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## Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. *Vigil Mass*

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Tagalog Mass: *1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.*

Family Mass: *2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.*

Charismatic & Healing Mass: *3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.*



## **February 04, 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

[The Lord] tells the number of the stars  
and calls them by name. ~ Psalm 147:4



**February 04, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B**

*Jb 7:1-4,6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19-22-23; Mk 1:29-39*

Job's cry of hopelessness (1) stands in marked contrast to the hope of those who put their trust in Jesus (3), who "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds" (Ps). Such are the blessings of the good news (2).

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Do you ever feel that life is drudgery? Have you ever been ill and wondered about your place on the earth or in the lives of the people you love? Do you sometimes feel rejected or misunderstood? On this Sunday in the early moments of a new year, we reflect on the clarity, consolation, and healing we find in faith. Job muses about the meaning of life; Saint Paul relies on faith as he responds to critics; the sick rush to Jesus, and he shows us God's tender care for those who are ailing and outcast. Not only does he respond to those who come to him; he goes where they are. God seeks us out in our moments of weakness. God will always be with us in such real experiences of human life.

**Real Life**

The stories we hear in today's readings are stories of real life. The book of Job is the story of a man who is tested by illness, the death of loved ones, and the loss of friendships. Most of us can relate to Job. We have probably had moments when life feels like drudgery, or when we awake in the middle of the night and cannot get back to sleep. Not all were willing to hear the gospel from Saint Paul. They questioned his motives and did not understand his commitment to share the news of Jesus with all. It is not always easy to live as a disciple in today's world, either. Not all will understand our commitment to Christian living. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were ill. Those who are in need seek him out. Even when he goes away to spend time in prayer, his disciples go to find him. Jesus does not seem to have many minutes to himself, which any parent, child, friend, or person committed to service can understand when putting the needs of others first. Real life can be challenging!

**Real Faith**

The stories we hear today are also stories of real faith. While pushed almost to his limits, Job does not capitulate. He relies on God to be with him through illness, tragedy, and loneliness. Job knows that he truly is not alone. God is with him. Likewise, Saint Paul acts as he discerns he must. No doubt, he had moments of loneliness and felt the pressure of the judgment of others, but he did not waver in his trust in the love of the Lord. As in all things, Jesus shows us what to do. In moments of illness, isolation, and hurt, when direction in life is needed, turn to God in prayer. Trust in the healing touch of the Lord, whether physical healing or the emotional healing needed to endure suffering and pain. Jesus healed many who approached him then, and he continues to reach out to us in our need. Trust in God with real faith to meet the often-complicated circumstances of our real lives.

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**New Mass Schedule**

We are returning to our pre-COVID-19 Mass schedule beginning this Sunday, February 4, 2024.

**Sunday Masses:**

5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday  
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m. Masses on Sunday.

We will also have a monthly Tagalog Mass at 2:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month and a monthly Charismatic & Healing Mass at 2:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month.

**Weekday Masses (Monday - Saturday)**

7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m. (Vigil Mass on Sat)

Confession will be available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the rectory. Appointments are preferred.

**Looking for Lay Ministers**

The proclamation of the Word of God at Masses and other Liturgies is one of the sources of faith, wisdom and understanding God and Jesus have given to the Church. Because of its importance, the Church takes great care in ensuring that the Spoken Word is proclaimed with dignity and reverence. As a parish, we try our very best to fulfill these expectations.

The source and summit of our life as a people of God are the gifts of Christ's Body and Blood, the Eucharist, and the community gathered to share in this Eucharist. Over time, the Church has seen the need for Lay Faithful to assist with the distribution of Communion at Masses and other Liturgies. As well, Eucharistic Ministers assist the parish by bringing Communion to people who are unable to attend Mass.

If you're looking for a way to serve your parish, or if you've ever wanted to be a lay minister and serve during Mass, now is your chance. Please contact the office to volunteer.

**Lenten Recollection**

Everyone is invited to our Lenten Recollection on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the church followed by Mass at 12:10 p.m.

**Happy Birthday!!**

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners born this week.

Natalie Anthony	02/04	Susan Salcedo	02/07
Francis Tom Gongloff	02/05	Ian Angeles	02/09
Mely Saavedra	02/05	Isabela Nangca	02/09
Jennifer Gino	02/07	Laila Scarlet Udtohan	02/09
Susan Mabini	02/07	Erica Mendoza	02/10

**Please Pray for our Holy Father's Intention for February**

**Pope's Intention:** For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



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You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: [www.stpatricksf.org](http://www.stpatricksf.org). On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 04, 2024

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars  
and calls them by name.

