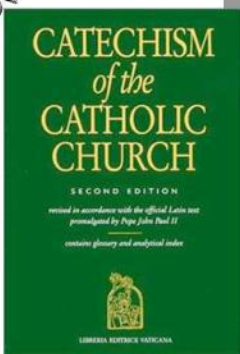


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“All generations will call me blessed”

LUKE 1:48



“The Church rightly honors ‘the Blessed Virgin’ with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of ‘Mother of God,’ to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs. This very special devotion differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration.”

~Catechism of the Catholic Church, Para. 971

As the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Mary is eternally close to her son, and she is, therefore, the greatest intercessor in prayer. As St. James tells us, “the prayer of a righteous person has great power” (James 5:16).

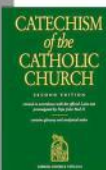


Mary and the Saints are not dead, for God “is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him” (Luke 20:38). And, they, as members of Jesus’ body (1 Corinthians 12:27), are able to intercede for us before His throne in Heaven. When we are united in the Body of Jesus Christ, nothing, not even death, can separate us (Romans 8:38-39).

As the Scriptures call us to ask others to pray for us, we ask our family on both Heaven and earth to intercede for us before God. For we are one in the Body of Christ. In this way, our prayer through Mary and the Saints help point us right to Jesus.

“What the Catholic Faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ.”

~Catechism of the Catholic Church, Para. 487



“Beneath thy compassion, we take refuge, O Mother of God: do not despise our petitions in time of trouble, but rescue us from dangers, only pure one, only blessed one.”

(The earliest known written Marian prayer, dated to 250 AD)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, January 30

- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

Monday, January 31

No Public Mass

Tuesday, February 1

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. Gertie Wyss +
8:30 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, February 2

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Andy Baur

Thursday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Sadowski +

Friday, February 4

8:30 a.m. George O. Witwer +
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00 p.m. Mass

Saturday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Andrea Grover +

Sunday, February 6

- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Doug & Nicole Miller
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 31 - Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - St. John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder - 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13/ Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 1 - 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/ Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord - World Day for Consecrated Life - Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday, February 3- St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop - 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12/ Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 4 - Sir 47:2-11/ Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr - 1 Kgs 3:4-13/ Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 6 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 6:1-2a,3-8/ 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11/ Lk 5:1-11

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 30, 2022

This weekend (January 29th/30th), the Church celebrates the **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. This also means that we are just over a month away from **Ash Wednesday** (March 2nd) and the start of **Lent**. May we use this time to prayerfully discern what the Lord may be asking us to give up or take up this coming Lenten season as a way to grow in relationship with Him.

This coming **Wednesday, February 2nd**, the Church celebrates the **Presentation of the Lord**, or **Candlemas**. This feast marks the fortieth day after Christmas. According to the prescripts of the Law (Leviticus 12:1-4), this is when Jesus was presented in the Temple by the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph (Luke 2:22-40). As Simeon recognizes Jesus as a light to the world (Luke 2:32), this feast day is associated with the blessing of candles.

At our **7:00 PM daily Mass this Wednesday (Feb. 2nd)**, we will bless the candles that will be used in church throughout the liturgical year as a part of our **Candlemas** celebration. You are invited to bring any candles that you would like blessed for use in your homes. This blessing of candles will include those candles which we use for the **Blessing of Throats** on the **Feast of St. Blaise**, patron saint of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat. This **Blessing of Throats** will be offered after all Masses **next** weekend (February 5th/6th).

DID YOU KNOW? CATHOLICS DO NOT WORSHIP MARY

This is, arguably, one of the most common misconceptions held about the Catholic Faith: That Catholics worship Mary. Catholics, of course, do not worship Mary. First, we must understand the difference between worship and prayer. Worship, in its truest sense, is adoration (or *latría*) and given to God alone. Prayer, on the other hand, is a form of conversation and communication. In prayer, we can turn to God and to all those in union with Him. We adore God alone, but we can also give honor to and have a devotion for those who are now with Him in Heaven.

In prayer to Mary (*and the Saints*), we do not bypass Jesus Christ. Instead, we go to Him through Mary (*and the Saints*), asking them in our prayer, or conversation, to bring our intentions before the throne of Jesus in Heaven. Why do we ask Mary and the Saints to do this (*in the same way that we ask loved ones to pray for us*)? Because, as St. James reminds us: “The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.” (James 5:16). And, like St. Paul, we are not afraid to ask our fellow Christians to intercede for us (cf. 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Romans 15:30).

Turning to history, we do not immediately find the topic of prayer directed to the Blessed Mother discussed in the writings of the Early Church Fathers. Instead, addressing the controversies of their day, they are writing about and championing Mary’s perpetual virginity and her role as Mother of God, or *Theotokos*. To find her role as a prayerful intercessor in the early Church, we instead, quite appropriately, turn to the prayers of the Church.

The oldest recorded Marian prayer, the *Sub tuum praesidium*, dates back to at least 250 AD. Still prayed today, it’s origins are believed to be from an ancient prayer that was used in the Church’s Christmas Liturgy throughout Egypt. This is but one example of a multitude of hymns, canticles, and prayers composed throughout the ages that attest to the Church’s ancient practice of seeking intercession to Jesus through Mary.

As we have seen, Catholics do not worship Mary. Prayer to Mary is not worship, which is given to God alone. Instead, prayer is a spiritual communication of love and petition to the Mother of Jesus, who continues to care for the Mystical Body of her Son by her intercession.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



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Join Us For Praise & Worship Holy Hour



Wednesday
February 2
6-7:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, February 4
9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass)
Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m.
Mass at 6:00 p.m.
"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus
Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING



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Tuesday, February 1, 2022
Recitation of the Holy Rosary
6:40 p.m. in Church, meeting
in Parish Social Hall at 7:00

G.I.R.L.'s night out Mardi Gras Celebration!

Saturday, February 26 - 6:30-10:00 p.m. - Tickets \$25
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PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., January 29 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., January 30 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., January 30 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., February 1 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., February 1 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Tues., February 1 - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., February 2 - Praise & Worship Holy Hour 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., February 2 - Parish Council meeting after Mass - 7:45 p.m.
- Thurs., February 3 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., February 4 - First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., February 5 - First Saturday Confessions following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.
- Sat., February 5 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., February 6 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., February 6 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., February 8 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., February 8 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., February 9 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., February 10 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.

WEEKEND OF February 5/6, 2022

CANTORS
5:00 Nick Boratenski
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp (Choir)

LECTORS
5:00 Barb Ault
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Knights of Columbus

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7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Chris/Laurie Reifsteck & Todd/Anjie Hartman Families

Altar Servers
5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Jacquelyn/Phillip Mayer/ Spencer McCorkle
10:00 Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report January 22/23 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$3,149.00
Child Envelopes- \$0
Loose- \$186.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$707.78
Religious Ed. Fund- \$0
Votive Candles- \$15.00
Playground Equipment Donation- \$260.00
Total- \$4,317.79

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
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St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$101.00

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WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Jackson Riley, son of Jon and Rachel Riley became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Sunday, January 23, 2022 by Fr. David Violi.



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of George O. Witwer, father of George (Dianne) Witwer, who passed away Thursday, January 20, 2022.



May God welcome George home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.


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