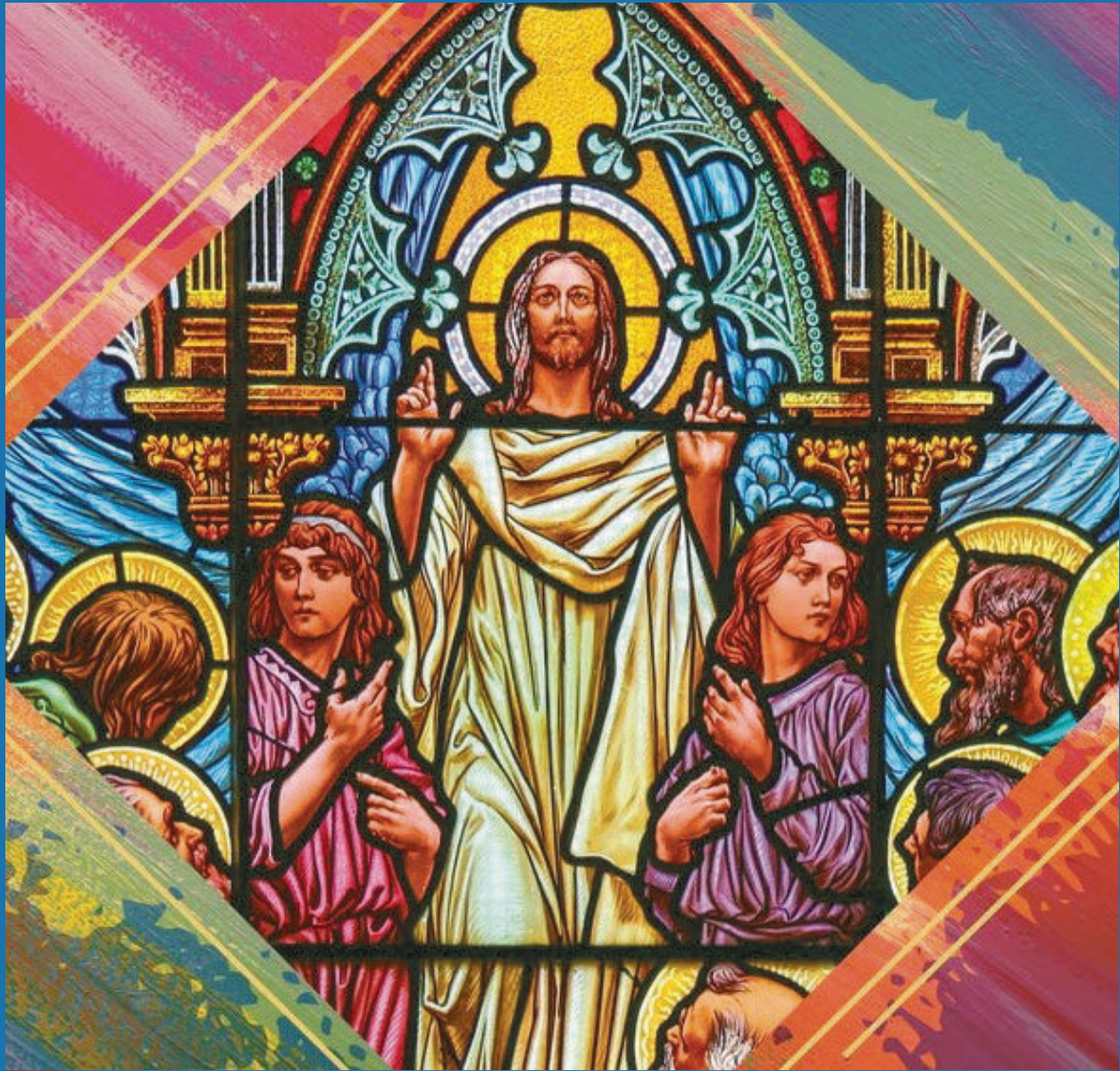




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CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 12, 2023



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment.” - Mt 5:22a

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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 4:30 PM

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† Tom Dreffs by Maryann Kummer
† Concetta Russo by Pete & Gloria Arciero
† Mark Jozwiak by Family
† Seymour Forbing by Herb & Linda Zinn

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 9:00 AM

The People of St. Priscilla
Tony Pyrkosz by Maryann Kummer
† Judy Pyrkosz by Maryann Kummer
† Giovanna Demela by Silvana Carta
† Francesco Ledda by Antonina Ledda & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 11:00 AM