~ Psalm 147:4

## Saints & Special Observances

**Monday: Memorial ~ St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**

**Tuesday: Memorial ~ St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

**Thursday: optional memorial ~ St. Jerome Emiliani**

*optional memorial ~ St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

**Saturday: Memorial ~ St. Scholastica, Virgin**

**SUNDAY: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Readings for the Week

**Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13; Mk 6:53-56**

**Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Mk 7:1-13**

**Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23**

**Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30**

**Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; Mk 11:37-37**

**Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10**

**SUNDAY: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32:1-2,5,11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1;  
Mk 1:40-45**

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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## God's Word Today

"I shall not see happiness again." With these words, Job concludes his lament to the Lord. Job was obviously in the depths of despair. His words echo the way we can feel when we allow life's struggles and disappointments to take hold of us. The Lord Jesus, however, has something else in mind for us. The simple story in Mark's Gospel of the curing of Peter's mother-in-law shows us that the Lord wants to lift us up out of any despair that has set in. The Gospel is good news for us. If today is a day when we are feeling particularly burdened by illness or disappointment, let us, like the townspeople in today's Gospel story, bring our cares and gather them at the Lord's door. With hope, let us be attentive to the saving power of God's sacred word.

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## A Book to Read

There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read.

~ G. K. Chesterton

## Living God's Word

After his time spent alone, Jesus was very certain of his purpose. We, too, can be more aware of God's purpose for us if we but make the time to listen.

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## Living Stewardship Now

Make a conscious effort to stop negative comments and verbal "put-downs." Refuse to join in conversations that scorn or belittle other people.

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**LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

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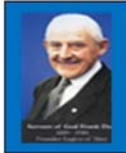
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JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PRAESIDIUM

Meeting - Sundays at 11:30 am in Bitanga Hall



The Legion Family Worldwide  
On all continents  
In over 170 countries  
4 million active members  
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The Founder Frank Duff  
1889 - 1980

**Legion of Mary's History**

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

**Legion of Mary's Aim**

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

**Legion of Mary's Unit**

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

**Legion of Mary's Active Works**

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

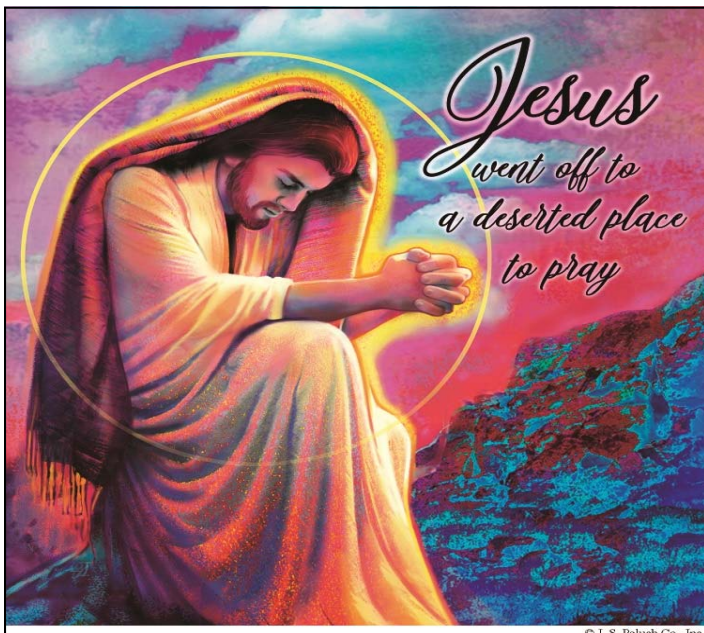
**Legion of Mary's Active Membership**

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

**On Love**

If you would be loved, love and be lovable.

~ Benjamin Franklin



## Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus told Simon and those who were with him, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this ..."

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Answer: *come I have purpose have*

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After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors.

February 6

**St. Paul Miki**

16<sup>th</sup>-century Japanese Jesuit seminarian who was arrested and crucified because of his faith

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I asked you and you did not listen. So I asked my God and he did listen.

February 10

**St. Scholastica**

6<sup>th</sup>-century foundress of the first Benedictine convent; twin sister of St. Benedict and the patron saint of nuns.

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I will never give in! Long live Christ the King!

February 10

**St. José Sánchez del Río**

14-year old martyr who refused to deny his faith in Christ during the Cristero War in Mexico

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**Living God's Word**

We pray at every Mass the Lord's Prayer, which concludes: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." The power of evil has been overcome by Jesus' saving death, but we continue to pray that it does not find a home in us, in our Church, or in our society.

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# CATHOLIC CORNER

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus traveled "throughout the whole of Galilee" and "cured many who were sick with various diseases" (Mark 1:29-35). The Church continues this work of Jesus in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. People may want to receive this sacrament for many different reasons. They might have a serious illness, or they might be preparing for surgery. Those who are very old or weakened by some physical condition, even if they are not seriously ill, may seek the blessings of the sacrament to renew their strength.

