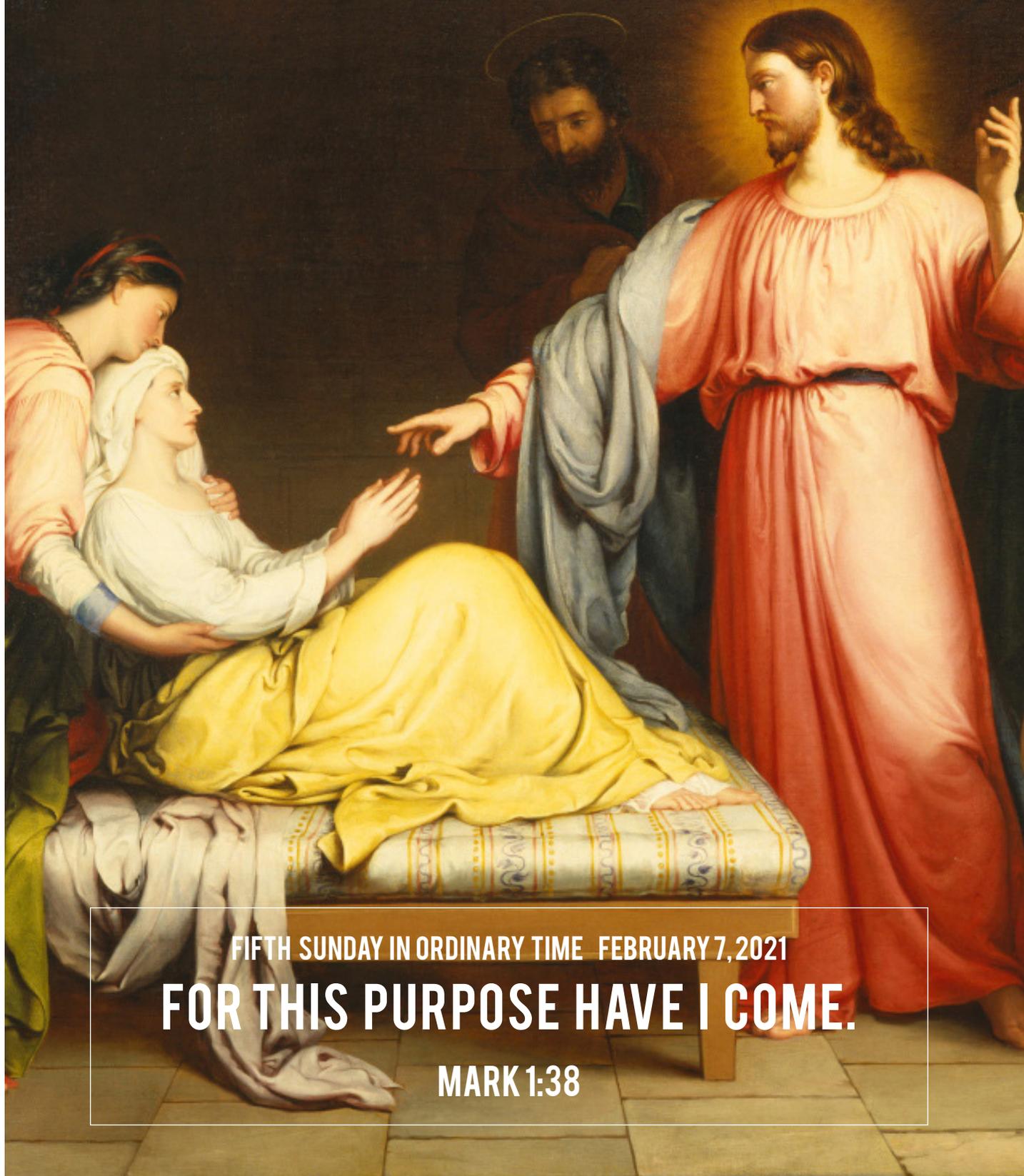


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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 7, 2021

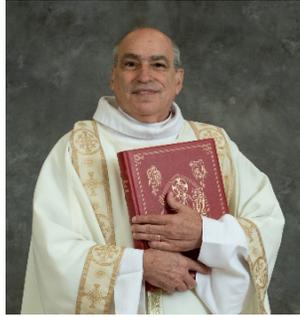
FOR THIS PURPOSE HAVE I COME.

MARK 1:38

From the Deacon's Desk**Dear friends in Christ,****Welcome to February!**

We'll spend half of this month in **Ordinary Time** and half in **Lent**, with **Ash Wednesday** launching the penitential season on **February 17th**.

