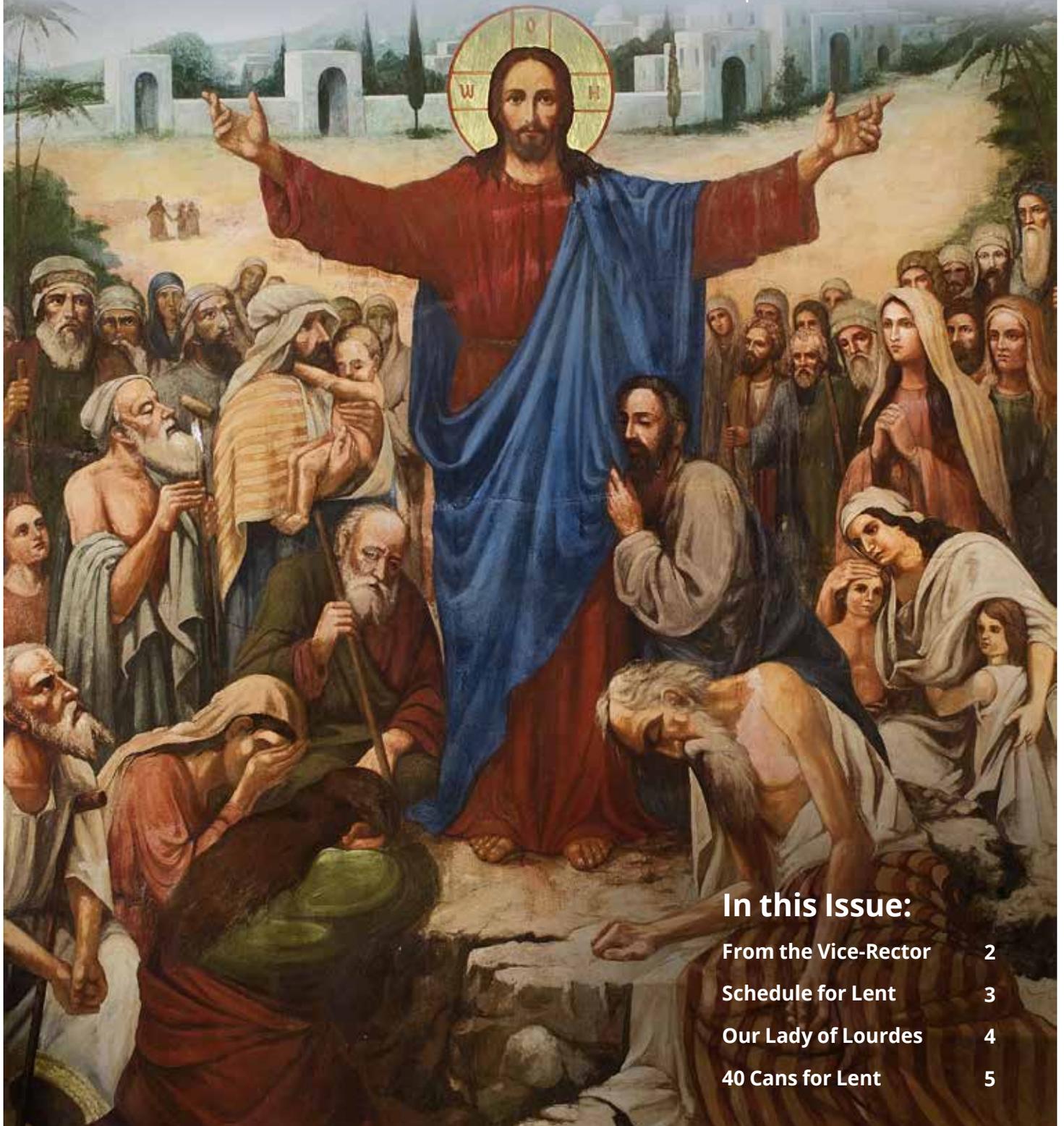


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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

February 7 - 14, 2021

SUN 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Thomas Griffith
8:00 am Mass for Madeline & Jack Belby, Sr.
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

MON 8 Saint Jerome Emiliani Saint Josephine Bakhita

12:05 pm Mass for Katie Fahey

TUE 9 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery

WED 10 Saint Scholastica

12:05 pm Mass for George Bridges

THU 11 Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick

12:05 pm Mass for Terry D. Douglas

FRI 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for James Evangelist

SAT 13 Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

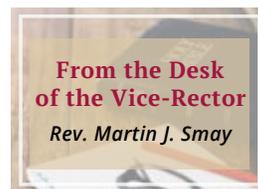
9:00 am Mass for John Sheets
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie
10:30 am Mass for Dorothy Littlehailes



Dear Parishioners of the Cathedral Parish,
Having covered the topic of (priestly) celibacy last week, I wish to write today about (priestly) poverty.