In administering the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, the priest lays hands on the person and prays silently. Then he anoints the person with the oil of the sick, one of the holy oils blessed by the bishop during Holy Week. The one being anointed is reminded that his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Jesus. The prayer asks God to grant the sick person peace and courage in the face of illness. Sometimes those who are ill recover. Some do not. But the sacrament promises that no matter what, God is with them to bring them comfort.

You can also bring comfort to those who are ill. First, you can pray for them, that they may be well and know God's loving presence. You can also assure them that you care for them by sending a note or a card with your prayers and good wishes. If you know someone who is sick or elderly and weak, think about sending them a card. You are part of the Church that continues Jesus' work of caring for those who are sick.



## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



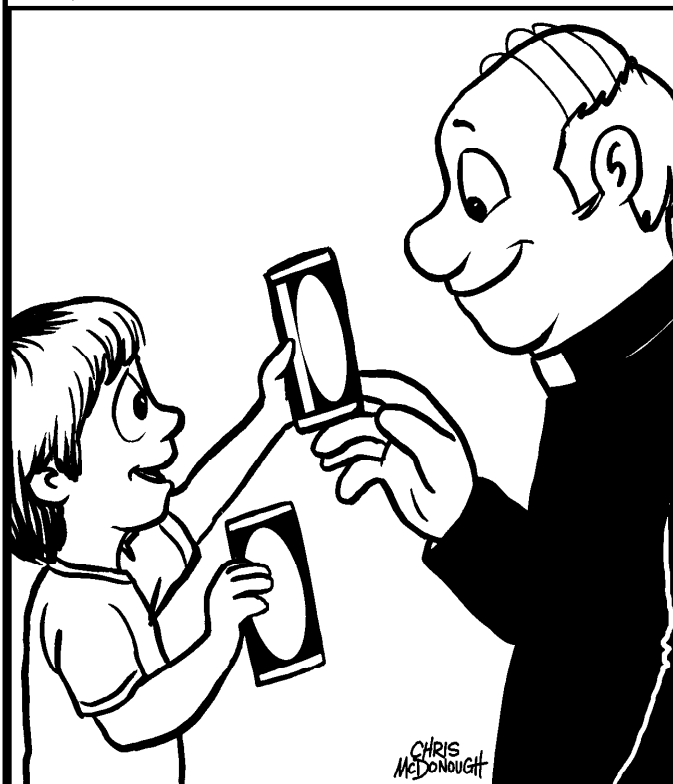
Rising very early before dawn, Jesus left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." Mk 1:35-37

Jesus cured many who were sick



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## Pastor Al®



"I'll take the plain chocolate bar, Pastor Al... I figured you would want the chocolate with amens!"

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## ***The Good News***

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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## ***Treasures From Our Tradition***

The story of Job seems at first hearing to be an extension of February's gloom into the liturgy. The monumental suffering of a good man is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God's great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering.

In the Gospel, we see the fulfillment of these longings in the hand of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter's mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. Last week, at Candlemas, candles were blessed, including baptismal candles for some not yet born. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February's customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand, and sends us to serve in Christ's name.

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## ***Feast of Faith***

### ***The Gloria (I)***

The Gloria, or Glory to God, follows the penitential rite. Both are acts of praise. In the penitential rite, we sing of the mercy of Christ. In the Gloria we praise God's saving action in the universe.

The Gloria is a relatively late addition to the Mass. It first appeared in the Roman liturgy in the sixth century, and then it was sung only by the pope—and only on Christmas! With time, the hymn came to be sung by bishops on major feasts, and then by priests; finally, it became the song of the entire assembly. With the advent of more elaborate musical settings, the people gradually stopped singing the Gloria, until this song of the people became the exclusive domain of the priest and the choir. But the liturgical reforms have restored it to its place as primarily the song of the assembly.

The language of the Gloria echoes the New Testament canticles. It may be begun by the priest, the cantor, and the entire assembly in varied combinations. The Gloria is sometimes called the "greater doxology," and in some ways it is like an extended, ecstatic version of the familiar doxology ("Glory be to the Father") prayed in the Divine Office and the rosary.

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## ***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

The Gospel of Mark, unlike those of Matthew and Luke, has no infancy narrative, nor does it have a lengthy prologue to introduce it, as John's Gospel does. In Mark's account, one could say, Jesus hits the ground running. The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the good news, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

## ***From Slave to Steward***

Job and Paul offer us two completely different views of slavery. What Job describes is an involuntary slavery, the relentless tyranny of a life lived merely eking out an existence, struggling just to get by. An enormous percentage of the world's population lives in this manner, including some citizens of the United States. They may not be the actual property of other human beings (the way we usually think of slavery), but their every daily effort is "owned" by their labor, just to sustain their existence. Paul also speaks of slavery, but a voluntary slavery; he has willingly committed himself to be a "slave" owned entirely by the gospel. He also speaks of this as stewardship, his caretaking of the great gift and blessing that has been given to him. Peter's mother-in-law shows true stewardship of the blessing she has received from Christ in her restored health: she expresses her gratitude in service to others. Far from being an example of an oppressed, powerless, servile person, she is a shining example of the Christian vocation of using one's grace and blessings, whatever they may be, in willing service of others.

