SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
5:00 PM    IN THANKSGIVING,
ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS,
50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
7:30 AM  The intentions of Robert Lesser
by his family
9:00 AM  † Catherine Gerard
by her husband, Dr. Franklyn Gerard
10:45 AM  The Intentions of our Parishioners
5:00 PM  † Kyle Bogart by Jack & Coretta Curry

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
8:00 AM  † Madeline Schwinger
by her daughter, Patricia Bowers
5:30 PM  † Ronald Garey by Joan Carroll

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
8:00 AM  † Jeanette Marino,
3rd anniversary deceased,
by her children and grandchildren
5:30 PM  † Kristina Sergent by her Mom, Dad,
sister, Michelle and family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 ASH WEDNESDAY
8:00 AM  † Lucille Higgins and George Bohn
by Cheryl Houghtelin
12:15 PM  † Madeline Schwinger
by her daughter, Patricia Bowers
5:30 PM  The intentions of Fr. Paul Wierichs
by Ann Scurry
7:00 PM  † Kevin Washington
by Patti & Tim Wengierski

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
8:00 AM  † Georgia Dikranis by Jean Cole
5:30 PM  † James Corbett by Christina

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
8:00 AM  † Genevieve Truedelle by Frank Shelton
5:30 PM  † Magdalen Troxel by Peggy & John Troxel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
8:00 AM  † Robert Seubert by Karen Saied
5:00 PM  † William Joseph Mozak
by Barbara & Walter Butkus

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
7:30 AM  † Arthur Calcagnini by Sheila Griffin
9:00 AM  The intentions of Mary Glynn
by Theresa Trotta
10:45 AM  † Ginny Uguccioni by her husband, John
5:00 PM  The Intentions of our Parishioners

Ministry of
Religious Education &
Confirmation
Kate Devine
RCIA/Faith Inquiry
Deacon
Gregory C. Quinn
Director of Music &
Liturgy
Jeanne Clark

First Friday
Exposition & Holy Hour after 5:30pm Mass

Devotion to Mary
First Saturday of the month, rosary and procession to
the grotto following 8:00am Mass. Rosary is prayed
every Saturday after the 8:00am Mass, and
with the Legion of Mary, Tuesdays
after the 8am and 5:30pm Masses.

Adoration Chapel
Open for quiet meditation before the Blessed
Sacrament during office hours. Exposition
every Friday. Located across from the Parish Office.

Charismatic Prayer Group
Thursdays at 7:30pm in the All Saints Room.
Mass & Healing Service 3rd Thursday of each month
in the Chapel.

Hospital/Homebound Visits
If someone is in the hospital or homebound
and would like a visit, please advise the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday      9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday           9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday in the vestibule of the church 9am - 12noon

Religious Shop - 561-624-1752
Monday - Friday    8:30am - 1:00pm
Saturday           8:30am - 5:00pm
Sunday             8:30am - 12:00pm & 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Registered Parishioners: Please help keep our census
current by advising us of any changes of address, phone
terms, and family additions or deletions.

New Parishioners
Registration forms are available on our website, in the
Office during the week, and in the vestibule of the
Church in the wall rack.
This week, February 24th at a glance...

Monday:
8:30 AM Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2 PM Yarn and Rose Knitters
5 PM Sandwich Makers

Tuesday:
8:30 AM Legion of Mary

Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY
10 AM Walking with Purpose Women’s Bible Study
6 PM Columbiette Simple Supper
6 PM Legion of Mary
7 PM RCIA - Rite of Sending

Thursday:
7 PM Walking with Purpose Women’s Bible Study
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group

Friday:
9 AM - 5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday:
9 AM All Paul’s Men Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
after all Masses this weekend

Sunday:
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
9 AM Story Keepers
9:15 AM RCIA
10:15 AM CIA Session
5 PM Confirmation I & II, Middle-School Mass, Dinner & Class

Looking forward to, in the near future:

Marriages
Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Our beautiful Ave Maria Banquet Hall (capacity 325) and our St. Joseph Hall (capacity 175) are available for rental for approved adult receptions and gatherings for occasions connected with church events.

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“Where All God’s Children are Honored”
Some times the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you’re looking for real foolishness, you’ll find it in today’s readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, “Take no revenge and cherish no grudge” (Leviticus 19:18). We’ve heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called “practical realities of life.” Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better “become a fool,” because “the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God” (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This “foolishness” continues in the Gospel: “Offer no resistance to one who is evil” (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you’ve been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. “So be perfect,” says Jesus, “just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (5:48).

