

THE PARISH OF OUR SAVIOUR  
SAINT STEPHEN AND OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR  
CHAPEL OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY  
*in the City of New York*

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CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY

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*Our Saviour and Sacred Hearts are both handicapped accessible.*



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MASS FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OUR SAVIOUR

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. (*Sung*)  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (*Choral*), 5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEARTS

Sunday: 12:45 p.m. (*Sung*),  
3:00 p.m. (*Korean-English bilingual*), 5:30 p.m. (*Sung*)

DAILY MASS

OUR SAVIOUR

7:45 a.m. (*Monday-Friday*)  
12:05 p.m. (*Monday-Saturday*)

SACRED HEARTS

5:15 p.m. (*Monday-Friday*)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

OUR SAVIOUR

Sunday: 10:30-10:50 a.m.  
Monday-Friday: 7:20-7:40 a.m. & 12:40-1:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 4:30-4:50 p.m. (*Saturday*)

SACRED HEARTS

Sunday: 5:00-5:15 p.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 February 2020

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, 16 February** – *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. Children & Youth served by Catholic Charities  
9:00 a.m. Dolores Defeo-Zevola +  
11:00 a.m. Lisa Martin (L)  
12:45 p.m. Joseph & Carl Cassar +  
5:00 p.m. Joseph & Brenda Maslo +  
5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*

**Monday, 17 February** – *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

12:05 p.m. William J. Polk, Jr. +

**Tuesday, 18 February** – *Weekday*

7:45 a.m. Peter DiGilio +  
12:05 p.m. Alexandro & Marta Sahores +  
5:15 p.m. Children & Youth served by Catholic Charities

**Wednesday, 19 February** – *Weekday*

7:45 a.m. Louis Benitto +  
12:05 p.m. Francine Benfredy +  
5:15 p.m. Lucy Rosario +

**Thursday, 20 February** – *Weekday*

7:45 a.m. Morris Gillett +  
12:05 p.m. James H. Neelan +  
5:15 p.m. Children & Youth served by Catholic Charities

**Friday, 21 February** – *St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

7:45 a.m. Mark Delano (L)  
12:05 p.m. Virginia Helen Gaffney +  
5:15 p.m. Children & Youth served by Catholic Charities

**Saturday, 22 February** – *The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

12:05 p.m. Leslie Daniel +

*Mass Intentions may be reserved through the Parish Office at the Church of Our Saviour. Please stop by or call (212) 679-8166 x210.*

**IN YOUR PRAYERS,** please remember Bill Bako, Joseph K. Beckman, Dan Bianco, Felix Domenden, William Eusini, Nicki Filippini, Brother Robert V. Fontaine, C.S.C., John Ivanac, Anita Marsh, Jacque McCormick, Jimmy McNally, Corazon Natividad, Dawn Pinkowish, Katherine Sikoryak, Esperenca Varela, and MaryEllen Zizzi, who are ill.

*Prayer intentions for the sick will be listed for one month and may be renewed by calling the Parish Office.*

A reminder that **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place at Our Saviour every Friday morning immediately following the 7:45 a.m. Mass and concludes with Benediction at 11:50 a.m. *Let us forever adore the Most Holy Sacrament.*

**Welcome:** If you are a visitor, we welcome you to the Church of Our Saviour and the Chapel of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and hope that you will come back soon. Those who wish to join the parish may register in the Parish Office, which is located at the Church of Our Saviour.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for February:** *Listen to the Migrants' Cries.* That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

### From the Holy Father's Twitter

**@Pontifex:** Faith grows when we invoke the Lord with confidence, bringing to Jesus who we are, with open hearts, without hiding our sufferings.

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

*Collections for the week ending 9 February:*

**Our Saviour:** Sunday: \$2,972 • Weekdays: \$822  
Peter's Pence: \$1,033 • Shrines: \$728

**Sacred Hearts:** Sunday: \$1,179 • Shrines: \$425  
Peter's Pence: \$395

**WeShare:** \$2,029

Parishioners are encouraged to make their donations online through WeShare, which is accessible via our website: [www.oursaviournyc.org](http://www.oursaviournyc.org).

