

**ST. MARY**  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
STAR CITY

3346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

**February 7, 2021 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sundays, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm**

**Daily Mass\*: Mon. 6:30pm, Tue.-Thur. 9:00am** \*please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

Radio broadcast at 8:30am on 1300AM WCLG & 92.1FM, and TuneIn channel Morgan 92.1

**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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## St. Mary Parish

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## Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday

Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at [stmarystarcity.com](http://stmarystarcity.com)

For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

## Sacraments

**Baptism:** (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please call Kathy 304-225-1163 for information.

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

**Order of Christian Initiation:** Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA please contact Please contact Kathy Kerzak (304) 225-1163 /kkerzak@comcast.net for information

**Marriage:** Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

**Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound:** When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request and communally as scheduled

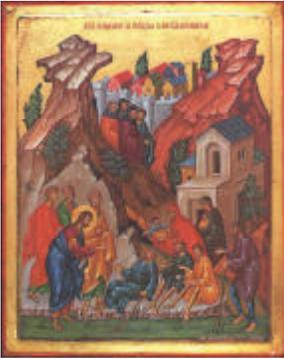
### **Bulletin Deadline:**

**Tuesday@Noon**, email or written copy please,  
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

**Email:** stmaryschurch@comcast.net

**Subject line:** attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

## Spirituality of the Readings – Eat Up



A Polish-American Jesuit friend once invited me to dinner at his mother's house. This sounded quite agreeable. The only instruction I was given beforehand was: do not refuse second helpings.

I was young and skinny and I knew I would even accept thirds. But ...

Polish mothers take great pride in their traditional foods and in the multiple, large, large bowls in which they serve each one. Different foods, every one delicious, each and every one astonishingly filling.

So I ate and ate and ate until the terrible moment arrived. "Here, have some more, oh my goodness

you don't have anything on your plate, take some of this. And this. You are going to starve. You won't be ready for dessert if you don't eat your meal!"

Luckily I did not roll my eyes. I took as little of each as I could politely do, dealt with dessert, and took my stuffed self away from the table, graced with a new friend in my new Polish mother, and a sore stomach.

Why do I tell you this?

Because Simon's mother-in-law in the Gospel must have been this sort of a woman. Whenever guests visited I'm sure she would be hustling and bustling, stirring up a welcome, dish after dish.

But, when Jesus and the apostles came over one day, she was ill and helpless.

Jesus, immersed in his new career of preaching, curing, driving out unclean spirits, and showing the great tenderness of God for people, he saw how much out of character it was for her to just lie there and watch her guests. He took her hand, healed her without ceremony, and lifted her out of her frustration. The Gospel says that, "she waited on them." Just like the Polish mother.

But there is a contrast. In the First Reading we hear the ancient words of Job, who does nothing but complain that everything has been taken away from him. "My life is like the wind," he says, "I shall not see happiness again."

I have been assigned months of misery,  
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.

If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"

then the night drags on;

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.

Many of us will recognize these symptoms from our own lives. But Job lost more than just sleep. He had been prosperous, with a wife and servants, children, land, livestock, and a sterling reputation. Now they were taken away.

What had he done to deserve such huge deprivations?

For that matter, what did Jesus do to deserve the loss of his people (and his frequent meals with them), and of his preaching and curing and befriending? When he hung on the cross did he remember his mother's meals?

And did she?

We too have to know that loss is included in the way of the world.

God knows this also.

And he remains with us either way. "Father and fonder of heart he has wrung." God shows that love means "being with us" in good times and in bad as well. Yes, he does join us in delightful meals.

But he does not take troubles away.

He joins us in them.

## Giving Summary

### Last Sunday's Offering

\$4,765.00

### Online Giving

\$2,016.35

### Church in Latin America

\$ 492.00

### Attendance: 112

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!

## Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

**1/31**—Church in Latin America

**2/17**—Church in Central and Eastern Europe

**2/21**—Black and Indian Missions



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[www.stmarystarcity.com](http://www.stmarystarcity.com).

