



# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. 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 1:32-34

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# Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open:**  
**Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**OCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

## Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





## My Idea of a Football Watch Party:

My idea of a football “Watch Party” is in the comfort of my own home or a relative’s home. You can’t beat the camera angles

you get by watching it on TV! Sure, you don’t get the experience of being there, but you can see the game from a much better perspective. With our large-screen TVs and 4k resolution, you’re in the middle of the action.

Most of our family went to their own “Watch Party” last weekend. However, my mom, Jackie, Lonnie, and I decided to have dinner at Jackie and Lonnie’s house and watch the Lions’ game there. On the way over to Jackie and Lonnie’s house, I was already contemplating what I would work on while the game was on in the background. As usual, I brought all of my tools and gadgets. I’m always prepared to tackle a project.

When we arrived at their house, Jackie was somewhat panicking because her oven died while cooking our dinner. It’s a relatively new oven, but the control panel went blank, and the gas turned off. Our dinner was only half done, so she was trying to figure out her options.

While Jackie was panicking a bit, I was glad because I now had a project to work on. So I grabbed my toolbox with all my electrical stuff and headed to the basement. At first, I thought a breaker had popped. But Lonnie and I discovered that all the breakers were on. I then turned my attention to a possible tripped GFI plug. That wasn’t the case. I was now a little stumped. I tried to trace the power line going up to the oven but wasn’t having much luck. I saw one line going upstairs, but that ended up being the line for the microwave. Now their microwave hasn’t worked for some time either because every time they plug it into the outlet in the cupboard, the microwave pops a breaker. We’ve always figured it was the microwave, and fixing that problem was just something on the list to look at one day. Since I found no other lines going up to the oven, I thought the gas oven’s electrical panel might be powered off the microwave power line. So, my attention turned to that theory. As Lonnie and I inspected the line going up to the microwave, I noticed that one of the connections had frayed sheathing on the

hot and neutral wires. I thought the wires may have been creating a short the way everything was crammed into this one connection. Once I took things apart and determined what supplies I needed from the ACE Hardware down the street, I took off to get what I needed before they closed for the day. But ironically, once I took apart this particular connection, the oven started working again! Jackie was happy because she could now cook the rest of our dinner. Since the oven was working, I decided to fix the other connection and see if that was what was causing the microwave to keep popping a breaker. After returning from ACE and putting everything back together, I went upstairs and tried the microwave. I had success; it didn’t pop a breaker, and it functioned properly. Jackie was even happier now because their microwave was functioning again, and dinner was cooking in the oven. I was equally delighted because I had success with one of my projects and could have dinner! It was a win-win situation.

While all this was happening, I got a text message from Dina asking a quick question about her Ring alarm. As we know, I can’t multi-task well while engaged in a project, so I didn’t answer her text immediately. Eventually, she discovered the answer to her question and told me there was no need to get back to her. I apologized by texting, “Sorry. Was involved in an electrical issue at Jackie’s house.” She immediately responded, “We are all needy, Monday-Sunday.” I laughed and thought, “This is exactly why I always have all my stuff with me.” I’m always prepared, whether it’s the holy stuff or my toolboxes.

Now, I have to figure out what happened to that oven and why it died but started working again. But then I figured there was no sense in tinkering with it then. I just thought I’d better leave well enough alone, especially since I was already batting a thousand (which rarely happens with my projects). But, more importantly, I wanted dinner, and it was cooking in that oven!

The Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life: Several years ago, I read an excellent article by Frank Powell entitled “7 Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life.” I thought about that article again recently when I was preaching about the perils to avoid and the pearls to embrace regarding family life.

Frank Powell opens his article by quoting a 1967 report delivered to the United States Senate by time management experts. The experts believed that the speed

of technology, and the advent of satellites and robots would present significant problems for the American workplace in years to come. They thought that with all this increase in efficiency, people would suddenly have too much free time on their hands. They concluded that by 1985 people would have to choose between working 22 hours a week, 27 weeks a year, or retiring by age 38. Well, they were completely wrong! We are moving faster than ever today, yet we’re “going” absolutely nowhere. We’ve become addicted to speed and obsessed with hurriedness. I didn’t realize this, but there is a title for this “sickness,” and it’s called “hurry sickness.” Hurry sickness is a “continuous struggle to accomplish more things and participate in more events in less time, frequently in the face of opposition, real or imagined, from other people.”

