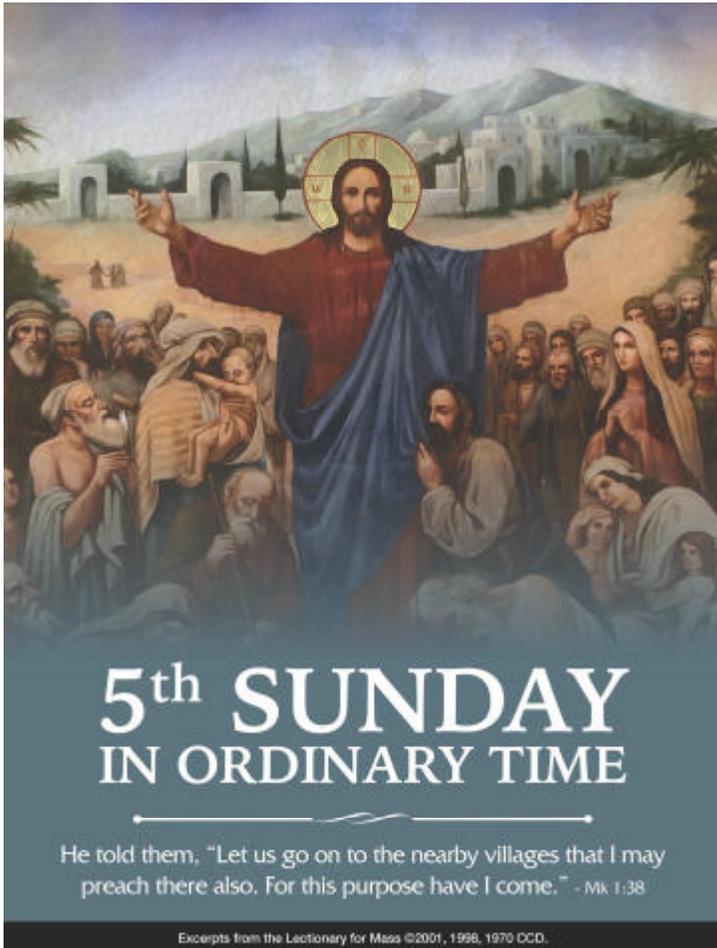




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A Message from Fr. Augusty
V Sunday in Ordinary Time-Job 7:1-4, 6-7;
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39



Mark presents in today's Gospel an account of the busy days of Jesus, marked with the three favorite works of Jesus: immersing himself in the crowd; healing the sick and making people feel good; plunging into the hidden source of the strength of prayer where he immerses himself in his dialogue with his Father. Yes, the day of Jesus is to be immersed in the Loving Heart of his Father, to be soaked with his love in order to soak the people with his love! Jesus touches, speaks and takes hands. The miracle is in that loving touch, the beginning of the good news, the good news that we can live better and find life in its fullness if we let ourselves be touched by him.

The mother-in-law of Simon was in bed with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. He listens; then he comes closer and takes her hand. Hand in hand, as if he is transmitting energy to the weary, as a father or mother does by taking the hands of their child and giving comfort and confidence. Through that loving touch a new energy is transmitted.

She is up again to take care of others! Every healing that comes from God is to glorify him by serving and taking care of others. The new life that we receive from him through his loving touch is to give meaning to the life of others! Every time we receive him in the Eucharist we are given that loving touch of Jesus as it was given to the mother-in-law of Peter!

A Miracle so ordinary, Jesus does not even utter a word. What counts here are the gestures. Jesus took her by the hand, healed her and she stood up and began to serve others. The Lord also takes us by the hand. We also must do the same, take someone by the hand. An act which can raise a life!

When it was still dark, he went out to a secret place where he prayed. He prayed from day to dusk thinking of man, from night to dawn thinking of God. In our life there is a secret spring from where we can draw strength. That secret spring is the time that we spend with God. Jesus teaches that to us with his own life. He invites us to discover that secret spring that gives health

to the soul, the spring of prayer, where nothing is more important than God. There we are in front of him. We do not want to have anything that takes his place because we know that our time is short here on this earth and nothing is more important than him in our short lives. It is our declaration of love.

Then "Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, what are you doing here? Everyone is looking for you! And he said: "Let us go on." (Mark 1: 36-38) He just wants to move on, not seeking the huge crowd. He does not want to be a celebrity. He does not seek fame because he came not to be served but to serve. He has more places to go, more people to serve and thus being the giver of life. He is always seeking his people to hold their hands and make them feel good.

