



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Question and Answer

Q. After the Christmas season, why is there no first Sunday in Ordinary Time? Why does it start with 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

A. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is always the Feast that ends Christmas and marks the beginning of Ordinary Time. It is at the Baptism that the Lord hears the Father's voice affirm Him, strengthening Him for His forty days in the desert and His battle with the devil. It marks the beginning of His public life (which is also why it is the first of the luminous mysteries of the Rosary – the mysteries that highlight His public life). Once the Baptism is celebrated, the very next day is Ordinary Time in the Church. Hence, we have a whole week of Ordinary Time before the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. So, for example, Tuesday of the week following the Baptism of the Lord and before the 2nd Sunday, would be called "Tuesday of the first week of Ordinary Time."

Q. Each year we review a Gospel, such as Luke for this year. How many years are rotated? And why is the Gospel of John included this past week instead of a passage from the Gospel of Luke? (emailed received January 20)

A. We have a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings and a two-year cycle for the daily Mass readings. For example, the readings you heard at Mass *this* weekend will be heard on the same 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time in 2022, just as they were heard in 2016. They are termed cycles A, B, and C. In year A, the Church, in choosing the Gospel, draws primarily from Matthew's. In year B, Mark's, and in year C, as you point out this year's cycle, St. Luke's. However, John gets interspersed throughout the year in all three cycles. In some ways it's a reminder of how different John's Gospel is. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are referred to as the synoptic Gospels. They all have a similar tone and structure, whereas John's is very unique, more elevated, or mystical in tone. Also, in choosing John's account of the Wedding Feast (which is not found in the synoptic Gospels and as you may remember is the second of the luminous mysteries following the Baptism), the Church is emphasizing that the beginning of Ordinary Time is about the beginning of His public life, for as John tells us "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him" (John 1:11).

A reminder that you can email me questions pertaining to the Church as a whole or the parish specifically at secretary@stpeterchillicothe.com.

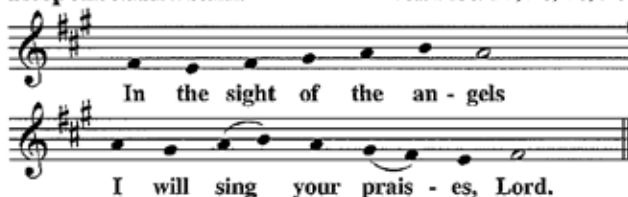
In Christ,
Fr. Hahn



Altar Flowers for this weekend have been anonymously donated in honor of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8



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The choir will be singing "Anima Christi" before Mass this week. The translation for this beautiful hymn is:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me: Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me: water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me: O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me: nor permit me to be separated from Thee. From the foe malign defend me: in the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to Thee: that with Thy Saints I may praise Thee world without end. Amen.

Sunday, February 17, there will be a meeting in the Holy Family Library for Parents and Students receiving First Holy Communion in May. The meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. following Mass. If you are unable to make the meeting, please contact Tess Hatmacher.



Baby bottles should be returned this weekend and placed in the container under the St. Joseph statue. If you forgot to bring it to church, it can be dropped off at the parish office during the week.

Chocolate Fantasy Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity is scheduled for this Sunday, February 10 from 12:00- 3:00 p.m. The event will be held at the St. Mary Family Life Center. Admission is \$6.00 and tickets are available at the door. Anyone wishing to donate desserts should call the Habitat office at 740-779-9734.



Next weekend, Jeff Graham, the new Adena Hospital President & CEO will be in the parish hall following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Jeff will be available to answer any questions regarding Adena Hospital. Please stop over after the Mass for breakfast and meet Jeff. Jeff is anxious to meet members of one of the founding churches of the hospital system here in Chillicothe. If you have any questions regarding Adena before or after Jeff's visit, you may contact the parish's Hospital Board representative, Bob French, at 740-774-4172.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 9

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

5:00 p.m. Brian Newton – Ken & Patty Newton

Sunday, February 10

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

8:00 a.m. Barbara Manegold – Chris Manegold

11:30 a.m. Danny Rogers – Mary Jane Rogers

Monday, February 11

Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

5:30 p.m. Nancy Kight - Kight Family

Tuesday, February 12

Gn 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

8:30 a.m. Lib Fisher – Larry & Lisa White

Wednesday, February 13

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

8:30 a.m. The Holy Souls in Purgatory –
The Chris Noel Family

Thursday, February 14

Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

5:30 p.m. Rick Rinehart – Eric Rinehart

Friday, February 15

Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

9:30 a.m. (Class Mass) – Neil & Honor Trotter –
Anonymous

Saturday, February 16

Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

5:00 p.m. Max O'Dell – O'Dell Family

Sunday, February 17

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

8:00 a.m. For the People

11:30 a.m. Eugene Greer – Greer Family

Our Lady of Angels Secular Franciscan Order sponsored this year's trivia night. The group would like to thank all those who participated and donated food items for the evening. There were 17 teams competing in the trivia game. Over \$1,960 was raised to help support the charitable works the Order will be doing in the community.