If we compare our pace to the pace of Jesus’ life, there aren’t many similarities. If you think about it, Jesus was never rushed at all. He had an incredible mission with a “startup” organization in a hostile world but didn’t cater to the world’s demands. “He wasn’t overwhelmed by life, even though he had an enormous mission to complete in a very short period of time. Jesus never rushed because he moved at God’s pace. You see, hurriedness isn’t from God. It’s the world’s pace. It’s Satan’s pace. Psychiatrist Carl Jung said, ‘Hurry is not OF the devil. Hurry IS the devil.’”

The primary focus of Mr. Powell’s article is offering insights into what he describes as the seven SPIRITUAL consequences of living a hurried, busy life. Just imagine what the experts would say about the physical, mental, and medical implications of living such a life!

Over the next couple of weeks, I will share and reflect upon the seven spiritual consequences Mr. Powell identifies as resulting from living a hurried, busy life. You won’t be surprised by his list. But seeing the list in writing and understanding the consequences of such a busy life will make you stop and reflect on what you can do to change. Living a busy, hurried life isn’t worth it at all.

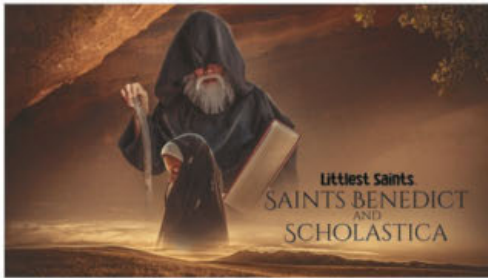
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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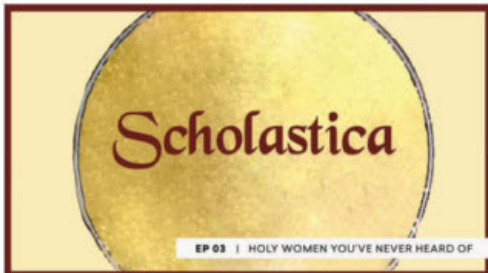
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 04, 2024



## Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica. Visit their website here: [www.littlestsaints.com](http://www.littlestsaints.com)



## St. Scholastica | Holy Women You Never Heard Of | Episode 3

Dive into the lives of Holy Women You've Never Heard Of with Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. Jessica Murdoch. St. Scholastica is the sister of St. Benedict. Holy siblings and holy families change the world!



## Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

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## Along the Way

### Good News Cruise

By the time you read this, I'll be home... but as I am writing I'm looking out over the beautiful ocean at Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. But don't be jealous – although it's 75 degrees, it's raining.

This is my third time sailing with the Good News Cruise, and I think this is the best one yet! Our ship is the Adventure of the Seas. Surprisingly for those who haven't sailed with us before, it's a small ship. The entire ship holds 3400 passengers, of which we make up 836.



Our first day on the ship we started with a tremendous performance by Sarah Kroger. She is also playing the music for our Masses.

If you've never heard of Sarah, do yourself a favor and download her music now. You will not be disappointed.

Along with Sarah, we have Archbishop Naumann from Kansas City, Kansas and Bp. Coffey, an auxiliary bishop from the Archdiocese of Military Services with us for the week. In total there are 13 priests on board! Each day there are 4 priests who hear confessions for 1.5 hours and then 4 other priests that hear confessions for another 2 hours.

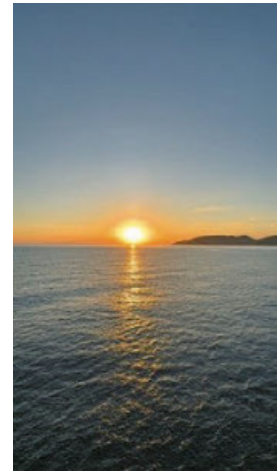


As I said, Teresa and Dcn. Dom are with us too and Teresa is broadcasting her radio show live... she even conned me into being a guest, but we gave a huge shoutout to SJA!

What is really beautiful for me – besides the beautiful sunrises and sunsets over the ocean, sorry to rub it in – are the 400 couples that are taking the time to be away to reflect, connect, and recreate.

In one presentation, Alicia and Mike Hernon had the couples praying with one

another – such a necessary part of growing together and growing together in the Lord.



But an important part of the cruise for couples is the recreation time. There are beer, whiskey, and wine tastings. There are plenty of shore excursions. There is time to just relax. It's a great balance on the Good News Cruise.

