



OUR LADY OF
Lourdes
 CATHOLIC PARISH

5th Sunday
 IN ORDINARY TIME

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

PASTOR
 Rev. Paul E. Sumler

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

PERMANENT DEACON
 Rev. Mr. Stephen Sellers

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday
 8:30 am—4:30 pm

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BAPTISMS Our Lady of Lourdes Parish welcomes all registered parishioners who are wishing to have their child baptized. In order to come to Baptismal instruction class, please contact Parish Business Office or Deacon Sellers deaconss@sbcglobal.net

HOLY MATRIMONY Diocesan policy requires that an appointment be made with a priest of your parish at least SIX MONTHS in advance. DO NOT set a final date for the wedding prior to your interviews with the priest.

CONFESSIONS by appointment (call parish office)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP Parishioners entering or leaving the Parish contact the Parish Business Office during office hours.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING INSTRUCTIONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Contact Parish Business Office or Deacon Sellers—deaconss@sbcglobal.net



Saturday, February 6

5:00 pm People of our Parish (Special Intention)
†Margaret Melancon
†Paul & Regina Kyle

Sunday, February 7

10:00 am †Bryan Johnson
†Neal Sumler

Saturday, February 13

5:00 pm People of our Parish (Special Intention)
†Jean Constance
†Donald Olivier

Sunday, February 14

10:00 am †Linda Kennedy
†Dotty Mayea

PLEASE NOTE: Daily Mass suspended here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish until Father Paul recovers from surgery. We are grateful for your understanding. You are encouraged to attend daily Mass at another local community parish or live-stream. We are grateful for the service of Father Paul and continue to pray for his health and recovery.

Readings for the week of 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

ALTAR FLOWERS



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LIFE SHARE BLOOD CENTER
Vidor Knights of Columbus will host a Blood Drive in Parish Hall Sunday, February 7th from 9 a.m.—1 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP

Your regular financial contributions is very much appreciated. Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you! When not attending Mass, you can drop your collection in the mail to **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1600 North Main Street, Vidor, Texas 77662** Please note: **In order to protect the church and to insure integrity and positive stewardship, procedures are in place handling the sacrificial offering. The collection is placed in bank depository; therefore, there is no money on church premise.** Thank you and may God bless you and keep you safe. *Our giving reflects a true measure of thankfulness and gratitude to God.*

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REVISION MASS INTENTIONS STIPEND

Effective January 1, 2021, any NEW mass offerings/stipends will be a minimum of \$10.00 per mass; for a great many years the customary Mass stipend has been \$5.00. However, now the customary amount in the United States is \$10.00. This brings the ordinary stipend amount into conformity with many dioceses around us.

**2021 BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL
COMMITMENT WEEKEND**



Today is the day that Bishop Toups and our parish ask for your support for 2021 Bishop's Faith Appeal. Our theme this year – "For those who love God, all things work together for the good." – it is telling us that as we who love God together we can create a community of welcoming believers here in Southeast Texas. You can help create that type of community by supporting diocesan ministries and Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas through a prayer and financial commitment today. Those ministries work together for the good by helping to feed the hungry through our own Hospitality Center in Port Arthur and Market to Hope in Beaumont. They help form candidates for the diaconate. They evangelize to families and young adults, they help prepare seminarians for the priesthood through Diocesan Youth Ministry and Campus Ministry at Lamar. That's just a small part of what they do to help a community in need and with our Lord's help bring about life changing miracles. Remember, God asks that your gift be proportional to what you have been given and in light of your current financial situation.



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17

Wednesday, February 17th marks the beginning of Lent. There will be a Mass in Church at 6:00 p.m. with distribution of ashes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent in the Church at 6:00 p.m. beginning February 19th.



VIDOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #5789 will have Fish and/or Shrimp (combination) Dinners beginning every Friday, February 19th through March 26th, 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m., **DRIVE THRU ONLY** next to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall.

LENTEN FISH/SHRIMP DINNER

MENU \$8.00 a plate



Fish and/or Shrimp

French Fries

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No drinks will be available



Thank You!

The family of Byron Ready would like to thank everyone for Mass Intentions, prayers, and phone calls during the loss of our loved one Byron.



IS IT EVER OK TO LEAVE MASS BEFORE IT ENDS?

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.



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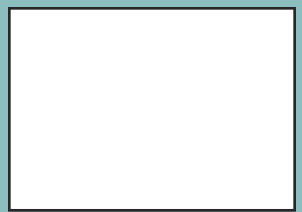
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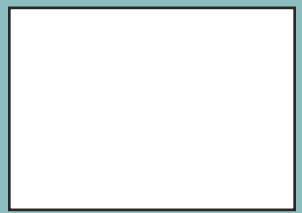
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