



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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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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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: 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 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 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



It Takes a Village: Last week, I shared about my experience getting ready to depart from the surgical center. I don't remember much of what

took place. I don't remember being wheeled back to recovery or being wheeled back to my room. I do remember coming to a bit, but it was all foggy. I had to ask my mom as I was writing this article if I was talkative or quiet as I was coming out of the anesthesia. When I asked my mom, she had to sit down to show me. She said it was pretty funny. I guess once I started to wake up, I kept rubbing my head and saying loudly that I had an annoying headache. I guess I kept repeating that I had an annoying headache, and I couldn't understand why my foot didn't hurt, but my head did. Eventually, I asked for something to deal with my annoying headache, and they gave me some Tylenol.

After some time, they wheeled me out to the car, and I remember a bunch of people trying to "hoist" me into the back seat of my sister's car. I slid into position and got situated. Thankfully, my mom and sister had a pillow and a blanket ready for me. I remember trying to protect my foot and the IV pump nerve block that was in a case and now hanging around my neck. Once we got moving, I remember a call going out that we would need help getting me out of the car and up to my room.

And, boy, did the help arrive. The extra re-enforcement team included Lonnie, Fr. Bob, and Kevin Hendrick. I remember looking at the time and was thankful it was just after school dismissal so I wouldn't become the after-school entertainment. Somehow, they slid me out of the car and helped me enter the house. Someone kept protecting my foot while the others were helping me navigate, hopping up the two entry steps into the house. Once I got to my staircase, I could sit in my chair lift and then slowly move upstairs. Once upstairs, I needed help getting up two more steps and then getting into bed. All I remember was wanting to get to bed. I. Was. Exhausted.

Once the reinforcement team left my house and I was nicely tucked into my bed with my 45-degree angle wedges to prop up my feet, my mom and sister got me something small to eat, and they went into another room on my second floor, which I

converted into a small sitting/tv room. At this point, I was wide awake and was answering texts and emails to let people know how things went. Maybe an hour later, I was getting hungry or thirsty and called out for my "Florence Nightingales" in the other room. I knew the TV was on, but no one answered. So, I repeated, "Mom? ... Jackie?" There was radio silence.

From my bed, there's a mirror that gives me a partial view of the sitting room if I lean up just a bit. So, I leaned up and saw one of them with their head tilted and sound asleep, which meant the other one was asleep, too. I started to laugh and immediately called my sister Cindy to let her know how my Mom and Jackie were doing. We had a good laugh. I guess I wasn't the only one exhausted from the day's events! Yes, it takes a village to care for me ... and it has been tiring EVERYONE out! As I've learned ... Monsignors ARE a ton of work!

Reconstruction Update #5: If you were at SJA last weekend for Mass, you heard Father Bob and Father Rich's announcement that I had this "brilliant" concept that I would be "back on the schedule" starting this weekend. I was silent about my dream, but the dream quickly got blown away when those who get our liturgical calendar started to see my initials pop up on the schedule. "Are you insane?" "This is ridiculous." "Didn't you listen to the doctor?" "I'm deleting this schedule. Ridiculous." As the complaints emerged, I decided to be proactive and call those I knew would be chewing me so I could face the music all in one sitting! Father Rich then asked people at the 4 and 12 PM Masses to stand if they wanted me to listen to the doctor and stay home. Okay, okay, I got the message!

I'm slowly learning to be "more patient" and have been occupying my time getting caught up on some computer projects that have been on "The List." I've been somewhat sequestered upstairs because I still struggle navigating a few steps at my house. I've been practicing and hope to get to the office soon for an "outing" with some assistance. The infamous iWalk will be helpful once I get more confident walking on it! I'm getting there! The pain has diminished, and I know I'm improving daily. Three weeks down. Eight to go!

I appreciate all the prayers and best wishes! God bless you for all your kindness! It means the world to me!