Next year's cruise is already in the works, with stops in the Bahamas, Haiti, and Jamaica. Check out [goodnewscruise.com](http://goodnewscruise.com) for all the details but... one of the featured speakers next year is everyone's favorite Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Despite the rain, hopefully I'll have a nice tan when I return. See you all soon!

Blessings,  
Fr. Adam

February 4, 2024

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mk 1:29-39

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Why me? It could be a flat tire, a lost job or a serious illness. When inconvenient, unpleasant or even downright horrible things happen, it is understandable to wonder why God allows it. I know that is what goes through my head in extreme adversity. God can do all things, so why wouldn't he change "this thing" for me? In the Gospel, we see Jesus curing Simon Peter's mother-in-law of her illness, but many of us don't have our prayers answered like that. Instead, we may relate more to Job in today's first reading when he says life is a "drudgery" and he "shall not see happiness again." The reality is that God's ways are not our ways, so we can't know why some people endure hardship while others receive miracles. But we can change how we respond to those hardships when they arrive. Just as this passage from Job is understood better within the context of the whole book, discrete events in our lives are part of something larger than ourselves. Praying with Scripture, including reading more of Job, can help us understand how God is molding, refining, and yes - always loving us.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When we are tempted to feel like Job is a good time to embrace the age-old practice of "offering it [suffering] up." As a child, my parents explained that offering it up meant I was telling God I would happily suffer in exchange for it helping someone else. What does this really mean? Everything stems from our being united to Christ in our baptism and being participants in his priestly, prophetic and royal office. We offer ourselves, our whole being, including our worship, praise, joy, gratitude, bodies and even sufferings to God as sacrifice. So, to "offer it [suffering] up" is a powerful way of taking a bad situation and allowing it to be used for something good; to give our inconvenience, pain and grief to the Lord and ask him to unite it to Christ's suffering for the good of others. It is a redemptive act, a form of love-in-action. St. Paul is a great example of someone who suffered gladly, and in today's second reading he shares that "to the weak [he] became weak, to win over the weak."

**PRAY** Offering up our sufferings and difficulties is a way to participate in the redemptive work of Christ. It is a simple way to pray and can keep our focus on God throughout the day. There isn't any one specific prayer for doing this. Instead, when something unpleasant or painful happens, take a moment to acknowledge it and give it to the Lord. It can be as simple as saying, "Lord, I am happy to endure this for the benefit of others." You may want to insert a specific intention or offer it for the souls in purgatory. It's not always easy - especially when your suffering is great - but give it a try this week.



The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-Law by James Tissot, CCO



# Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 11 B

### Reading One – Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

### Responsorial – Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

### Reading Two – 1 Cor 10:31–11:1

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

### Alleluia – Lk 7:16

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.



# World Marriage Day Event



# World Marriage Day

A day when St. John Paul II gave his apostolic blessing.

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

2:30-6:30 pm (doors open at 2:00 pm) Dinner at 3:00 pm followed by Speakers & Dancing

San Marino Club, 1685 East Big Beaver, Troy 48083

**Emcees: Deacon Dominick Pastore & Teresa Tomeo**

**Music by: Rennie Kaufmann & his daughter Esther**



## Dr. Tim & Karen Hogan: Embracing Marriage as a Joyful Adventure



This is a chance to slow down and enjoy a dinner date with your spouse. Dr. Tim and Karen Hogan will show us how to use our marriage as a path of learning and purification, while also refreshing our friendship and re-awakening passion. You can expect to leave feeling encouraged and refreshed.

Karen and Tim Hogan have been on the marriage adventure for 34 years. From the beginning they have embraced marriage as a path of personal growth. They have been offering marriage retreats and seminars for many years. Karen is a spiritual director and Director of Faith Formation. Tim is a relationship therapist who recently published *The Gift of Cultural Hurricanes*. He has a small private practice in Plymouth, MI.

## Fr. Julius Milton

Fr. Julius Milton is a Franciscan Capuchin Friar living and ministering at the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington Township, MI. He was born and raised in Tamil Nadu, a Southeast state in India. After his initial stages of the Capuchin seminary formation in Tamil Nadu, he came to the US for theological studies in 2017. Having been ordained as a priest on April 21, 2022, he assumed the responsibility as the Associate Director of Capuchin Retreat Center in June 2022. He loves the Capuchin life, the charism of preaching, and accompanying people in their faith journey.