HELP FILL THE SHELVES OF THE FOOD PANTRY! Current needs of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry include *canned fruit, corn, and peas; pasta meals in pull top cans; pasta sauce; cereal; tuna; peanut butter; and SOUP.*

The St. Vincent de Paul Society was contacted by a parishioner. They are in need of car to get them to work at night. If you have a vehicle that you would like to donate, please contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 740-772-2812 or see Mary Elsass, Society's President.



SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Library. Join us for an Ethics Seminar featuring Sister Renée Mirkes, OSF, PhD, Director of Center for Ethics of Pope Paul VI Institute. Sister's talk will be on Transgender

Issues, Same-Sex Attraction and Embryonic Adoption. Light lunch provided. Cost: \$10.00 donation. All are welcome! Contact Judy Harness for more information.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 9

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group –
Holy Family Library

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church
Anointing of Sick during Mass

Sunday, February 10

8:00 a.m. Anointing of Sick during Mass

9:00-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Open

9:15 a.m. PSR – Second Floor Parish Hall

9:15 a.m. RCIA – Holy Family Library

11:30 a.m. Anointing of Sick during Mass

Monday, February 11

5:00 p.m. Confessions – Church

6:15 p.m. Rosary for Addiction – Church

6:45 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting –
Bosco Room

7:00 p.m. Young Adult Group –
Holy Family Library

Tuesday, February 12

6:00 a.m.-Midnight Adoration – Infant of Prague Chapel

9:30-10:30 a.m. Food Pantry –

St. Vincent de Paul Room

7:00 p.m. Ballroom Dancing Lessons – Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 13

Midnight-Midnight Adoration – Infant of Prague Chapel

3:00 p.m. Little Flowers – St. Francis Room

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice – Church

7:00 p.m. Sisterhood of Frogged Stitchers –
Mezzanine Conference Room

Thursday, February 14

Midnight-5:00 p.m. Adoration – Adoration Chapel

5:00 p.m. Confessions – Church

6:00-9:00 p.m. Adoration – Church

Friday, February 15

9:30 a.m. Class Mass – Bishop Flaget Chapel

1:30-2:30 p.m. Food Pantry –

St. Vincent de Paul Room

1:30 p.m. Mass – Signature Nursing Home,
Chillicothe

6:00 p.m. Doors open for the Dinner Theatre
Performance begins at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 16

6:30 a.m. Bus to Women's Conference in Columbus

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group – Holy Family Library

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

6:00 p.m. Doors open for the Dinner Theatre
Performance begins at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 17

9:00-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Open

9:00 a.m. K of C Breakfast – Parish Hall

9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks –
Office Conference Room

9:15 a.m. PSR – Second Floor Parish Hall

9:15 a.m. RCIA – Holy Family Library

12:30 p.m. K of C Lunch/Breakfast – Parish Hall

12:30 p.m. Jeff Graham, CEO Adena – Parish Hall

12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks –
Office Conference Room

12:45 p.m. FHC Parent Meeting –
Holy Family Library



*Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the Divine Power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who roam throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls.*

ADORATION CHAPEL ADORER SIGN-UP TAKING PLACE NOW!!!! See the table in the back of church for information or visit the **New Perpetual Adoration Software Program: stpeter.weadorehim.com** use code ROCK. This software will communicate to Adorers by phone, email, or text (the choice is up to the individual Adorer). If you are a current Adorer and did not receive this information, please contact Greg Thompson or Fr. Dooley. If you are interested in becoming an Adorer and do not have computer access, contact Fr. Dooley at 740-774-1407. Didn't have a chance to hear Greg's witness talk or missed it? Visit the parish website at www.stpeterchillicothe.com and read a copy of it. It is truly inspiring! Thank you, Greg for sharing with us the gift you receive during Adoration.

According to the Adore website, time slots especially needed are:

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. on Tuesday – two Adorers needed
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. on Tuesday – one Adorer needed
1:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. on Wednesday – one Adorer needed
2:00 a.m.-3:00 a.m. on Wednesday – one Adorer needed
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. on Wednesday – one Adorer needed
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on Wednesday – one Adorer needed
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. on Wednesday – one Adorer needed
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. on Wednesday – two Adorers needed
8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on Wednesday – one Adorer needed
11:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. on Wednesday – one Adorer needed
1:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. on Thursday – one Adorer needed
2:00 a.m.-3:00 a.m. on Thursday – one Adorer needed
3:00 a.m.-4:00 a.m. on Thursday – one Adorer needed
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday – two Adorers needed
(in church unless otherwise noted)

If you are already committed to one of these and it is not on the program, please let us know.

