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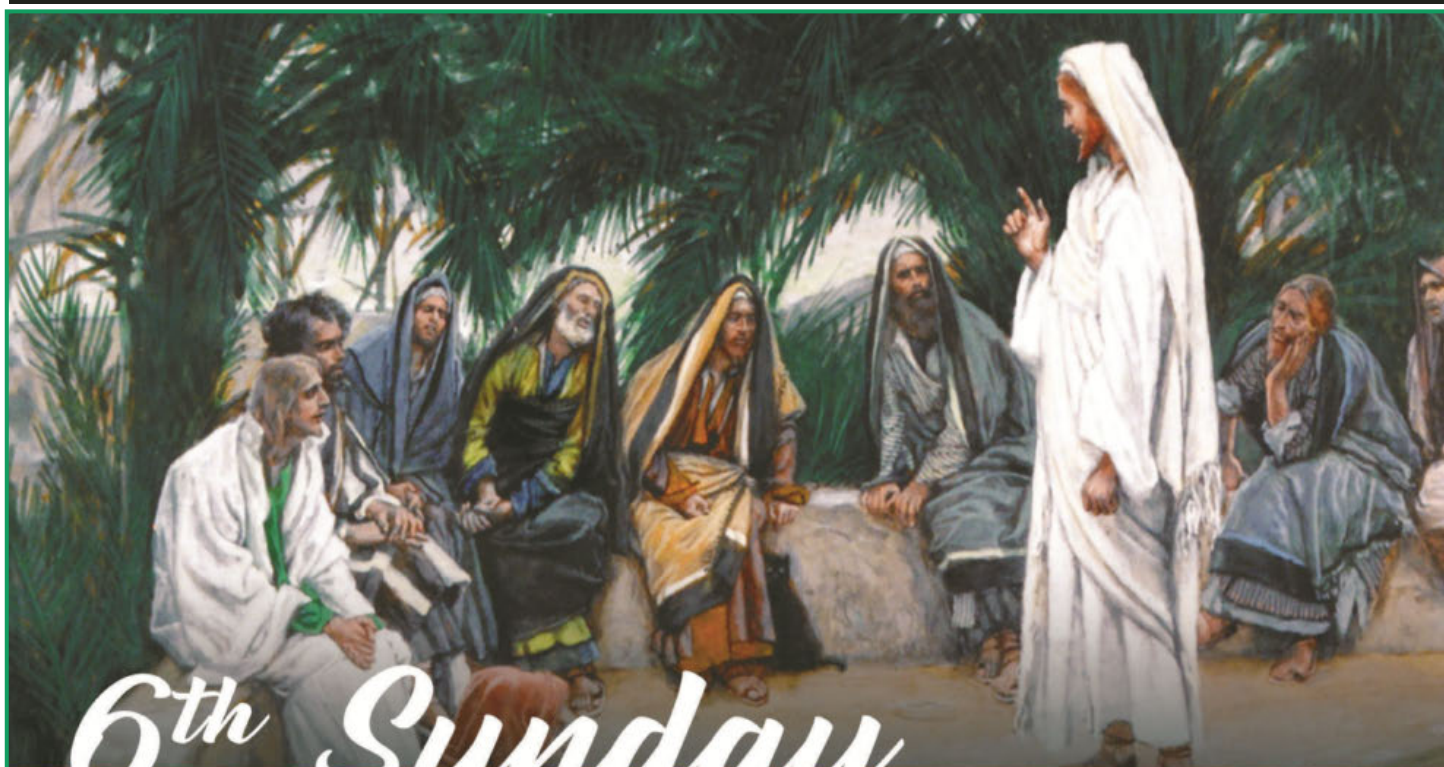
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FEBRUARY 16, 2025 • SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



6th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"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." - Lk 6:22

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Maria Immacolata Church

"Act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God"



Readings for the Week of February 16, 2025

Sunday	Jeremiah 17:5-8 / Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 / 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 / Luke 6:17, 20-26
Monday	Genesis 4:1-15, 25 / Psalm 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 / Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday	Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 / Psalm 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 / Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday	Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22 / Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 / Mark 8:22-26
Thursday	Genesis 9:1-13 / Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 / Mark 8:27-33
Friday	Genesis 11:1-9 / Psalm 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 / Mark 8:34—9:1
Saturday	1 Peter 5:1-4 / Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 / Matthew 16:13-19
Next Sunday	1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 / 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 / Luke 6:27-38



Mission Statement: *Maria Immacolata is a Catholic community under the patronage of Mary, Mother of Jesus, celebrating with vibrant liturgy our calling to conversion and growth as we reach out “to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.” (Micah 6:8)*

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Maria Immacolata is a Catholic community, under the patronage of Mary, Mother of Jesus, celebrating with vibrant liturgy our ongoing calling to conversion and growth as we reach out “to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.”

