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5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart Sunday 8:30am
St. Bridget Sunday 10:30am
St. Elizabeth Saturday 5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 5:00 pm	St. Bridget	Parshall
Thursday 9:00 am	St. Bridget	Parshall
Friday 9:00am	St. Bridget	Parshall

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is.... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.” ~ Pope Francis

FACEBOOK PAGE

ParshallPlazaMakotiCatholicChurches
Fr. Terry will be live streaming Masses to the Facebook page.

NEWS RELEASE

Bishop David D. Kagan is reestablishing the Sunday/Holy Day obligation to attend Mass as of the First Sunday of Lent, the weekend of February 20-21, 2021.

MEMORARE

Bishop Kagan asks of us to pray this daily for an end to the Corna Virus.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday is February 17. We will have a Mass at Parshall at 7:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed by in a different manner this year.

EXPERIENCE THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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COVID VACCINE RESOURCES: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has provided a new COVID-19 vaccine educational resource, entitled "Answers to Key Ethical Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines." The purpose of this document is to provide concise answers to the most frequently asked ethical questions about COVID-19 vaccines and to provide resources for further study. Here is the link to the document: click on this site and then the article - <https://www.usccb.org/resources/moral-considerations-regarding-new-covid-19-vaccines>

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have anything for the bulletin please email me by Monday evening to get into the weekly bulletin. Always looking for something new to publish. Thank you! Bobbi.Shegrud@k12.nd.us 701-720-3998

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

We would like to share a few reminders with you per the Diocese of Bismarck Directives.

- *Stay home if you are feeling ill.
- *Hand Sanitizer is always available at the entrance. Please sanitize your hands as you enter the building.
- *Face Masks are not required to enter the building or to attend Mass, but we strongly encourage you to wear one for your safety and the safety of others around you.
- *Social Distancing guidelines are still in effect, and we ask that you do not congregate in the Pews or Gathering Spaces after Mass.
- *Communion may be received either in the hand or on the tongue. Hand Sanitizer will be used by the priest after each communicant receives on the tongue.
- *Confessions will be heard behind the scree.
- *The dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in effect.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES **ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**

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

Observances for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: 5th 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: 6th 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.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 7, 2021 5th 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.

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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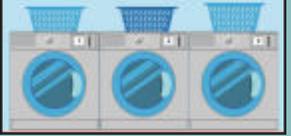
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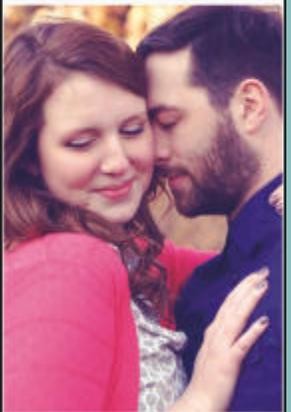
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