

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 7, 2021

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tue: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thu: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	February 6	4:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday –	February 7	9:00 AM	Irene Kopal (George & Fran Calafut)
Monday –	February 8	12:00 PM	Richie Clarkson
Tuesday –	February 9	12:00 PM	Jack Brier
Wednesday –	February 10	12:00 PM	Donald Fendcchi
Thursday –	February 11	12:00 PM	Helen Munley
Friday –	February 12	12:00 PM	Corey Buckley
Saturday –	February 13	4:00 PM	Philip Trowbridge -Mass of Healing (Florence Trowbridge & Family)
Sunday –	February 14	9:00 AM	Mary Katherine Corbett (The Sullivan Family)

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job was a wealthy, contented man, and more importantly, he is an innocent man who deserves no 'divine' punishment. He is challenged by misfortune and learns that life can very easily turn from happiness to suffering despite his innocence. (In the end of the book, Job realizes and accepts that God alone makes up the rules; both joy and misery are part of God's domain. Suffering, then, has no humanly understandable explanation. Earning grace, so to speak, is not possible. Job accepts that it is enough to be alive in God's mystery.)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul here explains that his mission has been initiated by God, is defined by God, and is for God alone. He makes it clear that those who hear him speak hear him because he tailors the gospel message for their ears; he effectively takes himself out of the picture. Paul was the greatest evangelist of all time in large part for that reason. Paul serves as God's conduit rather than as an important man of God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus saves people. This passage simply and directly chronicles a series of healings and exorcisms that, through his actions, define Christ's mission. Jesus was not a philosopher, nor was he a founder of some new religion. He was not an inscrutable teller of tales, nor a teacher of oracles. Jesus was not what everyone thought he was, and probably is not what we think he is today. But we can be certain that he was, is, and always will be the *Savior of the World*. We can learn about Jesus and we can study his historical presence, we can paint his picture, sing him songs, pray him prayers, but in the end we can only know Jesus by encountering Him and, in the words of Job:

I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be hindered. By hearsay I had heard of you, but now my eye has seen you. Therefore I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes. (Job 42:2-6)



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Brandy Golden, Brenda Hector, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Rosemary Kelly, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberley Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sargent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Jesse Wells, and Rosemarie Whalen.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:

Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.



PARISH FINANCES

1/31/2021

(FY18/19 Budget) \$ (4867.00)

Sunday Collection \$ 2,276.00

Thank you for your generosity & support



Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!

CLERGY *Support*



"I thank God for guiding me and helping me to discern my mission in life...To anyone discerning a mission, whether it be marriage, single life, priesthood, religious life, a career, or even a day-to-day decision, I would say entrust yourself to God's love. He will speak...Pray for that gift and don't be too surprised when God answers, in a shout or a whisper."

Michael Boris, Third Year Diocesan Seminarian

Diocesan clergy bring the presence of Christ to us. Your donations to the Annual Appeal support the education of our priests, seminarians, and permanent deacons, and programs to foster vocations. Funds also help care for retired priests who have spent their lives in service to our Diocese.

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2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 2/4/2021 is 100%.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL APPEAL VIDEO IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE HOLY NAME

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www.holynamenameofmary.com.



ALTAR SERVERS NOT NEEDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

PARISH EVENTS

February 14th – *Second Collection*; Aid to Central & Eastern Europe*

February 17th – *Ash Wednesday* **; Mass at 5:00PM

****PLEASE NOTE: Ashes will NOT be distributed this year due to COVID-19 restrictions**

Reservations are no longer required for Mass.



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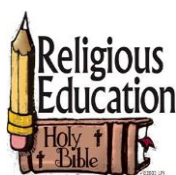
***SECOND COLLECTION FEB. 14: Next**

week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ceec.

“The Light Is On For You”

Fr. Philip will hear confessions, every Monday from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM during Lent. Please take advantage of this in preparation for Easter!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Thank you to all the families who picked up their Unit 3 Gospel Weekly materials. We appreciate your continued support and participation in the Religious Education program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.