Catholic Men's Conference: Register for the Annual Men's conference at <https://www.catholicmensministry.com>. The Men's conference is February 23, 2019. The bus sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the back of church. Cost per person to ride the bus is \$5.00.

Get Your Taxes Done for Free. Call (740) 656-2976 for an appointment. This is sponsored by AARP, and all volunteers are certified by the IRS for tax return preparation. It is open to all ages and income levels – you do not have to be a member of AARP. Restrictions that cannot be processed: rental properties, farms, businesses with employees or inventory.

Bus for the 2019 Columbus Women's Conference. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church to ride the bus to the conference February 16, 2019. Pickup is at Lowe's parking lot by 6:30 a.m. Cost of the bus this year will be \$5.00 per person. Bus sign-up needs completed by February 12. The Catholic Foundation pays for 75% of the cost of the bus. The bus holds 50 and will also be stopping in Waverly and Circleville to pick up women. To register for the conference itself, go to **register** at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com.



Why not celebrate Valentine's Day a little differently this year?



Join us for our annual Dinner Theater, Friday, February 15th and

Saturday, 16th. Dinner, by our own Frank Nunziato of BFI Catering will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the show by Pickerington Comedy Take-Out begins at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$20.00, or reserve a table for 8 for just \$150.00 Enjoy Italian specialties by BFI with salad, bread and soft drinks. For your entertainment, we present the family-friendly sketch and improv comedy of **Pickerington Comedy Take-Out.**

Proceeds will benefit our youth attending Catholic Youth Summer Camp this summer.

There will be silent and live dessert auctions at intermission. Dessert proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Contact the church office or Frank Nunziato at 740-600-5595 for reservations. (Credit cards accepted for a small surcharge.)

Support St. Peter's, have a delicious dinner, and enjoy a fun show for \$20.00? That's the best deal in town! Get your reservations early, as these events usually sell out!

Do something for yourself during Lent! If you would like to deepen your understanding of Scripture, a new Bible study will be held during Lent. Beginning Sunday, March 3 at 9:15, Sunday Bible Study will be presenting Bishop Robert Barron's *Priest, Prophet, King*. Discover Jesus as the Anointed One as foreshadowed throughout Scripture. Please call Thecla Hauser 740-775-1835 to reserve your spot. Books are \$25.00.

Thank you to all new and returning readers of the Catholic Times. Contact the parish office if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign up for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of only \$17.00 (less than 39 cents per issue). As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*. You need the *Catholic Times* to keep up on all of the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic world. **Please send your payment of \$17.00 no later than March 3, as the order will be placed by March 7 for the 2019 Catholic Times year which begins in April.**



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES!

St. Peter Parish Family extends congratulations and many blessings to the following on their "special" birthdays:

February 22:

Jane Harness – 1613 Musgrove Road, Chillicothe

Often, parishioners don't have a chance to see the "behind-the-scenes" work that we do here in the parish when it comes to ministry. The only encounter with us many might have is for that one hour on Sunday during Mass. While there are many ministries here in the parish all doing God's work, I thought I would write about one ministry in particular, how we prepare couples for marriage. This is a particularly relevant topic since the release of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, which calls upon Catholics to support those preparing for marriage.

In our Diocese, a couple seeking marriage must approach the priest or deacon in the parish at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding. The reason for this is to give the Church and the couple adequate time to properly prepare for the sacrament. However, I prefer for the couple to approach me almost a year in advance. The reason for this extended period of time is that 6 months simply feels rushed. Generally, at our first meeting, I tell the couple that it is best if we can finish the prep at least 2 months before the date of the wedding because when it starts getting close to the actual date, it becomes crunch time and the stress level for the bride, groom, and families starts to exponentially increase with each passing day.

Since I have been here, I, along with sponsor couples and our staff have prepared several couples for marriage. But, honestly, I have felt that something has been missing. I would question the program we were using and ponder if we were giving the engaged couple every chance for success or were we just doing the best we could with the resources we had? That was until last fall. I was encouraged to check out a new program for marriage prep called Witness to Love. After having our staff examine the program, we all agreed that this is the best way we can prepare our couples. This is the method that can give us the element that has been missing, integrating the couple into parish life. You see, that is what most marriage programs lack, the integration into parish life.