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### February 7, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm	Douglas Deussenberry
Sunday, 8:30am	For the People
Sunday, 11:00am	Delores Audia
Domingo, 1pm	Pour La Comunidad de la Parroquia

Monday 2/8 Optional of Memorial St. Josephine Bakhita  
6:30pm Rev. Jeremiah Cullinane

Tuesday 2/9 Weekday in Ordinary Time  
9:00am John Laurita

Wednesday 2/10 St. Scholastica  
9:00am Rev. Ron Getsinger

Thursday 2/11 Optional Mem. of Our Lady of Lourdes  
9:00am Rev. Pat Wash

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

**\*In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled\***

### February 14, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm	Jim Cyphert
Sunday, 8:30am	Abraham Lucci
Sunday, 11:00am	For the People
Domingo, 1pm	Pour La Comunidad de la Parroquia

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass  
(Mon.-6:00pm, Tue.-Thur.-8:30am)

\*times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule



**The Bread and Tabernacle Candle**  
the week of February 7th are  
in honor of **Andrew & Carol Mihallik**  
from Jeff & Mary Mihallik.



**Misa en español**  
Todos los domingos a la 1:00 pm  
**Spanish Mass**  
Every Sunday at 1:00pm



**CONFIRMATION** **Adults who have yet to be Confirmed** are invited to join our spring preparation classes, which begin February 7th. Please contact Kathy Kerzak for more information at kkerzak@comcast.net, or (304) 692- 8881.

**NA Meetings** St. Mary Church, Star City  
Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm

**To find other meetings near you,** visit  
<https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

### Sunday, February 7

8:30/9:30	Religious Ed. (Refer to schedule)
9:30-10:45	RCIA
11:00am	Satterfield Baptism
1-3:00pm	Confirmation Meeting—P/H
1:00pm	NA Meeting

### Tuesday, February 9

6:30pm NA Meeting

### Sunday, February 14

8:30/9:30	Religious Ed. (Refer to schedule)
9:30-10:45	RCIA
11:00am	Confirmation Rite of Enrollment (at Mass)
6-8:00pm	Middle School Youth—Zoom



**We welcome Jameson Arthur Satterfield** who was baptized this weekend.



**Eternal Rest for John Laurita,** and condolences to his family, especially his daughter, Lisa Laurita, son, Joseph A. Laurita III and his spouse, James Christopher Johnson; brothers and their spouses, James L. Sr. and Beverly Laurita, Joseph A. Jr. and Zeldia Laurita, Jerry and Joann Laurita, and sister, Joyce Laurita.



## Lenten Season

### Ash Wednesday: February 17th

**Mass Times:** 9:00am  
12:00pm  
6:00pm

### Stations of the Cross

**Mondays:** Starting Mon, 22 Feb., Fr. John will lead stations of the cross *immediately* following 6:30pm Mass.

**Fridays:** Beginning Fri, 19 Feb., lay led stations of the cross will be at 12:00pm. If no leader signs up for that week, there will be booklets available for self-guided stations. Fr. John will hear confessions during this time.

### Reconciliation

**In addition** to the normal times before daily Mass, there will be reconciliation on Saturdays from 5-5:40pm, and during Friday stations of the cross beginning at noon.

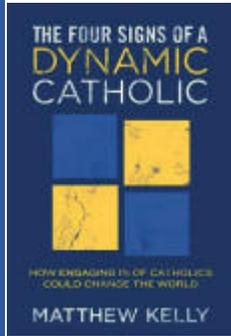
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**Position Opening:**

St. Mary is looking to hire a new business/office manager. While the person chosen will need a variety of skills, some of the basic skills and experience necessary will be a good understanding of financial accounting with a familiarity with Quickbooks online. Additional skills will be good communication with the broader public and with the parish staff and various groups within the parish. Basic computer skills are also a necessity. This is full-time 35-40 hours a week. Compensation will be determined by experience. Please contact the office if interested and to set up an interview with the pastor.

**Lenten Book Study**



**Led by Fr. John  
"Four Signs of a  
Dynamic Catholic"**

by Matthew Kelly  
**Tuesdays during  
Lent: February 23,  
March 2, 9, 16 & 23**

**@6:30 pm**, ending no later than 8pm  
**in the Narthex**, to allow for distancing.  
Please sign up on the sheet in the church,  
or call the office 304-599-3747

**If you nominated Lou Scotchel** for the Parish Council, or you are Lou Scotchel and nominated yourself, please call or email the parish office with your contact information.

**It's Tax Season!**

Per IRS guidelines, we will be sending out tax receipts/statements for 2020. Keep an eye out for your written acknowledgement of charitable contributions within the next 7-10 business days.

**Stations of the Cross  
Fridays during Lent  
12:00, Noon**  
To lead, please sign up in the Church.

If there is no leader signed up, there will be booklets available for self-guided stations.  
Fr. John will be available for reconciliation during this time.