## ***From Steward to Servant***

This, as Jesus says, is the purpose for which we have become members of his Body in baptism. This is our vocation: to be living signs of the reign of God breaking into the world in our self-giving sacrifice. A modern-day example: One family was going to purchase a new vehicle. They found one they wanted, but realized that it exceeded what they truly needed, as it had a number of extra luxuries. So they purchased a more basic vehicle that met their needs, and used the difference in price (about a thousand dollars) to pay for the digging of a fresh-water well for a village in Africa. For the first time, village girls could attend school rather than spend a whole day carrying water from the nearest well. And the village was able to move beyond mere subsistence farming, having marketable produce. How has God blessed you? No matter how, or to what degree, there is some way that, in self-giving service, your vocation in Christ can be fulfilled. For what purpose have you come into the world?

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## ***Hindsight***

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

~ John Henry Newman

## ***Tireless Discipleship***

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## ***Treasures From Our Tradition***

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

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## ***What You Can Do to Stay Healthy***

- **Know the facts.** Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- **Take everyday actions to stay healthy.**
- **Cover your nose and mouth** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or into your sleeve if you do not have a tissue available. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- **Wash your hands thoroughly and often** with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.** Germs spread that way.
- **Stay home if you get sick.** CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- **Get vaccinated.** Vaccination is the best protection we have against flu.
- Source: Centers for Disease Control (<http://www.cdc.gov>)

## ***Healing Ministry***

During Jesus' ministry "he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons." This is the case in today's Gospel. Jesus fulfills the vision of Psalm 147: "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Jesus knew, however, that he couldn't possibly heal all the illness in the world. No matter how many people he cured or how many hours he ministered, there always would be more suffering people like Job who craved his healing touch. His primary mission was not to rid the world of all suffering. His "purpose" was to preach the coming of the reign of God that heals, yes, but ultimately transcends and transforms earthly suffering. With Paul, Jesus could have said, "Woe to me if I do not preach" that good news.

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## ***Reflecting on God's Word***

Sue loves to iron clothes. In the process, she says, she also irons out her life, all its wrinkles and creases. She says she can stand neither her clothes nor her life when they're all rumpled. John runs every day. A lot of folks do. He hasn't missed a day in five years. But it's also where he and they pace out the rhythms of their lives. More than one frazzled mother has locked herself in the bathroom for twenty minutes of solitude and quasi-peace. Sometimes deserts look like bathrooms. Even teenagers know the need, so they crank up some tunes, stretch out on their beds, and listen beyond the music to the melodies played upon their lives.

I suspect there is a lot going on in those spaces. That's where kids get raised and loves get sorted and businesses are merged and decisions unraveled and re-raveled. But somewhere in the midst of it all we also make some decisions about who and what we want to become in this life—at any age. That's where goodness has a chance to surface and values are affirmed and commitments are remade for the umpteenth time and faith sprouts forth. And then it becomes prayer, out of the silence and the stillness and the darkness of time spent alone.

~ Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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## ***Treasures From Our Tradition***

"Last rites" is a persistent but pesky phrase in the Catholic lexicon, and not a particularly useful phrase since it props open the door to misunderstanding. Many Catholics presume it refers to the anointing of the sick, yet there is nothing "last" about it. Clearly, the Church desires anointing to be celebrated fairly early on in the crisis of illness, and not as a last measure. The Rites for the Dying stand apart in the Church's plan, and include two principal rites. The first is viaticum, Latin for "food for the journey," the reception of Holy Communion by a dying person. Even very active and aware Catholics often do not realize that this "last rite" does not require a priest's presence, but can be conducted by a deacon or minister of Holy Communion.

The second "last rite" in the pastoral plan is a prayer called "Commendation of the Dying." Similarly, this does not require the presence of a priest, but can be led by any minister or family member. Too often, we have focused on what only a priest can do, namely anoint, and have forgotten the fullness of liturgical care that the Church desires for its dying faithful. The "last rites" are completely available to us even when a priest is not.

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## ***Beginning Again***

If I were to begin life again, I would want it as it was. I would only open my eyes a little more.

~ Jules Renard

## ***The Need For Quiet***

Sometimes days or weeks are so full that I find myself anxious to cross off each event as it is completed. Mostly these events are not moments to dread. They are enjoyable activities like a party, a play, a wedding, or graduation. As I race to check off each celebration, I look forward to a day I can relax. Suddenly, I become irritated with myself for not enjoying each event. Rather, the enjoyment comes in completing the activity so that I am one step closer to that day of relaxation.

