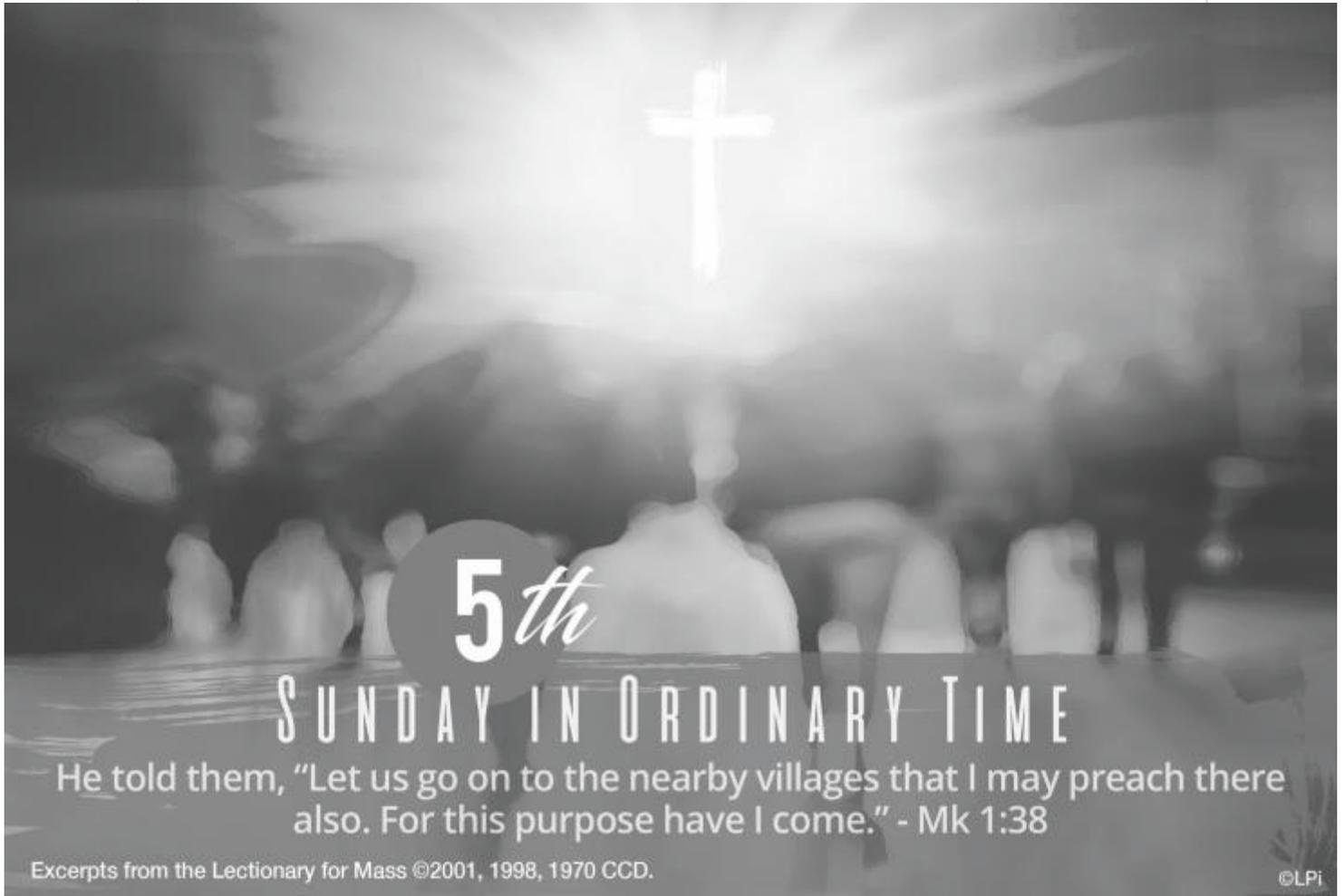


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## COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

JAN. 30 & JAN. 31, 2021 - WEEKEND TOTALS:

<u>COLLECTIONS:</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>SC</u>
<b>AMOUNT NEEDED:</b>	<b>\$1,811.00</b>	<b>\$2,577.00</b>
SAT. 4:00PM (SH)	1159.00	
SUN. 9:00 AM (SC)		1638.00
MISC.	230.00	130.00
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>

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## The Story of Our Lady of Lourdes, Patron Saint of Bodily Ills

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: "O Mary conceived without sin."

