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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 6

4:00 p.m. Jay Jackson, Frances McLoughlin Casey
5:00 p.m. Edward Francis

Sunday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Philip Casacalenda, David Hall
Claire & Ernest Gardiner
9:00 a.m. Hilary Hanumara, Christine Bernier
10:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners
11:00 a.m. Tony Varrecchione, Donley Taft

Wednesday, February 10

9:00 a.m. Joyce Brian

Thursday, February 11

9:00 a.m. Sheridan Darcy

Saturday, February 13

4:00 p.m. All deceased parishioners
5:00 p.m. George DiChristofaro

Sunday, February 14

8:00 a.m. Andrea Bassett, Assunta D'Ambra
9:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners
10:00 a.m. All deceased relatives and friends
11:00 a.m. Sarah Purnell, Joyce Amato,
Margaret Lewis

RESERVATIONS are still required to attend Mass. Visit www.ckri.org to register. You will receive an email confirming your time. Please keep this email, if you need to cancel your spot, use the link provided in the email to make any changes. You may also call the office Mon.– Thurs from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.



Religious Formation News

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Please note that Home Lessons have gone out by grade level this past week.

Feedback and pictures are always appreciated – email us and we will post pictures on the Facebook page.

We are still working the “kinks out” of our new census program, please check any emails that may be associated with your family. The census is just sending to Head of Household emails, but if you and your spouse have separate emails - you may each get a set of lessons! If your emails have changed during this time or if you want another email to be the **primary email** – please contact the office.

6th grade lessons will be going out via email on the first Friday of Lent, which is February 19th. The series on “Prayer” will be coordinated by Fr. Jared.

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

Are you at home recovering from an illness or surgery? Knowing that nearly everyone else is home doesn't make the lonely feelings go away. You are still alone and not feeling up to par. What better time for a bright cheery caller to bring you a break in your routine. The weather isn't a factor since visits have to be by phone for at least the immediate future. You can plan the time of the calls with your Friendly Visitor.

But to have that choice, you need to call Bonnie Feeney at 391-9460. Don't wait. Do it now!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel we encounter a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus: “The whole town was gathered at the door.” Jesus could not possibly respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father's love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns and being present to them. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ's redemptive healing?



Quotes of the Week

“A divided church is not the church. The church in the United States is a church that has been courageous – the history it has, and the saints – and has done so much. But if the communications media throw gas on the fire on one side or another, it doesn’t help.

“The path of division leads nowhere. Remember the prayer of Jesus, ‘That they may all be one’ – unity that is not uniformity, no; unity with differences, but one heart. ‘I think this way, you think that. We can discuss it’ – but with the same heart.

“There are perhaps traditionalist groups in the United States, but there are here in the Vatican, too...

It is a church that is ‘catholic’ in the sense of universal because of immigration. What the church has done for immigrants is great. And, also, it is very generous in helping others and it is humble because of how much it suffered from the crisis of sexual abuse. And it’s a church that prays.

“You know its defects better than I do, but I look at the U.S. church with hope.”

- Pope Francis, speaking about the Catholic Church in the United States when asked about the role of U.S. Catholic journalists today. “Pope talks about Iraq trip, Catholic journalism, church in U.S.” *CruX*. February 1, 2021.

“I do not see how depriving the President or other political leaders of the Eucharist based on their public policy stance can be interpreted in our society as anything other than the weaponization of Eucharist and an effort not to convince people by argument and by dialogue and by reason, but, rather, to pummel them into submission on the issue.

- Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego, during a Georgetown University Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life. “On President Biden, bishop warns against ‘weaponization of Eucharist.’” *CruX*. February 2, 2021.

“You can be with the church and therefore follow the [Second Vatican] Council, or you can not follow the Council or interpret it in your own way, as you want, and you are not with the church.

“The Council is the magisterium of the church. On this point we must be demanding; severe. The Council cannot be negotiated.”

- Pope Francis, speaking to the National Catechetical Office of the Italian Bishops’ Conference on January 30. “Francis: ‘No concession’ to those who deny Vatican II teachings.” *National Catholic Reporter*. February 1, 2021.

“The Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments released two decrees, approved by Pope Francis, on Tuesday. One inscribed the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus into the Roman Calendar on 29 July... Pope Francis made the decision to add this liturgical memorial based on ‘the important evangelical witness they offered in welcoming the Lord Jesus into their home, in listening to Him attentively, and in believing that He is the resurrection and the life.’

“‘In the household of Bethany,’ it reads, ‘the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that He loved them. Martha generously offered Him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to His words, and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death.’”

- “Pope Francis adds memorials of 6 Saints to Roman Calendar.” *Vatican News*. February 2, 2021.

“Pope Francis on Sunday instituted a ‘World day for Grandparents and the Elderly’ in the Roman Catholic Church to be marked once a year to honor them and to underscore their importance to society. Francis, making the surprise announcement at his Sunday noon address, said it would be marked on the fourth Sunday of July each year in Catholic communities around the world.”

- “Pope institutes Catholic day to honor the elderly.” *Reuters*. January 31, 2021.

“Leadership in the church is not about telling people what to do; rather it is about promoting co-responsibility and overcoming the mindset which runs the risk of relegating the baptized to a subordinate role, effectively keeping them on the edges of Church life.”

- Archbishop Dermot Farrell, the new Archbishop of Dublin, Ireland, speaking about the future of the Church at his installation Mass on Tuesday. “Future of Catholic Church ‘must be different,’ says new Archbishop of Dublin.” *Irish Times*. February 2, 2021.

“It’s shocking how many women are beaten, insulted, and raped. The various forms of ill-treatment that many women suffer are acts of cowardice and a degradation of all humanity... Let us pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all.”