### ***Comment***

The first reading from the magnificent Book of Job is sobering indeed. Job, a good and upright man, has lost everything. We find him today sitting on the dung heap enduring the windy speeches of three so-called friends. They cannot make head or tail of Job's plight. They cannot crack the mystery of the good man's suffering. In this reading, Job gives his unpolished view of the human condition. Job has no view of life after death. Life is hard, and he knows it.

Though this reading carries the plaintive cry of the long-suffering and faithful Job, we know that after he endures endless lectures (thirty-six chapters worth!), God speaks to him and he is vindicated. The responsorial psalm that follows the reading of the Book of Job echoes this vindication while acknowledging acute pain: "Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted." Job speaks for all who suffer long and patiently, who struggle to understand their life and God's life. The brokenhearted can sing praise.

Paul, the minister of the good news of the Resurrection, voices an unshakable trust and hope. He is the servant of good news. His passion is as active as Job's is passive. Paul moves like fire and takes on its color and heat. He is poor with the poor; weak with the weak. He is all things to all people for the sake of the gospel that brings life and is literally good news.

We turn to that Gospel still carrying the tone and feel of these previous readings. We can imagine an assembly of the hopeful poor hearing Jesus' words in the synagogue at Capernaum on the Sabbath. We can see Jesus taking the short Sabbath walk to the home of Simon Peter, whose mother-in-law is in the grip of a fever so great that she is not able to render the simple hospitality permitted on the Jewish Sabbath. Crowds assemble at the door gawking and waiting—but not, probably, with the patience of Job! Jesus helps her up. Peter's mother-in-law is so fully returned to health that she is able to be hospitable! She welcomes and serves the one who restored her. And when the Sabbath sun sinks in the west, the crowds come and come and come. They want immediate physical healing. And Jesus does heal. He does forgive. He longs to lead those who gather around deeper and deeper into the mystery of the Kingdom of God that is now among them. Those who believe are raised to life, to physical health, to the renewal of the human spirit.

### ***Reflection***

In the ideal world, commentaries and reflections for weekend readings would come immediately. A writer wouldn't have to spend much time researching, thinking, and praying. One would be done with the writing in good time and get on to the next project.

It's the same ideal world where all homilies last seven minutes exactly, where gourmet meals are on the table within thirty minutes, and every problem of the day is resolved in less than sixty seconds. Job's world wasn't like that and he was getting discouraged. The people who came knocking at Peter's door looking for Jesus wanted an instant cure for their ailments. Jesus was the one who knew that these things take time, yet he also sensed the urgent needs of these seekers, and responded in charity.

In order to refocus, recollect, and revitalize himself, Jesus went off in the midst of commotion to a quiet place to pray. Throughout the New Testament, we see Jesus take time away to revitalize himself in thought and energy through prayer and contemplation. We learn a great deal from the words of Jesus found in Scripture, but he also demonstrates life's healthy habits through his actions. Taking time to pray and place ourselves in God's presence is one of the many important actions we witness and follow through Jesus' good example.

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## ***Speak Life***

A group of frogs was traveling through the woods looking for a bigger pond when two of them fell into a very deep hole. The other frogs crowded around, and when they saw just how deep the hole was they shook their heads and started calling to the two frogs at the bottom that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the shouting and with all their might kept trying to jump up out of the hole. The other frogs jeered at them and told them to give up as their efforts were useless. Finally, one of the frogs stopped jumping and, panting heavily, fell on his side. He lay still and soon died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. The crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just give up and die. He jumped even harder, and finally made it out of the top of the hole. When he got out, the other frogs were astonished and asked him, "Didn't you hear us?" The frog look puzzled and asked them to repeat what they had just said because he was a bit deaf. He thought they had been shouting encouragement to him! There is power in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone in difficult circumstances can lift them up and help them to make it through another day. Destructive words, on the other hand, can be all it takes to deprive them of hope and life. The power of words is much greater than we may think. Be careful what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path. The person who makes the effort to encourage another is special indeed.

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## **The Inner Word: What's in your Heart?**

**J**ob moans about the repetitious pointlessness of life. Saint Paul and Jesus, in their preaching and teaching, show quite the contrary. Both are compelled to proclaim the abundant life that God intends for us.

- ⇒ Do I share Paul's excitement about preaching? Or do I feel that it's become "drudgery"? If so, what might I do differently?
- ⇒ How does a snapshot of my life compare to the snapshot we see of Jesus in today's gospel? After I leave the sanctuary do I take time for other activities that sustain me, that actually help my preaching in the long run—visiting people who are lonely or sick, moving out and about in the community, taking some quiet time for myself?

