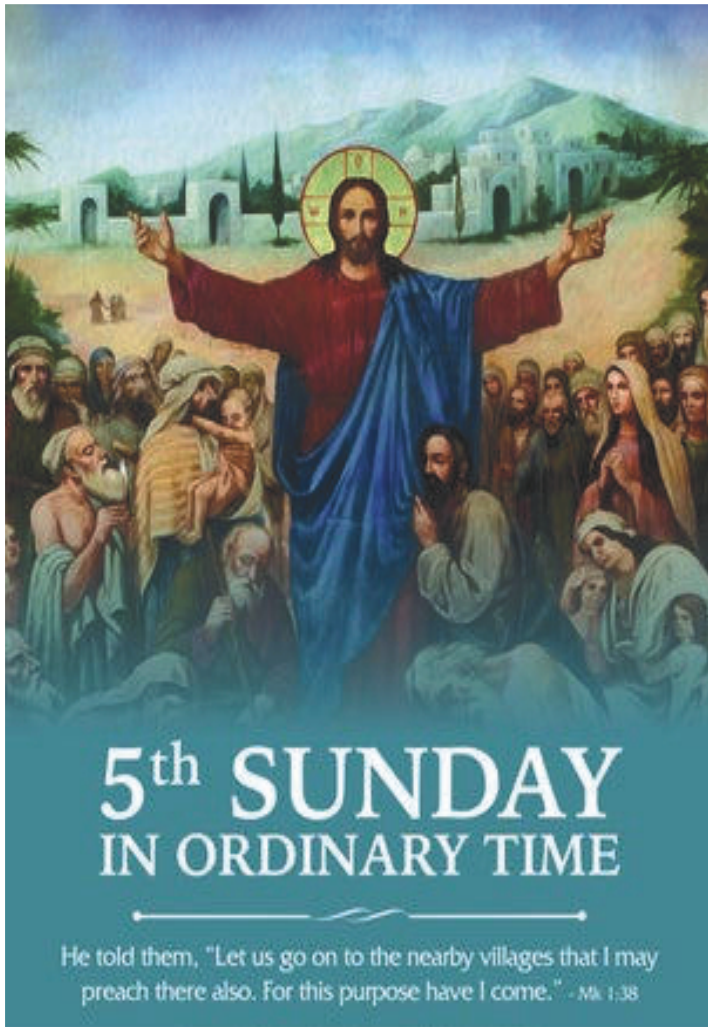


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil
4:30 pm St. Mary
5:00 pm St. Agnes

Sunday
7:30 am St. Agnes
8:30 am St. Mary
10:00 am St. Mary
10:30 am St. Agnes
11:30 am St. Mary
4:30 pm St. Mary

DAILY MASSES

7:00 am St. Mary
7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary
9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

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Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani

9:00 *Louis Spoldi* by Carolyn Gagliardi

Tue February 9 Weekday

9:00 *Fran Sudusky* by Sharon DiNapoli

Wed February 10 St. Scholastica

9:00 *Lillian and Frank Carrano* by their family

Thu February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 *Margueritte Winfield* by her family

Fri February 12 Weekday

9:00 *Conrado Espineli* by his family

Sat February 13

VIGIL

5:00 *James Cox, Jr.* by Deborah and Mark Ryba

Sun February 14 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 *Helen & Ralph Irving* by their family

10:30 *Pietro & Catherine Bozzi* by Rosa Pirulli & Family

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Mon: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tue: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1

Wed: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thu: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24

Fri: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Sat: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



Jerome, an irreligious soldier in Venice, was captured at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. Gradually he learned how to pray and when he escaped he returned to Venice and began studying for the priesthood. While serving the sick and poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and his property to others, particularly to abandoned children. He founded 3 orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital. Around 1532 Jerome and 2 other priests established a congregation dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of youth. In 1928 Pius XI named him the patron of orphans and abandoned children.

St. Mary Church

Mon February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani

7:00 *Intentions of Janice Frank*

Tue February 9 Weekday

7:00 *Joe Campagna, Jr.* by his family

Wed February 10 St. Scholastica

7:00 *Warren and Rev. Edwin Coyne* by their family

Thu February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 *Danny Daneault* by his wife

Fri February 12 Weekday

7:00 *Mary Lennon* by M/M Robert Kosiewicz

Sat February 13 Weekday

7:30 *Intentions of Carol Sequin and Rose Abric*

VIGIL

4:30 *Joseph Campagna, Jr.* by Ann Marie

Sun February 14 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 *Helen and Al Diaz* by their family

10:00 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

11:30 *Edward Dehn* by Lynn and John Ewen

4:30 *Deborah Warrek* by the Colucci Family



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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

“My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire to receive Thee into my soul. Since I can not now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee, as if Thou wert already there, and unite myself wholly to Thee; never permit me to be separated from Thee.”