(1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

To prepare for the Readings of Feb. 29/Mar. 1
First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).
Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).
Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).
Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).
A Column by Fr. Tom

But on the Sabbath He Rested

In this column, we move forward to the Third of the Ten Commandments. As mentioned in a previous column, the first three of the Commandments pertain primarily to our love of God. We have learned that our love for God should be the primary love of our life and that our love should be so deep that we even respect and honor God’s Name. In this column, we will learn that our love for God should inspire us to spend time with Him. We call this special time the LORD’s Day, or Sabbath. The Jewish people recognize this day as Saturday on the calendar. Because Jesus rose on the morning following the traditional Jewish Sabbath, Christians keep Sunday as the LORD’s Day.

In the traditional catechetical formula of the Ten Commandments, the Third Commandment reads, “Remember to keep holy the LORD’s Day.” As we have done with previous Commandments, we should compare the traditional catechetical formula with the original text in the book of Exodus. In that Scripture, we read, “Remember the sabbath day — keep it holy. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God. [...] For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.” [EX 20:8-10a, 11]

In the above quote, we realize that our remembering to keep holy the LORD’s Day (sabbath) is an imitation of the Lord Himself. We rest on the sabbath because the Lord rested on the sabbath. In this column, we are learning to use the Ten Commandments as a measure and an inspiration of holiness. The greatest measure of holiness is God Himself, so our imitation of God would be a great way to strive toward holiness. In fact, that was one of the oft-repeated tenets of the Jewish faith: “You shall be holy, as I [the Lord] am holy.” [LV 11:45, cf. LV 11:44, LV 19:2] Jesus Himself quoted a variation on this same tenet in His Sermon on the Mount, when He says, “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” [MT 5:48]

So what does it mean to keep the LORD’s Day holy? First, it means that this day should be different from every other day. As mentioned in the quote from Exodus above, “Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God.” [EX 20:10a] It should be a day of rest.

As we mentioned at the beginning of this column, it should also be a day when we find time to commune with our God. For this reason, one of the five Precepts of the Church, which we will discuss in future columns, is to attend Mass on this day (as well as holy days of obligation) and to refrain from any unnecessary work on that day. Giving God one day per week recognizes the gift of life that God has given to us. If we use the LORD’s Day well, it will help us to appreciate the other days of the week even more. Giving God the first day of the week also recognizes the primacy that our relationship with God should have, as expressed in the First Commandment.

Our love of God shows in the time that we give to God. We grow in holiness when we remember to give God the first fruits of our time, by keeping holy the LORD’s Day.
March 13, 14 & 15, 2020

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Knights of Columbus general meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; the next meeting is Wed., Mar. 11th at 7 PM (officers meet on the 1st Wed., Mar. 4th)

Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus at St Paul of the Cross Parish. Contact Jonathan Knaus at 561-603-8303 or email jonathan.Knaus@kofc.org

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Bereavement Group
St. Paul of the Cross Parish will be starting a 12 week group in February for anyone who has lost a spouse, a child, a parent, a sibling or other significant person in your life and is in need of help working through the pain and grief of such a loss.
Jack Land, Ph.D. (561-827-5130) will lead the group. Please call for a personal interview, or ask a friend to call us if you believe he or she would benefit from a caring, gentle, Christ-centered approach to the loss of a loved one. Meetings will be Tues. from 1:30 - 3 PM in the All Saints Room.

Columbiette meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is Wed. Mar. 18th, at a new time, 4:30 PM in the All Saints Room.
Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Please consider joining the Columbiettes.

Our Mass Intentions book has been filled for 2020. The 2021 Book, for Masses to be celebrated in our Church, will be available beginning Monday, April 13th, the day after Easter. You may continue to book “unannounced” Masses to be celebrated by a missionary priest. You may also choose to offer the gift of bread and wine, for a week, in loving memory of … or for the intentions of the living...

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**CATHOLIC SOCIAL**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

(From today’s Gospel)

Challenge Question: Catholics can often be divided just as much as the rest of society, on political issues. How can I build bridges with those whom I disagree politically, knowing that in order to understand one another, we must be willing to cross the bridge?
Join us for these exciting events taking place during the last half of our 50th Anniversary year:

March 28/29 - Ministries Fair
April 25 - Golf Tournament-NPBCC
June 6 - Renewal of Wedding Vows

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NORTH PALM BEACH COUNTRY CLUB
SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH
Begins at 11 AM
Merciful Father, You desire the welfare of all your children. Stretch out Your protecting arm over our men and women in the service. Shield them from every danger to body, mind and soul. Comfort them in loneliness, sustain them in hardship, give them the courage they need to fulfill their duty and so do You will in all things. Bestow on our leaders and the leaders of the world the wisdom and prudence which will bring peace and justice to all. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.

PLEASE NOTE: Please call the Parish Office if you are being admitted to the hospital or know of someone in our parish who requests a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months, unless notified.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the men and women in our armed forces stationed overseas, for the military commanders who lead them, for President Trump and his advisors and for...

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Spec. Thomas Bates
Tyler Blank
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PFC Adam Blazak, Army
Chris Bodley
Corporal Thomas C. Boehnlein, USMC
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Angela Browning
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Michael Crump
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