"Everyone is looking for you." (Mark 1:37). Jesus is not interested in a huge crowd, but still goes to help many others: "Let us go into the next town that I may preach there also." (Mark 1:38). A busy day: full of relationships lived in love, love for God the Father, love for you and me, love for the infirm, love for the poor, love for those in need of truth and inner and physical healing. Even our days are busy: but how much love is there in them, for the Lord and for others? How much time do we give to God, and to those who are in need? My own work, my family life, is it lived with this intensity of love? The time given to God and loving attention to people gives calm to our spirit and makes fruitful our actions and activities. It's interesting to see how Jesus chose the places and times for prayer: the synagogue during the day, combined with other believers. The night or early morning in a lonely and deserted place, for the experience of intimacy with the Father, to strengthen the meaning of his mission of salvation.

Let's go elsewhere to raise other lives, to hold other hands, not to receive honors but to serve and comfort others, to be his hands, to hold the hands of others. Let him hold our hands and the warmth that comes out from those loving hands of our Lord melts down all the walls that prevents us from reaching out to others.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, as everyone was looking for you that day, I too am looking for you. Come to me and hold my hands as you held the hands of the mother-in-law of Peter. Heal me from all that is preventing me from spending time with you in prayer. Heal me from all that is holding me from serving others. I know that you love me and you know how to find solutions for all that I find hard. So today, without waiting any longer, I offer you one by one my illnesses, my worries and my problems. Give me a faith that would not crumble in front of the problems, a strong hope that helps me to look further and further, a love that accepts everything and endures everything. Amen.

These are the people that signed up for the Matthew 9 Mission, for the days of 5-11 of every month. They will pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood. If you would like to sign-up, call the office.

SAINT WILLIAM CHURCH

- 5 Jessi & Marilyn Rhodes
- 6 Linda Payne; Lorene Mattingly
- 7 Mary & Jesse Turner Family
- 8 Darlene Fulkerson; Becky Howard
- 9 Carl & Dottie Payne; Patsy Bennett; Lillian Edge
- 10 Ginger McBride; Irene Nealen
- 11 Anna Turner; Pat & Charles Lanham

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- 5 Wilma Knott
- 6 Amy & Travis Higdon Family
- 7 Doris William
- 8
- 9 Laura Rhodes
- 10 Joyce Hurm
- 11 Annette Connor



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	8:00 a.m. SW	Loretta Meserve (dec)
Tue.	8:00 a.m. SW	Mildred Hoover
Wed.	8:00 a.m. SW	Fr. Augusty
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. SW	Judy Keller
Thurs.	6:00 p.m. SL	Charles "Greg" Johnson (dec)
Fri.	8:00 a.m. SW	Chris Haycraft & Family
Sat.	8:00 a.m. SL	Mabel & Otto Harley (dec)
Sat.	4:00 p.m. SW	Woody & Mary Scott (dec)
Sun.	6:30 a.m. SW	Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 a.m. SL	Ethan Haycraft & Family
Sun.	10:00 a.m. SW	Helen Lanham (dec)
Sun.	12:00 p.m. SW	Virgil & Margie Brant (dec)



Junior Hurm, Dorothy Johnson, Shelia Sanders, Dwayne Mattingly, Marie Fulkerson, David Montgomery, Gary Howard, Allie Rickard, Ashley Whitaker, Cary Mattingly, Starla Warren, Terry Stone, Francine Wright, Donna Barnett, Cecilia Recker, Sherri Murphy, Mary Ann Postlewaite, Keilen Aud, Tabatha Roberts, Donnie Castlen, Marvin Boling, Stevie Rhodes, Alex Payne, Whitney Burden, Eddie Burden, Jim Hazel, Nancy Meisenhelder, Jimmy Haynes, Jerome Hamilton, Kent Recker, Paige Morton, Margie Duncan, Warren Lanham, Janet Cecil, Kenneth Huskisson, Bill McBrayer, Charles Aud, Gene "Boots" Lanham

STEWARDSHIP

"Our return to the Lord": In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from God, last weekend we chose to return a portion to the Lord"

With the restriction due to the Coronavirus there will be baskets to drop tithing envelopes in after Masses. You may still leave envelopes in the door at the church office or mail them.

January 31, 2021	St. William envelopes	St. Lawrence envelopes
Regular Collections	\$ 7,289.00	\$ 2,510.00
Loose	\$ 5.00	
Children's		\$ 1.01
Total	\$ 7,294.00	\$ 2,511.01
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 2,800.00
Collections Year to Date**	\$ 246,723.20	\$ 86,600.01
Budget Year to Date**	\$ 297,600.00	\$ 86,800.00
Over (Under) YTD**	\$ (50,876.80)	\$ (199.99)
Support Life	\$ 50.00	
Diocese of Mandeville		\$ 30.00
GYM PARKING LOT REPAIR		\$ 11,160.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$ 789,908.39



SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: St. Lawrence Saturdays 7-7:30 am. Gym Saturdays 3-3:30 pm.