† Daniel Francis by Family
† Tom Dreffs by Lou & Kathy Barrett
† Judy Pyrkosz by Lou & Kathy Barrett
† Fortunato Benedettini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1:00 PM

Sue DuCharme & Family by Friends
† Debbie DuCharme by Friends

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 8:00 AM

† Antonio Carta by Silvana Carta

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 8:00 AM

Maria Balleza by Friends
† Fortunato Benedettini by Graziano Canini

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 7:00 PM

† Andrea Marie Grant by Robert Wenderski

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 8:00 AM

† Luigi & Maria Russo by Family
† Fortunato Benedettini by Graziano Canini

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 4:30 PM

Evelina Biu by Jo & Jon Gateley
† Antonia Ferrera by Maria Iafrate
† Tony Kozlowski by Barbara Cunmulaj
† Ronald Kabacinski by Yurgil Family
† Xavier DeBrincat by wife, Sylvia
† Theresa Boyer by Rick & Marty Boyer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 9:00 AM

† Judy Pyrkosz by Friends
† Bill & Doris Reaume by Reaume Family
† Joseph Nguyen & Maria Ngo by Reaume Family
† Fortunato Benedettini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 11:00AM

The People of St. Priscilla
† Paul Hanis by wife, Violet
† Mark Hanis by mom, Violet
† Martha Kula by Yurgil Family
† Stanley Barczak by Maryann Kummer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1:00PM

Robert Wenderski by Friends
† Rose Wenderski by Friends



God the Father, Hear Our Prayers. Hear Us
God The Son. Holy Spirit, Hear Our Prayers.
Mercy On Your People Lord. AMEN

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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| Mary Giganti | Vi Hanis | Steve Moskal |
| Rob Shepley | Chuck Stimac | Joe Marino |
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REMINDER: Names remain on Prayer List for the Sick for 90 days unless the office is notified of continued need or prolonged illness. Please do not ask to add a name to this list without prior permission from the family.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

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| Natalie Yurgil | Coast Guard |
| Benjamin Schmidt | Air Force |
| Brian Golonka | Army |
| Kyle Nelson | Marines |
| Steven Siemieniak | Air Force |
| Joseph James Prokes | Army |

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Ray Long



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Exposition of the
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with Adoration All Day
until Benediction
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"While the Protestant imagination can be said to be dialectical, thinking in terms of either - or and stressing the unlikeness of things, the Catholic imagination is analogical—incarnation-seeing things in terms of likeness and unity, welcoming paradox. There is no schism between faith and reason, between the sacred and secular, between the natural and numinous; God, the ground of all Being, inhabits each of these realms. All of reality is engraced." -

Abigail Rine Favale

Alyssa Choraszewski, Director of Religious Education dre@saintpriscilla.org

There is a prerequisite to teaching children about the Catholic faith—imagination. That seems pretty easy for kids to achieve because children are so imaginative! In the very early years, yes. But in my experience, by the time they reach seven, explorative imagination has greatly dissipated. Unfortunately for the Church, 2nd grade (or 7 years old) is when they receive the Eucharist. I have discussed this with many people over the years but it seems like only my husband and I are the ones that agree on this age. So, on this little page, I hope to shed some light as to why this is the age and I hope you discover why this has become such a threat to the growth, understanding, and discovery of the Church.

Before working at St. Priscilla, I owned a business called Engineering for Kids. Essentially I brought a variety of materials (sometimes things purchased at the dollar store!) and gave children an engineering problem and it was up to them to manipulate the materials to solve the problem. This kind of stuff was and is right up my alley. Growing up I would take an object and come up with a new use for it. No scissors, box cutter, or key nearby to cut the tape on a box? Give me a metal paper clip and I will use that. That is just a small example, but you get the idea. In the beginning of my business venture, I was so excited to see what the kids would come up with. Well, they couldn't come up with anything unless I gave A LOT of guidance or suggestions on how to get started. They were afraid to try and even more afraid to make a mistake. I worked with kids from 4 years old all the way through high school. The 4-6 year olds were much more eager to get started and try things out. After that age group, the imagination and self-exploration was nearly non-existent. Every engineering problem needed guidance to solve or questions to get them started. "Think about the shape of a roof, do you think that shape would be stronger than a different shape?"

