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## MASSES:

Sundays 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon  
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Monday 7:00AM, 8AM - 7:00 PM  
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## CONFESSIONS:

Monday 7:30 PM  
Saturday 1:00 PM until all are heard

## MARRIAGES:

Should be arranged one year in advance, or at engagement, whichever comes first.

## THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

May be received by anyone who is ill. Don't delay the sacrament until the person is dying. The strengthening and healing is important to experience when a person can encounter the Lord with conscious faith, and often with the support of family around the bedside. Far from being "scared" by the visit of the priest, the sick person is usually greatly consoled and grateful for your thoughtfulness in calling us. Please don't take it for granted that we know about people who are ill.

**BAPTISMS** should be arranged before baby is born (preferably 7th Month). Call Rectory for information.

February 7, 2021—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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**Observances for the week of February 7, 2021**

- Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- Tuesday:
- Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes
- Friday:
- Saturday: BVM
- Next Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness “a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness.”

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that “the fever left her and she waited on them.” Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

February 7, 2021

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”*  
- Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. All men of the parish are invited to join. For information please contact : Council 253 at (908)355-2253 or Chris at (908)351-4444.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is “no,” but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to “Go forth” during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

## SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021**  
 5:30pm Stephen McGuire req. Barbara McGuire
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021**  
 7:30 Carmella Abbate req. Carol & Joe Chiari  
 9:00 Carol Cascio req. John Cascio  
 10:30 Luis Docabo req. The Elizabeth Garden Club  
 12:00 Lito Nombre req. The Leisure Group  
 John Tighe req. Dellavalle Family
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021**  
 7:00 Joan Nisch req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese  
 8:00 Kathleen Rattigan req. Matt Hopkins  
 7pm Linda Konen req. Parenti Family
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021**  
 7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue,  
 Dr. Bob & Jane Messier  
 8:00 Frank Trombino req. Peter & Joyce Puglese
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021**  
 7:00 Angela Martone req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese  
 8:00 For the Parishioners who passed away during  
 Covid 19 req. A Parishioner
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021**  
 7:00 Special Intention—req. The Homem Family  
 8:00 Antonetta Paul req. Helen & John Verdon
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021**  
 7:00 Rev. James W. McCarthy  
 8:00 Giovanna Borsellino req. Maria Borsellino
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021**  
 7:00 People of the Parish  
 8:00 Matthew Arthur Coyle req. Family  
 5:30pm Carol Chodan req. Family
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021**  
 7:30 Dorothy Sims req. Mr. & Mrs. M. Parenti  
 9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta  
 10:30 John Tighe req. Mike Tuosto  
 12:00 Thomas Skelton req. Joan Santos

*Pray For...*

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - 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.



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