Church Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	8:30 am & 10:30 am CCD/Youth Mass: 5:30 pm
Monday ...	Communion Service - 12:10 pm
Tuesday - Friday	Mass - 12:10 pm

Care Centers Mass Schedules

Terrebonne Place .. 1st Tuesday - 10:00 am

Parish Ministries & Organizations

Parish Council Members

<i>President:</i> Ellen Dillard	
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Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated the first Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. The Baptismal Seminar is held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Church. Parents are asked to contact the church office for more information.



Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples entering marriage should be registered in a church parish before calling for an appointment. Couples are asked to contact the church office at least eight months before the date of the wedding. The diocesan guidelines including the Pre-Cana Conference must be fulfilled.



Sacrament of Penance

Private confessions 30 minutes prior to all weekend masses or by appointment.



Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the church office if you or someone in your family is sick or in the hospital.



Parish Registration

All parishioners are urged to register and be an active part of a faith family of friends. To register, please visit our website or call the parish office. Your commitment to a faith community will enable you and your family to participate fully in the Sacramental Life of the Catholic Church.

YOUTH FORMATION (CCD) SCHEDULE

Sunday Feb. 16	3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Mass 5:30 p.m.	Upper Youth Formation (6 th - 7 th Grades)
Monday Feb. 17	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lower Youth Formation (3 rd - 4 th Grades)
Sunday Mar. 9	3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Mass 5:30 p.m.	Upper Youth Formation (10 th Grade)
Monday Mar. 10	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lower Youth Formation (1 st - 2 nd Grades)
Sunday Mar. 16	3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Mass 5:30 p.m.	Upper Youth Formation (8 th - 9 th Grades)
Sunday Mar. 17	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lower Youth Formation (5 th Grade)
Sunday Mar. 23	3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Mass 5:30 p.m.	Upper Youth Formation (6 th - 7 th Grades)
Monday Mar. 24	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Lower Youth Formation (3 rd - 4 th Grades)
Sunday Apr. 6	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Lower Youth Formation "First Eucharist"
Sunday Apr. 6	3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Mass 5:30 p.m.	Upper Youth Formation (10 th Grade)



PRAYER OF GOD'S BLESSING

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart in imitation of Yours. Bless me, Lord, help me to see people as You do, and to hear their needs. Bless me, Lord, replace my understanding with Yours. Amen.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Luke 6:20)

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Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. (Jeremiah 17:7)

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the Week

Too many of us make the mistake of expecting prosperity here on Earth as a reward for following Christ. But Jesus is very clear: sorrow and hardship are a part of life. But when we offer these sufferings to Christ, they become transformed. They become blessed. And so do we.

2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL



Please join Father Joey as Maria Immacolata parish launches our 2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal. We ask that you pray for our diocese and our appeal and prayerfully consider making a commitment to support the ministries lead by the Bishop's Appeal. We as a Catholic community are called to lead with our prayers and to support our church as parish and diocese. When making your commitment, please remember that by your prayers and gifts are directly support our

5 Seminarians, our 18 retired priests, Maria Immacolata Youth and Adult Formation, and Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools Office, our Diocesan Ethnic Ministries, and our Collegiate Campus Ministry.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to support our Annual Bishop's Appeal and our parish. Use the QR Code or give online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass this weekend, or you may simply mail your commitment to the diocese in the provided envelope.

If you would like more information about the 2025 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3136 or email lcrosby@htdiocese.org.



Observances for the Week of February 16, 2025

Sunday	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day
Tuesday	Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Next Sunday	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now
as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me
to be separated from you.
Amen.

*If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain.
(1 Corinthians 15:16-17)*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND THE ROSARY

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Church on Wednesday nights between 5pm and 7pm, **and** Thursday mornings between 8am & noon.



The Rosary is also prayed during Adoration on Wednesday nights **and** on Thursday mornings at 9:30am.

Fr. Joey is available for confessions on most Wednesday nights. **Everyone** is encouraged and welcome to join us for Adoration and praying the Rosary.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Mini Reflection: Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. Are we ready to be radical, too?

In the End, Does it Matter? When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: “In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground.”

