



# Pope St. Pius X Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise

**February 7, 2021 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*Artwork: Christ Healing the Mother of Simon Peter's Wife, by John Bridges*

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 5PM (also livestreamed)

Sunday: 8AM\*, 9:30AM and 6PM

Mass in Spanish: 11AM (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30AM;

Friday: 12 Noon

First Saturday Mass: 8:30AM

\*face masks must be worn throughout this Mass

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, 9AM-6PM

## **CONFESSIONS (IN CHAPEL)**

Thursday: 5PM-5:45PM; Friday: 11AM-11:45AM

Saturday: 3:30PM-4:30PM

## **HOLY ROSARY**

Sunday: 9:05AM; Tuesday-Friday: 30 min. prior to Mass

Tuesday: 6PM (livestreamed only)

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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From the desk of

*Father Flores*



Next Wednesday, February 17th, will be Ash Wednesday even though it seems like it was just Christmas a few days ago. We all know that Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent, which is a six-week spiritual preparation for the Feast of Easter.

The whole season of Lent is one of penance, and Ash Wednesday has its own penitential character. On Ash Wednesday, we are required to observe a day of fast and abstain from eating meat. Many non-Catholics look at our traditions, such as fasting and abstaining from meat, as a little odd but many seem drawn to want to understand more of what we do and why do it. Many Catholics look at these same traditions as archaic and nonsensical and are quick to ignore and disregard them. We do not have to go into the history of why we do these things or have a complete understanding of them, but we can be satisfied knowing we are simply following the pattern set by our Lord Jesus Himself.

Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert and we follow suit. A few years ago, a popular question arose, “What would Jesus do?” This seemed to have had as its goal inviting Christians to live and act more in a manner that matches their faith by following what one could imagine Jesus would have done. In this case, there is no mystery or guess work—Jesus fasted 40 days, and we are invited to do the same through our Lenten observance. Therefore, this can never be considered archaic or be ignored. The Sacred Scriptures tell us that Jesus fasted from food and water but fortunately we are not called to do the same. The Gospel tells us that Jesus was hungry after this fast but He proved that He was also strong. Satan came at this supposed moment of weakness to tempt Jesus away from His mission of saving the world, and though hungry and tired, He was strong and resisted.



*“In these days leading to Lent, pray and ask for God’s guidance in choosing your fast. Let Him reveal to your heart the strength He has in store for you.”*

This is a great insight for us in considering what we might want to observe as a fast this coming Lent; and now is the time to pray about it and decide. If we wait until Ash Wednesday to decide, most likely it will be too late, and we will not do it. So, in these days leading up to Lent we could ask ourselves, “Where am I weak?” After asking this question, we may find that we are weak in prayer, in patience, in generosity, in pettiness, being critical, or any number of weaknesses. These are the things to address and modify as a Lenten sacrifice. There is little value in giving up chocolate or beer during Lent when our lack of charity and morality go unchallenged and unchanged. If you are impatient, petty or vain, give that up for Lent. If you are greedy, gossipy, critical or mean, give those up for Lent. Our Lord came out of the desert tired and hungry, but He was strong, He had the strength to resist Satan and put him in his place.

What is the strength you want at Easter, or better yet, what is the strength that God wants for you? It is tempting to hold back on facing serious flaws of our character in Lent because we have tried it before and failed or we just know we cannot do it. It may be rough going; you may be tired in the end, but if God is asking something of you, you will come out stronger in the end.

In these days leading to Lent, pray and ask for God’s guidance in choosing your fast. Let Him reveal to your heart the strength He has in store for you. If you find that giving up chocolate or beer to help you remember those deeper things, then go ahead and give those up too, but only to help you focus and return to the true act of love that God is asking of you. Jesus came out of His fast strong enough to resist Satan, the same is offered to you too.