## **Applying the Word: The fever left her**

**D**on't you want to be healed? I do. I could make a list of things in me that just aren't right. I'm fettered by past memories and mistakes, and some big doozy poor choices I've made along the way. I've had my share of "problems of the heart" that impede my ability to love freely. We go to confession and the sacrament of anointing to offer up some of these items to the holy healing touch. But if we want the deep healing to take place, we have to grasp the hand of Jesus and allow him to lift us up, as he did Peter's mother-in-law. To Jesus, it's all in a day's work; but to us, it could mean the fullness of life. ~ Alice Camille

### **Scripture links**

**Be holy as God is holy:** *Lev. 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:26*

**Pauline salvation:** *Rom. 3:10-26, 5:12-21, 6:1-23, 7:13-25, 8:23*

**Fullness of life:** *John 5:24-29, 39-40, 6:34-58, 10:9-10, 27-28, 11:25-27*

### **Catechism links**

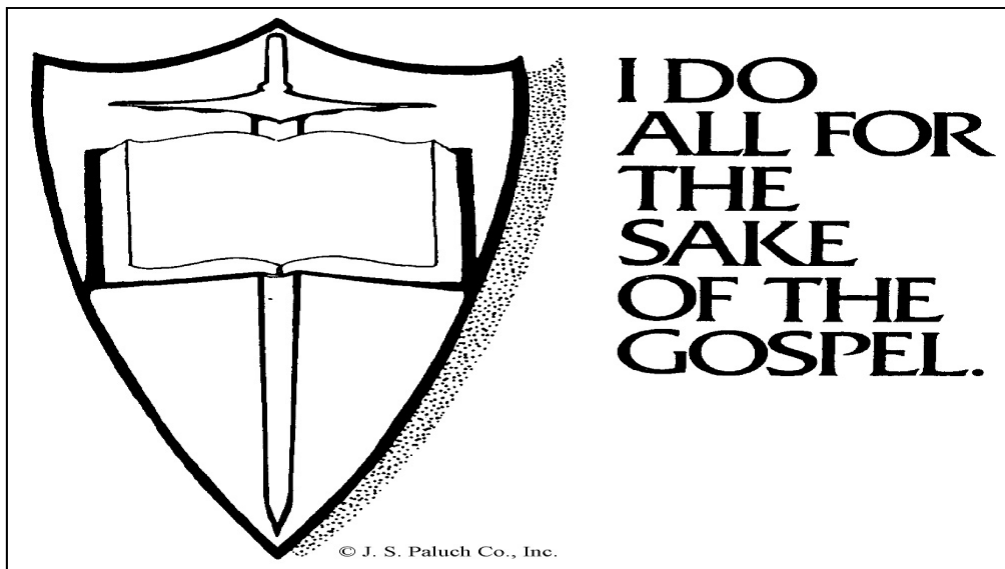
*(Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph numbers)*

**Sickness and healing:** *CCC 164; 1499-1510; 1521*

**Sin:** *CCC 385-390; 396-412; 601-618; 654; 705; 953; 1865-1869*

**Salvation:** *CCC 55; 161*

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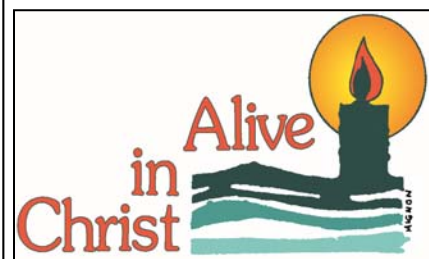
## **HEAR THE CALL**

**L**AST JUNE, six men were ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Brooklyn—the most ordained for that diocese at one time in several years. Among them was Father Richard Zuk, a native of Queens. When he had graduated from college, he started working in direct marketing and sales. He had also stopped practicing his Catholic faith. "The focus was all on me and making money," he said in a *Newsday* article. But then, he continued, "I started volunteering on an ambulance and in soup kitchens, then the deeper questions came: What is life all about? Who am I? Why am I here? What's my meaning and purpose?"

These questions eventually led him to the seminary, priesthood, and a life about which he said, "I've gained far more than what I thought I was giving up. This is a life of service to the church, which is the people of God."

"Woe to me if I do not preach" the gospel, Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians. Paul heard the call of his vocation to spread the Good News. So did Father Zuk. And so should all of us, whatever our way of life, listen for the gospel and contemplate how we are to proclaim it, in word and deed, according to who we truly are.

—Joel Schorn



# Lectio Divina



## Lectio Divina for the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

*We begin our prayer:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Fifth Week in Ordinary Time)

### Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.  
Mark 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.

### Meditation (*Meditatio*)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

*If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.*

### Prayer (*Oratio*)

*Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.*



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## Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

*Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:*

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

*Then the fever left her and she waited on them.*

What keeps me from serving my brothers and sisters more generously? Where is the Lord calling me to serve?

*He drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.* When has my speech not served to build up the Body of Christ? How can I be kinder and more truthful when speaking in person and on social media?

