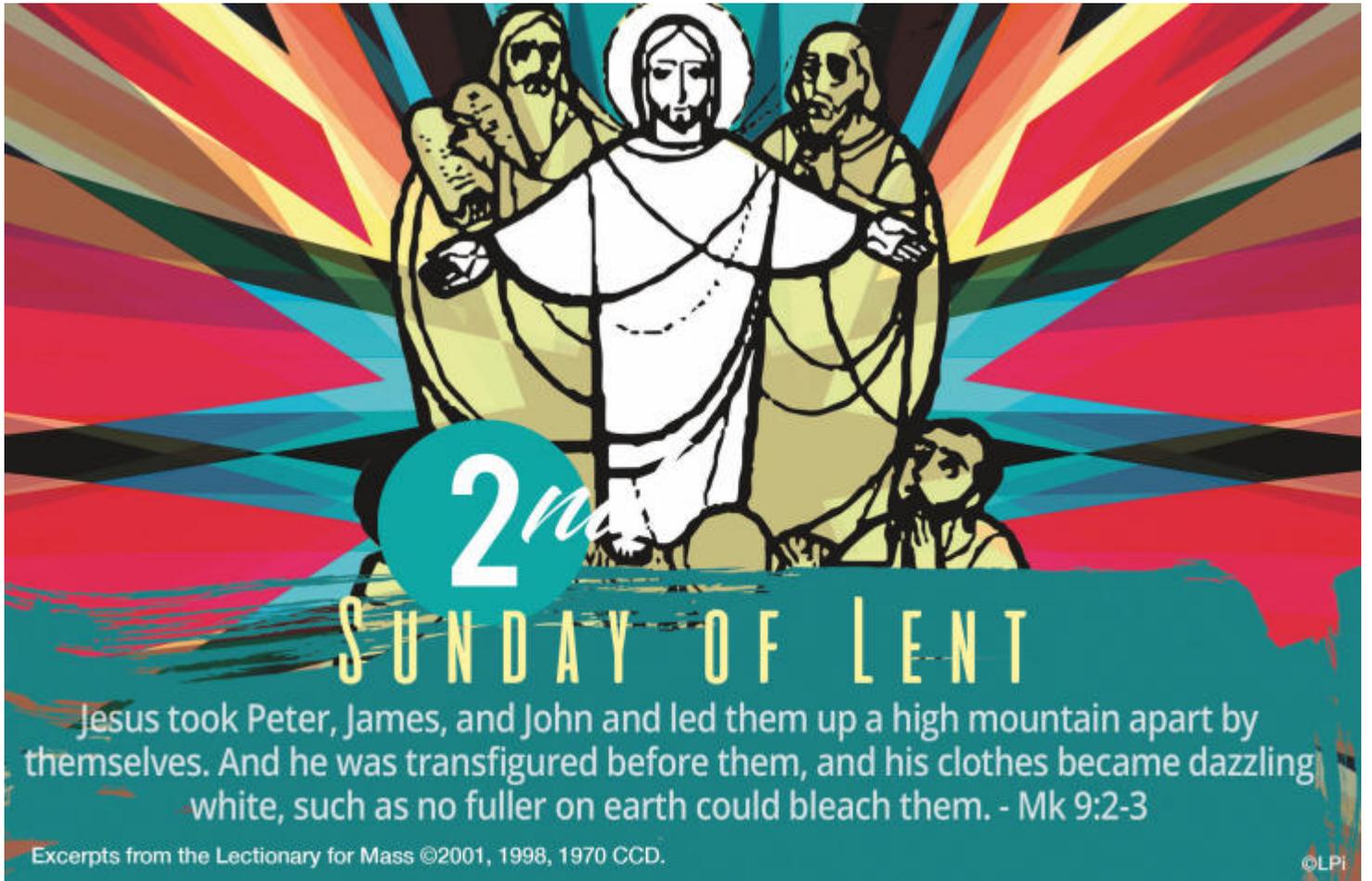




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CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 28 2021



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 28, 9:00 AM

The People of St. Priscilla
 † Deceased Ushers
 † Poor Souls in Purgatory
 † Helen Haldas by Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 11:00 AM

† Pearl Lark by Connie Lark
 † Oreste Bologna by Graziano Canini
 † Frank Papierniak by daughter, Bernadine Horan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1:00 PM