Please make **all** checks payable to the Church of Our Saviour.

To help us meet our expenses, please prayerfully consider a sacrificial offering of *twenty dollars* for your weekly offering to the parish.

Thank you for your generous support in last week's **Peter's Pence** Collection! As a parish, we collected \$1,428. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections)

This Sunday, 16 February, a second collection will be taken up to assist the parish with the rising cost of **utilities** (electricity, heat, air conditioning, etc.). Thank you for your help!

Monday, 17 February is **Presidents' Day**. The Parish Office and the Chapel will be closed and only one Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. at Our Saviour. The Church will only be open for Mass.

**Palms for Ashes:** There are baskets in the offices at Our Saviour and Sacred Hearts to receive last year's palms from Palm Sunday. They will be burned to make the ashes for the liturgies of Ash Wednesday, which falls on **26 February** this year. Please bring your palms no later than Sunday, 23 February.

### **Ash Wednesday – 26 February**

*A day of universal fast and abstinence*

#### **Schedule of Liturgies at Our Saviour**

7:45 a.m. Mass, 12:05 p.m. Choral Mass,  
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word, 5:10 p.m. Mass

Mass will be said at **Sacred Hearts** at 5:15 p.m.

*Ashes are distributed at each liturgy.*

**Music Notes:** The Choir will not sing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. The Choir will return next Sunday, 23 February, singing music of Gerald Near, Palestrina, and Viadana.

The observation of the feast of the **Chair of St. Peter the Apostle** dates back as early as the mid-fourth century and has its roots in the commemoration of dead relatives and friends known as the *Parentalia*, as observed in Rome between 13 and 22 February. At this commemoration, a chair was left empty for particular deceased persons. Since the actual date of St. Peter's death is unknown, it came to be commemorated on 22 February, eventually celebrating his taking pastoral responsibility of the Church of Rome.

The actual Chair of St. Peter is a relic conserved at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome inside the bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini in the mid-seventeenth century. The Chair of Peter is a "symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and charity." (*Benedict XVI*, 19 February 2012)

On the feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, we pray especially for the current successor of St. Peter, Pope Francis, that God may keep and protect him.

Today's liturgy presents us with another passage of the *Sermon on the Mount*, which we find in the Gospel of Matthew (*cf.* 5:17-37). In this passage, Jesus wants to help his listeners to reread the Mosaic law. What had been said in the ancient covenant was true, but that was not all: Jesus came to *bring to fulfillment* and to promulgate in a definitive way the Law of God, up to the last iota (*cf.* v. 18). He manifests its original aims and fulfils its authentic aspects, and he does all this through his preaching and, even more, with the offering of himself on the Cross. In this way, Jesus teaches how to fully carry out God's will, and he uses these words: with a 'righteousness' that 'exceeds' that of the scribes and the Pharisees (*cf.* v. 20). A righteousness enlivened by love, charity, mercy, and hence capable of fulfilling the substance of the commandments, avoiding the risk of formalism. Formalism: this I can, this I cannot; up to this point I can, up to this point I cannot.... No: more, more.

In particular, in today's Gospel, Jesus examines three aspects, three commandments [that regard] murder, adultery and swearing.

With regard to the commandment 'you shall not kill', he states that it is violated not only by murder in effect, but also by those behaviors that offend the dignity of the human person, including insulting words (*cf.* v. 22). Of course, these insulting words do not have the same gravity and culpability as killing, but they are set along the same line, because they are the pretext to it and they reveal the same malevolence. Jesus invites us not to establish a ranking of offences, but to consider all of them damaging, inasmuch as they are driven by the intent to do harm to one's neighbor. Jesus gives an example. Insulting: we are accustomed to insulting; it is like saying "good morning". And that is on the same line as killing. One who insults his brother, in his heart kills his brother. Please do not insult! We do not gain anything....

