

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 7, 2021
 [The LORD] tells the number of the stars
 and calls them by name.
 — Psalm 147:4

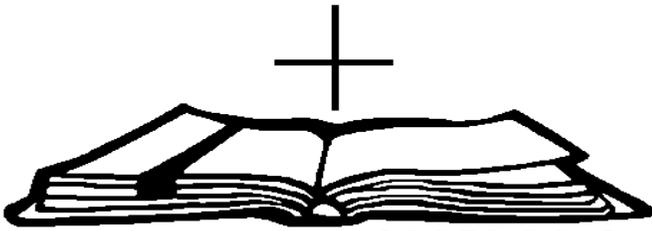
THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

Mass Intentions



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Sat., Feb. 06, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Nick Sita, Larry Kass Sr., L.J. and Chuckie Hebert **and for the living:** Special Intention, Karge Family, Kelly Constanza, Annette and Anthony Centanni and Letitia Lemaire

Sun. Feb. 07, 7:30 a.m. Miss Eve Vavrick (L)

Sun. Feb. 07, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Feb. 07, 11:00 a.m. Thomas B. Wallace, Al Stumpf, Carol Pieri, Cora Morgan, Harrison Brooks III, Theresa Arceneaux, Kenny Whited, Laurie Lee Kent, Richard W. Letsch, Doris M. Letsch **and for the living;** Fr. Vincent Phan, Fay and Gerald Rome, Patty Johnson, Ronnie Ponthieux and Andrew Danenhower

Mon., Feb. 08, 8:00 a.m. Henry Lambert (L)

Tues., Feb. 09 NO MASS

Wed., Feb. 10, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Thurs., Feb. 11, 8:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Fri., Feb. 12, 8:00 a.m. Richard Naretty

PRAYER LIST

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| Rosalind Baham | Ryan Ware |
| Walter Boroughs | Louise Cashmere |
| Kenneth Vicari | Yolanda Bourgeois |
| Roy M. Piazza | LeLe Kopfler |
| Catherine Atkins | Roxanne Troxclair |
| Debra Vandenborre | |



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THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

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| Sanctuary: | Jason Stein |
| Blessed Mother: | Wayne Penney |
| St. Joseph: | Gary Joseph Treuil |
| St. Anne: | Mary Anne Treuil |

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF

Earline Mauthe



Please pray for **Fred Kopfler**, husband of LeLe Kopfler, who entered peacefully into eternal rest. "Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die". [John 11:26]

Fred's funeral arrangements are this Monday at 10:00 a.m. visitation with a Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Church.

POPE FRANCIS'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.
AMEN

WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the tables in the front and back of Jonathan Hall on February 13th and 14th. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday. Masses with distributions of Ashes will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall.

“NUN RUN”

Sister Mary Brigid (Angelle-Marie Damare') and her monastery are having their annual “Nun Run” which is usually a local event in Tonopah, AZ, but this year, because of Covid 19 concerns it will be a virtual event. Hopefully, it will become an even bigger success due to the necessity of going online. We will have a group walking the Tammany Trace in Covington Saturday, March 20th at noon, starting at Harbor Freight, and walking about 3 miles to the Trailhead Museum in Abita Springs. All will be welcome to join us but the beauty of “virtual” is it can be done anywhere! Feel free to bring chairs or whatever for a picnic at the park afterwards. We'll be taking a picture as well to send. Use the link “DesertNunRun.Com” to register and get more information.

EXPLANATION OF THE MASS

The Procession: The priest and ministers (representing the whole people of God) symbolically move from the ordinary (the world) to the extraordinary, (the sanctuary which is a symbol of heaven itself), from the secular to the sacred, from the everyday to the eternal.

The Altar: The altar represents Christ himself. When we see the priest kiss the altar, we should reverence Christ in our heart. The altar is the center, where the mystery of our faith is celebrated.

Sign of the Cross: We begin Mass with the Sign of the Cross. This is not an introduction to prayer but is in fact a prayer in and of itself. It is a prayer! It affirms our faith in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We recall our baptism and are reminded of the great act of love of Christ, who suffered and died for us.

FISH FRIES ARE BACK!

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fries are on each Friday in lent. Because of Covid19 the fish fries will be **DRIVE THRU TAKE OUT ONLY**. More information to come.

REMINDERS

PSR Classes, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 a.m., Jonathan Hall and Office Classrooms

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs, Feb 11th at 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Biblical Walk through the Mass DVD, Tues., 7-8:15 p.m. or Wed., 9:30-10:45 a.m. in Odilo Hall

On Monday, February 8th at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will continue our study of the time period, Protestors and Defenders, but step away from the religious turmoil in Europe to explore the impact of European explorers on the New World. We will do this by exploring the life of Bartolome' de las Casas, a Dominican priest and eventual bishop, whose prophetic life and writings help instill in the church the notion of the dignity of all human beings.