World Marriage Day: The Second Sunday in February is the annual celebration of World Marriage Day. Initially conceived by the World Wide Marriage Encounter apostolate, World Marriage Day is now celebrated throughout the United States and in many foreign countries. World Marriage Day honors the lifelong commitment of husbands and wives and takes as its theme the commandment the Lord gave to love one another. That commandment takes on a special prominence within a marriage relationship. Loving one another is a daily decision that couples must commit to every day of their life. It's a simple idea but a challenging one. Loving one another requires neither gifts nor money. It becomes a way of life. While the candy, notes, jewelry, and special dinners are well appreciated (and plenty of these will be given or received on Valentine's Day), couples should also find lasting ways to increase their love for one another. The visible signs of living this commandment shouldn't be seen only on anniversaries, birthdays, Christmas, or Valentine's Day. Loving one another should be a daily reality!

A promotional piece for World Marriage Day had the following suggestions and thoughts: "1. Have you hugged your spouse today? 2. Call your spouse right now and say 'I love you.' 3. Take out your wedding pictures tonight and share a memory with family and friends. 4. Show the family movies tonight to celebrate a marriage well done. 5. Bring a gift tonight to your spouse. 6. Fix his or her favorite meal tonight. 7. Share your love for each other with your children tonight. 8. Ask your spouse for a date tonight. 9. Tell each other how much your marriage means to you. 10. Your marriage relationship is the most intimate relationship possible on earth. Be proud of it and the joys and sacrifices that have made it strong. 11. Reach out - not long distance - and touch your spouse. 12. Share your love story with your children tonight."

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

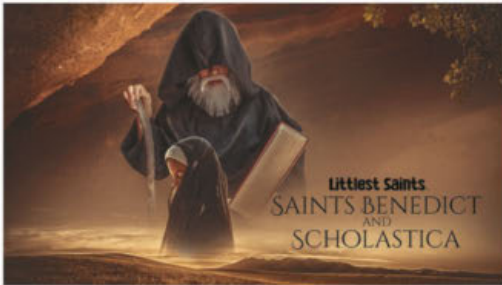
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This Week on Formed

Week of February 09, 2025



Sts. Benedict

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.



The Bible (Part 2)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Bible. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament? Do Catholics read the Bible? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Catholic Community

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

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Holy Eucharist Basics

This week, my article is a little refresher on some practical aspects of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Much of what I offer, you may already know. Some of it may be new to you. Some may reinforce something you thought you already knew, but were not so sure about anymore. I assure you that each item I mention in this article could be of benefit to *somebody*. This article obviously is not a comprehensive treatment of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I will simply address some high points that I see needing attention. Let's begin with this fundamental question: What is the Eucharist?

The Eucharist, or Holy Communion, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Host, or if we drink from the chalice, we are literally eating Jesus Christ's flesh and blood. The Eucharist does not look like flesh and blood. It *looks* like a wafer of bread and a cup of wine. It is NOT. Once the bread and wine has been consecrated by the priest, it is not bread or wine AT ALL. We Catholics believe that the bread and wine have been transubstantiated (changed into a different substance) into Jesus' Body and Blood. No more bread; no more wine. We are taught by the Church that in receiving *either* the Body *or* the Blood of Christ, we are receiving the totality of Jesus: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Sharing in Holy Communion is *not* a mere practice of hospitality. When non-Catholics are excluded from receiving the Eucharist, we are not being mean or uppity. We are simply being honest. Receiving Eucharist together is the deepest expression of our Catholic faith that we have. Sadly, we are not at that level of relationship with those who are outside of our Church to share Eucharist together. We would be dishonest to act as if Holy Communion was just a way to express fellowship with visitors.

We must be in a state of grace to receive the Eucharist. This means that we must have asked God to forgive any venial sins we may have committed before presenting ourselves for Holy Communion. If we have committed any mortal sins, they must have been

forgiven for them in the Sacrament of Penance before coming to receive the Eucharist. Knowingly receiving the Holy Communion with grave sin on our souls is itself gravely wrong. There may be circumstances when a person could receive the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin if sacramental Confession was unavailable and the person promised to get to Confession as soon as possible. Church law allows for the reception of Holy Communion twice in one calendar day.