Before entering fully into that topic, I do think it is worth noting that, contrary to urban legend, as a diocesan or secular priest, I have not taken vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. As a secular priest (i.e. one who does not belong to a religious order), I make solemn promises to be obedient, chaste, and to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. I will not get into how a solemn promise differs from a vow (because it is not all that pertinent to the current subject) and such academic discussions aren't all that helpful. What is helpful is to note that poverty, chastity, and obedience are not simply for priests or religious sisters or brothers; they are proposed by Christ the Lord to all the faithful to be followed, not in a ridged cookie-cutter fashion, but adapted to the circumstances of each one's state in life. The purpose of a life of poverty, chastity, and obedience is to make the love of God easier, fuller, and more perfect. The Christian life is primarily about loving God with all our hearts, minds, and souls and all else follows from and is ordered to that love of God.

While I have not taken a vow or made a promise of poverty, I and other secular priests are to strive to practice a spirit of poverty. Thus, the priest's salary should be modest and he should strive to live simply, detached from worldly comforts and possessions. This life of poverty and simplicity should not be taken to an extreme: the priest should dress and have a house that accord with the dignity of the priesthood while also avoiding things which might in any way alienate the poor so that the rich would not be made uncomfortable by the simplicity of his life nor would the poor and humble find the priest unapproachable because of his lifestyle.

Much like celibacy, this detachment frees a priest to love and serve God and His people. And this I wish to emphasize: a priest is called to love people in a very particular and all-consuming manner for the sake of God's glory and the salvation of all. Priests in a special way must conform themselves to Christ the High Priest Who made a total self-offering for our salvation when He mounted the wood of the Cross. The evangelical councils help to free priests to do this. Material possessions have a way of weighing us down. Having nice things is good, but then they also require a good bit of attention and upkeep; they can distract a priest from extending the kind of availability that is appropriate. They also literally weigh us down: when a priest is given a new assignment, the more things he has, the more difficult it is to move. I know one priest who had such an extensive collection of junk that he required a full-size tractor trailer to move his possessions. Material possessions literally restrict freedom of movement. They also have a way of distracting the mind and preoccupying us. This is unavoidable to a certain extent. For example, recently my vehicle was in need of an oil change and state inspection. I had to keep these things in mind, on my radar, and time was spent arranging the maintenance, taking my car there and picking it up. This is not a big deal and having a car is pretty necessary in modern times for me to effectively and efficiently live (as one priest once put it to me "I need a car because I don't have recourse to a horse"). But many other material possessions have a way of detracting from time that could otherwise be spent serving God. As early as the year 506, the clergy in some places were forbidden by Church law from practicing falconry and hunting because it was distracting them from exercising their sacred ministry (it seems these prohibitions had little effect, though, because these prohibitions were often repeated).

Living a life of simplicity and poverty, like celibacy, serves as a sign to the world that there is something more worth living for. Much of the modern world has fallen into a deep materialism and focuses much time and energy in accumulating material possessions. The Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, himself citing Confucius if my memory holds correctly, says that avarice is a sin of the old and the seeking after a kind of economic immortality. Greed is to be avoided by all followers of Christ, but priests must do this in a singular way and this is the biblical example. In the Old Testament, each of the tribes of Israel was allotted a certain hereditary share of the land, with one exception: the tribe of Levi, which was the tribe of the priests, were not allotted any land; instead we read in the book of Numbers that their hereditary share is the Lord. The great mystic and master of the spiritual life, St. Teresa of Ávila, in her book *The Way of Perfection* gives various instructions to the women in her community. Among the things she writes about is the kind of poverty that they should practice and in particular the kinds of houses that they should build for themselves. It is good that we too reflect on these words, even if we are not called to live such poverty, because the truth at the root of what she says is universally applicable: "always remember that these [houses] will all fall down on the Day of Judgment, and who knows how soon that will be? It would hardly look well if the house of thirteen poor women made a great noise when it fell." Likewise, it would hardly be fit if the house of a parish priest were to make a great noise when it fell, for the whole of the priest's life is to proclaim the salvation wrought for us in Christ Jesus to the world and the supreme importance of preferring that salvation to all else.