Allan & Beverly Ipson by Robert Wenderski

MONDAY, MARCH 01, 8:00 AM

† Franco Ledda by Silvana Carta

TUESDAY, MARCH 02, 8:00 AM

† Oreste Bologna by Graziano Canini

THURSDAY, MARCH 04, 7:00 PM

† Rev. Augusto Fonti by Graziano Canini

FRIDAY, MARCH 05, 8:00 AM

† Madelena Seu by Silvana Carta

SATURDAY, MARCH 06, 4:30pm

Welfare of Parish Staff by Joe Zeniewicz
 The People of St. Priscilla
 † Eric M. Borg by Silvia DeBrincat
 † Sandra Bayne by Al & Diane Novotny
 † Rev. Augusto Fonti by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, MARCH 07, 9:00 AM

† Henry & Virginia Zeniewicz by Joe Zeniewicz
 † Rev. Augusto Fonti by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, MARCH 07, 11:00 AM

† Donna Jasin by Edwin & Elaine Martin
 † Augustino Tridico by John Gallagher
 † Gerald Horan by wife, Bernadine Horan

SUNDAY, MARCH 07, 1:00 PM

† Francis Pagulayan by Amy Golonka



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

The opportunity to honor the names of your loved ones in a special Easter publication will be available once again this year. Your donations provide for the purchase of flowers for the sanctuary throughout the entire year. Memorial envelopes will be available in the back of church or in the parish office. **NOTE:** Flower memorial contribution envelopes will be **due March 18th. PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Week 1 Rose Schmidt, Sally Hutsko, Karen Kelley O'Brien

Week 2 Ned Rice, Connie Lark, Kenneth Ricer, Concetta Russo

Week 3 Pete Arciero, Antonio Gabbana,

Week 4 Diane Novotny

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 REVISED To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office at 248-476-4700. Names of the sick will be listed for 3-months 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
MAR 06 4:30pm	Lou Barrett	Susan Stencil Rose Marie Roney
MAR 07 9:00am	Tony Allam Bill Fedelem	Barb Ostrander Linda Zinn
MAR 07 11:00am	Bob Fowler Barb Hargan	Dorothy Iannarelli Dawn Marie Mays
MAR 07 1:00pm	Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional)	

USHER SCHEDULE

March 2021 Saturday Team A Sunday Team B
April 2021 Saturday Team B Sunday Team C

MARY'S HELPERS March 2021

03/02 Rose Marie Schmidt & Amy Golonka
 03/09 Cathy Karasinski
 03/16 Vi Hanis & Dorothy Iannarelli
 03/23 Marge Kelley

"Contemplative prayer, in my opinion, is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us."

-St. Teresa of Avila

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DRYNESS IN PRAYER

On Christmas Eve, one of my uncles passed away after suffering with kidney failure and COVID. It was sudden and quick. A funeral was held (I didn't go, it was in Texas) and before our family could properly grieve, another uncle got sick. Within a week, my Uncle Scott developed double pneumonia with COVID and was admitted into the hospital.

It wasn't long before Uncle Scott was put on a ventilator. And once the doctors told the family he was at a crossroads of either healing or declining, I decided to call him each day and pray the rosary over the speaker phone. I felt it was the least I could do for him and the family since the hospital did not allow pastors to visit COVID patients.

The first couple days of praying, he improved! The improvement really got me excited and motivated. Unfortunately, the excitement was short lived as a couple days later, I could hear the ventilator more clearly. It was louder and the "breaths" were longer. He was declining. The past couple days I prayed with him were filled with many teary-eyed Hail Mary's. The thought that the rosary were some of the last words he would hear on earth really pained my heart. After all, he was only 49 years old and *should* have had so much more life to live.

My cousin asked me to pray with him one more time before they turned off the ventilator on February 12th. It was truly an honor to be the prayer pillar for my family during such a hard time. He passed away two hours after I prayed with him. After this, I didn't pray the rosary for 3 days. And I kind of cheated when I did because I just listened to it and wasn't absorbing the prayers. I waited another week before I even held my rosary. And again, while praying the rosary, I became distracted countless times. I was in this stark period of dryness.

The Catechism discusses this dryness: *dryness belongs to contemplative prayer when the heart is separated from God,*

with no taste for thoughts, memories, and feelings, even spiritual ones (CCC 2731). Many times over the course of this couple weeks of dryness I reflected on the spiritual struggles of St. Teresa of Avila. Despite the many difficulties she faced in her prayer life, she faithfully prayed. She struggled with prayer for 20 long years before she had a conversion that relit her flame and passion for prayer.

I bring all this to your attention because dryness in prayer happens to everyone. We could compare this dryness to the desert that Jesus wandered for 40 days or the Israelites for 40 years. In both stories, God's children came out on top—same with St. Teresa of Avila. With time, perseverance, and faith, Jesus, the Israelites, and St. Teresa were able to move beyond the dryness and return into full communion and trust in God.