What he meant was, it doesn’t matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We’re all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the stuff, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so important: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with what I was going to become that I wasn’t spending a lot of time thinking about who I was going to become. But the who is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it’s all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on “the five-year plan” when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can’t take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it’s radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too? — Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Personal Reflection and Response to Scripture

First Reading

Jeremiah believes it is wise to trust in the Lord. When have you had to place your trust in God?

Second Reading

Paul challenged those in the Corinthian community who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. How do you support family or friends who are non-believers?

Gospel Reading

We hear today how Jesus brought comfort to those struggling in life and challenged those who lived a life of ease. Is there someone you know who could benefit from your words of comfort this week?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained

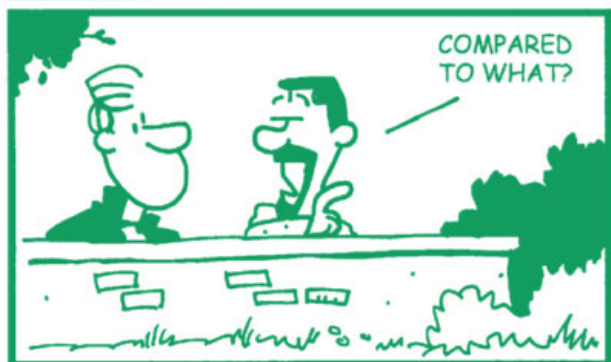
Question: Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

Answer: Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern for the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

What is the term for sharing of the faith through witness of life and word?

(See answer on inside back cover under Liturgical Ministers Schedule)

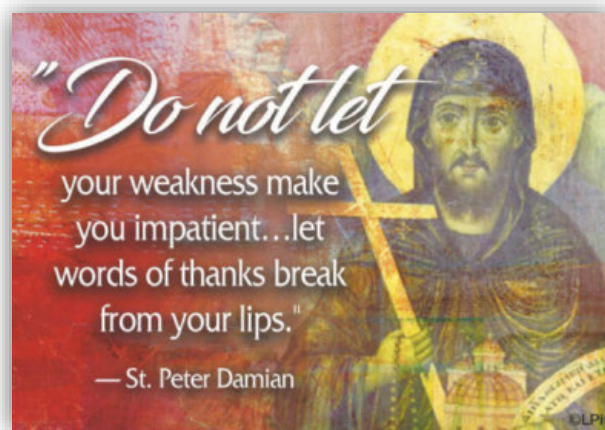
GOSPEL MEDITATION

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

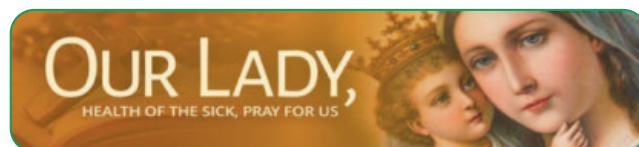
Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": **"Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of"** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— Father John Muir



Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Psalm 1)



DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED!

Connect with tradition and grow your faith

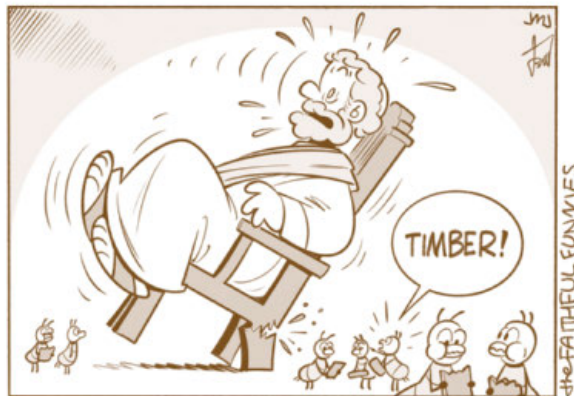
Stations of the Cross - February 16, 2025

Stations of the Cross, Explained

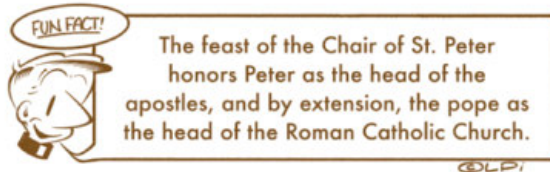
In the earliest years of Christianity, the locations central to the story of Holy Week — the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Holy Sepulcher, and more — were destinations for pilgrims who wanted to experience Christ's sacrificial love for us in a physical way. In the years after the Crusades, pilgrimage to the Holy Land became impossible for most Christians, and the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to pray through the passion and death of Christ.

