

St. Joseph Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

JESUS CURED
MANY WHO WERE
SICK WITH
VARIOUS DISEASES,
AND HE DROVE OUT
MANY DEMONS.

MARK 1:34

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil
Suspended till further notice

Sunday

Mass on the Grass
8:30 a.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 am
Come Join Us

Reconciliation

Saturdays

4:00-4:45pm
By the East Church Door
parking lot

Eucharistic Adoration

No Adoration till
further notice due to
Covid-19





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JOINING IN GOD'S HEALING OF THE WORLD

Our readings today summon the Church to embrace its calling, to join in God's healing of the world. As we hear of Job's anguish, in which all hope and purpose have disappeared, we are reminded of the depth of suffering in the world around us, and perhaps also within our own hearts. We hear of Jesus bringing healing and hope to Simon's mother-in-law and to the community around Capernaum. And we hear of Paul's commitment to "become all things to all", that is, to walk alongside all kinds of people, offering good news of the love of God. We need to be a people who do not hide from broken hearts, including our own. We are to share in the suffering of our world, but also to live as those who can tell the world of a God who brings hope. At our best, we the Church embody God's great desire to heal the brokenhearted.

A TIME TO LAMENT

The poignant description of human suffering in our reading from the book of Job echoes the cries we have heard throughout the world with the coming of the coronavirus. We grieve many losses: of life and health, of jobs and security, of freedom to be with those we love. We are reminded that many of the psalms are prayers lamenting that the world is often not what it ought to be. In these coronavirus times, we the Church are first called to prayerfully lament: to weep with those who are weeping and to ache for a better world. Our prayer can remind us that, as Paul described in Romans 8, all creation is groaning, and the Holy Spirit is groaning in wordless, shared suffering.

We also live in God's promise to transform our tears into joy. God is eager to bring healing to the world, and we are God's instruments in doing so. We bring God's gifts of creativity, resourcefulness, and perseverance to the task. Our prayerful lamentation reminds us of the urgency of God's work through us.

FREED TO SERVE

The first chapter of Mark's Gospel is very fast-paced, as Jesus begins his ministry on the move. The first scene in today's passage happens so quickly that it's easy to miss: Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, and she promptly begins to serve Jesus and the disciples. This woman is never named, and only noted by her relationship with Simon. But she is the first person in Mark, once healed by Jesus, to clearly respond as a disciple. Her healing frees her to serve Jesus and others, and sparks the healing of many others.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' healings restore health, dignity, and a place in the community. They are also a summons to service. Mark's brief story highlights that God is always raising up persons and communities, healed of illness or sin or sadness, to join in God's healing work for others.

TODAY'S READINGS

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

Parish Life

Welcome

Dear Parish Family,

Lent is just around the corner! In ten days, February 17, we celebrate Ash Wednesday and commence our 40 day journey. Our Ash Wednesday schedule is below. This year, let's be in spiritual communion with one another during our Lenten pilgrimage! To assist you in your spiritual journey, I'm offering every family a gift of a Lenten Daily Reflection Book, entitled *Not by Bread Alone* by Mary DeTurrís Poust. The author lives in upstate New York with her husband and three children. She's a renowned writer, retreat leader and author of numerous books on Catholic spirituality. Just 3 to 5 minutes per day with these insightful meditations will deep your experience of the Lord during this solemn season.

One book per family will be distributed next Sunday at our Mass on the Grass at 8:30 AM. For those of you at home, we will have a drive-through next Sunday February 14 from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM. You can pick up the meditation book and we will also distribute Holy Communion to you in your car. You can also pick up the book on Ash Wednesday.

Let's pray for one another and make it a Great Lent!

Peace, Msgr. Kevin



Ash Wednesday

- ◆ *8:00 AM – Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes and Reception of Holy Communion in the Courtyard.*
- ◆ *10:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Drive through in the parking lot – distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion to parishioners in their cars.*
- ◆ *4:30 PM – Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes and Reception of Holy Communion in the Courtyard.*
- ◆ *5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Drive through in the parking lot – Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion to parishioners in their cars.*

Note – If you're attending the in-person Mass on the Grass, please bring your own chair. Thank you for remembering the penitential practice of Almsgiving and your Lenten donation to support your family of St. Joseph's!

Let's Make it A GREAT LENT at St. Joseph's!!

Ministries

Did you know?

Teaching children about home security

Teaching children about home security and safety tips is critical, but can be daunting for parents. Who wants to scare their child with thoughts of fire, break-ins, or other dangers? Remember to keep instructions simple and age-appropriate, with empowering roles for children in managing their own safety at home. A great place to start is by teaching your children how to dial 9-1-1. Be sure to show younger children how to access the security screen on a cell phone that allows them to call 911 without unlocking the phone. For more home security tips, request a copy of the article "Teaching Your Children Some Valuable Home Security Lessons" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

St. Joseph Book Club



Overdue: A Dewey Decimal System of Grace by Valerie Schultz
(2020 Catholic Press Association first place award, memoir)

Our next Zoom meeting will be on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7pm.