The time of dryness is a challenge though. And it is a challenge that many people walk away from which can lead people to leave the Church altogether. If you ever find yourself in this place, spend time reflecting on the second part of Catechism 2731 and praying for a conversion like St. Teresa's: *this is the moment of sheer faith clinging faithfully to Jesus in his agony and in his tomb. "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." If dryness is due to the lack of roots, because the word has fallen on rocky soil, the battle requires conversion.*

Returning this Wednesday!

**Bible Study with
 Mary Rice**



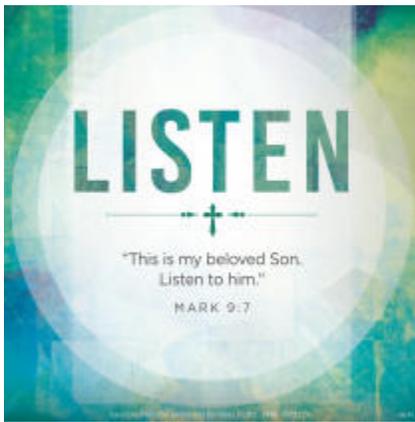
Area of Study:

Gospel of Luke

When: Wednesdays at 1:30pm beginning March 3

Where: **IN PERSON IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER** and Facebook Live (if joining in person, masks and distancing are required)

How: Join us in person or on Facebook Live. You can find a downloadable study-guide/pacing material on the parish website. If joining on Facebook, please leave questions in the comment section.

**READING 1****Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19****R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."
Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**SECOND READING****Rom 8:31b-34**

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Verse Before the Gospel**Cf. Mt 17:5**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

GOSPEL**Mk 9:2-10**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE

By: Mary Rice & Ned Rice

Transfiguration—what is it and what does it mean for us in 2021? The word “transfigured” refers to a total brightness and change in appearance that’s both unearthly and glorious. Mark tells us that Jesus became transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John after leading the three of them up a high mountain. *...he was transfigured before them...*(Mark 9:2) In his description of the Transfiguration, Mark used a word that is not familiar to most of us (unless you’re a pharmacist): fuller. *His clothes became dazzling white such as no fuller on earth could bleach them* (Mark 9:3) A fuller was a person who bleached wool using fuller’s earth, a type of clay. Applying this clay to wool, then stomping or pounding on it, made the material a dazzling white: During the Transfiguration witnessed by the three apostles a divine voice came from a cloud that had cast a shadow over them, clarifying the meaning of this vision: *This is my beloved Son...* (Mark 9:7). *Jesus had enlightened them, meaning that his light entered into their inmost being...Their intimacy with Christ had transformed them* (McBride, Human Face of Jesus, p.93). They didn’t completely understand but scholars think that the memory of this experience gave them hope when all seemed lost at the time of the suffering and death of Jesus.

Then the three apostles heard Elijah and Moses *...conversing with Jesus* (Mk 9:4). What is the significance of them seeing these major figures in the history of God’s people? Elijah was recognized as the prophet, *the troubler of Israel*, whose entire life was devoted to turning the hearts of God’s people away from the Baals and back to God. Moses received the LAW—the gift of the Ten Commandments as a guideline to godly and loving lives-- as well as being their long-suffering leader during the years of wandering in the desert.

This passage has been described as *...one of the most beautiful and mysterious of gospel scenes, giving us a brief glimpse of the life of heaven* (Lit.Workbook, p. 79). Notice how Peter addresses Jesus as “*Rabbi*” after the vision is over. Peter was clearly overwhelmed by what he had just seen and heard.

Words have power to heal and hurt and hallow. Remember God’s message to Abraham in the first reading: *I will bless you abundantly* (Gen.22:17). Those were words not taken lightly.

What were the major **events** that changed your life?

What were the **words** that changed your life?

[Has this happened to you lately ?](#)

WHEN SACRIFICE BECOMES MUNDANE

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!” But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties - they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn’t really mind. It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son.

We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us. We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him. If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God? Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY 03/01 Dn 9:4b-10•Ps 79:8, 9-11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]•Lk 6:36-38

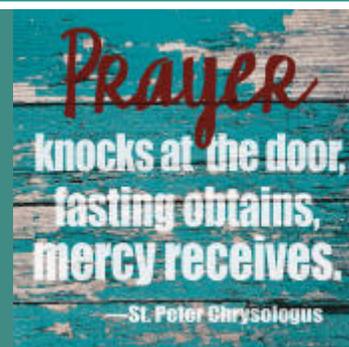
TUESDAY 03/02 Is 1:10, 16-20•Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23b•Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY 03/03 Jer 18:18-20•Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]•Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY 03/04 Jer 17:5-10•Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]•Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY 03/05 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a•Ps 105:16-21 [5a]•Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY 03/06 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20•Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12• Lk 15:1-3, 11-32





EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday's following 8:00AM Mass
Benediction and Repose at 7:00PM

RECONCILIATION

Friday's of Lent 6:00 PM

March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Saturday's at 3:30 PM

STATIONS of the CROSS

7:00 PM the Friday's of Lent

JOIN US: For a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer and meditation as we recall the sufferings that Jesus endured during His Passion.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday	March 27	4:30PM
Sunday	March 28	9:00AM
	March 28	11:00AM
Latin	March 28	1:00PM

HOLY THURSDAY

April 01 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY

April 02 Noon

HOLY SATURDAY

April 03 9:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 04 9:00AM

April 04 11:00AM

Latin April 04 1:00PM

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

by: Deborah Hachey, RN

Five Ways to Wipe Out Winter Tiredness

Are you finding it harder to roll out of bed in winter when the temperature drops and the mornings are darker? If so, you are not alone. Many people feel tired and sluggish during winter. Here are five energy-giving solutions that may help--and some conditions that can be the cause.

1. Let in some sunlight As the days become shorter, your sleep and waking cycles may become disrupted. The lack of sunlight means your brain produces more of a hormone called melatonin, which makes you sleepy. Open your blinds or curtains as soon as you get up to let in more sunlight into your home, and get outdoors in natural daylight as much as possible. Try to take even just a brief lunchtime walk, and make sure your work and home environments are as light as possible.

2. Get a good night's sleep Getting enough disturbed sleep is vital for fighting off winter tiredness. It is tempting to go into hibernation mode when winter hits, but that sleepy feeling you get doesn't mean you should snooze for longer. In fact, if you sleep too much chances are you will feel more sluggish during the day. We do not require more sleep in winter than we do in the summer. You should aim for 8 hours of sleep a night. Make sure your bedroom helps you feel relaxed and sleepy, clear the clutter and turn off the TV and electronics.

3. Get regular exercise Exercise may be the last thing you want to do when you are feeling tired on dark winter evenings. But you might be surprised by how energetic you feel after getting involved in some kind of physical activity every day. Exercise in the late afternoon may help to reduce early evening fatigue. Winter is a good time to experiment with new and different kinds of activity.

4. Learn to relax If you are feeling pressured to get everything done in shorter daylight hours, that may be contributing to your tiredness—stress has been shown to make you feel fatigued. There is no quick-fire cure for stress but recognizing it is stress and finding simple things to reduce it is helpful. Mindfulness techniques, such as meditation, breathing techniques and talking with friends are all helpful.

5. Eat the right food Being overweight or underweight can affect your energy levels and leave you feeling sleepy. So it is important to make sure you eat a healthy, balance diet. Once summer ends, we tend to ditch the salads and fill up on starchy foods such as pasta, potatoes and bread. However, you will have more energy if you include plenty of fruit and vegetables in your comfort food. You may find your sweet tooth going into overdrive in the winter months, try to avoid foods containing lots of sugar. That may give you a rush of energy, but its one that wears off quickly.

If your tiredness is stopping you from going about your normal life, you should talk to your doctor.

St. VINCENT de PAUL

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Noodle, Rice & Potato Side Dishes. Tuna Fish. Mac n Cheese

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WHY USE INCENSE?

Question: Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer: The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives. The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the awareness that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass). ©LPi

THE REASON BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS IN FEBRUARY

By McKenzie Jean-Philippe

Harvard-educated historian Carter G. Woodson is credited with creating Black History Month. According to Daryl Michael Scott, a history professor at Howard University, Woodson got the idea in 1915 after attending a celebration in Illinois for the 50th anniversary of the 13th Amendment, which under Abraham Lincoln's presidency, abolished slavery in 1863. It wasn't until two years later on June 19, 1865 that all people held as property in the United States were officially free. In 1916 Woodson wrote *The Journal of Negro History*, which chronicled the overlooked achievements of African Americans. Woodson still wanted to make a bigger impact, so in 1926, he and the ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History) officially declared the second week of February to be "Negro History Week," announcing the news through a press release, according to Scott. "This was celebrated for years and was chosen because of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln on February 12th, and Frederick Douglass on February 14th. Both Lincoln and Douglass had long been celebrated by the Black community in the years before "Negro History Week" was created. Since his assassination, Lincoln's birthday was honored by both African Americans and Republicans alike, so the ASALH only solidified this tradition. The recognition expanded to Black History Month and in 1976, President Gerald Ford declared February "Black History Month".