



ST. PRISCILLA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 07 2021



5th

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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OUR MISSION:

We, the people of St. Priscilla Parish, grounded in the Word of God and Sacred Tradition, find strength and joy in the transforming power of Christ's sacrificial love as manifested in the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to lifelong spiritual formation, compassionate service, evangelization and the generous sharing of God's gifts with our parish family and the community at large.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
& 1:00 PM Extraordinary Form
Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 8:00 AM
Thursday - 7:00 PM
Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
3rd Sunday of Month 10 AM - 1:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - immediately following
8:00 AM Holy Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration - All day
Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 PM
Friday (During Lent) 6:00 PM

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for a Baptism Preparation Class.

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying the Parish Office.

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 9:00 AM

Retured Parish Staff
People of St. Priscilla

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 11:00 AM

† Patricia Bellingham by Parish Family
† Elenore, Frank & Robert Lenart by John Skowronek
† Oreste Bologna by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 1:00 PM

† Emilio Russo by Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 8:00 AM

† Jennifer L. Shepan by Esther Tondreau & Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 8:00 AM

† Fernley & Pertunen Families by Ralph & Diane Fernley

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7:00 PM

† Patrick Reidy by Michael Kenney

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 8:00 AM

† Henry & Virginia Zeniewicz by Joe Zeniewicz

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 4:30pm

Rita Pastucha, 92nd Birthday, by Family
† Antonio Carta by Silvana Carta
† Anthony Kozlowski by Barbara Cunmulaj
† Donna Jasin by Parish Family
† Oreste Bologna by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 9:00 AM

Mike & Maryann Jenkins by Joe Zeniewicz
People of St. Priscilla
† Esther Strohmer by Parish Family
† Oreste Bologna by graziano Canini

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 11:00 AM

† Peter Vu by Family
† Barb Bouchard by Kay Kermode
† Fred Powers by wife, Rose

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1:00 PM

† Dolores Manikowski by Dorothy Iannarelli

EVENTS, MEETINGS & OBSERVANCES

Monday, FEB 08: St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin,
St. Jerome Emiliani;
1:00 PM Prayerful Creations

Wednesday, FEB 10: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Thursday, FEB 11: Our Lady of Lourdes
1-7 PM BLOOD DRIVE (see page 8)

Saturday, FEB 13: Beata Virgo Maria-Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Week 1 Diane Novotny

Week 2 Karen Kelley O'Brien, Sally Hutsko

Week 3 Kenneth Ricer, Connie Lark,
Nancy Giordano, Concetta Russo

Week 4 Pete Arciero, Antonio Gabbana,
Paula Atherton-Bishop,



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Natalie Yurgil-Coast Guard, Benjamin Schmidt-Air Force
Brent Vann-Army, Brian Golonka-Army, Jacob Stanton-Marines

INTENTIONS SECTION HAS CHANGED

To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church of fice at 248-476-4700. Names of the sick will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

SERVICE MEMBER FAMILIES

Call us to add your ACTIVE DUTY spouse, child or grandchild.

DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
FEB 13 4:30pm	Larry Miller	Susan Stencel RoseMarie Roney
FEB 14 9:00am	Bill Fedelem Eva Lee	Julie Tondreau Charlene Zupanick
FEB 14 11:00am	Pat Kidd	Dorothy Iannarelli
FEB 14 1:00pm	Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional)	

USHER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2021

SATURDAY TEAM B

SUNDAY TEAM A

MARY'S HELPERS February 2021

02/09 Marilyn Gallagher & JJ Gallagher

02/16 Lee Curtis & Diane McLean

02/23 Sylvia DeBrincat & Irene Zabowski

“Christianity is hard when we try to serve God in man’s way instead of serving God in God’s way.”

-A.W. Tozer

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CONTINUING TO REJOICE

St. Paul is by far one of my favorite saints. He went through so much—blindness, loads of prison time, torture, shipwrecks, snake bite, stoned, and of course, his death (tradition tells us he was beheaded). Despite all these struggles, he continued to share the Gospel and was joyful of the world to come:

“Indeed I shall continue to rejoice, for I know that this will result in deliverance for me through your prayers and support from the Spirit of Jesus Christ. My eager expectation and hope is that I shall not be put to shame in any way, but that with all boldness, now as always, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain (Phil 1:18b-21).”

What an incredible witness to faithfully believing God’s great works! God’s work is beyond our understanding—the good, the bad, the great, the terrible, the beautiful, the ugly—it is all part of His work to build us and prepare us for eternal life with Him.