By January 1 - \$85/couple; after January 1 - \$95/couple  
Table Reservations \$400 (5 couples per table) by January 31

On-line registration & payment: [WorldMarriageDay.org](http://WorldMarriageDay.org)

For questions about table reservations: Email Dan/Debbie at [worldmarrieday@yahoo.com](mailto:worldmarrieday@yahoo.com)

For general questions: Rich/Fran 586.979.0192 or [waldenluv2@wowway.com](mailto:waldenluv2@wowway.com)

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FEB 11, 2024**



Mail-in Registration

Please print both names to complete form w/ payment payable to: World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day

43814 Falcon Lane

Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Husband: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last First Last

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$

Tickets will NOT be sent to you, a name tag will be at the door



## Bereavement Group



### SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting  
 First Sunday of the month  
 1:00 pm - In the Pointe

Our Lady Star of the Sea—467 Fairford Rd.,  
 Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Contact the Parish office (313-884-5554) for more information



Corewell Beaumont Grosse Pointe is in need of volunteers to work in its gift shop. Gift shop hours are M-F from 10 am-5 pm.

If you are interested, call the volunteer coordinator Betsy Schulte at (313) 473-1089 for more information.

Thank you so much and God Bless you.



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**Play Cards!**  
1ST & 3RD TUESDAY'S at 11:30am  
In the St. Peregrine Room at the SJA Parish Center

Join us this month on  
February 6th & 20th.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

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**Light of the Spirit Prayer Group**

Meets on the 2nd and 4th  
Wednesday of each month  
at St. Joan of Arc from  
6:30-8:30 pm in the  
Sr. Carol Center.

**Join us!**

**St. Joan of Arc Knitting and Crocheting Group**

The SJA Knitting Group will be meeting the Second and Fourth Wednesday's of most months at 12pm.

We will be knitting in the Mary the Mother of Jesus Room.

February Knitting dates are 2/14 & 2/28

If you are interested in joining or have questions please call: Marie Byrski @ 586-943-0240.



**Save your can tabs!**

**Spread the word! We're collecting can tabs again.**

**Let others know that those little pop and food can tabs make a big difference for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.**

**Drop off donations in the buckets in the church or at the Parish Center during business hours.**





## Weekly Calendar of Events

### Monday, February 5th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00AM Walking with Purpose - EH  
6:00 PM Confirmation Class  
7:00 PM Walking with Purpose - EH

### Tuesday, February 6th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
5:30 PM Rescue Project - Emmaus Hall

### Wednesday, February 7th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
5:00 PM Reconciliation  
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed  
6:30 PM PTG Meeting

### Thursday, February 8th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
7:00 PM Holy Hour

### Friday, February 9th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
No School—Winter Break

### Saturday, February 10th

10:00 AM Funeral for Alan DePorter  
11:00 AM Reconciliation  
12:30 PM Baptism of Ellie Francis Houssari  
1:30 PM Baptism of the Mancina Children  
4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed  
6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

### Sunday, February 11th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed  
9:00 AM K of C Pancake Breakfast - EH  
10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed  
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

## Words on the Word

### *Feb. 4, 2024 – Weather or Not*

The only thing worse than Michigan weather in January, one might say, is Michigan weather in February.

Not always, of course. Sometimes the gently falling snow and cool breeze can be stimulating. But let's face it, we've hit the time of year where most residents need to remind themselves that the rest of the year in this state is worth the wait.

In the meantime, though, we trudge through the snow, ice and sub-freezing windchills, at worst, or the battleship gray monotony of the winter sky, at best.

It can all have an impact. A recent story in the *Detroit Free Press* noted that Michigan, in particular, ranks high for the number of people impacted by seasonal affective disorder. Top five in the country, as a matter of fact.

Around that same time, a story in *The Detroit News* informed local drivers that a portion of the massive reconstruction project at I-696 and the Lodge freeway has been repeatedly delayed because of the lousy weather.

"It is very frustrating for us and drivers to have this delay and we are sorry to keep having to move it," a transportation department spokeswoman said in the story. "We need clear, dry weather in order to put those markings down. It's a little more involved than you might realize."

At this time of year, alas, it seems that everything is. All of which can have us feeling a bit like Job in today's first reading.

"Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" Job asks. Then the reading concludes with this: "Remember that my life is like the wind. I shall not see happiness again."

The good news, in a temporal sense, is that happiness and warmer weather will eventually get here.

The better news, in a spiritual sense, is that eternal happiness is promised to all.

