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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SAINT BENEDICT

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

MARRIAGE MASS 2021

**CELEBRATING
OVER 440 YEARS OF MARRIAGE**



St. Scholastica Parish
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Detroit, Michigan 48219
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Fr. James W. Lowe CC, Administrator

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

BAPTISMS
Contact Fr. James W. Lowe, CC

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday-Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass
Saturday Evening Mass: 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.
All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

ROSARY
Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

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FR. JAMES W. LOWE, CC

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few weeks ago, a yellow notification popped up on my computer indicating that my battery was low. I plugged my computer in and continued to work. A few minutes later, a red notification popped up indicating that I had reached a critically low level of battery power. I checked the plug both in the wall and the computer. Everything was connected properly. What I did not realize was that the light switch on the wall had cut off power to the electrical socket. It is impossible to recharge a battery if the supply of electricity is cut off!

God's grace is like electricity. It supplies us with power. We need God's grace to be strong. Sin effects the flow of God's grace into our mind, body, and soul. When we sin venially, we still receive grace, but maybe not as much as when we are in the perfect state of grace after Mass or Confession. When we deliberately choose to sin mortally, we cut ourselves off completely from the God who is the source of grace. The power supply is completely cut off. The problem...many of us think we are still connected to God after freely choosing to commit serious sin. Like the computer that was plugged into the wall but not being charged, we continue to attempt to plug into the source of sanctifying grace without having a humble and contrite heart and a genuine desire for repentance and conversion. Until we humbly confess our serious sins with genuine contrition in the sacrament of confession, or confess our venial sins before Mass, we are either completely cutting off God's sanctifying grace (as is the case when we commit mortal sin) or limiting the ability to receive God's sanctifying grace (as is the case when we commit venial sin)!

The Sacraments are the primary source of God's grace. We initially gain access to Sacramental grace in Baptism. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist allow us to continue to be open to God's power. He forgives us of our sins and heals the wounds caused by sin that separate us from Him and one another. Every time we approach the mercy seat of God in the confessional, we walk out completely free from any barriers that prevent us from receiving God's love, mercy, grace, and power. We walk out as a new person empowered by God.

This weekend, we are celebrating National Marriage week. Couples from our parish will be receiving a prayer for God's blessing upon their marriage. This Marriage Mass, however, is simply meant to highlight the importance of always being open to God's blessings offered in Marriage. Marriage is a Sacrament of the Church. God gives sanctifying grace to couples who are Sacramentally married. He gives them everything they need to endure the trials and bear the storms. The Holy Spirit empowers them to love sacrificially and unconditionally and to lay down their lives out of love for one another. Without continually renewing this Sacramental grace, the couple, like my computer, eventually loses power because they are cut off from the source. They attempt to love without being connected to the source of God's love...God Himself...God is love.

I encourage you to take to prayer the following definition of the **Sacrament of Holy Matrimony** from the Catechism of the Catholic Church...

"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament." (CCC 1601)

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Friends, whether you are married, or single, I encourage you to think of this season of lent as a 40-day retreat. Commit to spending time daily plugging in to the source of God's grace. Pray with Sacred Scripture. Come in person to daily Mass if you are able to do so. Commit to going to Confession regularly. God is ready to give you His sanctifying power. All you have to do is turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart and be willing to receive it. By the way, don't forget to turn on the light switch before you plug in!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Jim Lowe



MARRIAGE MASS CELEBRANTS

- Marianna and Bennie Bailey*
- Gubbie and Elizabeth Bey*
- Gregory and Connie Borg*
- Gerald and Mary Ellen Clark*
- Jay and Maria Fetizanan*
- Norman and Carol Johnson*
- Brian and Stacey Johnson*
- Kerry and Jody Kirsch*
- Fermon and Cheryl Sanders*
- Daniel and Evelyn Sute*
- Larry and Nancy Wegrzyn*
- Curtis and Margaret Worley*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

LENT FAST AND ABSTINANCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence..