**Our New Address is:**

3346 University Ave  
Morgantown, WV 26505

Please direct all correspondence to this new address. Our P.O. Box is now closed



**With the rising cases of COVID-19 in our area, St. Ursula really needs volunteers in less at-risk age groups** for several jobs, especially sorting donations of clothes and toys.

Call (304)599-3822 to speak with Ginny or

**The Parish Office is located in the Christian Formation Center, room A. We remain closed to in-person visits, except by appointment. You may still contact us by phone or email.**



**St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:  
\*\* Soup and Cereal\*\***

**Baby & Toddler Program needs:**

- \*Diapers (All sizes, but especially 4, 5, 6)
- \*Toddler-sized Winter Clothing (Especially 3T, 4T, & 5T. No other children's)



We have Hearing Assistance Devices available for use during Mass. If you would like one, please ask an Usher.



**Donations for St. Ursula Food Pantry and Outreach may be placed in the labeled bins in the church, or dropped off in the baskets in the CFC entry.**



**Wear a mask. Save lives.**

- Wear a face cover
- Wash your hands
- Keep a safe distance

**Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF).**

These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF).

The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org) with your name, address, and phone number. The last day to register is Friday, February 19th.

**Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church**

Ecclesiology is the theological study of the Church and in this course we will learn basic terms and concepts that are essential for understanding the Church's nature and mission, and how these have been a constant theme in the Church's evolution as a "living organism" throughout history. We will focus on the New Testament Church, those earliest of Christians and what it felt like to be a Christian in the first century. We will look at this time of development and transition as community and leadership rose. We will study the early questions that arose in this time period and we will end with how this early Church serves as a guide and blueprint for issues in the Church today. Although the class will meet regularly on Thursday nights, the first night of the class will be on Wednesday, February 24th, at 7pm. This is due to a Diocesan-wide Zoom presentation with Bishop John Stowe on Thursday, February 25th, which we don't want to interfere with. Offered Thursdays 7-9 pm

**Introduction to Scripture**

Though an introductory course can't cover everything one needs to know to navigate the world of scripture, this course provides the basic concepts to begin the journey! We will focus on how the Bible came about, what were some of the cultural factors which influenced the events around the writings of the Old and New Testaments, and what Church documents today tell us about the Bible. Our focus will be on how Catholics read and interpret the Bible. Offered Thursdays 1-3 pm

**All courses run from Feb 21-March 27;** successful completion is worth 2.5 CEU's if taken for score.



**Mass intentions are being accepted for 2021.** The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10 for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747.

Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.



**Memorial Donations for Bread and the Tabernacle candle are being accepted for the year 2021.** The requested donation is \$40. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested, 304-599-3747.



**American Red Cross**  
Central Appalachia Region

**The American Red Cross of Central Appalachia has an urgent need for Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteers.** Every 8 minutes, the Red Cross responds to a disaster. As a DAT member, YOU can use your talents to provide care, comfort and compassion to neighbors affected by these emergencies.

The Red Cross will provide all the training you need, currently available online, so you can be ready to have a major impact on those who need it the most.

**Learn more here:**

<https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/disaster-action-team.html>



**St. Mary Church Ruby Read Box,** located outside the Formation Center

**Take a Book, Leave a Book**

You do not have to leave a book to take a book, feel free to do one or the other, or both. This box is for leisure reading materials only, please no textbooks.

If you have books that don't fit, please try the box at the Star City rail trail, do not leave excess books in the CFC entry.



## To St. Mary Church

### **In Memory of George Vargo**

Barbara Fedikovich

### **In Memory of Carol Parker**

Barbara Fedikovich

### **In Memory of Edward Curtis**

Jacqueline Scott

### **In Memory of Gladys Petsko**

Marge & Bob Craig

### **In Memory of John & Rose Sellaro Family**

Catherine Hoge

### **In Memory of Bob Wheeler**

Kathryn and Ward 'Jerry' Stone

### **In Memory of Chadwick Chapman**

Rocco Marrara & Family

### **In Memory of Chris Honaker**

Janna & Albie Scudiere

## Building Fund

### **In Memory of Jeanette Baniak**

Barbara Fedikovich

### **In Memory of Bob Bell**

John Cavalier & Mary Margaret Lemine  
Marc & Amy Cavalier

### **In Memory of Ed & Patricia Cyphert**

John Cavalier & Mary Margaret Lemine  
Marc & Amy Cavalier

## Trust Fund for the Poor

### **In Memory of Laura Straub**

Denise DeBiase  
Rodney & Carol Pyles  
Susan Lee

### **In Memory of George Vargo**

Denise & Tom Fowler

### **In Memory of Carl Barill**

Denise & Tom Fowler

### **In Honor of Robert Music Family**

George & Mavis Lilley, Jr.