When we approach the altar for Holy Communion and say "Amen," we are openly agreeing with the minister who gives Jesus to us and says, "The Body of Christ," or "The Blood of Christ." We are saying, "YES" – that we believe what the Catholic Church teaches about what we are receiving and doing. We are doing this in union (in communion) with the rest of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are with us at Mass. If you do not believe that the Host (or the Cup of Drink) is truly the Body and Blood of Christ, you should **not** receive the Eucharist. You don't have to. No one but the priest presiding at Mass is *obligated* to receive Communion at Mass. Catholics are only obligated to *attend* Mass every Sunday. Otherwise, we are *obligated* to receive the Eucharist only once a year, preferably during Easter season (CCC1389).

Please be aware that *believing* that the Eucharist is truly Jesus does not mean that we have to *understand how* it is Jesus. There's a big difference. If we had to understand how this happens, *none* of us would be able to receive. It is a miracle! We cannot understand the divine because *we ourselves* are not divine . . . yet. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist helps us on the journey to divine life.

We receive the Eucharist by approaching the Eucharistic Minister, making a simple bow of the head, then taking the Host in the hand or on the tongue. In the United States, the normal posture for receiving Holy Communion is standing, and in the hand. A person can also receive kneeling and/or on the tongue. When receiving in the hand, one should place one hand on top of the other, creating a 'throne' to receive the

Lord. Once in hand, the other hand should be used to pick up the Host to consume it *immediately*. Do not grab at the Host. Do not walk away with the Host. Do not wait to get back to your seat to eat. Reverently consume the Host right away.

Those who receive on the tongue should open their mouth and stick their tongue out far enough to have a place for the Host to land. Once your tongue is out, **please** stop moving! The minister will get the Host to you. A communicant chasing after the host is not helping, as much as that might be the intent.

If you have a pyx and are taking the Eucharist to a homebound sick person, *you* should receive first. This can obviously be tricky, handling the pyx *and* receiving the Host for yourself. But your main reason for coming to the altar is for **you** to receive the Lord. *You and Jesus* should be your primary focus as you come to the table. You do not have to hurry. You may want to keep the unopened pyx on the back of your receiving hand, or in a convenient pocket, etc. Receive the Host for yourself, consume it, then retrieve your pyx and open it for an additional host to take to the sick. Remember, those taking Holy Communion to the homebound **must** go immediately from Mass to deliver it. *No* stopping for breakfast. *No* stopping at the store to pick up coffee and creamer for Mom on the way. *No* working out at the gym. Definitely, *no keeping the Blessed Sacrament at home overnight* to be delivered the next day. There is too much potential for Jesus to be forgotten about or lost. And, yes, it does happen. Arrangements can be made to pick up Holy Communion from the parish at another time, if delivering Jesus right after Mass is troublesome.

There are many other questions regarding the Eucharist that may arise. Please feel free to ask me about them and I will try to get you some good answers.

In our Eucharistic Lord,
Fr. Bob





February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 | 1 Cor 15:1-11 | Lk 5:1-11

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

"Woe is me, I am doomed!" "I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle." "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Do you notice a theme today? Each of these lines – taken from our readings – reveals the humbling reality that when humans stand in the glorious presence of God, we must confront the Truth, look at ourselves honestly, and recognize our sin. We are reminded of the Garden, when original sin disfigured human nature and Adam and Eve, realizing their nakedness, hid themselves from God. The story would be tragic if that had been the end. But in today's readings and in our own lives, the crippling effects of our sin are *not* the end. By becoming aware of our sin – agonizing though this may be – we invite the Lord in. It's the crack in the door that he will enter, bringing mercy and freedom found only in him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each of today's readings shows how God's presence leads us to acknowledge our lack; however, that's only "step one." Notice what happens next in each instance. "Your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective." "Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid.'" See how, in each example, hearts are transformed from shame and guilt to courage and confidence. The readings explain how as each person is freed, they are compelled to act boldly. So, what changed? The same thing that can happen in our own lives: as we acknowledge our sin, we open ourselves to the flow of grace. We allow the Lord to heal and free us, making us radiant and setting our hearts on fire with love.

PLAN

Choose one virtue you'd like to cultivate in order to root out a sinful habit. Then make a plan to practice that virtue. It can be as simple as "I will always pray to the Holy Spirit before I talk to that person at work who bothers me." Make sure your plan is: (1) specific ["I will never sin again" doesn't count], and (2) doable ["I will pray every day for six hours to grow in patience" is not possible for most people]. Finally, offer your plan to God and ask him for whatever strength, grace, and healing you need to grow in that virtue.



THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 16 C

Reading One – Jer 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

Responsorial Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Reading Two – 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins.

Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Alleluia – Lk 6:23ab

Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Lk 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

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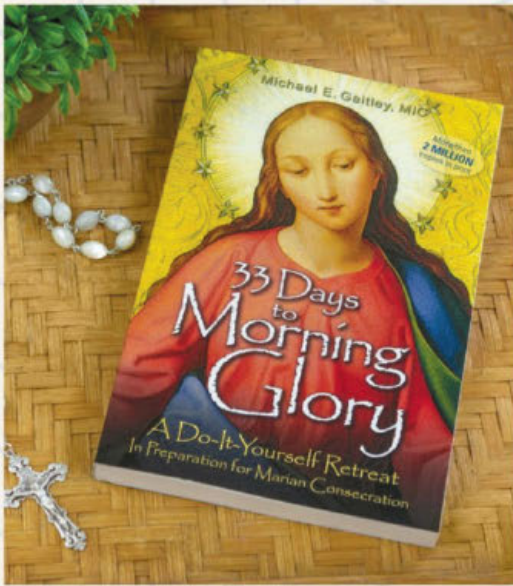


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Sign up today to receive semi-monthly texts to remind you to connect with your grandparent or grandfriend. The text will remind you to connect with them and offer suggested conversation starters. It's a simple plan to brighten someone's day!

To sign up or learn more go to:
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STUDY AND PRAYER MINISTRY

**Thursdays from 2-3:30
Feb 13-March 20**

**Join our Hearts Afire
Ministry as they embark the
33 Days to Morning Glory
personal retreat.**

If you've been thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or if you're simply looking to deepen and renew your devotion to the Blessed Mother, 33 Days to Morning Glory is the right book and retreat for you.

Join with our Hearts Afire group in this 33-day preparation for Consecration to Jesus Through Mary. The group will meet weekly until March 20th, starting with an introductory meeting on February 13.

Consecration will take place on the Feast of the Annunciation (Tuesday, March 25th). The cost of the book is \$17. Scholarships are available.

Contact Susan Hughes at
313-410-9504 or Sandy Walters at
586-241-8677 with questions.
Sign up and pay at sjascs.org/hearts-afire



Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, February 10th

SCHOOL CLOSED

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Tuesday, February 11th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, February 12th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM: Reconciliation

6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, February 13th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

2:00 PM: Hearts a Fire - EH.

7:00 PM: Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, February 14th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, February 15th

10:00 AM: Funeral for John Charles Tokarz

11:00 AM: Reconciliation

12:30 PM: Baptism of Hayes Z. Compton

4:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, February 16th

8:00 AM: Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM: Family Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM: Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

February 9, 2025 – Secret of Success

Back in the so-called good ol' days, most folks shared a similar notion about hard work.

Apply yourself, the thinking went, work hard, and success will follow. To some extent, that was a winning formula.

Now, however, it may not be so simple.

A recent podcast produced by a much-followed political and success expert considered in some depth why the rules may have changed. Titled "Hard Work Won't Save You: The Truth About Success in America," the host and a guest dug into the topic for almost an hour.

Other media outlets and commentators have likewise offered their own takes on this changing reality for success.

Their reasons vary, of course, but fundamentally, many would agree that hard work is just the beginning. Intangibles such as one's personal brand, the politics of one's organization, the ability of an individual to align with power brokers and sell ideas all come into play.

Perhaps this was always the case, but in this world of over-analysis it's just becoming more obvious.

It's reflective, in a simplistic way, of the deeper truth shared in today's gospel. We can work as hard as we want, but without God's grace, we'll always fall short of ultimate victory.

Consider the sweat invested by Simon and his friends in their profession.

"After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch,'" St. Luke quotes Jesus as saying. "Simon said in reply, 'Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.' When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing."

The quick and important lesson: success comes with and from God, as long as we're fishing for the right things.

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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

The Catch

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Would optional celibacy help the priest shortage?