For awhile, I thought maybe this is because I am working with public school students and I know that the public school system has become very focused on standardized testing. As a result, students are no longer given the chance to be creative because the goal is to get every student to produce similar results on a test. So

when I had the opportunity to work with students from a Montessori, an education system designed on self-exploration, I was very excited! I felt like this would be the most creative and excited group of students I will ever have. It was a big flop. Not only did these students not know how to problem solve, they had no concept of asking for help from their peers or teachers when they struggled. If there was a road block, they gave up and just started drawing or anything unrelated to the class.

That was 10 years ago. Since then, not only did COVID encourage children to not go near each other and interact, it made online learning normal. My daughter has friends in public school doing MATH homework on a computer program. Her friend has to type her answer to a math problem into a software. There are school districts that don't even have snow days anymore. A day for kids to play in the snow instead of going to school? Nope! Just have your kid log into Zoom and do their lessons online. The education system is not designed to make children thinkers and problem solvers. It is designed to create generations of rule followers that can sit at a desk or computer all day. Yes, there are creative children out there but making a living off creativity is nearly impossible nowadays.

When parents would pick up their children from the Engineering for Kids classes, they would be so happy that their child is learning how to "think like an engineer." I would smile and nod. Unfortunately only an hour or hour and a half of exploration and problem solving just a small handful of times in a year will not make any child "think like an engineer." Creative thinking needs to be nurtured consistently. And side note...the engineers I know just sit at a desk and are not the ones "creating."

The difficulty with the Catholic faith is that we see a piece of bread. It feels like bread and tastes like bread. Faith tells us that it is not bread. It is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus. Furthermore, Jesus was a man that lived about 2,000 years ago and was fully man and fully God. He performed miracles, he rose from the dead, and then he ascended into Heaven. To accept these

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Father John Muir ©LPi

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

FEELINGS AND SHINY THINGS

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A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items — a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary — are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass...well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest. They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse.

These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is an acceptable way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt

READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8, 16,17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 Sts Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a-4, 3b, 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18-21, 29 & 22-23 Mk 8:27-3

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 The Seven Holy Founders/Servite Order

Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34—9:1

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145: 2-5, 10-11 Mk 9:2-1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-4

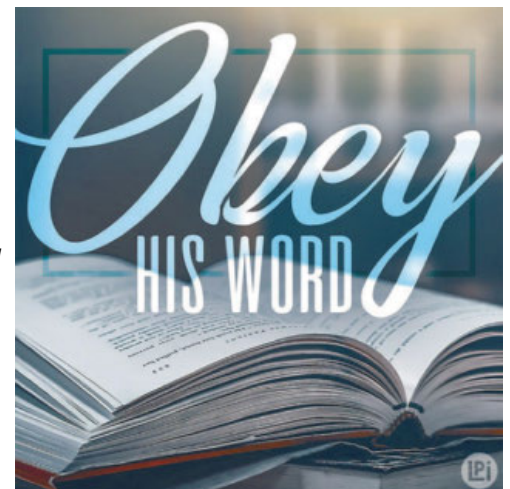
primarily with actions. Do this. Do not do this. All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness.

Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison.

"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away." —

Matthew 5:30



THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE by Mary Rice

The readings for this week encourage us to keep God's laws and offers us help to be faithful. Beginning with Sirach, he tells us that keeping the Commandments (and the teachings of Jesus) is a choice (If you choose ... whichever he chooses shall be given him. To none does he give a license to sin.)

Psalm 119 tells us that those who follow the law of the Lord are blessed. He is humble and doesn't hesitate to ask (pray) for help: Open my eyes, Lord, instruct me, give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart.

In Paul's letter he quotes the beautiful words of Isaiah: What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard...what God has prepared for those who love him...

Matthew speaks these words of encouragement to his disciples: whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

There's no room for doubt that each one of us is expected to keep God's laws. But even more is expected. In the daily prayer of every faithful Jew, these words are spoken:

**Hear, O Israel, that the Lord thy
God is One and you shall love
him with all your heart...**

BLESSED JAMES MILLER, the second ever U.S.-born martyr, served as a missionary and educator to the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Guatemala. On the afternoon of February 13, 1982, while out fixing a school fence post, Br. Miller was murdered. Shot several times by three men he died instantly in broad daylight in plain view of many of



his students. The Brother James Miller Fund was established after his death to continue his work for the poor and oppressed and in 2018, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing Br. Miller as a martyr.

VESTMENT COLORS

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Question: What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer: In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

White: Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.