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# Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

## Mass Intentions

**Monday February 5, 2024 Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr (Red)**  
 7:00 am John Spath

**Tuesday February 6, 2024 Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (Red)**  
 7:00 am Raymond Van Becelaere

**Wednesday February 7, 2024 Weekday (Green)**  
 7:00 am Mildred LeFevre  
 6:00 pm John Frahm


**Thursday February 8, 2024 Weekday; Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (Green/White/White)**  
 7:00 am Al Rogier

**Friday February 9, 2024 Weekday (Green)**  
 7:00 am A Special Intention for the Family of Tina Calisi

**Saturday, February 10, 2024 Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**  
 4:00 pm Matt Hunsucker, Sally Cabot, the deceased members of the Batche Family, Bonnie Batche, George J. Bugarin, Edward Osmilowski, Paula Nagel, William Dinan, Kathleen Kennedy-Rieth and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.  
 6:00 pm Michael Forrester

**Sunday February 11, 2024 The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**  
 8:00 am For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners  
 10:00 am David Pienta  
 12:00 pm Maura Marquez Mallare, Special Intentions for Joe Serventi, Patrick Urso and Courtney Jurek, Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.

## Daily Readings

<b>Monday, February 5</b> 1Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Mark 6:53-56	<b>Friday, February 9</b> 1Kings 11:29-32, 12:19 Mark 7:31-37
<b>Tuesday, February 6</b> 1Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Mark 7:1-13	<b>Saturday, February 10</b> 1Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34 Mark 8:1-10
<b>Wednesday, February 7</b> 1Kings 10:1-10 Mark 7:14-23	<b>Sunday, February 11</b> Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 1Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45
<b>Thursday, February 8</b> 1Kings 11:4-13 Mark 7:24-30	

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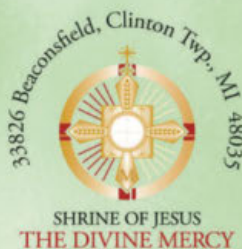


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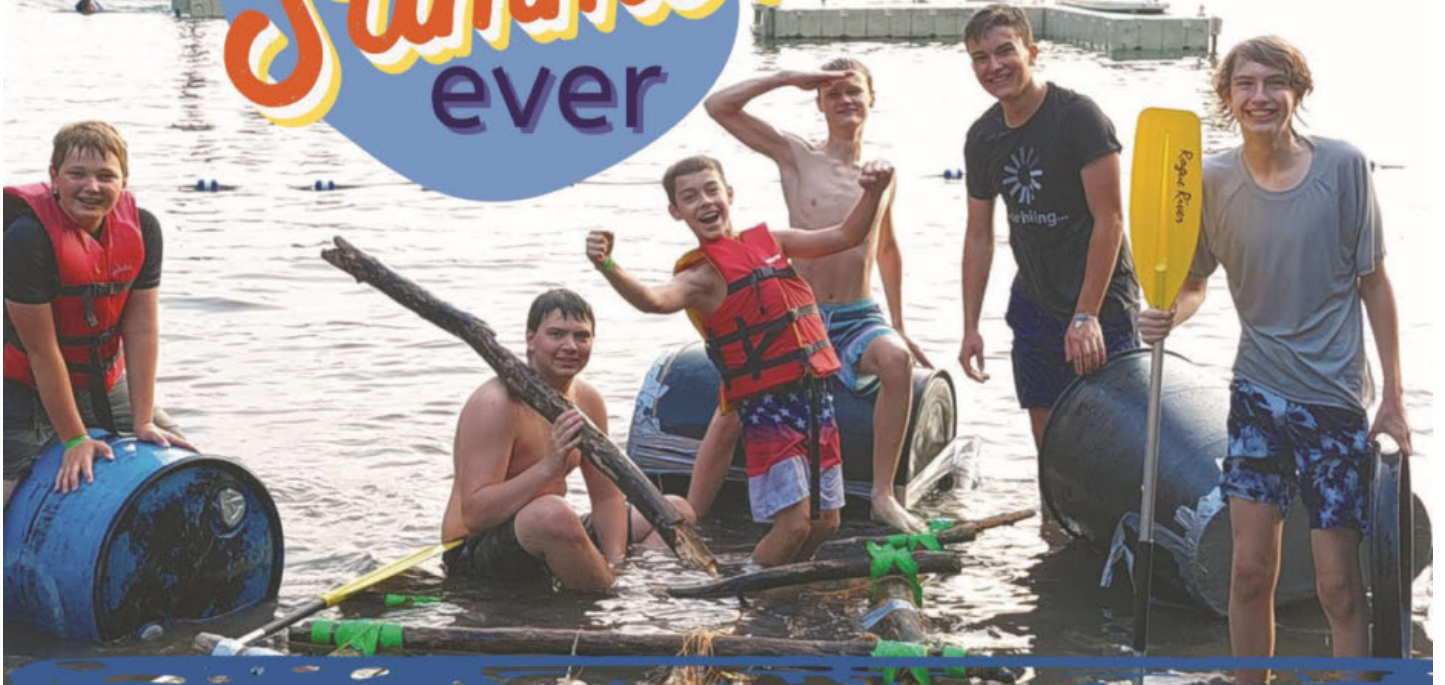
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# Bringing Home the Word

