



St. Mary's Catholic Church



February 7, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

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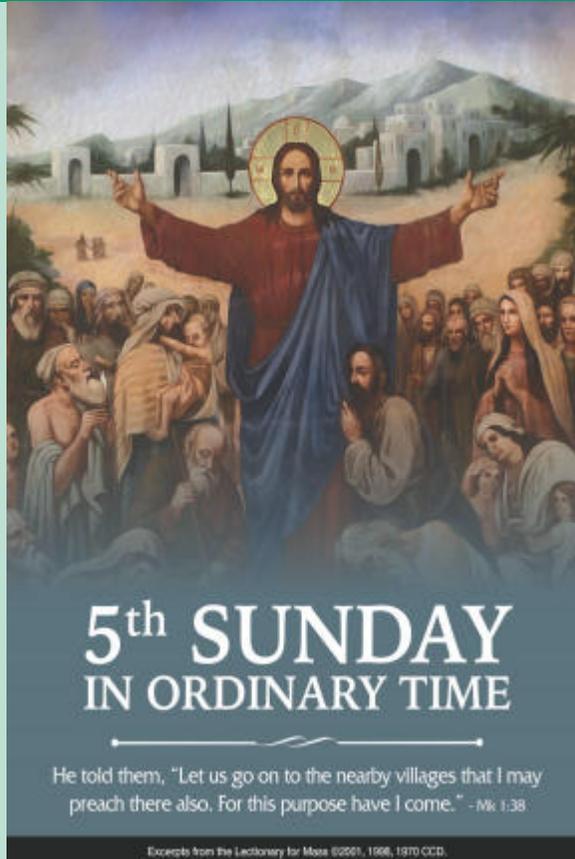
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WELCOME

Welcome to St. Mary's on this Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We come together each Sunday, a needy people, a damaged people, a human people, each of us coming to realize that we cannot make it on our own. But we are a faith-filled people, trusting in the Lord, our Savior, our Redeemer, whom we know is here with us as we gather together. Buoyed by that knowledge, we celebrate the Eucharist today with our sisters and brothers, giving thanks to God, receiving our Lord in his Body and Blood, and going forth to others renewed and rejuvenated in our mission as disciples.

Readings for week February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12,
24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28,
29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/
Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1
Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Cycle B—Reflection on Readings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4,6-7; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39



Theme: Healing the Broken-hearted

A young woman gives birth to a child in sorrow. Apparently, there was no father to name the male child, so it is left to the mother to name the child. She gave the name – Jabez because she brought him forth in sorrow. Apart from other spiritual blessings, Jabez prayed for temporal blessings. Laying hold to the blessing made to Abraham, where God said to him, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you... (Gen 12:1-2).” Jabez prayed to God to enlarge his coasts and God granted his prayer.

Today’s readings show us that people are not defined by their vocation or by their financial success or by their power. People are defined by their willingness to reach out to others. These are the “real” people who put aside preoccupation with self and set out to repair a hurting world.

In today’s Gospel, we heard the word of God relating to the healing of Peter’s mother-in-law. When Peter’s mother-in-law was sick, Peter, his brother Andrew and the other two disciples John and James, informed Jesus about her sickness. We shall reflect on today’s healing narrative under three heads.

They Called upon Jesus

Peter had invited Jesus to his house. The house would have been shabby, and he would not have been able to entertain his new Guest because the woman of the house was sick. Nevertheless, Peter invited Jesus home. Jesus became a blessing, not only to his household, but to the whole city.

Invite Jesus home, no matter how poor or obscure your house may be. Once He enters your house, He will be a blessing not only to your family, but also to your whole neighborhood.

They told Jesus about her fever

When Jesus arrived home, they told him about her illness. Although, their information did not take the form of prayer, still Jesus perceived an urgent appeal for healing in their voice. It was an appeal which came straight from their hearts, and Jesus who sees the sincerity of the heart more than the sharpness of the mind, granted their request by healing Peter’s mother-in-law. In the book of Psalms, the Lord invites all of us – “call on me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me (50:15).”

God is our loving Father. In our communion with Him, it cannot be right on our part to keep anything away from Him. St. Paul bids us to pray for all that is there in our hearts. He wrote, “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God (Phil 4:6).”

Jesus Grasped her hand and raised her

Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law by grasping her hand and raising her up. He had a charismatic power in His touch. He often healed people with His touch. When a leper pathetically pleaded for healing, Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out his hand and touched him, and made him clean (Mk. 1:40; Mk 5:27-41).

May Jesus grasp our hands and impart His power to us; may He grasp our hands and lift us from the mire of sin and shame; may the Lord, as He promised through the prophet Isaiah, strengthen us and help us, and uphold us with his victorious right hand (Isaiah 41:10). Amen!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday 3:30pm 4:30pm	Feb 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Confessions Mass for Mike Dinville+
Sunday 6:30am 10:30am - Also Livestream Zoom	Feb 7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass for Harry Pontious+ Mass for Mike Teachout+
Monday No Mass	Feb 8 St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Fr Raphael Day off
Tuesday 12:10pm	Feb 9 Mass for Mike Lonowski+
Wednesday 12:10pm	Feb 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin Mass for Berky Martin Family
Thursday 12:10pm	Feb 11 Our Lady of Lourdes Mass for Wally Teten+
Friday 12:10pm	Feb 12 Mass for David Maher+
Saturday 3:30pm 4:30pm	Feb 13 BVM Confessions Mass for Rosalyn Martin+
Sunday 6:30am 10:30am - Also Livestream Zoom	Feb 14 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day Mass for Don Gibson+ Mass for Bill & Marjorie Cullin+

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Tithes - \$789.00
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 Mass Intentions - \$5.00



What to expect for Ash Wednesday?