God love you and keep the Faith!

Fr. Martin J. Smay

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS During the COVID-19 Pandemic

We ask that you please review and adhere to these guidelines while attending Mass in the Cathedral:

Wear Face Masks

The faithful are required to bring their own facemasks and to wear them during Mass.

Keep Your Distance

Social distancing is necessary at Mass while seated in the pew and during the Communion procession. Families living in the same household may sit together. We are only able to accommodate 92 people per Mass at the Cathedral.

Some common, though optional practices of the Mass, will be omitted such as the use of hymnals, holding of hands during the Our Father, the Sign of Peace, and the offering of the Precious Blood of Christ to the faithful. The complete list of guidelines are available for your review on the diocesan website: www.dwc.org.

Please keep in mind that Bishop Brennan has given the faithful of the Diocese the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. Therefore, sick persons and those more susceptible to infection – the elderly, those already in frail health – are urged to remain at home and participate in televised or online Masses.



LENT 2021 AT THE CATHEDRAL

Ash Wednesday February 17

Ashes distributed at all Masses
Masses 12:05 PM & 6:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday during Lent 12:45 PM to 5:45 PM

Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent 6:00 PM

Confessions

Fridays 11:15 to 11:45 AM
Saturdays 5:00 to 5:45 PM

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Catholics ages 18 to 59 are bound to fast on these two days. They may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

All Catholics ages 14 and over are bound to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

Online Giving

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application that is safe and secure. This site allows you to set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You may make pledges and manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and you may make one-time donations. To sign up for Online Giving, visit our parish website at www.saintjosephcathedral.com and follow the "Giving" tab. This website will walk you through the process.

Offertory Collection

January 31, 2021

Envelopes: \$1465

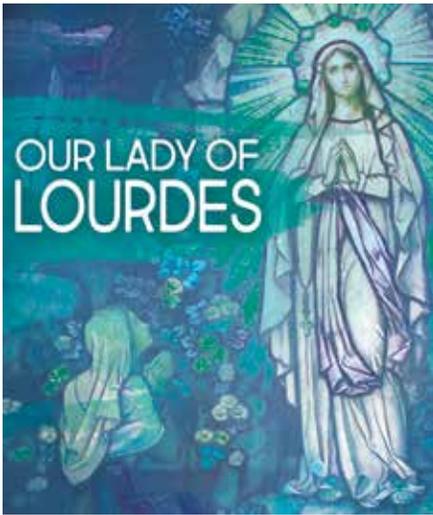
Loose: \$236

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It was on February 11, 1858, that the fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, a peasant girl in Lourdes, saw a lady in a grotto near the river Gave, at the foot of the Pyrenees Mountains in France. Over the next several months, Bernadette encountered the Lady many times. During one of these apparitions, the Lady directed Bernadette to drink from the fountain. But there was no fountain there — only the river. At the Lady's command, Bernadette began to dig in the ground near the grotto, and a spring of water began to flow. Immediately, numerous miraculous healings took place for those who bathed in or drank the water of the spring. Only later did the Lady reveal to Bernadette who she was: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Today, Lourdes is one of the most popular pilgrimage places in the world. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people make the pilgrimage to the little town, to drink of the water and to feel close to the Virgin and to her Son, Jesus Christ, healer of body and soul.