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

February 4, 2024

## Grin and Bear It

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the

theological term, laments. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe. †

## Sunday Readings

**Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

Is not life on earth a drudgery, / its days like those of a hireling?

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me.

**Mark 1:29-39**

[Jesus] told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

*To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything.*



## A Word from Pope Francis

I turn a grateful thought to all those who, in their life and work, are close to the sick every day....And I pray in a special way for all the sick, in every corner of the world, especially for those who are most alone and have no access to healthcare services.

VIDEO MESSAGE, WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 11, 2022



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- Has hardship ever tested your faith?
- How has your faith helped you in difficult times?



# Keeping the Sabbath

Paige Byrne Shortal

Let's consider the Sabbath. People identify themselves by the time they keep. The Jewish people observe their Sabbath on Saturday. In the early church, Jewish Christians distinguished themselves from other Jews by observing Sunday as their Sabbath. The Muslim Sabbath is Friday.

Voltaire, a French rationalist philosopher, wrote: "If you wish to destroy the Christian religion, you must first destroy the Christian Sunday." In his book *Waiting for the Weekend*, Witold Rybczynski describes several attempts to destroy the Sabbath. During the French Revolution, they dispensed with *Anno Domini* (AD, the year of the Lord) and instead, pronounced 1792 (the year of the revolution) as "Year One." A ten-day week was instituted with the tenth day as a holiday. But the revolutionaries underestimated the influence of Christian practice, and the Sabbath was celebrated



in secret until the experiment was deemed a failure.

Joseph Stalin, during the days after the Russian Revolution, attempted a similar attack on Sunday. There would be no more universal rest day. Workers labored four days, on staggered shifts, and had every fifth day off. Even though this gave people twenty more days off a year, it

was unpopular. Everyone worked on a different schedule and family members were never at home on the same day. (Sound familiar?)

In our society, we are also experiencing an attack on the Sabbath. Many activities, formerly reserved for weekdays, now occur on Sundays. The days of the week are less and less distinguishable from one another, especially for those in factory or retail work. Our teenagers are especially vulnerable to Sunday work. We've found that simply informing our son's fast-food employer that he is not available to work on Sundays has not only gained respect for him, but for our church as well.

Observing one day of rest a week protects human beings. Nothing is more restorative as a long, slow Sunday afternoon and evening with no projects, no shopping, no games to attend, no meetings, and maybe no television or internet. Just time together around good food, home chores, and rest. †

Source: A Liguori Publications bulletin, June 27, 2004

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

Excerpt from *Jesus' "Mighty Deeds" of Healing in Mark's Gospel* by John R. Barker, OFM

Today we understand the natural world to operate according to impersonal forces or "laws of nature." When someone experiences healing that cannot be explained according to our understanding of these laws, we call it a miracle—as God interfering with the laws of nature. This is not the way people in Jesus' time understood the extraordinary. They believed God's will and purpose supported and guaranteed the world's normal functioning. God's power was always at work, keeping things moving according to divine wisdom. The extraordinary such as a sudden or unexpected healing was considered an eruption of God's power rather than an interruption of the laws of nature. †

## PRAYER

*Merciful God, encourage those who are facing a long illness, strengthen those who care for the sick, and comfort those who must witness a loved one's suffering. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

February 5–10

**Monday, St. Agatha:**

1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13 / Mk 6:53–56

**Tuesday, St. Paul Miki and Companions:**

1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30 / Mk 7:1–13

**Wednesday, Weekday:**

1 Kgs 10:1–10 / Mk 7:14–23

**Thursday, Weekday:**

1 Kgs 11:4–13 / Mk 7:24–30

**Friday, Weekday:**

1 Kgs 11:29–32; 12:19 / Mk 7:31–37

**Saturday, St. Scholastica:**

1 Kgs 12:26–32; 13:33–34 / Mk 8:1–10

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