BAPTISM: Parents requesting Baptism for an infant or child under age 7, contact Kara Bekebrede, at the parish office. Baptismal preparation is required and is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month **by appointment only**.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive the Sacrament is asked to call the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS: Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital.

HOLY MATRIMONY: At least one party must be a registered member of this parish. Do not set a wedding date before meeting with the Pastor. Please call for an appointment with Fr. Augusty at least six months before scheduling the wedding. The bride and groom must be free to marry in the Catholic Church before a date can be selected.

Holy Face Novena

Starts
February
7th



Join us praying the novena to the Holy Face of Jesus in reparation for sins. Jesus told St. Faustina that meditation on His passion was worth more than any penance or sacrifice. Chaplets and prayers can be found in the side entry of St. William Church.

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St. Josephine Bakhita

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. Bakhita was born in what is now Sudan in 1869 to a well off family. She lived a happy, carefree childhood until she was kidnapped by Arabs and sold into slavery at 7 years old. She was forced to walk barefoot over 600 miles and was forced to convert to Islam. The trauma she experienced caused her to forget her name, so the traders called her bakhita, Arabic for lucky or fortunate. She was traded over 12 times all throughout Africa. Sometimes she was treated well, but mostly she was not. One owner whipped her so often she said "I do not recall a day that passed without some wound or other. When a wound from the whip began to heal, other blows would pour down on me." The most terrifying experience she had was being branded with scars. This common practice was used on most slaves. Flour was used to draw patterns on her skin, then they cut deeply the patterns with a razor. Finally, the wounds were filled with salt to ensure permanent scarring. Bakhita had 114 intricate patterns cut into her breasts, belly, and right arm. Finally at age 14, Bakhita was given a reprieve when she was bought by a kind Italian government official. He did not beat or punish her, and eventually moved his family, along with Bakhita, back to Italy. In Italy, Bakhita was given to a new owner, who was also kind, and became a nanny to his young daughter, Alice. She made one more trip back to Sudan with this family for nine months. When her owner decided to move back to Sudan permanently, things grew complicated and Bakhita and Alice were left under the care of the convent of the Canossian Sisters in Venice while her owner and his wife arranged affairs in Sudan. While there, Bakhita encountered Christianity for the first time. She was particularly struck by the crucifixion because in Sudan, only slaves were crucified as punishment. How then, could this religion worship a crucified man? She felt these sisters showed her "heroic patience, and introduced me to that God who from childhood I had felt in my heart without knowing who He was." When her owner came back to take his slave and daughter to Sudan, Bakhita was torn. Her heart was in Africa, but she found Christ. Bakhita decided she wanted to stay in Italy, become a Christian, and join the Canossian sisters. Her owner tried to force her to move with them, but the Italian court ruled that since the British had outlawed slavery in Sudan before Bakhita was born and Italy never recognized slavery, Bakhita had never legally been a slave and was free to do as she chose. In control of her own life for the first time at age 21, Bakhita was baptized as Josephine Margaret Fortunata and entered the Canossian sisters at age 24. From there, she quickly was recognized for her sanctity, gentleness, and smile. She always had a missionary heart and prepared many sisters for mission in Africa. Her sis-



ters said, "her mind was always on God, and her heart in Africa." The town came to revere her, and credited her prayers with their protection during WWII when not a single casualty was incurred. Probably as a result of previous harsh treatment, Bakhita's old age brought much physical suffering, and her mind sometimes returned to the terrors of slavery. However, whenever she was asked how she was she replied, "As the Master desires." A young student also asked her what she would do if she met her captors. She replied without hesitation, "If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today." With such recognition of Divine Providence and forgiveness, Bakhita died in 1947. She was canonized in 2000 by St. Pope John Paul II who commented that she was "the daughter of Sudan sold into slavery as a living piece of merchandise and yet still free. Free with the freedom of the saints." The news of her beatification was banned by the government in Sudan, and many Sudanese Christians today are still heavily persecuted. Modern day slavery also is still a problem with 40.3 million people living in slavery. That is three times more slaves than any other point in history. Half of these slaves are forced into labor. Many slaves are also sex slaves or child soldiers kidnapped as children, beaten, abused, and drugged. Kentucky has between 100 and 200 victims of sex trafficking a year while typically states with big cities and major interstates have thousands. The super bowl is the most prolific day for the sex trafficking industry in the United States. May we pray for a greater respect for life and end to modern day slavery everywhere. May we also live as Bakhita, recognizing God's hand even in our darkest times, and seeing our faith as more valuable than all the sufferings in the world. St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us!



