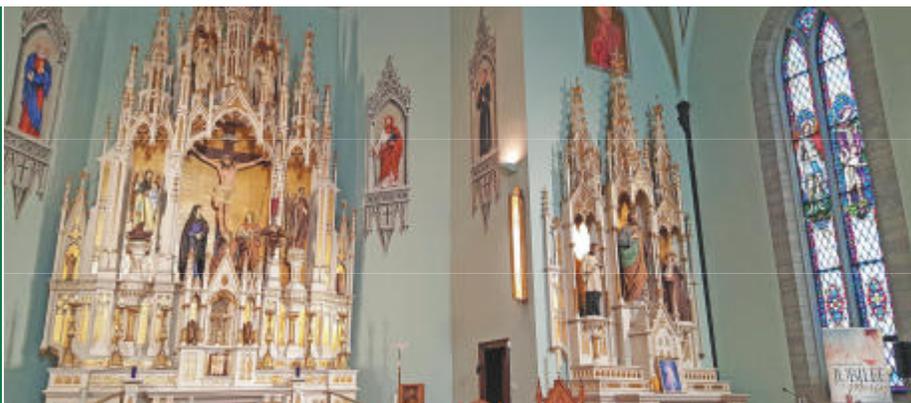


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FEBRUARY 7, 2021 • FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February is the Month Dedicated to the Holy Family

We easily remember that October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, May the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, and June to the Sacred Heart. Monthly dedications don't stop there. But for a number of recent years, we have let slip such months as February. The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households.

Why do we dedicate the month of February to the Holy Family?

The answer comes at the beginning, on February 2nd, when we see the Holy Family go to the temple for the Presentation of Jesus. The family is together. The Holy Family. There's the answer. February is traditionally dedicated in the Church to the Holy Family. This month-dedication traces back to the 17th century.

But how much do we remember or hear that today?

This February we should restore that devotion. It would both honor the Holy Family and at the same time become a reminder to strengthen family life. After all, the Church has taught how the Holy Family is the model, the example, for all families. So said St. John Paul II in a 2001 Angelus, as he called "the family of Nazareth a model for every home."

These are perfect reasons to start honoring the Holy Family this month.

"The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families," John Paul II said earlier in his Letter to Families. He stressed, "The history of mankind, the history of salvation, passes by way of the family." In fact, the saintly pope made it plain that he was trying "to show how the family is placed at the center of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love." We need to honor and imitate the Holy Family in today's culture and society which attacks families in so many ways. We know why, too. Back in 1981, Sister

Lucia of Fatima wrote to Cardinal Carlo Caffarra who was commissioned to establish John Paul II's Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. In 2008 he revealed the dire warning she gave him in that letter which turned out true as proven by the events we have seen rapidly unfolding in the world.

Lucia wrote, "The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about Marriage and the Family. Don't be afraid...because whoever works for the sanctity of Marriage and the Family will always be fought against and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue." She ended saying, "nevertheless, Our Lady has already crushed his head."

A Prayer Intercession to The Holy Family, for Protection of One's Family

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer! You came to enlighten the world with Your teaching and example, and to live the greater part of Your life with Mary and Joseph in their home at Nazareth. Thus, You sanctified the family that was to be an example to all Christian families. Graciously receive our family, which is dedicated and consecrated to You this day. Protect it; guard it and establish it in holy fear, in peace, and in the harmony of Christian charity. By conforming ourselves to the model of Your family, may we all without exception attain to eternal happiness.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother! By your intercession make this, our humble offering, acceptable to Jesus and obtain for us His grace and blessings. O St. Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary! Assist us by your prayers in all our spiritual and temporal needs, so that we may be able to praise our Divine Savior, Jesus, together with Mary and you for all eternity. Amen.

Have a blessed week!

Stay safe

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Is it ever okay 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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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?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**5th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

FAITH FORMATION

Greetings from faith formation!

As we move into this new year our students are continuing to prepare for receiving sacraments. Our second grade students will be receiving their First Reconciliation in March. Our 60 confirmandi are continuing to prepare weekly for confirmation in the spring. We ask that you continue to keep all of our parish youth in your prayers!!

As we enter into this season of Lent, here are some wonderful and practical family resources to help our children celebrate and embrace all this season has to offer:

CatholicCing.com

TeachMama.com (Lent for modern Catholic Kids)

Formed.org

LooktoHimandBeRadiant.com

Please feel free to reach out to the faith formation office for more details.