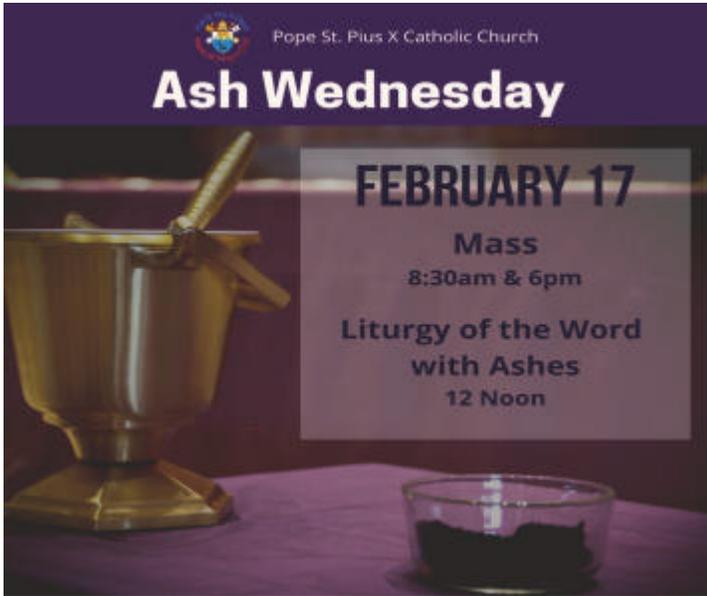
In Jesus and Mary,

*Father Flores*

# † Be Receptive †

Pope St. Pius X Catholic Church

## Ash Wednesday



**FEBRUARY 17**

Mass  
8:30am & 6pm

Liturgy of the Word  
with Ashes  
12 Noon

### CONSIDER SPENDING TIME WITH OUR LORD IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS LENT!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is weekly, Thursdays from 9am until 6pm. You may come at any time, but it is helpful when you sign up for a one-hour time slot so we are assured Our Lord is never left alone. Signing up is easy!



- † Click on the "Sign Up for Adoration" in the eMessenger
- † Go to the home page of our website and click on "Adoration Sign Up", or
- † Contact our Coordinator of Eucharistic Adoration, Paul Orozco, at 208-704-8251 or call the parish office.



### WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

This weekend, parishes celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday, Feb. 6</b> 5:00 PM	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Seminarian Damien Sarazolla
<b>Sunday, Feb. 7</b> 8:00 AM	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Michael & Rosa Ochoa †
9:30 AM	Jim Crump †
11:00 AM Spanish	Sandra A. Valencia and family
6:00 PM	For the Parish
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	
Monday 8:30 AM	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 8:30 AM	James & Ann Flynn †
Wednesday 8:30 AM	Tracey Bybee
Thursday 8:30 AM	Dario Bisori †
Friday 12 Noon	Charles Riley
<b>Saturday, Feb. 13</b> 5:00 PM	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For the Parish
<b>Sunday, Feb. 14</b> 8:00 AM	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Nina Marie Sinotte †
9:30 AM	Jason Schmitt
11:00 AM Spanish	No Spanish Mass this weekend
6:00 PM	Amanda Guimaraes

## PRAYER INTENTIONS



**We pray for all those who are sick and chronically ill**, especially: Amber Ochoa, Salvatore "Buddy" Guido, Kelsey Gardner and Hunter.

**And for those who have died**, especially: Anita Kearns and Elizabeth Ramirez.

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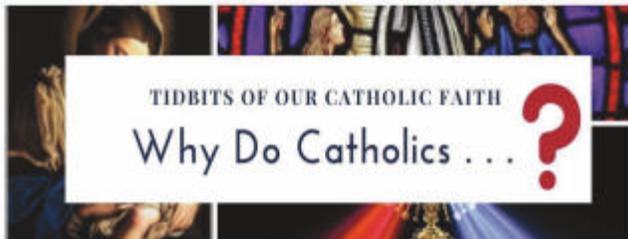
## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>First Reading:</b>	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
<b>Resp. Psalm:</b>	Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11
<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 1:40-45

## † Be Receptive †



### LENT

What is Lent, and what are the rules for Catholics during Lent? Well, Lent is the forty day liturgical season leading up to Easter. The reason we observe it is to imitate Christ, who fasted and prayed for forty days in the desert before beginning his public ministry. The three pillars of Lent are almsgiving, prayer and fasting.

What are the rules for fasting for Catholics? The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops says that all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59, who are able, must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. That's all, just two days. Now, if you are physically unable to fast because of a medical condition or some other legitimate reason, then you are not bound to the fast. A fast means having one full meal and two smaller meals, the total of which should not exceed the larger meal. Further, all Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays in Lent. This includes meat or anything made with meat. The reason we do this is to offer up a small sacrifice to God, and unite that sacrifice with the sacrifice of Christ.

#### **For further study:**

Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18

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## † Be Purposeful †



### Purposefully Catholic

#### **Miracles: Proof of Christ's Claims, Pt 2**

The miracles of Jesus were countless (Mt 8:16; Mt 9:35; Mk 6:56). They showed his almighty power: power over nature, over the human body, over demons, over death itself. On numerous occasions, Jesus showed his power over the forces and laws of nature. He enabled his apostles to make miraculous catches of fish (Lk 5:4-7; Jn 21:3-11). He calmed the winds and the waves on the Sea of Galilee (Mk 4:35-41). Thousands witnessed his multiplication of a handful of loaves and fishes to feed them all (see Jn 6:1-14). He astounded his disciples when he walked on the stormy waters of the sea (Mt 14:22-33).