Yet the entire month is dedicated to black history – a good time to learn the stories of some black U.S. saints-in-waiting: **Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, Pierre Toussaint, Father Augustus Tolton, Julia Greeley, Mother Henriette DeLille, and Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A.** All six are being promoted by the **National Black Catholic Caucus**, which also offers excellent resources for preaching and teaching about the sin of racism and what you can do to confront it.



Here are some other special events in our **Catholic Church**:

- **World Day of the Sick (February 11)** is accompanied by annual words from the pope, which we'll want to hear this year, especially as we continue struggling through this worldwide pandemic.
- **World Marriage Day (February 14)** is a chance to acknowledge how hard the global crisis has been on some of our most vital relationships.
- **Ash Wednesday (February 17) 40 Days of Adoration**
- **The Rite of Election (February 21) and Penitential Rite for Candidates Seeking Full Communion (February 28)** are events that are celebrated in our diocese and many of our parishes.
- In addition, the month commemorates **Valentine's Day (February 14), Presidents' Day (February 15), and World Day of Social Justice (February 20), and a World Day of Prayer (March 5).**

As we hear in today's **Gospel** "...*rising very early before dawn, Jesus spent time in prayer...*" let us keep in prayer all these special events that this shortest month of the year gives us.

Saint John the Baptist pray for us.

Have a good week,

Deacon Frank

Dear **St. John Parishioners**, join me periodically on **St. Brigid of Kildare Parish** livestream. If you missed it, the videos are available at **St. Brigid YouTube channel** and **St. Brigid of Kildare Facebook page**.

**Celebrant for Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass,
February 14, 2021
Fr. Klingner**

**Confessions Heard before Mass
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, February 7, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Lector:	Nick D'Alberto
Euch. Min.:	Sharon D'Alberto
Sunday, February 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector:	Krissy Ciacchi
Euch. Min.:	Pat Rossetti

PARISH INFORMATION

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Mr. John Huffman – Organist and Musical consultant

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
Sacrament of Penance – 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)

Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation (by appointment)

Sacrament of Matrimony (you must be registered at Saint John at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)

Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)

Saint John Italian Festival (please visit our website for more information)

Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)

Bulletin Deadline: Announcements must be submitted in writing by Tuesday at noon.

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 2/7	9:30 a.m.	Lucian Susi by Paul Seeger
Sun. 2/7	9:30 a.m.	Tina Tarantelli by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry George
Sun. 2/14	9:30 a.m.	Carolyn Panzera by Nick Panzera
Sun. 2/14	9:30 a.m.	Gerardo Cugini by the Cugini Family
Sun. 2/14	9:30 a.m.	Judy Mullen by The Iannarino Family

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Laura Tittel
by Chris Soteriades

PAVERS: The front **Pavilion** of **St. John's Church** is covered with **Pavers**. These **Pavers** are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information, please call the office of **St. John's** at **614-294-5319**.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 2/7	SEEK21 Catholic College Student Conference 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Sala & Marrapese Hall KCC Mass, Fr. Kim 12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m., NO MEETING in Sala Hall
2/12	KCC Mass, Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m., SJB, Church

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH MASS SCHEDULE
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

Catholic Churches	Time	Confessions
St. Patrick's	7:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	12:15 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church	10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	7:30 a.m. 12:05 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	
St. Mary Mother of God GV	8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Heard 45 minutes before 6:30 Mass



BANNS of MARRIAGE
Michael Crum and Jacey Gelacek
February 20, 2021



New Daily Mass and Confession opportunity: Sacred Heart Parish, located at 893 Hamlet Street, Columbus, a daily Mass will be offered at 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, each week. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with the Sacrament of Confession available, will precede the daily Mass at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

January 31, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 9

Env.:	\$ 690.00
Loose:	\$ 60.00
Total:	\$ 750.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (45.00)
	\$ 705.00
Votive:	\$ 33.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 53.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/20-6/30/21)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 750.00	(\$2,135.00)	-74%
FYTD:	\$89,435.00	\$82,776.65	(\$6,658.35)	-7%

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, February 8, 2021
Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, February 15, 2021
Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

2021 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

February 7 – *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jb 7:1-4,6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

February 8 – *Weekday*

Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

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

February 9 – *Weekday*

Gn 1:20–2:4a/Mk 7:1-13

February 10 – *Saint Scholastica, Virgin*

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

February 11 – *Weekday – World Day of the Sick*

Our Lady of Lourdes

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

February 12 – *Weekday*

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

February 13 – *Weekday*

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

February 14 – *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31–11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life.*

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village. Also, keep in your prayers Maria Lucchin, Laura Williams, and James Graf.**

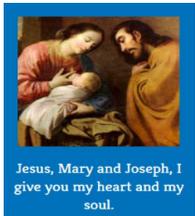
The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. We need a volunteer to help schedule the Rosary for each month. At the present time, no one has signed up to lead the Rosary. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary, please contact the office at 614-294-5319 for more information so we can put a schedule together and post in the bulletin. Thank you!