Leslee Smith, Director

REST IN PEACE



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Maria Deluca**, 72, survived by husband, Gaspard, children, Antoinette (Mike) Carder, Carl (Zach) Deluca, and Valerie (Jose) Casanova; two siblings, Francesco (Giuseppa) Piccione and

Pina Giarmo; and seven grandchildren.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

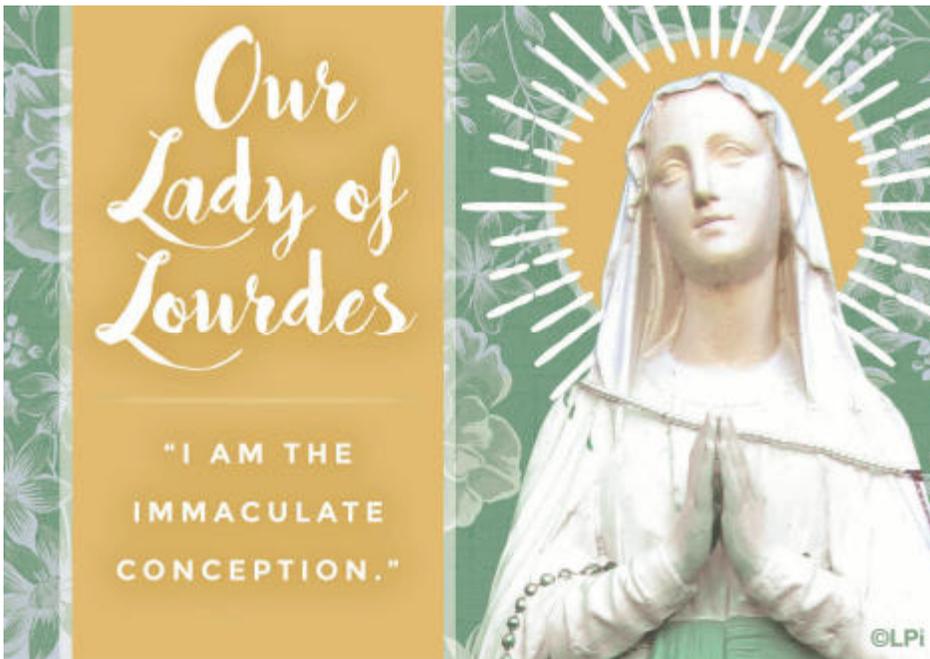


GOSPEL MEDITATION

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.



Our Lady of Lourdes
Feast Day: February 11th

The Story of Our Lady of Lourdes

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

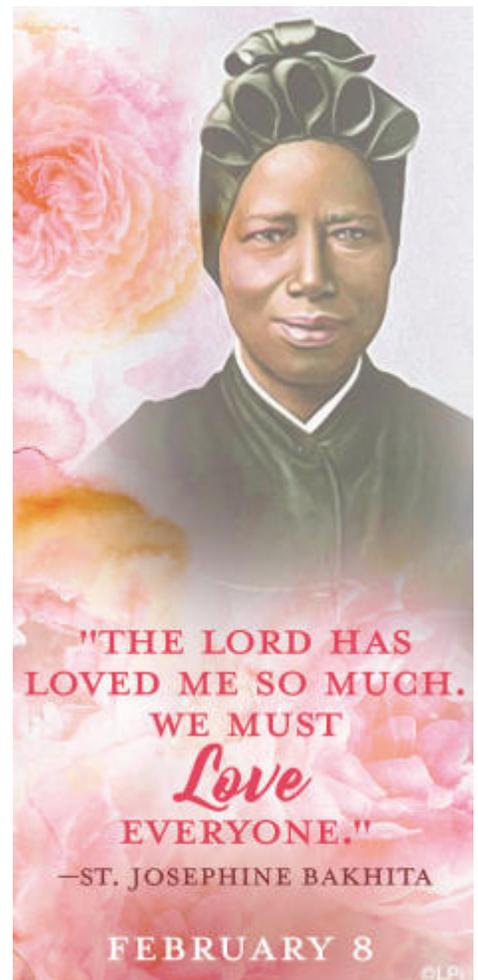
Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this

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."

Our Lady of Lourdes is the Patron Saint of bodily ills.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-lourdes>



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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

WEEK AT A GLANCE FEBRUARY 8 - 14

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
No School
Mass 8:15 am - church
Holy Hour 9 am - church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Michael's Men Meeting 7 pm - SMCC chapel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

No School
Mass 8:15 am - church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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Confessions 3:30 pm - church
Mass 5 pm - church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

TOP HAT COLLECTION

Mass 8:30 am - church
Mass 10:30 am - church



LITURGY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 8 - 14

DAY & TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 8:15 am	✠ Gregory Kinsey ✠ Salvatore Soresi
Friday 8:15 am	✠ Salvatore Trupiano ✠ Philip, Angelina, & Emanuel Badalamenti
Saturday 3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions ✠ Frank & Tina Perna ✠ Fr Stephen Rooney
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	✠ The People of St Michael ✠ Donna Laginess ✠ Byron Dean

Pastoral Care Regarding the Vatican's Note on Baptism

In August of 2020, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a response to questions regarding the use of the words, "We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" instead of the proper form of "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The Vatican ruled that the form "We baptize" does not convey the Sacrament of baptism.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we are aware that between 1986 –1999, potentially invalid baptisms occurred at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, conducted by Deacon Mark Springer using the improper form. We are in the process of contacting those individuals who may be affected and we are asking for your help.

If you or someone you know was baptized at St. Anastasia Parish during this time period or you have any questions or concerns about the validity of your sacrament(s), we invite you to visit the website aod.org/sacramentsupdate for more information and to submit questions or concerns using the online form.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.

Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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God Bless You!



LIVE THE LITURGY

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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