*He left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.* Where do I go to pray? What distractions impede my prayer?

*After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:*

## Closing Prayer:

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.

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

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.

(From Psalm 147)

## Living the Word This Week

*How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?*

Research the volunteer ministry options available in your parish and diocese and discern how God is calling you to serve his people.

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# How well do you know the Catholic faith?

## The Ultimate Catholic Quiz

by Catholic Answers' founder, Karl Keating.



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There are no trick questions, but there are questions that will trip you up if you fail to read carefully. An answer is counted as wrong if any part of it — such as a date or name — is wrong. Your goal is not to find the answer that is least wrong, but the one answer that is wholly right, which may be “none of the above.” On average, most informed Catholics score 50%. How well did you do?

### 1. The Old Testament:

- has more books in the Protestant version of the Bible because Protestants emphasize the Old Testament over the New Testament.
- has more books in the Catholic version of the Bible because the Protestant Reformers threw out seven books at the Council of Trent.
- was used by the early Christians in its Greek translation, known as the Septuagint.
- no longer has authority over Christians but still has authority over Jews.
- none of the above.

### 2. Baptism may be administered by:

- a priest or bishop only.
- a bishop, priest or deacon only.
- any baptized Catholic only.
- unbaptized persons.
- none of the above.

### 3. To be elected Pope, a man must at least be:

- a cardinal who attends the papal conclave and is less than 80 years of age.

- baptized.
- over 50 years of age.
- fluent in Latin.
- none of the above.

### 4. In the Mass:

- Jesus is symbolized by the bread and the wine from the moment of consecration onward.
- Jesus is spiritually present when the community gathers in prayer under the leadership of the priest and ceases to be spiritually present when the priest leaves the sanctuary.
- Jesus is physically present along with the bread and the wine once the consecration has occurred.
- Jesus is present, and the bread and wine are not present, after the consecration.
- none of the above.

### 5. The doctrine of the Trinity means:

- there is one God who manifests Himself in the three distinct roles of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- that since the resurrection, there have been four persons in the Trinity: the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ the God-man.
- that in the Godhead, there is only one divine person, and He takes on different aspects according to His actions as creator, redeemer or sanctifier.
- there are three gods who work so closely together that it is proper to call them one God.
- None of the above

Answer highlights can be found on page 48.



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Baptismal font at St. Mary's cathedral.

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## Jan. 25: Vespers for the Week of Christian Unity

For the 18th year, Archbishop Cordileone and Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Gerasimos will be leading solemn vespers in observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Join them in prayer at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

## Feb. 3: Wedding Anniversary Mass

All married couples in the Archdiocese are invited to attend and celebrate their sacramental wedding anniversaries at a Mass and reception with Archbishop Cordileone on Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. Those celebrating at least five-year anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.) will be recognized during the Mass.

## Feb. 3: Mother-Daughter Program

The Mother-Daughter Programs are designed to help mothers and daughters explore God's special gift of fertility together. Help her see the beauty and wonder of God's plan for growing up as a young girl, teenager and becoming a woman. There are two programs: for "tweens" in the morning, and teens in the afternoon. The Tween and Teen Programs cover similar subject matter while differing in

depth and scope. All presentations are pure, lighthearted, and affirming! <https://sfarch.org/event/the-mother-daughter-programs/>

## Feb. 4: Consecrated Life Mass

Join us as we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life, honoring those consecrated men and women who serve in the Archdiocese and those who are celebrating jubilee anniversaries of their profession of vows. The Mass for Consecrated Life will take place on Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption.

## Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday

## Feb. 24: Archdiocesan Women's Conference

Women of the Archdiocese of San Francisco are invited to attend the Archdiocesan Women's Conference on Feb. 24 at St. Dominic's Catholic Church beginning with Mass at 9 a.m. with Archbishop Cordileone followed by a day of reflection and prayer.

## Feb. 24: Chinese New Year Mass and Celebration

The Chinese Ministry of the Archdiocese of San Francisco invites you to their Chinese New Year Mass and Celebration on Feb. 24 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Mass begins at 2 p.m. and a dinner will follow with traditional Chinese food and entertainment.

## QUIZ: How well do you know the Catholic faith?



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### 1. The Old Testament:

c. This is it!

### 2. Baptism may be administered by:

d. Yes, anyone, even a non-Christian, can baptize. Baptism may be administered by any person, provided that he intends to do what the Church does — even if he doesn't fully understand what the Church does in baptism — and uses the right words ("I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit") and actions (pouring or sprinkling water on the recipient's head or immersing the recipient in water). This means that a valid baptism can be administered by a Jew, a Muslim, a Hindu, an agnostic or even an atheist. This is testimony not to Christ's capriciousness in establishing baptism but to how important baptism is. Our Lord wanted to make baptism as easily available as possible because this sacrament is the entrance to the life of grace.