Most couples that approach us are younger and have been in school during their courtship and they are just now starting their career. Their faith and going to Mass haven't always been in the forefront of their lives. Therefore, they don't have a solid foundation in the parish and don't know how to go about establishing one. Witness to Love fills that void and helps them not only prepare for a life together, but a life within the Church as a married couple. The main practical difference in this program is that the engaged couple gets to choose their own mentor couple. The mentor couple they choose must be parishioners who have been married for at least 5 years, active in a ministry, and are in full communion with the Church. The mentor couple is then trained in their role with the engaged couple present during one of the sessions. The main role of the mentor couple is to be a positive example for the engaged couple while helping integrate them into parish life. They will be given a "scavenger hunt list" of to do items. This may entail tasks such as: attending Mass at least twice a month with their mentor couple, having a date night with their mentor couple, and engaging in a ministry with their mentor couple. The goal is that after the literal honeymoon is over, the newly married couple will feel comfortable and established in our parish and become an active member of our faith community. This program, with a few variations, can also help couples who have been civilly married but wish to have their marriage "blessed" or as the Church calls it, convalidated.

It will take a few months to get this program started in our parish and there will be some learning curves along the way. However, we pray that the end result will be a happily married couple that keeps God as the foundation in their relationship and this parish as part of their faith family.

In Christ,

Fr. Hahn

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

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February 1 - March 8!

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Prayer List

Our prayer list is growing...please review the names listed. If you see someone who can be removed, please contact Jenny at the parish office.

If there is someone in need of being on this prayer list, please call Jenny at the parish office – 740-774-1407. Please pray for the following members of God's family:

Julienne Ackley, Amy & Rich Adams, family of Ruma Asma, Peggy Bechie, Wendy Brown, Marcus Cade, Dinese Carmen, Ashley Coates, Rosemarie Cox, Roy Crawford, Angie Currier, Don Davis, Lisa Diehl, Darlene DiPrati, Kathy Dye, Amy Carroll Fields, Beth Flynn, Nina Grady French, Albert Geimer, Veronica Geimer, Janet Griffith, Shirley Hansel, Dan & Jane Harness, Maranda Hay, Frank Hayes, Brookie & Larry Heightsman, Richard Holt, Susan Knight, Brenda Landeata, Roy Lowery, Jean Malone, Jennifer Mark, GeneAnn McLean, Brian Moore, Linda Moore, Catherine Nixon, Chantalle Noel, Rachel Cade Peterman, Barb and Rob Polans, Marjorie Prince, Maureen Rice, David Richter, Joe Schumann, Roberta Schumann, Dan Seachrist, John Slagle, Gary Smith, Kevin Smith, Lila Smith, Andrew Speziale, Richard Stadtfeld, Helen Stanton, Elbieta Straathof, Colleen Sulzer, Cindy Strausbaugh, Rev. Rick Terry, Charlie Wentz, Roger Wilbur, Bill Wilson

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PICK OF THE WEEK, February 10, 2019



Bernard Guillaumet, a non-Christian French journalist, is assigned the job of doing a story on Lourdes in the late 1990s. Just before he leaves for Lourdes, Bernard learns that his

wife is pregnant. However, he is not told that this pregnancy could put her life at risk--and that doctors are suggesting an abortion. While researching for his report on Lourdes, Bernard comes across the pages of an old family manuscript. The manuscript was written by his ancestor, Henri Guillaumet, a positivist scientist and nonbeliever who met Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858, a meeting which profoundly affected Henri and forced him to reconsider the miracles performed following the apparitions of the Madonna of Lourdes. One of the most important miracles H. Guillaumet had to reconsider was the healing of his wife Claire, who had been on her death bed as a result of tuberculosis, and was completely restored by the miraculous waters of the grotto in which Bernadette saw Our Lady. This intriguing film uses the pages of the manuscript to trace the stories of three lives—Bernadette, Henry, and Bernard—three characters whose lives intertwine as they pursue parallel journeys according to the designs of Providence. Directed by Lodovico Gasparini (St. John Bosco, Don Matteo), stars Alessandro Gassman, Angele Osinski, and Sydne Rome, and written by Vittorio Messori (The Ratzinger Report). Find this and more on the Formed website. Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!



Adoration Chapel Intention for the weeks of February 2, 2019 through February 23, 2019:

**In Honor of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist
As Donated by Bill & Iona Cunningham**



The Vatican has announced that Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Robert J. Brennan, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, as the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Columbus. He will succeed Bishop Frederick Campbell, whose resignation has been accepted by the pope.