Another fulfillment is generated by the matrimonial law. *Adultery* was considered a violation of man's property right over the woman. Instead, Jesus goes to the root of the evil. As one comes to killing through injuries, offences and insults, in this way one reaches adultery through covetous intentions in regard to a woman other than one's own wife. Adultery, like theft, corruption and all the other sins, are first conceived in the depth of our being and, once the wrong choice is made in the heart, it is

carried out in concrete behavior. Jesus says: one who looks with a covetous spirit at a woman who is not his own is an adulterer in his heart, has set off on the path towards adultery. Let us think a little bit about this: about the wicked thoughts that go along this line.

Jesus then tells his disciples *not to swear*, as swearing is a sign of the insecurity and duplicity with which human relationships unfold. God's authority is exploited so as to guarantee our human narrative. Instead, we are called to establish among ourselves, in our families and in our communities, a climate of clarity and mutual trust, so that we can be considered sincere without resorting to greater tactics in order to be believed. Mistrust and mutual suspicion always threaten peace!

May the Virgin Mary, a woman of listening and joyful obedience, help us to draw ever closer to the Gospel, to be Christians not 'of façade', but of substance! This is possible with the grace of the Holy Spirit, who allows us to do everything with love, and thus to wholly fulfil the will of God.

– Pope Francis  
Angelus, 12 February 2017

**The Sheen Center for Art and Culture** presents the Mirror Visions Ensemble exploring *The Disappearing Art of Letter Writing*. Featured is the correspondence of Abraham Lincoln, Emily Dickinson, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Gertrude Stein, and Sullivan Ballou. Tom Cipullo provides indispensable instruction with a newly commissioned guide to letter writing, *What Shall I Say*, along with works by Gwyneth Walker, Cole Porter, Erich Wolfgang Korngold, Dominick Argento, Richard Pearson Thomas, and Christopher Berg. Monday, 17 February at 7:30 p.m. at the Sheen Center, 18 Bleecker Street. For tickets and more information: [sheencenter.org](http://sheencenter.org)

**Young Adult Mass:** Join the Office of Young Adult Outreach on Wednesday, 4 March at St. Patrick's Cathedral, (Fifth Avenue at 51<sup>st</sup> Street), for Mass with His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6:30–7:30 p.m. and Mass begins at 7:30 p.m. There will be a social after the Mass. For more information, visit CatholicNYC on Facebook or Instagram @CatholicNYC, or [CatholicNYC.com](http://CatholicNYC.com).

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Friday, immediately following the 7:45 a.m. Mass, concluding with Benediction at 11:50 a.m.

**Holy Days of Obligation:** Mass Schedule as announced in the bulletin.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call (212) 679-8166 x210 or [office@oursaviournyc.org](mailto:office@oursaviournyc.org).

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Arranged at least six (6) months in advance. Please call (212) 679-8166 x220 or [pjm@oursaviournyc.org](mailto:pjm@oursaviournyc.org).

**Anointing of the Sick:** By appointment. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call (212) 679-8166 x210 or [office@oursaviournyc.org](mailto:office@oursaviournyc.org).

**Novena Devotions** (*after the 12:05 p.m. Mass*):

Monday: Miraculous Medal

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Wednesday: St. Jude

Thursday: St. Anne

Friday: Sacred Heart

**New Parishioners:** To register, please fill out a registration form at the Parish Office at Our Saviour.

**Liturgical Ministers:** Parishioners who are interested in serving as Liturgical Ministers (Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers/Greeters, please call (212) 679-8166 x220 or [liturgicalministers@oursaviournyc.org](mailto:liturgicalministers@oursaviournyc.org).

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** The Grand Central Group meets Monday-Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the Undercroft at Our Saviour.

**Space Rentals:** To rent space at Our Saviour and Sacred Hearts, please contact Mr. Angel Falcon at (212) 810-9004 or [iknowangel@aol.com](mailto:iknowangel@aol.com). The Church Undercroft is available for wedding receptions, Christening parties, meetings, and special events.

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