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Tuesday, February 16, 2021

8:00 a.m. † James R. Woodward by The Marine Family

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

8.00 a. m. Special Intentions of Eugene Alesna (Birthday) by Evelyn Alesna

12:00 Noon No Intention

7:00 p.m. † Marie Hrymak by Kerry and Jody Kirsch

Thursday, February 18, 2021

8:00 a.m. † Helen Cherfoli by Kerry and Jody Kirsch

Friday, February 19, 2021

8:00 a.m. For the Intercession of St. Jude to help the Postal Service improve its delivery by Gerald and Mary Ellen Clark

Saturday, February 20, 2021

8:00 a.m No Intention

4:30 p.m For those who have suffered from Covid-19 and the families who have lost someone to the Virus by Members of St. Scholastica Parish

Sunday, February 21, 2021

10:00 a.m. † For Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(FEBRUARY 13/14 2021)**

In today’s Scripture passage from Leviticus, the Lord God instructs Moses and Aaron in the ancient Israelite camp how to handle carefully those who have leprosy. In St. Mark’s Gospel, the evangelist through Jesus’ words, shows Christ’s compassion to a leper who asks our Lord: *If you wish, you can make me clean.* In spite of Jesus’ directive not to, the man publicly professes his miraculous healing. St. Paul exclaims: *Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God* and to imitate Christ in all things. As Jesus’ followers, how do we extend compassion and love to those on the margins of society? Please reflect on offering time at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter that serves our less fortunate sisters and brothers..

From the AOD Bulletin Inserts

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Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer, abstinence, and fasting.

St. Scholastica will celebrate Mass at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 7:00 p.m. You may attend in person or virtually.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

The City of Detroit has the site location of the TCF Center for residents of Detroit 65 or older who want to receive the vaccinations. **Must bring with you Proof of residency**, like a Michigan Driver License. Check with them for other examples of proof. **An appointment is required.**

The vaccination is also open to the following who are employed within the City of Detroit. They are clergy, critical care workers, teachers, childcare providers, adult foster caregivers, U.S. Post Office workers, food service workers, security guards, and janitors. You must show proof of employment within the City of Detroit; an example, pay stub, W2, badge with employer’s address. **Registration is required.**

Call the following to register:

Location: TCF Center - (313) 230-0505

You can also check the website, <http://www.DetroitMi.gov/vaccine> for a complete list of those eligible and what type of proof is required.

Another location is Meijer in **Wayne County for 65 or older** **Need not be a resident.** To get on the registration list you would need to visit **Clinic.Meyer.com** or send a text to **75049** then in the "message of the text" type the word, **"COVID"**. When the vaccination becomes available, they will contact you. There is a 3 day notice when you are contacted.

In the near future, there is a possibility of Walmart and CVS to become another site.



We continue to pray for our sick and homebound parish members, Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, William Walker, Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen, Victoria Crowe, Dennis Lund, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, Denise Goodine, Jonathan Jackson, Gwendolyn Dickerson, Yolanda Stephens, Suzanne Ross, Thomas Norfolk, Bennie Bailey, Julie Hacker, Michele Mooney, Robert Weed, Jerome Bies and Annie Stacherski. William Moulton

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

FAMILIES OF PARISHES PRAYER

Father in Heaven, renew your wonders in our time, as though by a New Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to move boldly into Families of Parishes with confidence. Deepen our desire for every person to encounter Jesus anew, grow daily as his disciples and give witness to his love and mercy.

This is our mission! And we embrace it anew.

Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit, praying perseveringly and insistently with one mind, together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne and Bl. Solanus Casey, may increase the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



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The Lord Jesus, who healed the leper, is ready to bring his grace to all those in need. Through him, therefore, we now pray to the Father.

That the Church may be an instrument of God's mercy through her mission and outreach to those most in need, we pray to the Lord...

That world and local leaders may seek the poor and forsaken giving them the dignity and assistance they deserve as children of God, we pray to the Lord...

That Church leaders may bear witness to God's gift and plan for marriage, and assist couples to live that vocation faithfully, we pray to the Lord...

That we may imitate our Lord's compassionate care for the sick, and show them that their lives are just as precious and valuable as when they are healthy, we pray to the Lord..

That each of us may be vigilant against the sins of envy and jealousy and live in a way that reflects God's love and care for all we meet, we pray to the Lord...

That those who have died may be received into the joy of God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord...

For the Intentions of this Mass, we pray to the Lord . . .