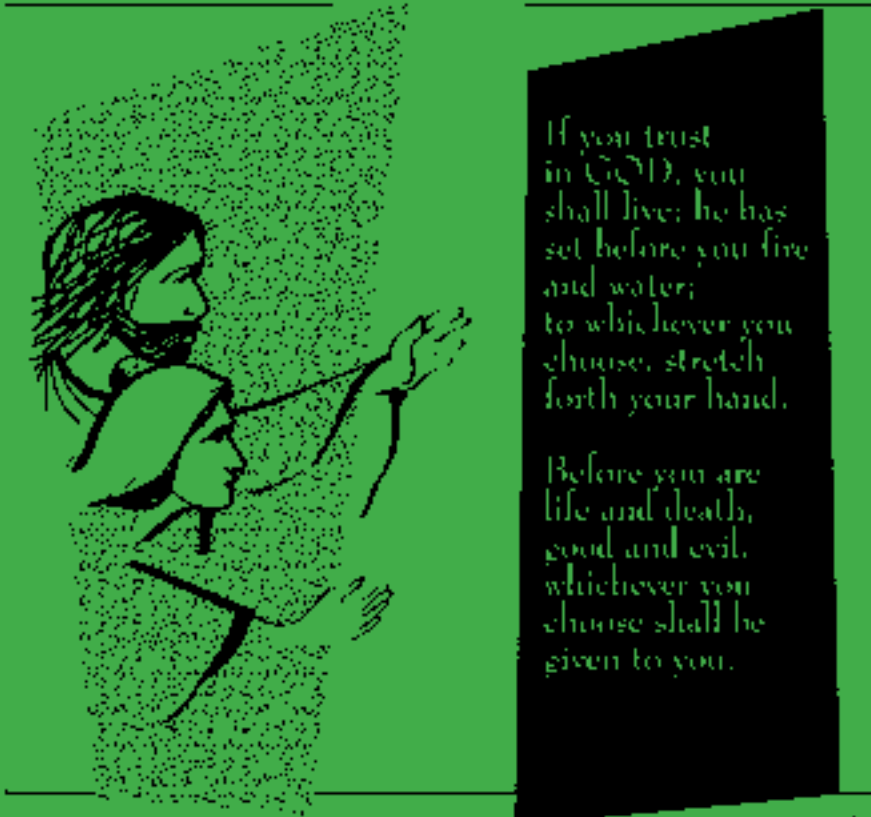


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Weekly Eucharists

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Holy Days

8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm

*Other times & days,
call to see if office
is open.*

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What's Happening This Week?

Today

Rel. Ed.
Clothing Collection

Next Sunday

No Rel. Ed.

To Come

St. Patrick's Day Party, March 18

Every Sunday

Pound A Week

Stewardship of Treasure

Last week: \$ 6652

Increased Offering Program

This week many of you will receive a brochure detailing the Increased Offertory Program our parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate the financial needs of our parish and why we are having a dedicated focus on parish contributions. **Commitment Sunday** for this Program is next weekend. We encourage parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family, reflecting on the parish's needs and your current level of giving. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the Increased Offertory Program please feel free to contact the parish office.



As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God.



Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.

Random Acts of Kindness Week

DID YOU KNOW? There are scientifically proven benefits of being Kind?

Kindness is Teachable. People can actually build up their compassion 'muscle' and respond with care and a desire to help.

Kindness is Contagious. Positive effects of kindness are experienced in the brain of all who witnessed the act, making them more likely to "pay it forward." One good deed in a crowded area can create a domino effect and improve the day of dozens of people!

Kindness produces Energy. About half of participants in one study reported they feel stronger and more energetic after helping others; many reported feeling calmer and less depressed, with increased feelings of self-worth.

Kindness is Healthy. People who volunteer tend to experience fewer aches and pains. Offering help protects overall health twice as much as aspirin protects against heart disease. People 55 and older who volunteer for two or more organizations have an impressive 44% lower likelihood of dying early, and that's after sifting out every other contributing factor, including physical health, exercise, gender, habits like smoking, marital status and many more.

Kindness Decreases:

Pain
Stress
Anxiety
Depression
Blood Pressure



Question for the Week

For Adults:

How do you reconcile with those who have offended or hurt you?

For Children:

When have you taken the first step to make up with someone who has hurt you or whom you have offended?

**Celebrate this week with
Random Acts of Kindness**

Parish on a Journey

***Proud of our Past,
Planning for our Future***

Continuing our Jubilee

Gala — October 29

Celtic Night — November 3

Lent Retreat — Week of March 21

St. Pat's Super Party — March 18

Bunny Brunch *(for Kids)* — April 3

Starry Night Party — June 10

Family Picnic — September 16

Plan Ahead

And think about helping!



Daily scripture reflections are on our website under "Faith Formation" and in the vestibule.

A Sense of the Season

What does Ordinary Time mean? Dorothy Day said, "The words 'Ordinary Time' put me in a state of confusion and irritation. No time is ordinary." This true. *Ordinary* refers to ordinal—counted—time, not to non-celebrating time. The document on the Liturgical Year says that apart from seasons having their own distinctive character [Advent-Christmas, Lent-Easter], 33 or 34 weeks remain that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. We gather every Sunday, our original feast day—the Day of Resurrection, the first day of the week—ever since there were Christians.

When we gather, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. The mystery of Christ "in all its aspects" unfolds.

What follows is the heart of the Sunday celebration—the Eucharist. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. We share bread and wine, the body and blood. We are sent forth to be the Body of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world. Nothing ordinary about this.

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What's on our Website this Week?



- Things going on in the Church in Rome in News
- March for Peace under Events
- Hockey Fundraiser to benefit Homeless Families under Events
- Volunteer to be an Usher, Lector or Eucharistic Minister online under Liturgical Ministries
- Register as a parishioner or sign up for electronic giving
- Catch up on old parish news in the BULLETIN archives.
- Read Diocesan News under ABOUT US.

Today's Readings

Sirach 15:10-10; 1Corinth. 2:6-10; Matt 5.17-37

"Fulfilling the Law..."

- The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's passage, he urges his students to make the right choices in life.
- The Corinthian community, criticized Paul because, according to Greek standards, he lacked wisdom. To the Greeks, wisdom meant a certain pattern of logical reasoning that followed fixed forms. Today, Paul speaks of a wisdom far greater than this.
- What does it mean for Jesus to fulfill the law? For Jesus sees the law is the means to the fulfillment of time, when law will be replaced by righteous relationship in the kingdom of heaven. The fundamental law is gift of self to others. When this is lacking in any act, the law in fact is not kept. We are to keep the law as the way to enter a manner of caring for and relating to others that leads to fullness of Life.