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Answering COVID Vaccine Concerns: The Catholic Perspective: There are many questions regarding the COVID vaccine. The Columbus Diocese recommends the following websites for guidance:

1. **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):** <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>
2. **The National Catholic Bioethics Center:** <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e3ada1a6a2e8d6a131d1dcd/t/5fd3ce39e679895094dd1e49/1607716409962/NCBCVaccineStatementFINAL.pdf>
3. **The Ohio Catholic Conference:** <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/Portals/1/Bishop%20Statements/Ohio-Bishops-vaccine.pdf?ver=y7OHNpTaGQcG9qd-MaKqhQ%3d%3d>, Making Sense of Bioethics <https://columbuscatholic.org/making-sense-out-of-bionetics>

AROUND US



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **February** is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. This year the first **16 days** of **February** fall during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. **Green**, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The remaining days of **February** are the beginning of **Lent**. The liturgical color changes to purple – a symbol of penance, mortification, and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

Diocese to begin 40 Days of Adoration on Ash Wednesday: Bishop Robert Brennan calls upon the Diocese of Columbus to celebrate **Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist** in a special way this **Lent**. Starting on **Ash Wednesday, February 17**, the diocese will launch **40 Days of Adoration**. Every day for **40 days**, a different parish throughout the diocese will host **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration** throughout the day. Please see bulletin insert on the schedule of host parishes or visit the website: columbuscatholic.org/40days.

Sharing Our Story: A Virtual Event: The Diocese of Columbus invites you to join this virtual event every **Saturday in February at 4:00 p.m.**, for an in-depth educational experience for **Black History Month**. Each session will strive to inspire the **Christian** faithful through the witness of **Catholic** candidates for sainthood. The presentations will celebrate how each candidate triumphed over tragedies and learn how can we do the same. Virtual doors open at **3:45 p.m. EST**. Admission is free! Go to eventbrite.com/e/134671105903 to join the event. For more details, visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/sharing-our-story>.

Catholic Men's Conference: The 24th Annual Catholic Men's Conference "Called to be Saints" is February 27, 2021. An **ONLINE** and **IN-PERSON** Event at Select Locations from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Registration: \$10.00 (Clergy/Religious Complimentary) Register prior to February 8, 2021 to receive:

- Devin Schadt's book *The Path*
- Printed Conference Program
- \$5.00 Coupon from Panera Bread

Register online: CatholicMensMinistry.com

It will be an entirely virtual event, viewable on several streaming platforms, and will NOT be held at the state fairgrounds due to pandemic restrictions.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2021: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Marriage and Family Life Office: World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week 2021. What a special time to share God's beautiful plan for marriage, celebrate married couples in your parish, and encourage them to strive for holiness in their vocation! We have prepared a **Toolkit** with **three** simple yet powerful (and **COVID-safe**) ideas to mark this occasion, including **Sacrament of Marriage Sunday**, Marriage Tip Jar, and a **Date Night** In. To find all that you need to build up the marriages in your parish. Email FamilyLife@columbuscatholic.org with any questions or comments.

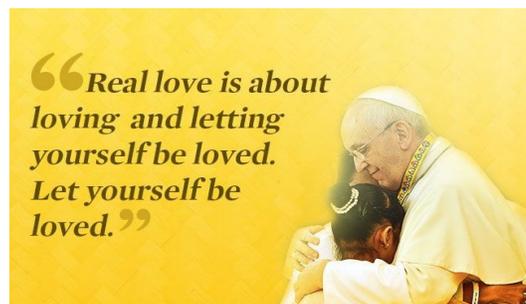
The USCCB Catholic Social Ministry Gathering: This virtual gathering will be held **February 6-9, 2021**. The **2021 theme is Make justice your aim (cf. Is. 1:17): Rebuilding Together**. We will pray, learn and advocate together on the disparities revealed by **COVID-19** and new models of justice and solidarity. For more than 30 years, the **Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG)** has brought together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to address pressing current domestic and global challenges affecting our most vulnerable brothers and sisters at home and around the world. For more details and registration, please go to: <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/catholic-social-ministry-gathering>.