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

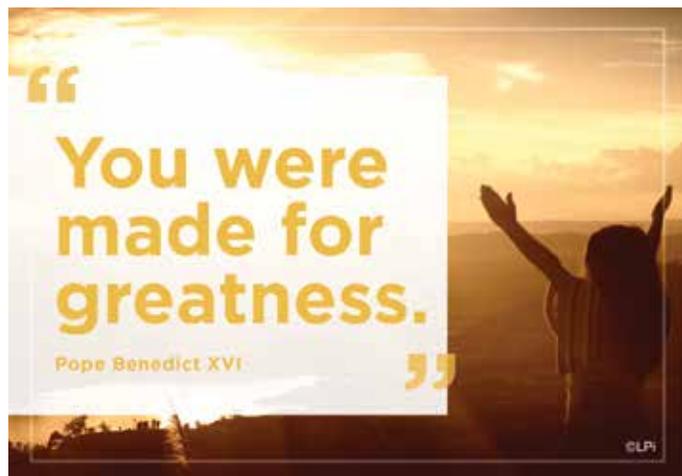
Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and

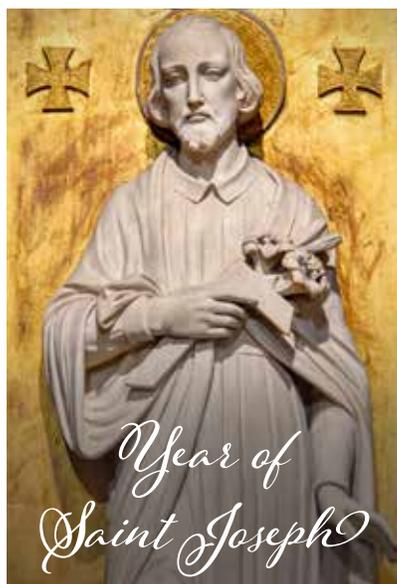


more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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Prayer to Saint Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for Me.

This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles, when he was going into battle.

40 Cans for Lent

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor the 40 Cans For Lent. Please drop off non-perishable food items in the bins in back of the Church. Donations will be taken to Catholic Charities. Thank you for support of those in need.

Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat

Saturday, March 20, 2021
Pope St. John XXIII Pastoral Center
Charleston, WV

Do you desire a life of sacrifice and faithful service to God and His People? Do you desire to give yourself completely to God in a life of consecration and commitment to building up the kingdom of God here in West Virginia? Perhaps the Lord is calling you to be a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston! The annual diocesan Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 20 at the Pope St. John XXIII Pastoral Center (100 Hodges Rd, Charleston, WV 25314) from 10AM – 5PM. This event is open to men 18 years and older who are simply open to reflecting on God's will for them in their lives. The day will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. For any men interested in attending, please email Rick Teachout at rteachout@dwc.org or call him at (304) 233-0880 ext. 442

New to the Parish?

Are you new to the Parish? Has your address or phone number changed? Are you a Catholic wishing to return to the Church? We would love to hear from you! Contact or stop by the Parish Offices to find out more information on how to become a member of the Cathedral Parish.



The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

Ways to Honor the Holy Family

- Consecrate your family to the Holy Family
- Pray the Rosary together
- Strengthen your family's devotion to the Holy Eucharist as the nourishment of family life

Prayer for Families

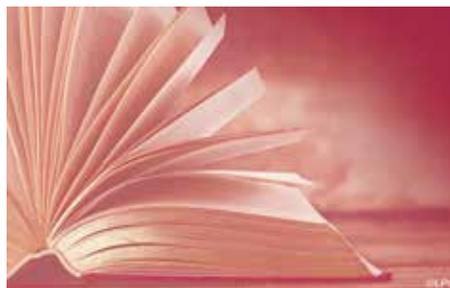
Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

Joseph, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of February 7

SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

MONDAY

Genesis 1:1-19

Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35

Mark 6:53-56

TUESDAY

Genesis 1:20—2:4a

Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mark 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17

Ps 104:1-2, 27-28, 29-30

Mark 7:14-23

THURSDAY

Genesis 2:18-25

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Mark 7:24-30

FRIDAY

Genesis 3:1-8

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7

Mark 7:31-37

SATURDAY

Genesis 3:9-24

Ps 90:2, 3-4, 5-6, 12-13

Mark 8:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Mark 1:40-45

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

February 8 - Saint Jerome Emiliani (1481-1537)

Saint Jerome Emiliani was born into a wealthy family, and before being led to study for the priesthood he was a soldier in Venice. As a priest, Jerome was greatly devoted to helping the poor and the disadvantaged. He founded hospitals, orphanages (for which he was proclaimed Patron of Orphans by Pius XI), and an order of priests whose apostolate it was to care for the orphans.