Bishop Brennan will be installed as Bishop Campbell's successor on Friday, March 29 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. The pope has appointed Bishop Campbell, who has been bishop of Columbus for 14 years, to serve as apostolic administrator of the diocese until then.

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"?

George Hassey wishes to thank all those who sent cards, well wishes and prayers during his recent recovering from surgery.

Budgeted Expenses – 2/3/19	\$ 8,971.02	\$278,101.62
Actual Offertory – February 3, 2019 Online Giving Yearly contribution	\$ 7,380.00 \$ 1,925.00 \$10,000.00	\$280,779.51
Difference	\$10,333.98	\$ 2,677.89

Bishop Flaget School

REVERSE RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE \$2500
\$250/\$500/\$750/\$1000

Saturday, February 16th
Doors open at 5:30PM

Comedy by Mike Haller and Adam Garman
Silent Auction
Pulled Pork Dinner * Cash Bar
Lots of Prizes

Tickets \$40 per person

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LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a substitute. Servers should arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Parents, please make sure they arrive on time and find subs if unable to serve.

	February 16, 5:00 p.m. Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 17, 8:00 a.m. Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 17, 11:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eucharist	Sr. Leonard Mary – EM1 (1) Linda Hunt – EM2 – J Donna Weisenberger – EM3 – M	Bill Clark – EM1 (1) Lloyd Turner – EM2 – J Ellen Clark – EM3 – M	Michael Althouse – EM1 (1) Mary McCord – EM2 – J Sylvia Ramsey – EM3 – M
Lector	Eric Rinehart – 1 Joe Zupi – 2	Cathy Seifert – 1 Chris Noel – 2	David Glass – 1 Bob French – 2
Server	James Beatty Joey Mihelich	Gabe Corcoran Zane Pickerrell Simon Brown	Dominic Barron Dane Barron Dominic Nunziato
Greeter	Mickey Family Sharon Ott	Kathy Dalton Lloyd Turner Family	Rhonda Crowe Crowe Family
Offertory	Scott Diehl	Aaron Brown Family	PSR Students
Usher	Mary Anne Brown Lisa Diehl Sandra Haas Thomas Zuber	James Burgess Doug Corcoran Jim Maimone Tim Scheeler	John Crowe Frank Nunziato Bret Reisinger NOT FILLED
Church Cleaning	Team # 5 Ramsey / Palisbo Families	Linens for the Month of February: Vicky Weisenberger	

YEAR OF THE FAMILY



Celebrating Saints and Feasts to Enrich Hearts and Homes **February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness of the Sick**

This feast marks the commemoration of the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France. She appeared to Bernadette 18 times between February 11 and July 16, 1858. On the March 25 apparition, she answered Bernadette's question for her name with "I am the Immaculate Conception"; confirming the infallible Doctrine Pope Pius IX had declared only four years earlier (December 8, 1854). To read more about this beautiful dogma of our Faith, go to <https://www.ewtn.com/library/papaldoc/jp2bvm23.htm>.

In honor of Our Lady's purity, we thought we would make some simple, pure, potato soup in the slow cooker.

If interested in a kid's project for making grottos to Our Lady there are easy-to-follow instructions at this link: <http://www.waltzing.com/2007/02/under-construction.html>.

RECIPE: Immaculate Potato Soup

2 30-ounce bags frozen cubed hash browns	2 32-ounce boxes chicken stock or broth
2 10.5-ounce cans cream of celery (or cream of chicken) soup	2 cups half and half
6 tbsp butter	2 cups grated cheddar (can use sharp white to keep with the theme)
8 ounces cream cheese (softened)	salt and pepper to taste

Place the hash browns, chicken broth, canned soup, half and half and butter in the slow cooker. Stir until combined. Cook on low for 4-6 hours. Stir in the cream cheese and cook an additional 30 minutes or until melted. Check and adjust seasonings. Ladle soup into bowls and top with grated cheddar (and chopped green onions add a nice finish, too!). Serve with crusty bread and some fried ham steaks, if desired.

READING:

(littles) ***Our Lady of Lourdes*** by Father Lovasik S.V.D.

(middles) ***St. Bernadette Soubirous and Our Lady of Lourdes*** by Anne Eileen Heffernan FSP,
Bernadette, Our Lady's Little Servant by Hertha Pauli

(high school +) ***The Miracle of Lourdes: A Message of Healing and Hope*** by John Lochran,
St. Bernadette Soubirous: 1844-1879 by Francis Trochu, ***Our Lady of Lourdes: Lourdes, Its Grotto, Apparitions and Cures*** by John Walsh

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Oh ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.

Also this week:

February 14: Sts. Cyril and Methodius : Read about these brother labourers in the Lord's vineyard at:
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2019-02-14>