## Social Activities Committee

### **In Memory of Joan DeChristopher**

Patrick & Michelle Esposito  
Rodney & Carol Pyles  
Sis Williams  
Mary A. Griffith  
Terrie Cunningham  
Linda, Marc, Michael & Heather Bowers  
Anthony Barill  
Michele Maxwell  
Betty Mezzanotte  
Jo & Steve Stone  
Frank Marra  
David & Cynthia Straface  
Scott & Donna St. Clair  
Lisa Ann Gresko  
John & Krista Lobban  
A.T. & Shari Mezzanotte  
Michael & Amelia Marra  
Barbara Born  
Charlie & Sylvia Chico  
Janice Price  
Paul & Barbara Becilla  
Sis Williams  
Antoinette Renn  
Daniel & Diane Taylor  
Janet Howat  
Pete Perry & Luann Cage  
Ward & Kathryn Stone  
Rudolph & Carol Duranti  
Rob & Kim Gerling  
Corrie Mancinelli  
Norman Julian  
Doug & Marie Patchen  
John R. & Shea Angotti  
Darlene Claudio  
Barbara A. Neal  
Pat & Caroline Esposito  
Michael & Robyn Smith  
Sarah Porter  
Darrel & Vicki Auch

## Funeral Luncheon Fund

### **In Memory of Renee Cyphert Morgan**

Vicki & Darrel Auch

**Sunday, Feb 07, 2021**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Game on**

The odds for Super Bowl Sunday 2021 were available last February. Tickets for the game have been on sale for as long. But things don't always happen the way we plan them. Last year, when the Chiefs were pitted against the 49ers, no one imagined how the world would change between one Super Bowl and the next. Still, Jesus comes into our midst wherever we are, whatever our circumstances, and grasps us by the hand. We can't be sure of the game plan for the future. But we can trust that Jesus will be there for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39 (74). *"Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. . . . [Jesus] grasped her hand, and helped her up."*

**Monday, Feb 08, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF JEROME EMILIANI, PRIEST

**Share the love to feel the love**

Who hasn't felt all alone before? Perhaps let down or left by a loved one. Perhaps in such dire straits that you thought even God abandoned you. Jerome Emiliani is the saint for those low points. He found God in ultimate isolation—prison. Once free, he became a priest and devoted himself to the abandoned of 16th-century Venice—especially orphans and prostitutes. When you feel stricken with an orphan spirit, remember that you are a beloved child of a loving Creator who will never let you go. Show that same love to those who need you most.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 (329) *"They laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak."*

**Tuesday, Feb 09, 2021****Be the change**

Gregory XV became pope by "popular acclaim" on this day in 1621—interesting, because he changed the tradition soon after. Instead, Gregory made the case for the first secret ballot when electing a pope. He also did other remarkable things, considering his papacy lasted barely two years. He established the first missionary organization of the Vatican, the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. And he canonized these beloved saints: Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, and Philip Neri. Is there a change you've been meaning to make in your own practice of the faith? Begin today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13 (330). *"The Pharisees and scribes questioned him, 'Why do your disciples not follow the tradition?'"*

**Wednesday, Feb 10, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

**God's assistance rains down**

There are few details of Saint Scholastica's early life, but we do know that this sister of Benedict of Nursia entered religious life and lived in a women's monastery a few miles from her brother's in Monte Cassino. Perhaps the most enduring story about Scholastica is one that pits her will against her brother's when she begs him to extend their yearly visit and spend the night in prayer and conversation. Benedict resists, not wishing to break his own rule with a night away from home. Determined, Scholastica asks God for assistance, and a torrential rainstorm ensues that settles

the matter in her favor—Benedict will spend the night. Never doubt that you are worthy to ask for God's help. Trust your heart to know what will draw you closer to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23 (331).