In *Overdue* Valerie Schultz shares her experience in prison ministry and how she learned to see the prisoners as human beings. They possessed all the gifts and flaws that define humanity...every single one of them a human being created and loved by God. It was no challenge to find God in all things in prison because God was palpably everywhere.

All are welcome!

For more info. email: goodlife@msn.com

Movement For A Better World

"Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God." Pope Francis

February 27-28: Children's Book Drive:

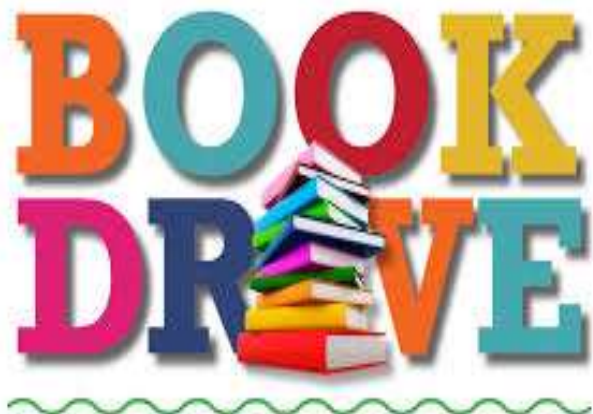
Collecting new and gently used reading books to distribute to the children our 80 supported families for Easter.

March 27: Easter Food and Reading Book Distribution: We will support 80 families in need! We are assessing our COVID-prudent options for inviting parishioner assistance.

Special Needs Ministry: We have an active ministry of providing essential living needs (refrigerators, stoves, beds, etc.) to families in need. Three or 4 times per year, we inform by e-mail, the needs we are working to fulfill. May we e-mail that information to you? Can you help to help with a COVID-safe delivery of items to families in need? Please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest.

Tim - (562) 453-8013

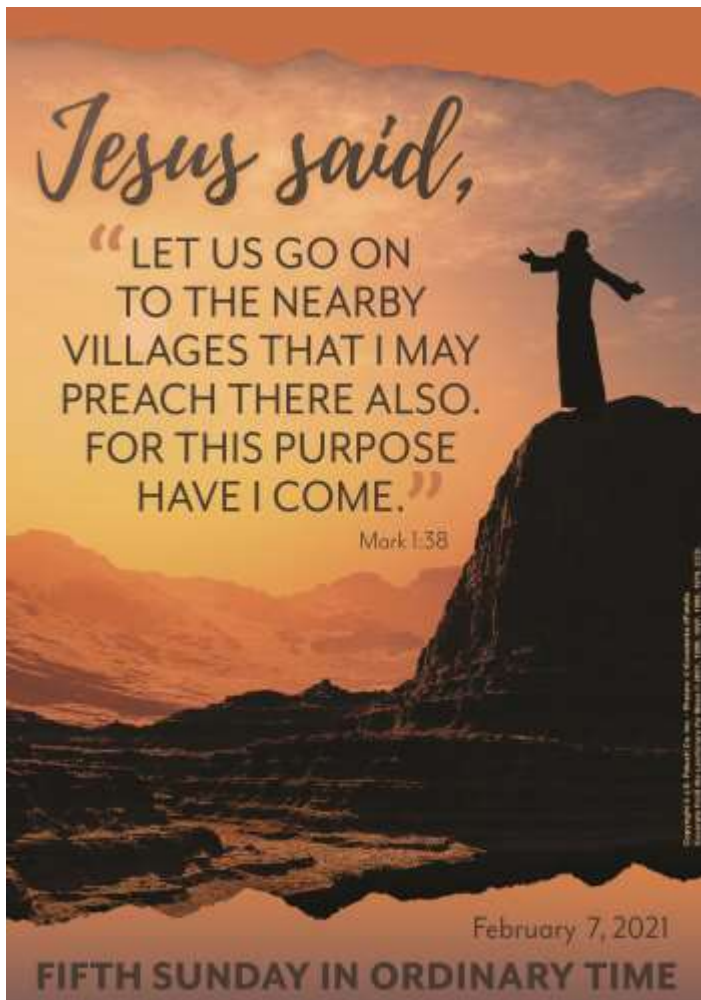


Meditation Group



St. Joseph's Meditation Group now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to experience both the prayerful and calming benefits of this ancient Christian practice.

For more information and to receive the Zoom log on information, please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at frmckown@gmail.com or 310-633-1744.



Esther Ministry



“In St. Josephine Bakhita we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights.” -Pope John Paul II

Monday, February 8th is the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking and the **Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita**. St. Josephine, a survivor of kidnapping and slavery is the Patron Saint of Sudan and victims of trafficking. Human trafficking is a growing concern across urban, suburban and rural communities in the U.S. It transcends racial, ethnic, gender and socio-economic boundaries.

In honor of St. Josephine Bakhita we ask for your prayers for those who have been victims of modern-day slavery.

Intercession for Sunday, February 8:

For Pope Francis, that our Heavenly Father may gift him with wisdom as he calls the Church to reject the inherent evil of human trafficking, we pray to the Lord.

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