Red: As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.

Violet: The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).

Green: A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

Other colors: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

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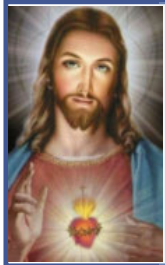
RULES KEEP US IN CHECK

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

I saw a slogan once for an Internet start-up: "There is one rule; there are no rules." In fact, when I searched for this slogan again online, I was surprised at all of the variations on the "no rules" sentiment. Apparently, even Justin Bieber has a documented quote: "I want my world to be fun. No parents, no rules, no nothing. Like, no one can stop me. No one can stop me." Wow. My own kids seldom read my reflections. If they are reading this one, don't get any ideas!

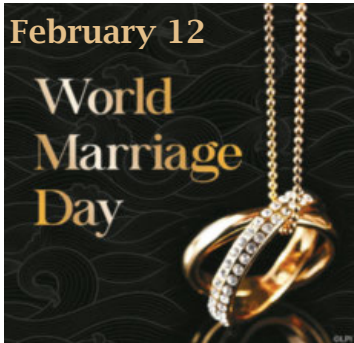
Of course, a society without laws or rules will not exist for very long. The laws of a society are there to protect us from perhaps our greatest enemy: ourselves. We can't just do whatever we feel like. We will eventually hurt others or ourselves. The laws of God and his Church have the same effect. Sinful and imperfect people need parameters. Christians who choose sin or their own will over God's commandments not only break the relationship they have with their God, but they hurt others and diminish the body of Christ.

A stewardship way of life asks of us to live in a certain manner. We sometimes think that our cultivation of gifts and giving them back with increase to God is for God's sake. God's commands do not benefit God, for God is complete and perfect without need for increase. But this way of life is for the benefit of his creation. There is no power struggle here between a God of rules and his children. The cross bears witness to that. Instead, God's "rules" prevent us from destroying ourselves, and give us a path so we may flourish. Whether you are an ordinary Joe or an ordinary Bieber, following God's commands will lead to the real satisfaction in this gift of life.



40 HOUR REPARATION VIGIL TO THE SACRED HEART

We are looking for adorers to make reparation. Find churches or chapels with adoration times at: www.signupgenius.com/go10c044fa4a728a2fc1-40hour/
Monday, February 13, 6:00 AM through



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Syrup, Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Mac & Cheese

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Thank you for supporting our pantry.

| DATE | LECTOR | EMHC |
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| FEB 18 4:30 PM | T ALLAM | PLEASE CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER |
| FEB 19 9:00 AM | M CHERUVATHUR R HOMINGA | |
| FEB 19 11:00 AM | P PHILLIPS | |

USHER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2023

Saturday Team **B** Sunday Team **A**

MARY'S HELPERS FEBRUARY 2023

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27 Members signed in for the first meeting of 2023. We enjoyed Hot Dogs & Chips and a little fundraising with the

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teachings as True, we must tap into the imagination that God gave us. How else are we to even begin to comprehend something that is not defined by science--by what the education system tells us defines reality? There is endless beauty in the Catholic Church and in my opinion as a convert, the most beautiful part of the Church is that every component that I cannot fully comprehend without using my imagination as a guide is still and actually the Truth.

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Sunday, February 19th
Following the 9 & 11 AM Mass

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May the Holy Spirit send others to courageously discern Priestly Vocations.

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Each Mass

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Sexagésima Sunday

February 12, 2023

The Latin Rite of the Roman Catholic Church offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in two forms: After the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, most parishes offer the revised Mass, known as the "Novus Ordo" or "Ordinary Form" of the

Mass, partially or entirely in the local language. The pre-Vatican II Mass, known as the "Tridentine" or "Extraordinary Form" of Mass, has enjoyed a resurgence in popularity in recent years for a variety of reasons. The elaborate prayers, the Gregorian Chant and sacred music that accompanies the Mass, and the precise rubrics that guide the celebrant and altar servers create a prayerful atmosphere that unites one with the faith of one's ancestors.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:00AM & 11:00 AM

1:00 PM Traditional Latin Mass (TLM)

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:00 AM

Thursday 7:00 PM

Saturday 4:30 PM

Holy Days 8:00 AM

7:00 PM **CHANGED TO:** Traditional Latin Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - Noon

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Immediately following 8:00 AM Holy Mass (See Page 2)

Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 PM

SICK CALLS, WEDDINGS &

BAPTISMS Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.