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

February 8-14

February 11 William & Bonnie Lanham

9 years

February 12 Jeffrey & Christina Connor

33 years

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February 8, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JEROME EMILIANI, PRIEST

Today's readings: Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56

Share the love to feel the love

Who hasn't felt all alone before? Perhaps let down or left by a loved one. Perhaps in such dire straits that you thought even God abandoned you. Jerome Emiliani is the saint for those low points. He found God in ultimate isolation—prison. Once free, he became a priest and devoted himself to the abandoned of 16th-century Venice—especially orphans and prostitutes. When you feel stricken with an orphan spirit, remember that you are a beloved child of a loving Creator who will never let you go. Show that same love to those who need you most.

"They laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak."

February 9, 2021

Today's readings: Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13

Be the change

Gregory XV became pope by "popular acclaim" on this day in 1621—interesting, because he changed the tradition soon after. Instead, Gregory made the case for the first secret ballot when electing a pope. He also did other remarkable things, considering his papacy lasted barely two years. He established the first missionary organization of the Vatican, the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. And he canonized these beloved saints: Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, and Philip Neri. Is there a change you've been meaning to make in your own practice of the faith? Begin today.

"The Pharisees and scribes questioned him, 'Why do your disciples not follow the tradition?'"

February 10, 2021

MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

Today's readings: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23

God's assistance rains down

There are few details of Saint Scholastica's early life, but we do know that this sister of Benedict of Nursia entered religious life and lived in a women's monastery a few miles from her brother's in Monte Cassino. Perhaps the most enduring story about Scholastica is one that pits her will against her brother's when she begs him to extend their yearly visit and spend the night in prayer and conversation. Benedict resists, not wishing to break his own rule with a night away from home. Determined, Scholastica asks God for assistance, and a torrential rainstorm ensues that settles the matter in her favor—Benedict will spend the night. Never doubt that you are worthy to ask for God's help. Trust your heart to know what will draw you closer to God.

"When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth."

February 11, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Turn to Mary

Much of Jesus' ministry had to do with some form of healing, and today's memorial, Our Lady of Lourdes, recognizes Mary's 18 reported appearances in Lourdes, France, a place of pilgrimage known for healing powers. Millions of people a year travel to Lourdes in search of healing; many report spir-

itual peace and transformation, and a handful even report experiencing cures without medical explanation. Today is also World Day of the Sick. It's an ideal day to ask Mary to intercede on behalf of healing that we need—or that our friends and loved ones desire.

Today's readings:

Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 (332).

"Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet."

February 12, 2021

Today's readings: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37

Say their name

This day, falling between World Day of the Sick and Valentine's Day, brings thoughts of how many are left alone after COVID deaths. Advertisers are pushing candy, cards, and flowery bouquets, but the countercultural church also counsels that we pay kind attention to those who are grieving. Practical actions are often most helpful: not only shoveling a driveway or baking some bread, but also reaching out and just listening to whatever is on the grieving person's heart. Sometimes all a grieving person wants is to name the beloved and talk about them again. Being a good listener is a welcome gift.

"They were exceedingly astonished and they said, 'He has done all things well.'"

February 13, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Today's readings: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

Saturdays belong to Mary

For more than a thousand years, the Catholic Church has dedicated most Saturdays to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The reason for choosing Saturday above all other days has been lost to antiquity. But according to tradition, Saturday has been set aside to celebrate the maternal example of Mary and witness to her dedicated discipleship as a woman of God and a follower of Jesus. The weekly memorial serves as a reminder that she is continuously present and operative in the life of the church. Reflect on how the Blessed Virgin Mary has been present and active in your life.

"My heart is moved with pity for the crowd."



**I do not promise to make you happy
in this world, but in the other.**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES TO
ST. BERNADETTE**



Mary Carrico Catholic School

Mary Carrico Catholic School strives to provide an environment for a quality faith-based academic education that prepares its students to become successful in living the Gospel of Christ, and capable of success in all aspects of life.

Right to Life Rosary

On January 22, MCCA students and staff joined all the Catholic schools across the diocese to pray the Rosary to end abortion. We prayed that all life is protected, especially the unborn.



Abby and Autumn Fish lead the Right to Life rosary on January 22.

Saint Mary's Basketball 8th Grade Night

Two Mary Carrico Catholic School eighth graders, Sara Payne and Kenzie McDowell, were recognized during the final home game at St. Mary of the Woods on January 28.

Sara is the daughter of Gretchen and Kevin Payne. Sara has played basketball for St. Marys for seven years.

Kenzie is the daughter of Joanna and Hayden McDowell. Kenzie has played basketball at St. Mary's for six years.



Upcoming School Events

Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday

Thank you for filling our aluminum can wagon up within a few days. \$181 was collected the first week. Thanks to Joe Wedding for taking them to the recycling center for us.

Contact the school office to order SCRIP cards of sign up for the mobile APP-Raise Right



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