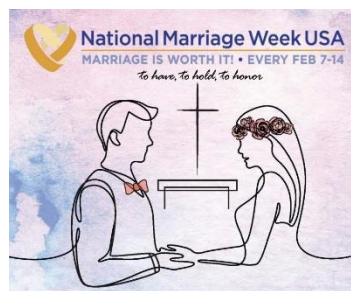
Please consider donating flowers for our altar for 2021!

This is a wonderful way to honor Our Lord, the Holy Spirit, and Our Blessed Mother. It is also a special way to honor beloved family members who have predeceased us, or to recognize a significant family event such as an anniversary or birthday.

This does not have to be an expensive endeavor! Consider purchasing inexpensive bouquets from the grocery store. We will be happy to arrange them for you! You can even simply place an envelope with your intention and a monetary donation in the collection basket labeled “Flower Donation”.

All intentions will be announced in the bulletin. Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary looking beautiful! Please call the rectory (570) 278-1504. Thank you!

Are you looking for some TLC for your marriage?

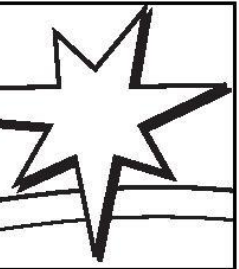


Join us in celebrating National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day, February 7 through 14, 2021.

Get ideas for celebrating this event together, and register for a virtual marriage enrichment event with Chris and Linda Padgett (English) or Joel and Nora de Loera (Spanish).

For details, call Jen Housel at 570-207-2213 x 1104 or visit: <https://www.dioceseofscanton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/national-world-marriage-week-february-7-14-2021/>

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Thoughtful Moments

Pray for friends

In his Gospel, St. Mark tells a story of a paralyzed man whose friends showed great determination to bring his needs before Jesus. The house in which Jesus was speaking was too crowded for their friend, so they lowered him through a hole they made in the roof (Mark 2:1-12). In response, Jesus changed the man's life. Amazing things can happen when we place our friends' needs before Jesus.

Just ask

Jesus tells us to ask God for what we need and to be persistent until we hear from Him. Don't worry about pestering God. Think of how eager we parents are to help our children—especially if they are struggling. It's the same with God – our perfect Father – who never tires of helping us.

"If you then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"
(Matthew 7:11).



Observe a fruitful pandemic Lent

Once again, Lent will look different for many families. One goal of the season is to eliminate distractions and turn our hearts back to God. A few adjustments to your Lenten observance may help you transform your family's hearts, even in the midst of a pandemic.

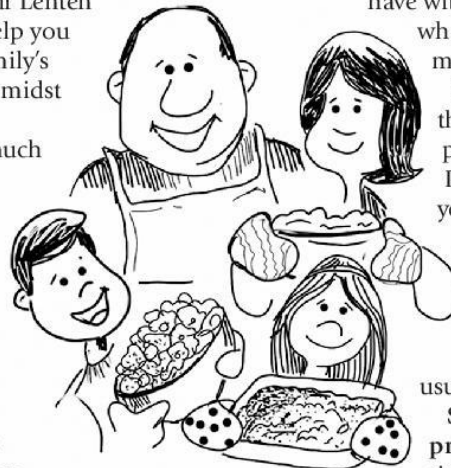
Offer it up. So much of what we are experiencing in the pandemic is sacrificial. Use visual aids to help children offer deprivation or sacrifices to God's purposes. For example, place a jar on your kitchen counter and encourage everyone to place a jelly bean in it each time they suffer a deprivation – a canceled sport season, a missed gathering, a scaled-down birthday celebration. Celebrate by

eating the candy at Easter.

Practice gratitude. Gratitude helps to keep everything in perspective. Stay aware of the pleasant moments you have with your family and do what you can to create more of them.

Be flexible. Accept that the landscape in a pandemic is different. Prioritize your family, your health and the health of your loved ones. Try not to hold onto specific ideas for accomplishing your usual activities.

Swap screen time for prayer time. Spending time watching or reading bad news or scrolling through social media sites filled with negativity creates stress. Turn to God in family prayer and rest in His presence in your lives.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe Christ is in the Precious Blood and the Host?

Once the bread and wine has been consecrated during Mass, Jesus Christ is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist.

In fact, Christ is wholly present in any fragment

of the Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood.