Answer:

This is a hotly debated topic. There are good arguments on both sides, and there is no clear answer that emerges. However, the shortage of clergy in denominations that do allow marriage would seem to indicate that optional celibacy is not the quick answer that some might think. No one solution is perfect. Each one has its flaws and problems that are not easily solved. While optional celibacy would open ordination to some great men who are married, it also brings the problems of family, financial support, marital problems, and issues — good and bad — of childrearing. So it would not seem that optional celibacy is a realistic solution to the shortage of clergy.

With all of the varied challenges and problems facing the Church, it is easy to forget that the Holy Spirit leads us. Openness, dialogue, and education are second to our prayers and petitions to the Holy Spirit to make clear the path the Church should follow. A response that is rooted in a culture of political correctness is almost certainly doomed; a response that is rooted in prayer and in God cannot fail.

Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	February 10, 2025 Saint Scholastica, Virgin (White)
7:00 am	Matt Hunsucker
Tuesday	February 11, 2025 Weekday; Our Lady of Lourdes (Green/White)
7:00 am	George J. Bugarin
Wednesday	February 12, 2025 Weekday (Green)
7:00 am	Special Intention for Joe Schotthoefer
6:00 pm	George J. Bugarin
Thursday	February 13, 2025 Weekday (Green)
7:00 am	Tina Calisi
Friday	February 14, 2025 Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop (White)
7:00 am	Dennis Fleming
Saturday	February 15, 2025 Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
4:00 pm	Terri Smigels, Bonnie Batche, Joe Basirico, Joseph Fikany, Edward, Helen & Henry Blind, Michael Timmreck, Elizabeth Dresden, Dr. Lori Karol, Joan Weber, Tony Marino, Paula Nagel, Mr. & Mrs. Ruda, Lisa Sully, and Special Intentions for the Family of Tina Calisi, for the living and deceased members of the J. Champine Family, and the Thomas Family.
6:00 pm	Raymond Strussione
Sunday	February 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Angela Godard
12:00 pm	Hugo Calisi, Daniel Bommarito, Charlotte Power, Paula Nagel, the deceased members of the Ruda Family

Daily Readings

Monday, February 10	Friday, February 14
Genesis 1:1-19 Mark 6:53-56	Genesis 3:1-8 Mark 7:31-37
Tuesday, February 11	Saturday, February 15
Genesis 1:20-2:4a Mark 7:1-13	Genesis 3:9-24 Mark 8:1-10
Wednesday, February 12	Sunday, February 16
Genesis 2:4b-17 Mark 7:14-23	Jerimiah 17:5-8 1Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
Thursday, February 13	
Genesis 2:18-25 Mark 7:24-30	

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Minnie Louise Haskins



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SJA High School Youth Group

February Events



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- Feb. 12th - Pal-entines/
Valentines Party
- Feb. 19th - Service Day,
Blessing bag making
- Feb. 26th - Pre-Lent Bible
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Edna Burton	Larry Gehrke	David Lott	Marilyn Rose	Eileen Wallace
Maryann Carlin	Larry Graham	Dominik Mackowski	Victoria Rydholm	Elaine Walters
Ed Cole	Peter Grantz	Sam Manalo	Lily Saith	Tom Ward
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Chris Gretchen	Ilene Manning	Barbara R. Scharneck	Larry Weber
Joan Combellack	Pam Haisenleder	Joan Mannino	Dianne Schelosky	Adrienne Weidenbach
Maura Corrigan	Judith Hasten	Cathy Morasso	Josh Schultz	Joan Weitz, O.P.
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George Dickerson	Catherine Konen	Robert Peters	Cathy Sullens	Joan Wright
Ray Dinser	Delaney Kraemer	Vicky Pranger	Mary Surmont	
Liana Doe	Shirley Kraemer	Carol S. Provencal	Terri Szolach	
Jean Edwards	Laurie Krim	Tracy Rauch	Kim Thomas	

Pray for the Sick List: Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at info@sjasc.org.

