corbett, Dan
 Day, Jackie
 Darden, Priscilla
 Downs, Gwendolyn
 Dyle, Ayrielle
 George, Darrion
 Grove, Nancy
 Hearn, Zeysean
 Hinton, Maryann
 Jackson, Tamica
 LeSuer, JaVaughn
 Logan, Carlita
 Middleton, Mary
 Parram, Monica
 Perry, Kameron
 Polek, David Fr.
 Reedy, Sid
 Samuels, Nancy
 Serio, Coman
 Stewart, Michael
 Sullivan, Betty
 Voss, Greg

Harris, Ashley
 Lubinski, Tiffany
 Massingale, Bryan Fr.
 Miller, Antonio Jr.
 Miller, Roy
 Moore, Joyce
 Klein, Mary
 Luster, Juanita
 Mozee, Sylvester
 Parran, Rodrick
 Reedy, Christian
 Richards, Dave
 Stamps, Arlecia
 Valle, Jr., Robert (Bobby)
 Watkins, Darnell (Chef D)
 Whitfield, Edna (Mother)

SICKNESS 01/19/21

Atherton, Andrew
 Atherton, Vertibe
 Boykin, James
 Caprese, Brittany
 Chapman, Bonnie
 Corbett, Dan
 Franke, Chuck
 Hart, Edgar
 Henry, Ira
 Howard, Yvonne
 Latham, Jean
 Moore, Brenda
 Oldani, Shirley
 Reedy, Judith
 Remsberg, Cory Sgt.
 Schnelle, LaVerne
 Serio, Carman
 Serio, Jessica
 Smith, Melba
 Strong, Betty
 Thompson, Mary Ann
 Vet, Alphonso
 Voss, Greg
 Weaver, Stephen

INTENTIONS 01/05/21

George, Roberta
 Hutchinson, Gwen
 Price, Mary
 Smith, Paulette

SICKNESS 01/12/21

Bell, Gilbert
 Brown, Henrene
 Brown, Joyce
 Collins, Tamika
 Collins, Tony
 Dye, Margaret
 Fite, Maudelle
 George, Betty
 Green, Alonzo
 Guest, Lois

SHUT-IN's

Atherton, Andrew	McCoy, Carolyn
Bohannon, Ida	Peters, Mae
Brack, Dorothy	Thomas, Bernice
Clay, Irving	Turner, Hortense
McCoy, Bernice	



Pray for the Deceased



Pray for the repose of the soul of †Wendell M. Sams, brother of Jacqueline Day and Betty Sullivan

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May the souls of the faithful departed
 through the mercy of God rest in peace.
 Amen*

Let us pray



**Let us
 BE CATHOLIC**

*This is not you have our prayer that always end with
 Thanks to God.*

Prayer for Our Nation

Let us pray together each day this week for peace and unity, justice and equality in our nation. Let us be mindful that the right to vote is a sacred trust won by the relentless struggles of those who ran the relay race before us. Let us honor their legacy by praying for democracy, unity and the power of peace.

Good and Gracious God:

We thank you for Your constant presence and love. You are the Source of all being. You are the wellspring of justice and peace, the foundation of mercy and compassion. We praise you for Your Glory!

O God hear our cry and let our prayer rise like incense before You!

Rescue us from the ugly onslaught of white nationalism, systemic racism, and hate crimes. Protect us from the threat of the deadly Coronavirus, police violence and dehumanizing social policies. Save us from the daily devastation caused by those in power and high offices who appeal to people's basest instincts; who try to divide us, hurt us and kill our democracy. In every way, they deny the sanctity of all human life—the lives that You created in Your Own image and likeness. We cannot breathe!

O God hear our cry and let our prayer rise like incense before You!

Intercede for us, O God, in this our time of desperate need! Grant us wisdom and courage to confront these evils with the power, love and truth that come from You. Make us strong in our resolve and fearless in the face of adversity. Give us hope In the midst of discouragement.

Heal our minds. Heal our bodies. Heal our hearts. Heal our nation.

O God hear our cry and let our prayer rise like incense before You! We ask this and all things in the Holy Name of Jesus

Amen

LITURGY NOTES...



Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "*Aperuit illis*", published on 30 September 2019, established that the "Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God." The timing of the document is significant: 30 September is the Feast of Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." This year also marks 1600 years since his death.

The title of the document, "*Aperuit illis*", is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." This is more than a temporal coincidence, he explains: the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

Pope Francis invites local communities to find ways to "mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity". He suggests that the sacred text be enthroned "in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's Word". In highlighting the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, it would be appropriate "to emphasize in the homily the honour that it is due", writes the Pope. The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, continues Pope Francis. It belongs "to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words". The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is "the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity". The timing of the day will mean that it will often coincide with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and is at the same time as commemorations for Holocaust Memorial Day. Pope Francis notes this:

"This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

He also addresses the concern that individual days of prayer can seem to highlight something which should be part of the normal life of the Church. "A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers."

The Pope concludes his Apostolic Letter by defining what he describes as "the great challenge before us in life: to listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy". God's Word, writes Pope Francis, "has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity".

The Letter closes with a reference to Our Lady, who accompanies us "on the journey of welcoming the Word of God", teaching us the joy of those who listen to that Word – and keep it.

(Source: *Vatican News*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Rock Peace and Justice Commission is selling T-shirts as a fundraiser for the racism education project, Teaching True Truth. Click the link below to purchase. Shirts are available in a variety of styles and colors: www.stalphonusrockchurch.itemorder.com/sale



THE ROSARY PRAYER

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Thursday
at 11 a.m. as we seek

Our Holy Mother's
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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Virtual Ecumenical
Prayer Service 2021**

Join Archbishop Rozanski and our St. Louis Christian communities in prayer for unity as we strive to abide in God's love in order to bear much fruit (cf. John 15).

This prayer will allow us to virtually enter over a dozen churches in the St. Louis area as we pray together for Christ's unity among us.

Sunday, January 31 @ 7 - 8pm

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**NOVENA PRAYER
TO OUR MOTHER OF
PERPETUAL HELP**

ADAPTED TO BE PRAYED IN
RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19
SITUATION



Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to beseech your intercession.

We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil.

Mother of Sorrows, pray for us in this time of trial. Help us not to lose heart. Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus.

Comfort your people who are vulnerable and anxious. Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk. Inspire our leaders to make good decisions. Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly.

Teach us to trust in God's love and mercy and to share with you the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life. Amen.

Financial Corner...

General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
JANUARY	10 th	17 th
Envelopes	\$12,086.00	\$
Loose Donations	\$ 2,607.00	\$
Total Contributions	\$14,693.00	\$ 9,161.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$ 2,693.00	\$(2,839.00)

Stewardship Prayer...

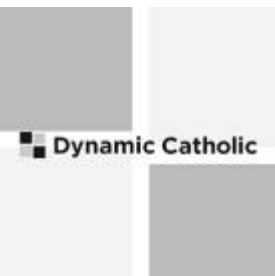
That we may hear Jesus' personal invitation to *"Follow Him"* and respond by generously sharing all our gifts.

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to *"Follow me"* is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Repentance

The message we hear from the Gospel reading today is one that we must hear again and again: repent and believe the good news. This is the constant task of the faithful Christian, to seek to grow in virtue and root out sinfulness. The authentic witness of a disciple who has truly repented of his sins can work wonders in the cause of evangelization. We love conversion stories of the saints and people we know in our own lives today. One who has repented and has chosen to live for Christ alone provides an extraordinary example for us who want to be better evangelists. archstl.org/dynamic



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 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Baptism
 First Reconciliation
 First Communion
 Confirmation
 Matrimony

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