*"When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth."*

**Thursday, Feb 11, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**Turn to Mary**

Much of Jesus' ministry had to do with some form of healing, and today's memorial, Our Lady of Lourdes, recognizes Mary's 18 reported appearances in Lourdes, France, a place of pilgrimage known for healing powers. Millions of people a year travel to Lourdes in search of healing; many report spiritual peace and transformation, and a handful even report experiencing cures without medical explanation. Today is also World Day of the Sick. It's an ideal day to ask Mary to intercede on behalf of healing that we need—or that our friends and loved ones desire.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 (332). *"Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet."*

**Friday, Feb 12, 2021****Say their name**

This day, falling between World Day of the Sick and Valentine's Day, brings thoughts of how many are left alone after COVID deaths. Advertisers are pushing candy, cards, and flowery bouquets, but the countercultural church also counsels that we pay kind attention to those who are grieving. Practical actions are often most helpful: not only shoveling a driveway or baking some bread, but also reaching out and just listening to whatever is on the grieving person's heart. Sometimes all a grieving person wants is to name the beloved and talk about them again. Being a good listener is a welcome gift.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37 (333). *"They were exceedingly astonished and they said, 'He has done all things well.'"*

**Saturday, Feb 13, 2021**

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Saturdays belong to Mary**

For more than a thousand years, the Catholic Church has dedicated most Saturdays to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The reason for choosing Saturday above all other days has been lost to antiquity. But according to tradition, Saturday has been set aside to celebrate the maternal example of Mary and witness to her dedicated discipleship as a woman of God and a follower of Jesus. The weekly memorial serves as a reminder that she is continuously present and operative in the life of the church. Reflect on how the Blessed Virgin Mary has been present and active in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 (334). *"My heart is moved with pity for the crowd."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

**Will or Estate Planning**

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to: "The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK****February 7, 2021**

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39  
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10  
 Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

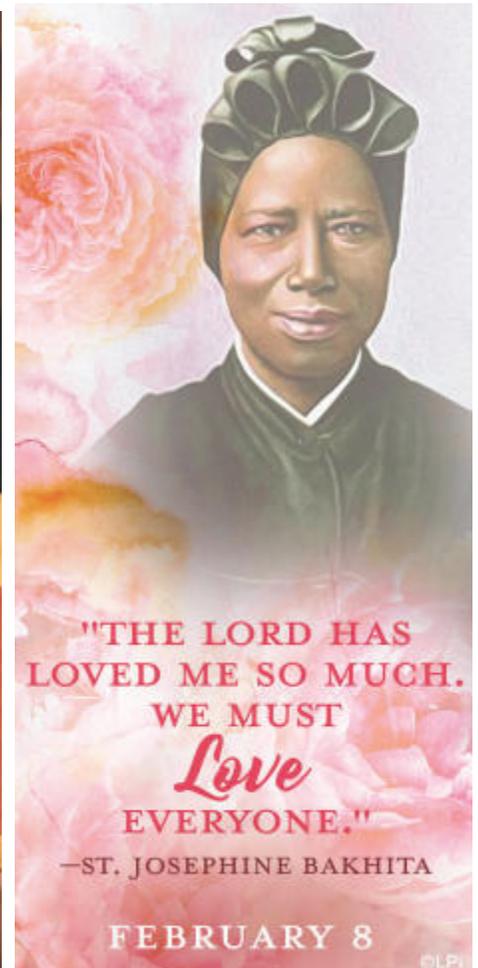
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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Readings and Gospel

### FIRST READING

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB

Job spoke, saying:

Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?  
 Are not his days those of hirelings?  
 He is a slave who longs for the shade,  
 a hireling who waits for his wages.  
 So I have been assigned months of misery,  
 and troubled nights have been allotted to me.  
 If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"  
 then the night drags on;  
 I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.  
 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;  
 they come to an end without hope.  
 Remember that my life is like the wind;  
 I shall not see happiness again.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### SECOND READING

#### A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Brothers and sisters:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,  
 for an obligation has been imposed on me,  
 and woe to me if I do not preach it!  
 If I do so willingly, I have a recompense,  
 but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.  
 What then is my recompense?  
 That, when I preach,  
 I offer the gospel free of charge  
 so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.  
 Although I am free in regard to all,  
 I have made myself a slave to all  
 so as to win over as many as possible.  
 To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak.  
 I have become all things to all, to save at least some.  
 All this I do for the sake of the gospel,  
 so that I too may have a share in it.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### A READING FROM THE

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

On leaving the synagogue  
 Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew  
 with James and John.  
 Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.  
 They immediately told him about her.  
 He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.  
 Then the fever left her and she waited on them.  
 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.  
 Rising very early before dawn, he left  
 and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.  
 Simon and those who were with him pursued him  
 and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you."  
 He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages  
 that I may preach there also.  
 For this purpose have I come."  
 So he went into their synagogues,  
 preaching and driving out demons  
 throughout the whole of Galilee.

**THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

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