### 3. To be elected Pope, a man must at least be:

b. Correct. The candidate must be a baptized Catholic; he can even be a married layman.

### 4. In the Mass:

d. Correct, because the bread and the wine cease to be present in their essence or substance after the consecration. Only Jesus is present.

### 5. The doctrine of the Trinity means:

e. Correct, because all the other possible answers are wrong.

# *Ash Wednesday Service February 14, 2024*



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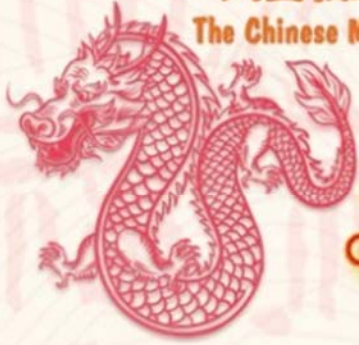
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February 24, 2024 (Saturday) 2:30pm

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Principal Celebrant: The Most Reverend Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone  
Concelebrants: The Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus William Justice and priests

With Chinese New Year Dinner at the Cathedral Patrons' Hall  
5:00PM No Host Bar 5:30PM Banquet  
Banquet Ticket: \$70/person

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Join Archbishop Cordileone and  
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I CANNOT FAIL TO MENTION THE NEED FOR FOSTERING VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD,  
FOR AS SAINT JOHN PAUL II SAID,

# THERE CAN BE NO EUCHARIST WITHOUT THE PRIESTHOOD

~ POPE FRANCIS

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## Mass Intentions for Feb 04 - 10

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 04	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Lolita & Catalina Purqued † Nicomedes & Juanita Abello † Jordan Chavez † Msgr. Fred Bitanga SI Marilou Alegre
Monday 05	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong † Jordan Chavez † David Guerrero Castro
Tuesday 06	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Corazon Ambata † Jordan Chavez † Manny Q. Jangar
Wednesday 07	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Rev. Roberto Andrey † Jordan Chavez SI Ben Jacob Banatao
Thursday 08	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Alejandro Tenorio † Jordan Chavez SI Joy, Jen & Jackie Bandelaria
Friday 09	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Vince Edgar G. Biagtan † Jordan Chavez † Gloria Ombania
Saturday 10	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Valente Banez † Jordan Chavez SI Evelyn Bird

### Parish Schedule

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the Rectory)

(appointments are preferred)

Monday, Thursday, and Friday

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

#### Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

#### Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

### Communion in the Home

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the office at 415-421-3730 for more information.

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## Black Nazarene

Feast Day  
January 9

Rosie Drapiza  
Lydia Cagampan  
Rene & Elsa Tuazon



## San Lorenzo Ruiz 1st Filipino Saint (Sep 28)

Maureen Oakes  
Fe Macatangay  
Cathy Bohol  
Alma Raymundo

Shiela Montemayor  
Maribelle Olegario  
Gino Percival Ventura  
Torno Family  
Alejandra Ayala

## St. Anne

Feast Day  
July 26



#### PRAYER TO St. Anne

O GOD, You  
bestowed on St.  
Anne such grace  
that she was found  
worthy to become  
the mother of  
MARY, who  
brought forth  
Your only  
begotten SON.  
Grant that we may  
be helped by her  
intercession.  
Amen.

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#### Parish Registration

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph. No. \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop in the collection basket or return to the parish office

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*Krista Mari, Ezra Mari,  
 & Juliana Mari*



*Laeti bibamus sobriam  
 profusionem Spiritus.*

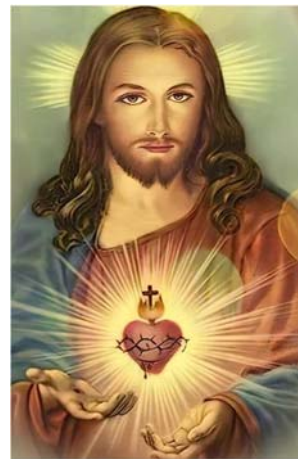
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**Matt  
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 SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR



I'm proud to represent you in City Hall and grateful for the faith community we share at St. Patrick's. For help with City matters, call (415) 554-7970 or email me at [Matt.Dorsey@sfgov.org](mailto:Matt.Dorsey@sfgov.org).

*Matt Dorsey*



*Most Sacred Heart  
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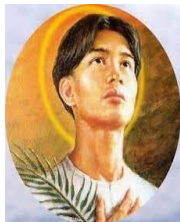
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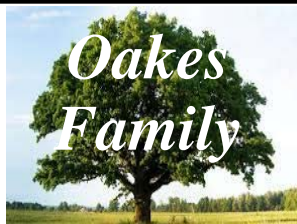
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 OF  
 FATIMA**  
*Pray the rosary*



*San Pedro  
 Calunsod  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Filipino  
 Saint  
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