Patronage: orphans; abandoned children

Saint Josephine Bakhita, virgin (1868-1947)

Also on February 8, we celebrate Saint Josephine Bakhita (1868-1947), who was born in Sudan and at the age of nine was taken into slavery. Bought by an Italian diplomat, she was taken to Italy where she converted to Christianity at the age of 25. Three years later, after having been freed from slavery, she joined the Institute of the Canossian Daughters of Charity. She spent fifty years in that congregation and was a well known and sought-after speaker regarding the Catholic faith. Pope Saint John Paul II canonized this first Sudanese saint on October 1, 2000 as a witness to evangelical reconciliation and a model of freedom.

February 10 - Saint Scholastica, virgin (480-543)

Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the father of Western monasticism. From a young age she expressed a deep desire to dedicate her life to God through the monastic vows: obedience, conversion of life (poverty and chastity), and stability. She founded and supervised a monastery of nuns near her brother's monastery at Monte Cassino. She was eventually interred in the same grave with her brother.

Patronage: against storms; Benedictine nunneries

Saints of God, pray for us!



The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 14) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme for 2021 is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor."

Please join us in praying during this week for all married couples, that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live our their marriage promises, being witness to the love God has for each of us.

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union
of married couples
so that they might reflect
the union of Christ
with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of
your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Annual Audit Report

Continuing his commitment to greater transparency, Bishop Mark Brennan has released the audited financial statement of the Diocese for the fiscal year 2020. If you wish to review the full Independent Auditors' Report, Audited Financial Statements, and Notes to Financial Statements, please visit the Diocesan website at www.dwc.org.



Please remember
in your prayers all
who serve in the
Armed Forces.
May they be kept
safe and out of
harm's way.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

End of Mass

Question:

Is it ever OK to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer	David Wiethe	Kenneth Shores	Philippa Shores
Archer Hatch	Eli Musser	Kermit Klosterman	Rachel Wade
Arthur Danehart	Eva Wood	Liam Barns	R. J. Stocke
Austin Cook	Fr. Joseph Wilhelm	Liam Manning	Richard Simon
Ashton Southerly	Frank Davis	Lucille Renowicz	Rick Burgy
Barb Mazzocca	Fred Herink	Lukie Brown	Ron Hickman
Beth Jochum	Frederick C. Schweizer	Margaret Stocke	Rosanne Gaughan
Betty Teater	Gail Koch	Marie & Conner	Rosalie Davis
Bill Wilson	George Kirchner	Workman	Rose Otey
Bob Armstrong	Geri Adams Nagy	Mark Davis	Sarah Hanasky
Bob Jones	Hines Rotriga	Marshall South	Sarah Sargent
Billy Hanasky	Janet Cupp	Martha Yocum	Shirley DeBene
Brian Hanasky	Janie	Mary Ann Fowler	Shirley DeCaria
Brogan Gallentine	Jean & Chuck Schultz	Mary K. Schlosser	Sr. Mary Florence Burke
Caleb Hlebiczki	Jim Antill	Mary Walicki	Stanley Kyrk
Carolyn Lash	Jim and Dee	Michael DeBlasis	Stephanie Bugaj
Carolyn Wiethe	Jimmy Hocking	Milissa Rose	Susan Graff
Charles Heizer	Joe Bechtel	Milly Burke	Susan Mize
Charles DeBene	John Petrella	Nadine Greenwood	Susan Schulte
Children of the	Jon-Michael Lasher	Nicholas Barns	Tammy
Youth Services System	Judy Pack	Norma Bosold	Teresa Helfer
Christina Helfer	Julia Sheets	Patricia Kalisz	Thelma Pearson
Chuck Fair	Kathy Cooley	Pete Cuffaro	Trystan Timmons
David A. Kress, Jr.	Kaitlyn Hanasky	Pete Mack	Victoria Jeskey

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS 6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am

WEEKDAYS 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)
9:00 am (Saturday)

HOLY DAYS Please consult the bulletin

CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY 11:15 - 11:45 am

SATURDAY 5:00 - 5:45 pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the parish office or by visiting the website.

Bulletin Articles due by 9am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