“Let the crucifix be not only in my eyes and on my breast, but in my heart.”

- St. Bernadette



Dear Friends:

The beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which falls this year on February 17, is just over a week away. Lent is a time of spiritual rebirth and renewal, and this year at Precious Blood Parish, I am happy to say that we will be seeing some rebirth and renewal as regards our spiritual observances as Lent unfolds. While we still must take necessary precautions with regard to COVID-19, it seems that the time has come for the return to some normalcy of life here in the parish.

This Ash Wednesday, owing to directives issued by the Vatican and implemented at the request of Archbishop Blair, we will not be imposing ashes on the foreheads of parishioners. Instead, as you come forward to receive ashes from the priest or deacon, you will be asked to bow before him. A small amount of ashes will be sprinkled on the top of your head, as the traditional words are said. You will receive ashes, but you will not be able to see them personally. This practice eliminates any need for the minister imposing ashes to touch the forehead with his thumb, and in this time of concerns about the virus, it seems prudent to do it this way. If you are uncomfortable with this, then please remain at home that day. Indeed, this is the normal way ashes are imposed in a number of places in Europe.

On Ash Wednesday itself, we will celebrate three Masses. Ashes will be imposed at the end of the Mass after the blessing and dismissal. *Two Masses will be celebrated at St. Mary's, at 7:00 AM and 12:05 PM, and one at St. Agnes at 9:00 AM. We will also celebrate three Liturgies of the Word of God with the imposition of ashes, two of them at St. Agnes at 12:05 and 7:00 PM, and another at St. Mary's at 4:00 PM.*

Furthermore, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent [except Good Friday itself] at 7:30 PM at St. Agnes. There will be instrumental music to assist us in reverently remembering Jesus' journey to the cross and tomb. Face masks and social distancing remain requirements for all.

We will also resume the Monday evening Novena of the Miraculous Medal, along with exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church at 7:30 PM. Again, singing will be greatly curtailed, but the devotional prayers can once again become a normal part of the routine of our parish life, after almost a year-long hiatus.

It is our intention at this writing to celebrate Holy Week and Easter as normally as possible, with whatever restrictions are needed for health reasons. As Lent unfolds, I will keep you posted. In the meantime, continue to pray for the success of the vaccination efforts underway and when you are able to do so, receive the vaccination yourself.

Have a good week!

Rev. Joseph X. X. X.



Lent begins on February 17th.

Ashes will be imposed (*sprinkled*, a small amount) on the top of the head and not on the forehead, owing to concerns about COVID-19. This eliminates the need for the minister to touch the person receiving ashes.

We will continue the practice of having a 12:05 Mass at St. Mary Church on weekdays during Lent.

MASS SCHEDULE:

7:00AM—St. Mary
9:00AM—St. Agnes
12:05PM—St. Mary

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

12:05PM—St. Agnes
4:00PM—St. Mary
7:00PM—St. Agnes

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Catholics ages 14yrs. And older are to **abstain** from meat on **Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent**
2. Catholics between the ages of **18 and 59** years of age are to **fast** on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**
To fast is to eat one full meal and no more than 2 smaller meals to maintain strength. Eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids such as coffee, tea, juice, milk are allowed.
These rules do not apply when one's health or ability to work is seriously impaired.

In the last of her 18 apparitions to Bernadette Soubirous, the Blessed Mother declared her identity, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Four years previously (1854) the Church had defined as a dogma the truth of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother.



A spring has been the apparent means of effecting miraculous cures through the patronage of the Mary. Medical bureaus and a hospital examine each cure for its authenticity. However, in the words that introduce the film, *Song of Bernadette*, "For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."



Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan issued a statement responding to Pres. Biden's executive order of January 20 that addressed last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Bostock v. Clayton County, Ga.*:

"The Supreme Court's *Bostock* decision needlessly ignored the integrity of God's creation of the two complementary sexes, male and female, with reasoning that treated them as devoid of meaning.... It threatens to infringe the rights of people who recognize the truth of sexual difference or who uphold the institution of lifelong marriage between one man and one woman....*Bostock* did not address its clear implications for religious freedom....It is unfortunate that the goal of racial equality is partially conflated with the imposition of new attitudes and false theories on human sexuality which can produce social harms. "We share the goal of ending unjust discrimination and supporting the dignity of every human, and we therefore regret the misguided approach of Wednesday's order addressing *Bostock*."

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who "told Jesus about it at once."

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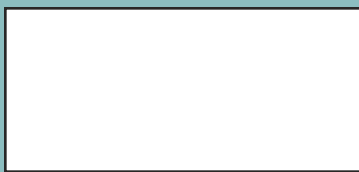
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