

5<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

*“Growing in Grace, Gratitude and Giving”*

**Readings for the week of February 7, 2021**

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
 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/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a,  
 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/  
 Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6,  
 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/  
 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**Ash Wednesday - February 17, 2021**

Mass with the distribution of ashes will take place  
 at 8:30am and at 5:00pm.

Due to the continued precautions of the pandemic,  
 we will not distribute ashes to the forehead. The  
 Congregation of Divine Worship has provided a  
 note of guidance for distribution of ashes during  
 the time of pandemic. *The ashes will be blessed,  
 the prayer is said once “Repent and believe in the  
 Gospel” or “Remember that you are dust and to  
 dust you shall return,” and then the blessed ashes  
 will be sprinkled on the head of each person  
 without saying anything. This is an ancient method  
 of distribution of ashes.*

There is NO self-imposition of ashes nor can  
 ashes be taken home.

We have limited seating with a capacity limit of 150  
 people. The doors will be locked when Mass  
 begins or when we have reached our capacity.

All COVID-19 precautions will remain in place.

**Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays  
 during Lent at 6:00 pm. Please note this is a new  
 time for Stations to be prayed at Prince of Peace!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a gentle balance in this week's readings that might be at first obvious. With the Gospel reading of healing there is much comfort and solace in remembering the work of the Lord. It's what some people only want to hear the gentleness of Jesus. However, placed against Job's complaint about life we come to remember that not only did Jesus tell us that He is meek and humble of heart he also told us to "deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me." What is always true about Jesus, however, is that he takes us farther than we want to go. He is the Lord God, challenging us, moving us, literally wanting us to change into God's holy people once again. No wonder the people of the past – and of today – would rather have sweet bonbons and feel good rather than receive the Body and Blood of one who died for us.

When the words of Scripture are pleasing to us there is a ready acceptance of their value. If other truths are spoken by the Lord, and the prophets before him, that disturbs us, we readily dismiss them or try to ignore them. All of Scripture asks us to repent and believe in the Good News. It does not let us stay in one place or freeze time. It makes us move – as it does Jesus – to go and offer his eternal Word of hope to all his people and allow them to make the choice to be in union with God or the forces of evil. How often do we make the choice for evil because it is simpler?

Jesus was tested many a time and found worthy. He was tested unto death and found pure and holy. Job, too, like us, was tested and just like us floundered, wondered, suffered, complained to God but never lost his faith in God. On this journey of life there will always be pressures, tough choices, and difficult decisions to make. Jesus had to make many a decision but he was centered in God and nothing would swerve him off the path of goodness and mercy. And the more we understand the Gospel is here for us to enter into a true loving relationship with the Lord, we will cherish his words of comfort and no matter what will follow him to ends of the earth. It's like any great relationship – honey, we're moving away from all you grew up with...it's a new adventure, a new career, a new job, it will be a great new beginning, will you go with me? Most move forward because of the love they have for one another. The same goes for our relationship with God – will you deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me?

Life comes at us all the time. We can't stop living or accepting the stress of everyday living, the choices we have to make and the difficult decisions we have to face, but we can do it with grace and dignity. The more fully we enter into the life of the Lord and know he will take us where we would rather not go, the more we make the choice to be with God or give in to evil. Walking with God brings grace, living with evil brings disgrace.



## National Marriage Week

February 7-14, 2021

This year's theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." This is a wonderful opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

This week we pray for all married and engaged couples, that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage vows, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



### Mass Times are Changing at Prince of Peace

As we look toward the future, we will be changing Mass times at Prince of Peace.

This has been something we have been thinking about for some time. COVID has affected each of the following areas and with the limited resources we now have, it is time to make this change.

**Our Mass times beginning on February 21<sup>st</sup> will be as follows:**

**Saturday, 4:00 pm**

**Sunday, 8:00 am and 10:00 am**

**Beginning on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Daily Mass will resume on Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:30 am.**

Celebrating three Masses each weekend better aligns us with the population of the parish, the shortage of priests available to assist, and the lack of Ministerial help in the parish. With the beginning of Family of Parishes this change will be the first step as we grow into a true "family" in the future.

### COVID Times

We have found out from a few of you that there is still some confusion regarding Mass at Prince of Peace for both In-Person Mass and Video Mass. We hope the following clears things up for you!

To access our video Mass, go to the Prince of Peace website: [www.princeofpeacecatholic.church](http://www.princeofpeacecatholic.church)

On the home page there will be a picture, usually relating to the Sunday Gospel, when you click on the picture you can view the Mass. You can view the video Mass anytime between late Saturday afternoon through Sunday.

The parish office is open, hours are Monday-Wednesday from 9am-3pm and on Thursday from 9am-12noon. When you call the parish office and we do not answer the phone please leave a message so we can return your call.

Confessions are by appointment for parishioners.

If you attend Mass in person the following guidelines are still in place:

Seating capacity is 150 people, when we hit our capacity or Mass begins the doors will be locked. You must enter through the main church doors only. Face-masks must be worn properly the entire time you are in the church building. Social distancing must be practiced at all times, and if you are sick, please stay home.