On leaving the synagogue, he entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her, and she waited on them (Mark 1:30-31).

Prayer

*Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor You with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*



“Real love is about loving and letting yourself be loved. Let yourself be loved.”

Sunday, Feb 07, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Game on

The odds for Super Bowl Sunday 2021 were available last February. Tickets for the game have been on sale for as long. But things don't always happen the way we plan them. Last year, when the Chiefs were pitted against the 49ers, no one imagined how the world would change between one Super Bowl and the next. Still, Jesus comes into our midst wherever we are, whatever our circumstances, and grasps us by the hand. We can't be sure of the game plan for the future. But we can trust that Jesus will be there for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39 (74). *"Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. . . . [Jesus] grasped her hand, and helped her up."*

Monday, Feb 08, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JEROME EMILIANI, PRIEST

Share the love to feel the love

Who hasn't felt all alone before? Perhaps let down or left by a loved one. Perhaps in such dire straits that you thought even God abandoned you. Jerome Emiliani is the saint for those low points. He found God in ultimate isolation—prison. Once free, he became a priest and devoted himself to the abandoned of 16th-century Venice—especially orphans and prostitutes. When you feel stricken with an orphan spirit, remember that you are a beloved child of a loving Creator who will never let you go. Show that same love to those who need you most.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 (329). *"They laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak."*

Tuesday, Feb 09, 2021

Be the change

Gregory XV became pope by "popular acclaim" on this day in 1621—interesting, because he changed the tradition soon after. Instead, Gregory made the case for the first secret ballot when electing a pope. He also did other remarkable things, considering his papacy lasted barely two years. He established the first missionary organization of the Vatican, the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. And he canonized these beloved saints: Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, and Philip Neri. Is there a change you've been meaning to make in your own practice of the faith? Begin today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13 (330). *"The Pharisees and scribes questioned him, 'Why do your disciples not follow the tradition?'"*

Wednesday, Feb 10, 2021

MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

God's assistance rains down

There are few details of Saint Scholastica's early life, but we do know that this sister of Benedict of Nursia entered religious life and lived in a women's monastery a few miles from her brother's in Monte Cassino. Perhaps the most enduring story about Scholastica is one that pits her will against her brother's when she begs him to extend their yearly visit and spend the night in prayer and conversation. Benedict resists, not wishing to break his own rule with a night away from home. Determined, Scholastica asks God for assistance, and a torrential rainstorm ensues that settles

the matter in her favor—Benedict will spend the night. Never doubt that you are worthy to ask for God's help. Trust your heart to know what will draw you closer to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23 (331).

"When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth."

Thursday, Feb 11, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Turn to Mary

Much of Jesus' ministry had to do with some form of healing, and today's memorial, Our Lady of Lourdes, recognizes Mary's 18 reported appearances in Lourdes, France, a place of pilgrimage known for healing powers. Millions of people a year travel to Lourdes in search of healing; many report spiritual peace and transformation, and a handful even report experiencing cures without medical explanation. Today is also World Day of the Sick. It's an ideal day to ask Mary to intercede on behalf of healing that we need—or that our friends and loved ones desire.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 (332). *"Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet."*

Friday, Feb 12, 2021

Say their name

This day, falling between World Day of the Sick and Valentine's Day, brings thoughts of how many are left alone after COVID deaths. Advertisers are pushing candy, cards, and flowery bouquets, but the countercultural church also counsels that we pay kind attention to those who are grieving. Practical actions are often most helpful: not only shoveling a driveway or baking some bread, but also reaching out and just listening to whatever is on the grieving person's heart. Sometimes all a grieving person wants is to name the beloved and talk about them again. Being a good listener is a welcome gift.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37 (333). *"They were exceedingly astonished and they said, 'He has done all things well.'"*

Saturday, Feb 13, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturdays belong to Mary

For more than a thousand years, the Catholic Church has dedicated most Saturdays to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The reason for choosing Saturday above all other days has been lost to antiquity. But according to tradition, Saturday has been set aside to celebrate the maternal example of Mary and witness to her dedicated discipleship as a woman of God and a follower of Jesus. The weekly memorial serves as a reminder that she is continuously present and operative in the life of the church. Reflect on how the Blessed Virgin Mary has been present and active in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 (334). *"My heart is moved with pity for the crowd."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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