- Pope Francis, asking all Catholics to join him in his monthly prayer intention. “Pope denounces violence against women, demands protection.” *CruX*. February 2, 2021.

ASH WEDNESDAY 2021

Here are a few things to keep in mind as we approach Ash Wednesday on February 17, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent:



- Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation – in 2021, or ever.
- Masses will be celebrated at 7am, 9am, Noon, and 7pm. Registration for Mass is required. Please use the parish web site to make a reservation or call the parish office.
- This year, in keeping with Vatican and diocesan pandemic guidelines, ministers will not be imposing ashes on anyone's forehead. Instead, after the sermon, everyone will be asked to remain at their pew and kneel. At this time, a minister will walk through the empty row in front of you and sprinkle ashes on top of your head. (This is the regular practice in some parts of the world.)
- This year, nothing is said by the minister when ashes are being sprinkled, and there is no response.
- Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics. (In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat). For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is allowed to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.
- Traditionally, the entire season of Lent is a time of penitential observance, when Catholics are called to devote more of their time to fasting, prayer, and charity.
- A final note from Fr. Jared: plant-based burgers, such as Burger King's Impossible Whopper, do not contain meat and are therefore perfectly acceptable foods for Catholics to eat in good conscience on any day of abstinence!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises. ©LPi

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION AID

Our parish policy is to allocate catholic school tuition assistance to parishioners using a needs-based formula. Aid is considered for students in grades K-12. This year we will again utilize the services of FACTS which is the same process used by the schools in the diocese and most other parishes to allocate their financial aid. We hope by utilizing FACTS we can more efficiently and effectively assist our parishioners in obtaining the appropriate level of aid. Families need to only fill out one FACTS application per family for all children and all schools. When completing the application select Christ the King Rectory Kingston as recipient of the information. The application can be found at www.online.factsmgt.com, and must have a COMPLETED status by March 31.

DONATION STATEMENTS

Statements were mailed from our budget company, Cathedral last week. If you make your donations online through OSV, you will need to log into your account and print out a statement from there. If you have any questions, please call Beth in the office M—Th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



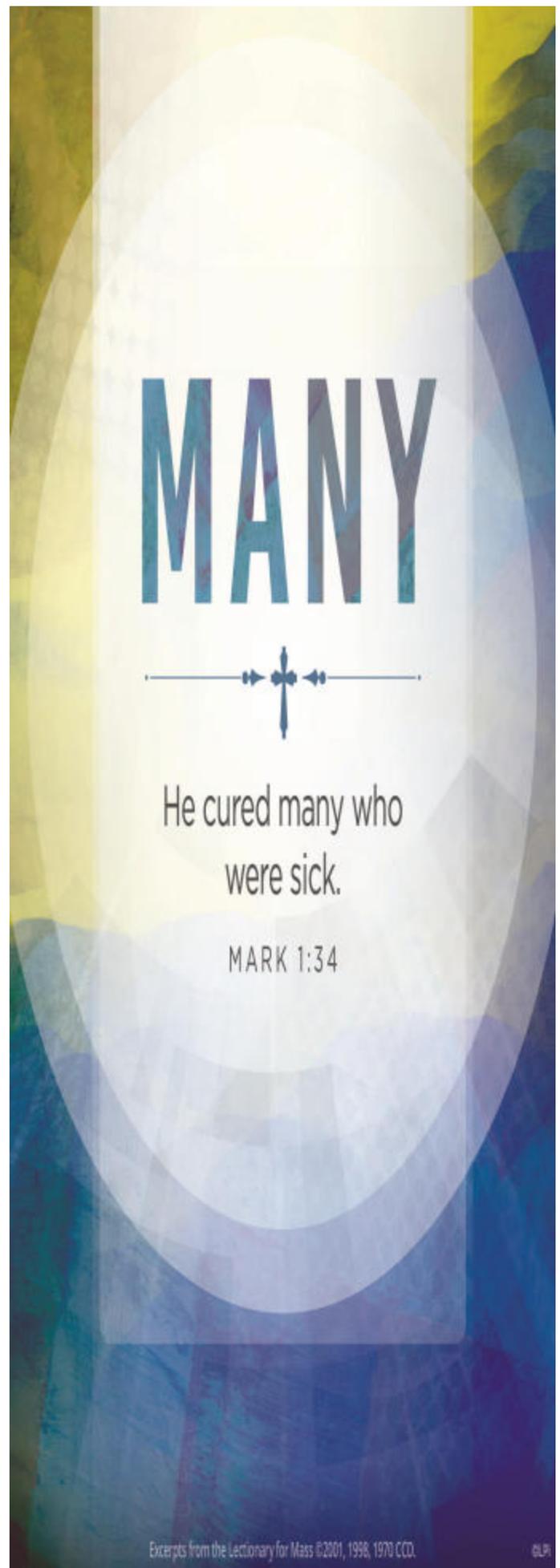
REFLECTION

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4 & 5 p.m. Sunday: 8, 9, 10, & 11 a.m.

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See our website, www.ctkri.org

BAPTISM

The celebration of baptism takes place either during a weekend Mass or a Sunday afternoon liturgy. Parents should speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements.

ADULT INITIATION

Adults wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation should speak to Jennifer Marran.

CONFIRMATION

Eighth graders receive Confirmation in the spring. Please speak to Eva Mancuso for more information.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should speak to Fr. Jared at least nine months prior to the wedding.

RECONCILIATION

To be announced.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion regularly, please speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements. On the third Tuesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 10:30 a.m., and at Brookdale South Bay Assisted Living at 1:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY: The Book of Ruth (Fr. Jared) 1 & 7pm

To be announced.

BIBLE STUDY (Shared/Group) 7:00 p.m.

To be announced.

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Please see one of the priests for a sponsor form, or visit ctkri.org/sponsor.

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