- The celebrant blesses the ashes with the formula from the Missal. He then sprinkles the ashes with holy water (saying nothing further).
- He then says once for all the formula of imposition: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."
- He then sanitizes his hands, puts a mask on and distributes the ashes in the following manner.
 - He may have people approach in a line or he may go to them.
 - He says nothing further while distributing ashes.
 - **The ashes are sprinkled on the top of the head, "left to fall" or "scattered" as the original text says; they are not imposed on the forehead with the thumb.**

Motivation of the week

Three Feet From Gold

During the gold rush, a man who had been mining in Colorado for several months quit his job, as he hadn't struck gold yet and the work was becoming fire-some. He sold his equipment to another man who resumed mining where it had been left off. **The new miner was advised by his engineer that there was gold only three feet away from where the first miner stopped digging.**

The engineer was right, which means the first miner was a mere **three feet** away from striking gold before he quit.

The Moral:

*When things start to get hard, try to persevere through the adversity. Many people give up on following their dreams because the work becomes too difficult, tedious, or tiresome—but often, **you're closer to the finish line than you may think**, and if you push just a little harder, you will succeed.*

Lectors—February 13th & 14th

4:30pm — Blaine Maher
6:30am — Pete Wenstrand
10:30am — Joan Bloom

National Marriage Week is February 7-14



The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 14) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Our theme for 2021 is "**To Have, To Hold, To Honor.**"

Some quotes on Love and Relationships

In life there are mountains and valleys, times of uncertainty and times of bliss, however, John Rohn said, "nothing can bring more joy to life than beautifully fulfilling relationships." According to him, the keys to healthy relationships are communication, patience, loyalty, common goals, an element of fun—and love.

Read and share these inspirational quotes about love to bring a little love into your life and the lives of others:

1. "Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own." — *Robert A. Heinlein*
2. "Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." — *Mother Teresa*
3. "You can search throughout the entire universe for someone who is more deserving of your love and affection than you are yourself, and that person is not to be found anywhere. You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe deserve your love and affection." — *Gautama Buddha*
4. "Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is a quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses." — *Ann Landers*
5. "Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage." — *Lao Tzu*
6. "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend." — *Martin Luther King, Jr.*
7. "Our first and last love is self-love." — *Christian Nestell Bovee*
8. "You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love." — *Henry Drummond*
9. "Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope." — *Maya Angelou*
10. "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive." — *Dalai Lama*



Calendar of Events

Knights of Columbus Council 1479. Meet the **second Tuesday of each month.** Meal at 7pm followed by meeting at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Shenandoah.

Legion of Mary group meets every Thursday at **5:30pm via Zoom.**

Journey songs, Third Edition

We have successfully taken delivery of the "Journey songs, Third Edition." This is a hard copy with 3-year cycle Readings. Each journey songs book cost approximately \$20 without shipping cost.

If you have not purchased one yet in memory of a loved member of your family or in honor of someone, please do so. Your name and that of the person will be embossed in the hymn book.

Kindly send check of \$20 or more to St. Mary's church with memo "Journey song." Please add your name and the person in whose memory/honor you are buying the hymnal. Thanks for your consideration!



**Mary Laughlin
Mary Lightfoot
Patricia Steffes
Evelyn Pontious
Carla Offenburger
Helen Lewis**



Birthdays
2-7 Nora Fillmore
2-9 Norb Martin

St. Mary's Shenandoah Parishioners who would like to have their Birthdays & Anniversaries in the Church Bulletin, please email them to: saintmaryoffice.shen@gmail.com. Thank You

BAPTISM: Please call the Church office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

1ST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTS: Eligibility to receive these Sacraments includes being Baptized, in 2nd grade or above, enrolled in the Religious Education Program, and meet Sunday class attendance requirements including extra Sacrament Lessons. Please contact Lynda Marshall for more information.

CONFIRMATION: This Sacrament is offered every other year to 10th and 11th graders who have received their 1st Communion and Reconciliation Sacraments, meet the criteria of two years attendance in the Religious Education Program-Youth Ministry's Sunday classes and attend extra Sacrament Lessons. Please contact Lynda Marshall for more information.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Raphael at least 6 months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

RCIA: Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in learning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Raphael.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Raphael to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home. Eucharist is taken to the homebound on Sundays by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you would like to register in the parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Raphael or stop by the Church Office. Forms are also available at the back of Church. Completed forms can be dropped in the collection basket.

UPDATE OF PARISH ROSTER: A constant effort of the parish office is updating our current registered parishioners email addresses, home addresses and home and cell phone numbers. Please address these changes to the church office. If you are new to the parish, please call the office to register or pick up form in back of Church. If you are moving to a new location, or if parishioners know of someone who has moved, please call the parish office.

If you are in need of sacramental records or would like **Masses** offered for anyone, please contact the Church Office. Envelopes are in back of Church. Masses are \$5.00 per Mass.

PARISH HALL RENTING: Please contact the Church Office. All communication with usage must be communicated with the Church Office. Parishioners using the Parish Hall for meetings or any other purposes should contact the Church Office.

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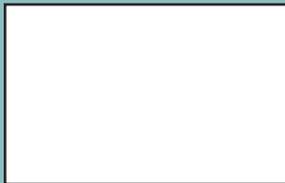


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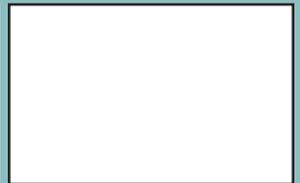
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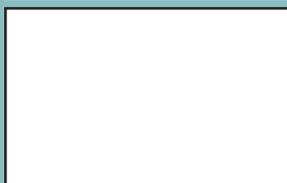
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