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Bringing Home the Word

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
February 9, 2025

Whom Shall I Send?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This could very well be called Mission Sunday—not because there is a second collection, but because today's readings challenge us to examine how we have responded to being called and sent. Isaiah recounts a religious experience he had while in the Temple. Most majestic of all aspects of that vision was the voice that spoke to him. He heard the words, "Whom shall I send?" (Isaiah 6:8). Send where? To do what? Presumably it meant: "Whom shall I send to speak my word to the people?" The eagerness of the prophet is remarkable: "Here I am...send me!"

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8

"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am [Lord]," I said; "send me!"

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or

1 Corinthians 15:3–8, 11

He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Luke 5:1–11

[Simon said,] "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."

This passage describes Isaiah's call to ministry, to be God's prophet to the people.

The Gospel reading reports another call—that of Peter, James, and John. After showing that he was able to fill the nets of these fishermen, even to the breaking point, Jesus offered them the opportunity to attract (catch) men and women. Again, almost without thinking, "they left everything and followed him" (Luke 5:11). In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul explains to the "fish" (his converts) how this message is communicated, how fish are caught, how the gospel is preached: "I handed on to you...what I also received" (1 Corinthians 15:3). In all cases, the message is basically the same: "I will be your God and you will be my people." This is what we've all been called to experience, then sent to proclaim—first Isaiah, †



**We are challenged
to examine how we have
responded to being
called and sent.**

A Word from Pope Francis

Every day, the boat of our life...[sails] out into the sea of daily activities; every day, we try to "fish in the open sea," to cultivate dreams, to pursue projects, to experience love in our relationships. But often, like Peter, we experience the "night of empty nets"...the disappointment of trying very hard and not seeing the desired results.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- How do I recognize that God created me for a purpose?
- What call from God am I not hearing, not responding to?

Who Am I?

Tat-Thang Hoang, CSsR

Who am I? We ask this question constantly throughout our lives. Many times, we answer it casually or informally: “I’m Daniel.” “I’m Mary.” “I’m eighteen years old.” “I’m single.” “I’m a student.” “I’m American.”

But “I’m made in the image of God”? What does that mean? It means you were created by God out of love and for love. Often, as we discern our vocations, we forget about our own origins, our own selves. We aren’t here by accident. We exist through the love of God and the love of our parents. Unfortunately, some of us lose sight of this truth. We think “I’m ugly.” “I’m stupid.” “I’m not good enough.” We don’t dare to embrace our true selves.

The first step of vocation discernment is claiming that you are created from



God and by God with dignity and love. God loves us and wishes us to be happy and loved. If you are discerning your vocation to marriage, this theme is equally important and relevant in your life. If you don’t acknowledge yourself as a unique and beautiful creature of God, you can easily overlook those qualities in your loved one. Do you see yourself as an image of God? I hope you say “yes.”

Are you afraid of being called by God? You’re in good company. Moses was afraid. Jeremiah was afraid. Mary was afraid. Following God’s calling requires courage, trust, humility, and sacrifice. Many prophets, apostles, and saints initially said “yes,” but then they had to continue saying “yes” to the will and guidance of God in their daily lives. “Yes” is only the beginning. And it’s not always easy. Be not afraid to enter into the mystery of your divine calling. You might be standing at an open door—the threshold into the unknown. God’s voice might call out to you, inviting you in. Go meet God. Go listen. Don’t be afraid. You can start by entering the doors of silence, prayer, meditation, listening, and reading. †

From *Hearing God’s Call: Thirty Days of Vocation Discernment*, by Tat-Thang Hoang, CSsR, Liguori Publications (827204). Liguori.org • 800-325-9521

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “Blessed Carlo Acutis: Saint in Sneakers” by Matt and Colleen Swaim

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PRAYER

Gracious God, open our hearts to know your will for us and give us the grace to love you and the people you place on our path. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

February 10–15

Monday, St. Scholastica:
Gn 1:1–19 / Mk 6:53–56


Tuesday, Weekday:
Gn 1:20–2:4a / Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday, Weekday:
Gn 2:4b–9, 15–17 / Mk 7:14–23

Thursday, Weekday:
Gn 2:18–25 / Mk 7:24–30

Friday, Sts. Cyril and Methodius:
Gn 3:1–8 / Mk 7:31–37

Saturday, Weekday:
Gn 3:9–24 / Mk 8:1–10

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February 9, 2025

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