## Adult Faith Formation

### Relax...It's Lent

Having trouble seeing God lately? Is stress taking over your life? Are you finding it hard to sleep? If so, we are offering a five-week Lenten reflection series that will help relax even the most stressed out among us. Using the book, *The Breath of the Soul* by Sr. Joan Chittister, and other materials, we have created a virtual, Lenten, relaxing, meditation experience like none other. Here is the important information needed:

- Session 1: Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm via Zoom
- Session 2: Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm via Zoom
- Session 3: Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm via Zoom
- Session 4: Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm via Zoom
- Session 5: Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm in Church

**Class is limited to 25 registered parishioners. Cost: \$10.00**  
**Register by phone: Jeanne Martin 248-681-9424**  
**Register by email: [adulted@princeofpeacecatholic.church](mailto:adulted@princeofpeacecatholic.church)**

### Knights of Columbus Council 12808 - Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism -

(This is the fourth in a series on the formation and history of the Knights of Columbus...)

- Helping Our Neighbors and The Great Depression -

We previously touched on Father McGivneys' purpose and mission for founding the Knights of Columbus. And, since our fraternity's inception, the Knights of Columbus has established a history for charitable fundraising and assisting its members, their families and communities throughout our nation. The Order efforts during The Great Depression serves as one of many ongoing historical examples of service.

The Great Depression was the worst economic downturn in the history of the industrialized world and had lasted nearly a decade (1929–1939). Initially, governmental safety net programs were not in place. With hunger and starvation overwhelming the soup kitchens of the day things thousands of families were suffering.

The stock market crash financially impacted our Knights of Columbus Order as well as many of its members who needed to focus on finding income and feeding their families. Our Order met the challenge and found a way to fulfill its mission of providing assistance and protection to Catholic families and communities throughout our nation. Attention was turned to job creation and placement with the formation of strong and active employment committees in each of our 2,600 councils. Within a few months, over 43,000 placements were made for our members. Within eighteen months of establishing a central Bureau of Employment an additional 100,000 full and part-time jobs were filled! Shortly afterward, President Hoover solicited the services of the Knights of Columbus and the Orders' 2,600 councils from around the nation to the government's newly established 'Organization on Unemployment Relief'!

Some 90 years later the Knights of Columbus continues to assist those in need. Again, our nations' soup kitchens are being overwhelmed and current unemployment is greater than The Great Depression and on the rise. Our Order is in need of a few good men. Contact our Grand Knight Sam Lucido (248-941-4804).



Saturday, February 6

4:00 p.m. Miletta Dolente

Sunday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Families of Prince of Peace

10:00 a.m. Fred & Mouna Dally

12:00 Noon Families of Prince of Peace

*Pray for...*

Maceo Boozer  
Genevieve Davey

*Gracious Lord,*

*Remember in your mercy those who suffer today.*

*Give strength and encouragement  
to those who minister to their needs.*

*Remember your promise not to let them be tested  
beyond what they are able to bear.*

*Above all, give them the reassurance  
that you are with them as they walk  
through this valley of the shadow of death.*

*And in your good time send healing of body and  
spirit.*

*In Jesus' name*

*Amen*

Below is a thank you from the Franciscan Outreach Program...

Dear Fr. Ron and Prince of Peace Parishioners,

On behalf of the Franciscan Outreach Program, we would like to thank you for your continuing financial support. Your commitment to helping those less fortunate in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Each year the Franciscan Outreach Programs continues to advance in its mission of feeding the hungry. With your help we are distributing food to over 800 families monthly, with new requests continuing to come in. The food includes canned goods, fresh meat, baked goods, produce and dairy. Last year we distributed over 701,450 pounds of food with your help. We were also able to invite 570 families to receive Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner packages, including toys for 189 children.

The goal of the Franciscan Outreach Program is to continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need of help in today's economy, and with your support we will be able to continue with our efforts.

We continue to remember you in our prayers and pray that this year will be filled with many blessing for you and your loved ones.

#### Prince of Peace 2020 Year End Contribution Statements

2020 Contribution statements were mailed out on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 to all families who have contributed \$250.00 or more to Prince of Peace. Please note: this *does not* include your donations made to CSA, as those charitable donations letters will be sent to you directly from the Archdiocese of Detroit. In addition any contributions made from a charitable trust or foundation, those companies will issue you, your tax statement.

If you didn't receive your statement from Peace of Peace, please email [parishsecretary@princeofpeacecatholic.church](mailto:parishsecretary@princeofpeacecatholic.church) or call the office at 248-681-9424.

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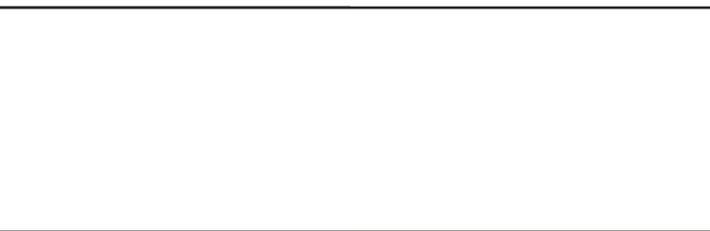
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