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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021

The Rhythm of an Ordinary Day

What does the rhythm of life look like for you?

This week we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. After celebrating Christmas, the New Year, the Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord, we now enter into ordinary time, the daily schedule of life.

What does that mean?

My routine of the day is to wake up at 5:30 a.m. Make a cup of coffee and sit down reading, reflecting and praying for about two hours. Every time I celebrate Mass, Eucharistic adoration, or pray with our community in the church, I see life, daily life, the healthy rhythm of life.

I see Kenny, the sacristan, preparing for Masses carefully.

I see Mama Seabell, Frances, Priscilla, Mary Ann, Bella and many others faithfully praying out loud, from the bottom of their hearts for the goodness of the whole world. They come into church daily to pray together and to start their new day with community.

I see Frances, 94 year old, moving with her walker, to the front pew. She begins every new day with prayer and an enthusiastic smile.

I see our school start with prayer everyday at 7:45 a.m. This makes my heart warm and spirited. Watching the students & teachers work together in the image of God and to improve their lives inspires me tremendously.

I see community lunches and the importance of sharing a meal and good conversation together. This is part of the healthy rhythm of life here. My community is my backbone and the support of my personal and ministerial life. I am grateful to be able to witness the rhythm of life in our Parish, School, Office, Church and home.

Inspired by the Gospel:

They said to him, "Rabbi" - which translated means Teacher - "Where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." (John 1:35-42)

Jesus showed these men his sacred home, his lifestyle and daily action. "Come and see." Your lifestyle determines your destination and destiny. I encourage you to pray, to hope and to inspire one another to live a healthy and holy Christian life. You cannot invite anyone to your home these days because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, but you can share your dreams, inspirations and kindness with others through phone, email, social media or prayer.

I see the hands of God working through us everyday. I wish that each one of us continues to live **FAITHFULLY & GRATEFULLY** through the blessings that God grants to us **EVERYDAY.**

Stay Happy, Healthy and Holy & HAPPY NEW YEAR! - Fr. Tat

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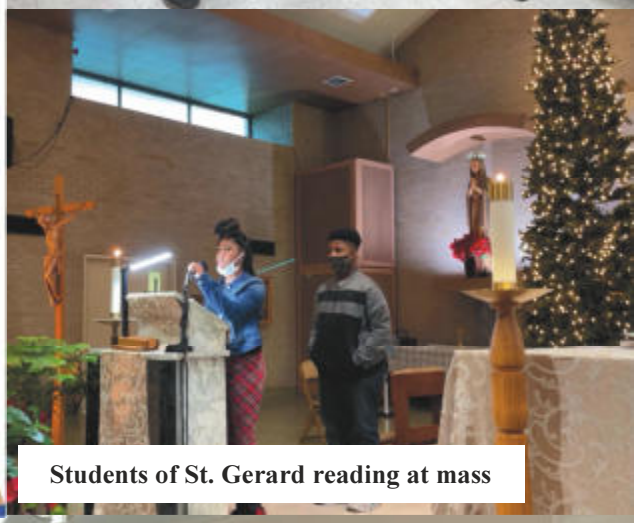

Students of St. Gerard reading at mass

Redemptorists of BR enjoy community lunch everyday

RENEWED CHURCH OFFICE

Thank you to Mr. Gary Casemore for his generous heart and strong determination and his exceptional team who works so hard for renovating and improving our Majella House/Church office!

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Weekly Collection Totals:

Date of Collection:	
Regular Collection:	$ 5081.00
Maintenance Collection	$ 240.00
Total Collected:	**$ 5321.00**

Mass & Ministries

Monday, 1/18	**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**
9:00 a.m.	Mass: Mrs. Thai's Recovery
Tuesday, 1/19	**Weekday**
9:00 a.m.	**Novena of our Mother of Perpetual Help**
9:00 a.m.	Mass: All the sick of Coronavirus
Wednesday, 1/20	**St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr, St. Sabatian, Martyr**
9:00 a.m.	Mass: All first responders of the Pandemic
Thursday, 1/21	**St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr**
8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m.	Mass: Alumni and Benefactors
5:30 p.m.	**THE WORD MADE FLESH (Seelos Hall)**
Friday, 1/22	USA: Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn childreu
10:00 a.m.	Mildred & Ross Poret
11-1 p.m.	**FEEDING THE POOR (Seelos Hall)**
Saturday, 1/23	**Weekday**
4:00 p.m.	Flo Carr & Family
Sunday, 1/24	**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 a.m.	All people St. Gerard's
10:00 a.m.	Ending of Pandemic

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