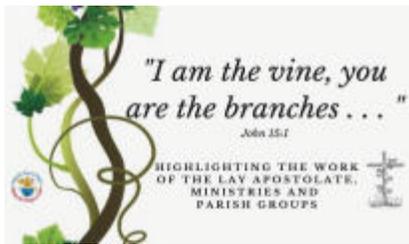
The people of Israel were well aware of the power and willingness of Jesus to heal their ills. He was boundless in his mercy towards the sick, the lame, and all afflicted in body and soul. He cured lepers (Mk 1:40-45; Lk 17:11-19). The blind, deaf, and cripples received healing (Mt 15:30-31; Mt 20:30-34; Mk 2:1-12; Jn 9:1-7). The woman who just touched the hem of his garment was instantly healed of a hemorrhage she had suffered for 12 years (Mt 8:5-13). They were signs of God's presence and care for his creatures.

Time and again, Jesus confronted and drove out demons (Mt 9:32-33; Mk 9:17-30), some of which recognized and proclaimed him as the Son of God (Mt 8:29; Mk 5:1-13). Jesus manifested his power over death, raising to life the daughter of Jairus (Mk 5:22-24, 35-43), the son of the widow of Nain (Lk 7:11-15), and his friend Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha (see Jn 11:1-45). The most remarkable example of Jesus' power over death was his own Resurrection (Lk 24:1-9).

A careful reading of the Gospels reveals that Jesus was reluctant to give signs to those who expected them for sensational purposes (Mt 16:1-4). Why then did he work so many miracles during his life on earth? Since he came among us as a man who had a divine mission, he used his miracles not only for the good of the people he loved but also to prove that he had power beyond what was attributable to ordinary human beings. He thereby proved that he had extra-human power and authority (Lk 4:36). By his miracles he emphasized the importance and power of faith in his own person (Mt 8:10; Mt 15:28). He also revealed that lack of faith was an obstacle to his miraculous power (Mt 14:31; Mk 6:5-6). *(To be continued with Part 3 next week!)*

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# † Be a Blessing †



## PIUS ANGELS

Pope St. Pius X is blessed to have numerous apostolates that provide various services to our parish family. The “Pius Angels” help fill in gaps that may occur on an as-needed basis in support of these ministries.

Examples of how our Pius Angels have assisted the parish staff include:

- † Stuffing newsletters
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- † Preparing materials for faith formation classes
- † Folding letters and stuffing envelopes for bulk mailings
- † Preparing or assisting with special events, and
- † Other one-time special projects.



Those wishing to help, are placed on an email distribution list. If you would like to be on this group email, please let us know! *All persons on the group email will have the opportunity to accept or decline any as-needed jobs as they arise—no obligation!*

### CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE:

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to learn of the many apostolates, ministries, and groups of which you may be a part.

A message from *Deacon Chris*



As I was serving at our soup kitchen recently and pondering my 2021 Lenten journey, a few words shared by Father Flores in his bulletin articles kept coming to mind:

**This week:** Lenten time is a penitential time that should *“help you focus and return to the true act of love that God is asking of you.”*

**Last week:** *“Being pro-life, being Catholic, means having the generosity and the fortitude necessary to see the full scope of those things that threaten human life and its dignity.”*

These two statements make a beautiful roadmap for personal reflection on a renewed or expanded commitment to our Missions of Charity. Renewed in Christ each week in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we leave church and enter into our lives literally as **Love Himself**, looking to share this gift in such a way as to overcome all the forces that conspire to threaten human life and dignity in the world.

Missionary work done in everyday life at home or offered to the “ends of the earth” has an intimate and necessary relationship with our celebration of the Mass, a relationship that is Jesus Himself. And, to paraphrase John the Baptist, we must choose to decrease so that He may increase by living through us.



Being an everyday missionary is as simple as, out of kindness, letting the other car go at a 4-way stop. Or it could be setting aside time to participate in an existing—or build a new—apostolate within the parish to allow you to “focus and return to the true act of love” that God may be calling you towards—whether that be serving the poor, the lonely or the wounded, or some other group heavy in your heart.

What is God asking of you this Lenten season?

Peace,  
*Deacon Chris*

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## ECUMENICAL FOOD KITCHEN

The Ecumenical Food Kitchen ministry provides a nourishing noon meal once a week for 40 to 50 homeless people, low income seniors, struggling young people and families. Ten local churches take turns providing food and volunteers to serve the lunch at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Coeur d'Alene. *Our turn is Thursday, February 11th.*

## Contributions

January 3	\$22,173.00
January 10	\$25,257.30
January 17	\$10,952.13
January 24	\$13,465.57
January 31	\$12,582.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$84,430.00</b>

**February 7, 2021**

### 5th 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*



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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.

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