Over the past year, my extended family has gone through some great obstacles and all of which have changed the dynamic of our relationships. Some relationships have been broken, some of have been repaired. Some of these relationships were long and abruptly ended. Some of these relationships were short and filled with turbulence from the beginning. Some of these relationships were lost for decades but grew together quickly. All these changes have brought tears. Some tears of sorrow and some tears of joy.

So how do we find the time to rejoice in the times that bring us to tears of sorrow? For me, I have found comfort in knowing that I don’t know what the future holds. When I have tried to control the future, it only has caused me stress and left me feeling even more out of control. How-

ever, when I trust that God knows what is best not only for myself, but for those around me, I have been able to embrace the hard times with open arms...well, more open than before. ;) To fully open ourselves up to struggle is a challenge in itself. One that St. Paul seemed to do so well. St. Paul tells us how he did this many times throughout his writings, but the following passage shows us what we should focus on (which is perfect for us to reflect on during the upcoming Lenten season):

“But whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ [Jesus] (Phil 3:7-8, 12).”

Achieving spiritual maturity should be a main goal. To be mature, we should know when to act and when to wait. To be mature is to know that we are not in control of our lives and to understand that God’s works are far greater and much more gracious than any of our own doings.

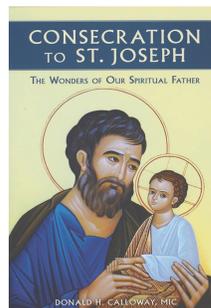
Bible Study with Mary Rice is Returning!

Area of Study: Gospel of Luke

When: Wednesdays at 1:30pm beginning March 3

Where: On any device that you can watch Facebook-Live videos

How: A pacing guide will be uploaded to Facebook and the parish website at the end of February. Each week, you can submit questions ahead of time or during the live that you would like Mary to answer. Pacing guide including questions for contemplation and vocabulary for the week. Access to the study will be available on parish website after live-stream is completed.



Consecration to St. Joseph Book Study

We will begin a 33 day journey to Consecration to St. Joseph on March 30 which will conclude on May 1 the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Please email me at dre@saintpriscilla.org and let me know how many copies of the book you would like—our parish discount brings them down to \$8 each! More info on our Facebook page.

READING 1

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

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.

ALLELUIA

MT 8:17

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 1:29-39

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.



WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE

By: Mary Rice & Ned Rice

The first reading from the Book of Job is painful to read as it is to hear. If you are troubled with insomnia, you will find a kindred spirit: *If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on, I am filled with restlessness until the dawn* (Job 7:6).

Are you wondering why this passage was chosen for our pondering this week? So am I. Could it be because we are approaching the holy season of Lent, a time when we ask searching questions? It's also a time when we contemplate the physical suffering of Jesus with many of the same questions. During these days before Lent we are led gradually to assess our relationship with God and the meaning of Christ's suffering and death. In years past, the three Sundays before Ash Wednesday each had a name intended to give notice of the solemn preparation for Lent.

Theodicy is a new word for me. It means an attempt to answer the question: If God is loving, why do evil, pain, and suffering exist? Literary excellence of Job has been compared to the writing of Shakespeare as the author(s) wrestle with this dilemma. Job was stricken with pain and suffering without warning and his wife's response is anything but heartening: *Curse God and die!* (Job 2:9).

Three friends were equally helpful. When they heard of his condition, they decide to travel to his home to comfort and console him. They sat in speechless shock when they saw his sad state. They tore their garments and wept for seven days and seven nights. When they were finally able to speak, it is Eliphaz who comes forward. His words to Job are courteous to start with but the tone soon changes: *Think now, ask who that was innocent ever perished?* (Job 4:7). He lets Job know that he has probably brought on his own suffering. With friends like these...!

Job is in physical and mental misery and the words of Eliphaz have driven him into deep depression, BUT we do see that at no time does he blame God for his predicament. He curses his birth and he longs for death—but never blames God. Later when his health is restored, Job comes to realize that God's ways are inscrutable. His faith and loyalty to God have been tested and he is satisfied with God's response.