Throughout history the number of stations has varied, with different traditions focusing on different events. In the 18th century, the number was officially fixed at 14 by Pope Clement XII. These stations are taken from the Gospel accounts of Christ's passion and death, though there are several which are derived from tradition and apocryphal sources, such as the meeting of Mother and Son and St. Veronica wiping the face of Christ.

"What is a termite's favorite feast day?"



"The Chair of St. Peter!"



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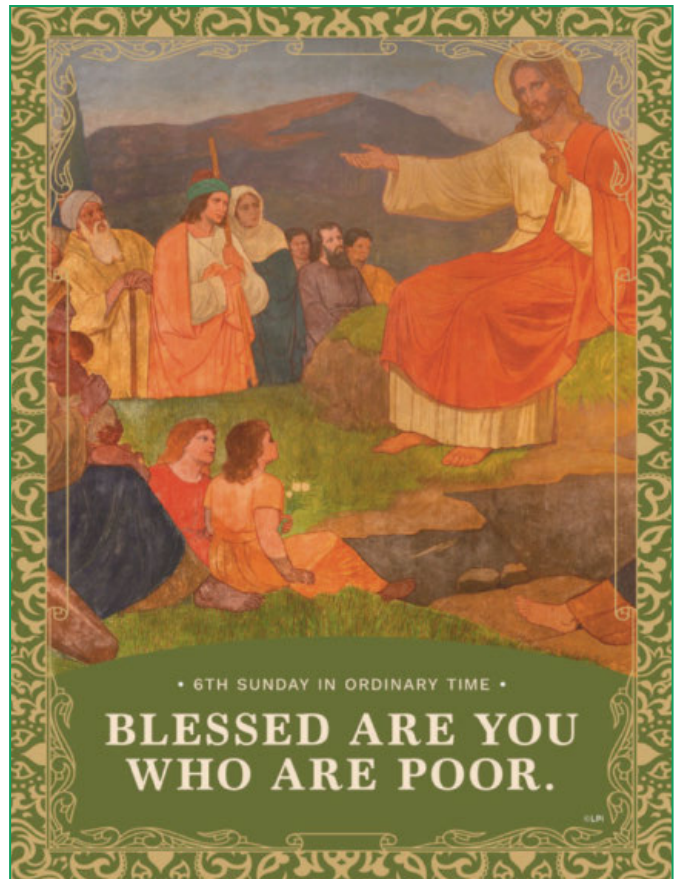
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January 27th – February 2nd

1st Collection for General / Stewardship 2nd Collection for Operational / Facility Improvements

Envelopes	\$ 6,530.00	Mass Collections	\$ 380.00
Online	\$ 5,070.00	Online	\$ 770.00
Loose	\$ 1,805.00	Total	\$1,150.00
Total	\$13,405.00		

Church in Africa Collection: \$1,814.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule February 22nd & 23rd, 2025

Saturday, February 22nd, 4:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Joey Pilola
Mass Coordinator: Gayle Prince
Lector: Mary Ann Hipp
Commentator: Ann Caballero
Extraordinary Ministers: Gary Labat Sr., Lee LeCompte, Brian Matherne, Marianne Matherne, Gayle Prince, Adeline Rodrigue, & Jan Yakupzack
Altar Servers: TBA
Ushers: TBA
Children's Church: *No Children's Church*

Sunday, February 23rd, 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Joey Pilola
Mass Coordinator: Sandra Dunbar
Lector: George Robichaux
Commentator: Ann Robichaux
Extraordinary Ministers: Cecile Allemand, Julie Borne, Ellen Dillard, Mary Haydel, Sidney Sissac, Ken Trahan, & Yolanda Trahan
Altar Servers: TBA
Ushers: TBA
Children's Church: *No Children's Church*

Sunday, February 23rd, 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Joey Pilola
Mass Coordinator: Graham Caldarera
Lector: Mary LeBouef
Commentator: Kathy Mella
Extraordinary Ministers: Sadie Bonvillain, Erin Boudreaux, Debbie Bourgeois, Stephanie Bourgeois, Frank Davis, Cindy Courville, & Michelle Haydel
Altar Servers: TBA
Ushers: TBA
Children's Church: TBA

Sunday, February 23rd, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Joey Pilola
Mass Coordinator: TBA
Lector: Knights of Columbus Volunteer
Commentator: Knights of Columbus Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers: Knights of Columbus Volunteers
Altar Servers: TBA
Ushers: TBA
Children's Church: *No Children's Church*



(Catholic Trivia Answer: Evangelization)

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