

Mass Intention
6 February - 14 February 2021

- 6 February 2021** - First Saturday - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyr
8.30 am :
4.30 pm: +Walter & Florence Hubert *by their Children*
- 7 February 2021** - Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am: + Kenny Palmer *by Ed Sykes*
11.00 am: +Ken Palmer *by Ramona Lewis*
- 8 February 2021** - Monday - St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
8.30 am:
- 9 February 2021** - Tuesday - Weekday
8.30 am:
- 10 February 2021** - Wednesday - St. Scholastica, Virgin
8.30 am: + Bruce Reichmann (Birthday) *by Susan Reichmann*
- 11 February 2021** - Thursday - Our Lady of Lourdes
8.30 am: World Day of the Sick
- 12 February 2021** - Friday - Weekday
8.30 am:
- 13 February 2021** - Saturday - Weekday
4.30 pm: +Katherine Mary Sommers
- 14 February 2021** - Sunday - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am: Kelly Flynn (L) *by Ed Sykes*
11.00 am: +Dr. Antonio Richaforte *by Roger & Emily Dannie*

Bible – Study

We have Bible Study on Monday from 11am to 12 noon with social distancing and wearing Mask. We too have access to Bible Study on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 685 460 8121

Password: 8875450

Stewardship February 7, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1054.00
Fuel Collection	\$ 15.00
Candle	\$ 38.00
Poor Box	\$ 15.00
Religious Ed	\$ 40.00

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Christ
took
away
our
Infirmities**



**and
bore
our
diseases**

Regular Mass with Social – Distancing

Saturday: 4.30 pm — Holy Cross Church

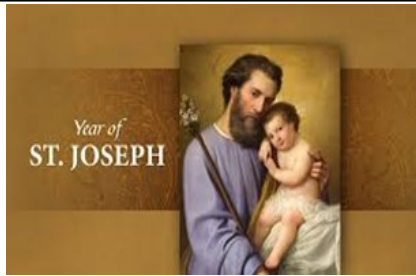
Sunday: 8.30 am — St. Patrick's Church

11.00 am — Holy Cross Church

“The Mass cannot simply be ‘listened to’ as if we were merely spectators of something that slips away without our involvement. The Mass is always *celebrated*, and not only by the priest who presides over it, but by all Christians who experience it.” – Pope Francis.

Year of St. Joseph

A creatively courageous father, example of love



In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope highlights “the creative courage” of St. Joseph, which “emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties.” “The carpenter of Nazareth,” explains the Pope, **was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence.** He had to deal with “the concrete problems” his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

In this sense, St. Joseph is “the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.” As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot “be other than the guardian of the Church,” of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. “Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, and every infirm person is ‘the child’ whom Joseph continues to protect.” From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, “we must learn... to love the Church and the poor”.

“We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.” - Abraham Lincoln

PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Baby Alexian, Shirley Rangaves, Jerome Bauer, Josephine, Danny Andrews, Dr.Kuncar, Christopher Milk , Vincent McCarthy and all sick and needy.

To submit a name please call the Rectory



LITURGY OF WORD

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: 1Cor 9:16-19,22-23

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 22-39



Today’s readings challenge us to avoid Job’s pessimistic and desperate view of life as a chain of pain and sufferings and to accept life with hope and optimism as a precious gift from God, using it to do good for others and spending our time, talents and lives for others as Jesus did and as St. Paul did.

While the Gospel presents Jesus enthusiastically living out his Sabbath day of preaching and healing ministry, the first reading details Job’s frustrations in striking contrast: Job complains of the tedium and futility of life and the miseries of human existence. But eventually, his eyes opened by God, Job surrenders himself, his suffering, his work and everything he had had and lost to God’s greater wisdom (Job 42:1-6). Job’s miseries also marked the condition of the people who came to Jesus for healing. Jesus overturns the human condition, bringing hope and healing — then and now. The second reading reveals Paul to us as a true, dynamic follower of Jesus, moved as Jesus was by concern for the lost which led him to preach the Gospel without cost to the people, and to serve them as their slave with Jesus’ love and fidelity. Pointing out the spontaneous response of Peter’s mother-in-law after she had been healed by Jesus, today’s Gospel teaches us that true discipleship means giving selfless, loving service to others. Mark shows us a typical Sabbath day in Jesus’ ministry: taking part in the synagogue worship, teaching with authority, exorcising a demon, healing Simon’s mother-in-law and, after sundown, curing “*many who were sick with various diseases, and driving out many demons*” – a full day and evening of selfless ministry. Yet, Jesus rises early the next morning and goes off “to a deserted place” to pray, in order to assess his work before God his Father and to recharge his spiritual batteries.

With Prayers & Blessings of God the Father

Fr. John Kennady MMI

Dn. John Lyttle

7 February 2021