His courageous outburst inspires us today: **I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES
...AND FROM MY FLESH I SHALL SEE GOD.** (Job 19:25,26)

THE AUDACITY OF HOLINESS

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness. St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness." The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

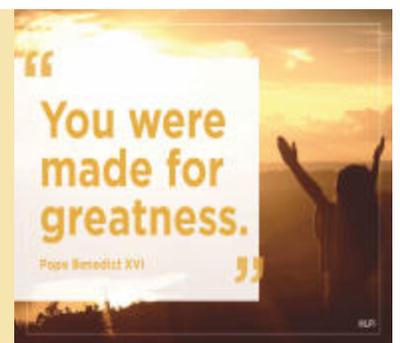
Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY 02/08	Gn 1:1-19•Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 24 & 35c [31b]•Mk 6:53-56
TUESDAY 02/09	Gn 1:20—2:4a•Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]•Mk 7:1-13
WEDNESDAY 02/10	Gn 2:4b-9,15-17•Ps104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]•Mk 7:14-23
THURSDAY 02/11	Gn 2:18-25•Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]•Mk 7:24-30
FRIDAY 02/12	Gn 3:1-8•Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]•Mk 7:31-37
SATURDAY 02/13	Gn 3:9-24•Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]•Mk 8:1-10
SUNDAY 02/14	Lv13:1-2, 44-46•Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11[7]•1Cor10:31-11:1•Mk1:40-45



AROUND THE PARISH

St. VINCENT de PAUL

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Spaghetti Noodles, Pasta Sauce & Canned Fruit.

Your continued support of our work in this community is appreciated.

Being an Usher - During the Year of COVID-19

The pandemic has certainly changed our lives in many ways. Our Usher Team availability has declined and we hope you will consider joining our ministry. If you are age 16+, male or female we encouraged you to join us in service to St. Priscilla during the mass.

To find out more about what we do or to update your availability, please call Bud Flemming at 248-861-9921 or the parish office at 248-476-4700.

2020 TAX STATEMENTS

Your 2020 Contribution Statements went out in the **US Mail** at the end of January. We have experienced unusual delays with the mail service over the past couple of months and ask that you kindly wait until next week before contacting the Parish Office for a duplicate copy. Thank you for your patience.

February 6th & 7th



Father Most Holy, sanctify the sons and daughters who have consecrated themselves

to you, for the Glory of your name and accompany them with your power. Amen

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

by: Deborah Hachey, RN



The first Friday in February is celebrated nationally with events around the country. Each year approximately 7000 dentists and 30,000 dental team members volunteer to provide free oral health education, screenings, preventive and restorative treatment to over 300,000 children.

The importance of good oral health during the pandemic has meant delays in dental care for many families and children. Children whose dental problems might have been easily taken care of in an office may have had to wait. And since teeth do not get better on their own those problems can get worse and need even more treatment.

Why good oral health is Important during COVID-19

Tooth decay is the most common disease of childhood. It is mostly preventable. But once it begins it gets worse-even in babies. Dentists were not able to see patients at the beginning of the pandemic except for emergencies. As they have re-opened with new schedules and protocols it may be a bit different.

How to prevent dental problems during the pandemic

- *Brush often regularly. Help your kids brush their teeth two times a day for two minutes each time.
- *Offer fluoridated water. Offer plain milk with meals and fluoridated water in between. Avoid juice.
- *Avoid sugary foods and junk food. Diet affects dental health. The longer and more frequently your child's teeth are exposed to sugar and other foods that stick to their teeth the greater risk of cavities.
- *Dental Check-ups. Situations vary from state to state as dental offices re-open. However they are following the CDC and OSHA recommendations to make sure patients and dental team members are safe and following COVID guidelines.

There are studies that have shown improved oral hygiene may reduce the risks of complications, by reducing the bacterial load in the mouth. Maintaining your oral health for both you and your children is an important factor in overall health and may have an essential role during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brush twice a day and schedule your dental appointment!

JESSE OWENS

FEBRUARY

Black History Month



1913 - 1980

A track-and-field athlete, setting a world record in the long jump at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin and went unrivaled for 25 years, won four gold medals at the Olympics that year in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, along with the 100-meter relay and other events off the track. In 1976, Owens received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1990.



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BLOOD DRIVE @ St. Priscilla

Thursday, February 11th, 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

To schedule an appointment log onto

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(1-800-733-2767). Inclement weather and seasonal illnesses can impact donations during winter months so please call today to make your appointment.

YOU are somebody's TYPE ...

IS IT EVER OK TO LEAVE MASS BEFORE IT ENDS?

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass. ©LPi

REMINDER: For those bringing Holy Communion to the homebound, the final blessing is given when receiving the Pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament.

OUR LADY of LOURDES

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Oh ever Immaculate Virgin,
Mother of Mercy, Health of
the Sick, Refuge of Sinners,
Comfortess of the Afflicted,

you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.