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning "this thing." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (*tu*), but the polite form (*vous*). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

### Reflection

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film *The Song of Bernadette*: "For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."

MASS



## SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Sat. Feb. 6, 4:00 pm (SH)** - In memory of Frank & Gertrude English  
- requested by Mary F. English.

**Sun. Feb. 7, 9:00 am (SC)** - In memory of Kathryn Lusso, requested  
by Sal & Michele Furnare.

**(Mon. Feb. 8 thru Sun Feb. 14, 2021)**

**Mon. Feb. 8, 2021** - No Mass.

**Tue. Feb. 9, 8:00 am (SC)** - In memory of Armand Augustine,  
requested by Barbara & Carmen Oliver.

**Wed. Feb. 10, 8:00 am (SH)** - In memory of Virginia Healey—  
requested by Katherine & Jason Downing.

**Thur. Feb. 11, 4:00pm(SC)** - In memory of Josh Eagan, requested by  
Sal & Michele Furnare.

**Fri. Feb. 12, 9:00 am (SH)** - 1.) Birthday remembrance for Jane  
Collings, requested by Andrea Moran.  
2.) In memory of Ginny Healey,  
Requested by Andrea Moran.

**Sat. Feb. 13, 4:00 pm (SH)** - In memory of William Connery -  
requested by Andrea Moran.

**Sun. Feb. 14, 9:00 am (SC)** - In memory of Bailey Field, requested  
by Wayne & Helen Carpenter.



Dear Friends:

As I write this on Monday, I am hoping the groundhog sees his shadow for an early end to winter.

February 2 is also the feast of the presentation of the Lord also known as Candlemas. On this day the church blessed candles to be used in church for the coming year.

These two events remind us of the return of the light as we journey toward spring

On February 11 we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes. On this day we pray for all the sick in need of healing.

Let us pray for all in need of healing these days.

God Bless

*Fr. Chris Welch*



**Sanctuary Candle at St. Cecilia's** burns this week for the Conner & Doyle families, requested by Andrea Moran.

**Confessions at Sacred Heart:** Confessions are available each Saturday at Sacred Heart from 3:00 - 3:45 pm. The confessional is found on the right side of the altar. Look for the flashing green light to see if the priest is available. If the red light is on, the confessional is being used.

**Flowers for the Altar:** If you wish to sponsor the flowers on the altar of your parish, please contact the parish office. The donation is \$40 and the bouquet will last 2 weeks.

**Flowers—Saint Cecilia:** The flowers on our altar are dedicated in memory of Francis Knowlton, given by his family.

**Flowers—Sacred Heart:** The flowers on our altar are given by Cathy & Ron Parry.

**Fonda Food Pantry:** The schedule for the Food Pantry is Sacred Heart on the first Wednesday of the month and Saint Cecilia on the Fourth Wednesday. Volunteers are needed. Please call your parish office for more info.

**St. Cecilia's Diocese Appeal:** Thank you to those who have made a pledge to the Diocese Appeal. Our goal is \$7811 and we are at \$5246, very close to our goal.

**Sacred Heart's Diocese Appeal:** Thank you to those who have made a pledge to the Diocese Appeal (formerly Bishop's Appeal). Our goal is \$10,215. and we are at \$3,840, with \$6,375 to go.

**St. Cecilia on Facebook:** Please follow our parish on Facebook. **St. Cecilia Church**

**Sacred Heart on Facebook:** Please follow our parish on Facebook. **Sacred Heart Church**

**Weekly Mass:** Please join us virtually for weekly Mass on Father Chris' YouTube channel @ [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs-FDzyfvHZZ9y8UIC4gAw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs-FDzyfvHZZ9y8UIC4gAw?view_as=subscriber)

**Faith Formation News:** In order to provide a safe environment & maintain social distancing not all classes will meet every week in person. We will be using the schedule below until further notice. On off weeks we will provide materials to be reviewed by parents/guardians with the students. Please review with your children each week.

**2nd grade: will meet every scheduled week in the church to prepare for the sacraments of reconciliation & 1st Communion.** All other grades will meet after mass in the back of the Hall on their scheduled week.

**Jan 24th—K, 1st & 3rd grade.**

**Jan 31st—9th & 10th grade.**

**Feb 7th—4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th.**

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

February 6/7 - Evangelist

February 17- Ash Wednesday

February 20/21 - Fuel & Heat

**E-Giving:** Remember our parishes have e-giving available. You can easily create an account and make your contribution to your parish.

**Sacred Heart:**

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