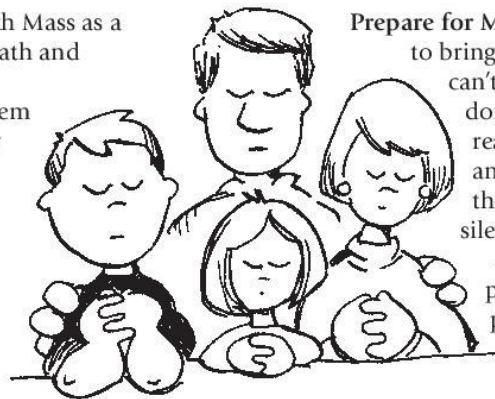
It is possible to receive the whole Christ in just one form or the other. However, it is most fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist.



Give your family the gift of "Little Easter"

Every Sunday is a "Little Easter," with Mass as a celebration of Christ's victory over death and sin. Many Catholic families find that strengthening Sunday habits bring them closer together and closer to God. Try these ideas:

Family forgiveness: On Friday or Saturday night, gather together and ask each other for forgiveness for offenses committed against one another. Then, if you feel comfortable, go to Confession as a family as often as you can.



Prepare for Mass: Participating in Mass is critical to bring strength to a Catholic family. If you can't attend in person, watch it together, but don't miss it. Before beginning, go over the readings you will hear at Mass so you can answer questions ahead of time. Spending the time waiting for Mass to begin in silence leaves time for prayer and reflection.

Mass intentions: Ask each person to pick someone for whom the family can pray during Mass. Write each name on a list and offer a family prayer for these intentions after Communion.

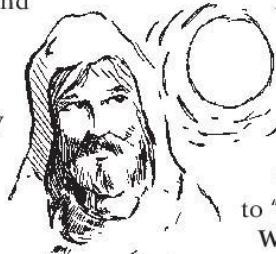
Scripture LESSON

Mark 9:2-10, The test of the Transformation

When Jesus met with Elijah and Moses on the mountaintop, they talked about the journey Jesus was going to make to Jerusalem and the Cross. Perhaps the holy men were offering support and comfort, and Jesus probably felt strengthened by the meeting.

Certainly he was bolstered by hearing the voice from Heaven. Still, he had a difficult road ahead and he realized that despite all of his efforts, some would refuse to listen and would be lost. But God knew that the desire to follow Jesus comes

from confidence about who he is. If we believe Jesus is God's Son then we will want to do what he says. So he let the disciples witness the amazing meeting on the mountaintop, and he let them hear the heavenly voice proclaim Jesus as God's son and instruct us to "listen to him."



What can a parent do?

Society may try to tell us what is right, but Jesus' words are our final authority. Help youngsters test everything they hear against Jesus' words in the Bible and they will not be led astray.

Parent TALK



I had a hard time praying. Too many friends and family have been lost to the seemingly endless pandemic and I was spent. I was juggling working at home with supervising online

schooling. My husband lost his job for the second time in three years and we had used up our savings the first time. It felt like God was far away. He wasn't listening.

A few nights later I overheard our ten-year old saying her prayers asking God for help. She ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." Then she went to sleep. Standing outside her room, I realized that Tessa didn't tell God what to do. She asked for help, trusted that it would come, and left it to God.

I prayed for the first time in weeks and ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." I realized God is always listening. I was the one who had stopped talking.

Feasts & Celebrations

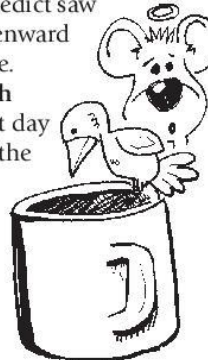
February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to make the required offering forty days after his birth. They were faithful observers of the law of the Lord.

February 3 – St. Blaise (316). Bishop of Sebaste, he was martyred for refusing to renounce his Catholic faith. Priests usually bless throats on this day because St. Blaise, reportedly a physician, healed many ailments of the throat.

February 10 – St. Scholastica

(543). Twin sister of St. Benedict, St. Scholastica founded a Benedictine community for women five miles from her brother's monastery. The twins visited each other each year and Scholastica died three days after their last meeting. St. Benedict saw her soul rising heavenward in the form of a dove.

February 17 — Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance.



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