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He told them, "Let us go to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." -Mark 1:38

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: WHAT LIFE CAN BE

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease.

While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. We can realize the new life God is calling us to rich with thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would

end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 6

4:00 p.m. Jim Campbell†
Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

8:00 a.m. Gary Dobbs†
Jan Dobbs

10:00 a.m. John D. Curia†
Curia Family

MONDAY, FEB. 8

8:00 a.m. Mary McKee†
Rose & John Hess

TUESDAY, FEB. 9

8:00 a.m. Frank & Jenny Novel†
Bob & Theresa (Novel) Baker

Isabel Ferris Wolfe†
Libby Magnone

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

8:00 a.m. Theresa Myer†
Cathy & Roger Frame

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

8:00 a.m. Charles Freeman†
Kim & Steve Starcovic

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

8:00 a.m. Don McCormick†
Brad & Connie Burrough

SATURDAY, FEB. 13

4:00 p.m. Mary McKee†
Jim & Marlene Lawther

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

8:00 a.m. Veronica DiCola†
Jane Klug

10:00 a.m. Thomas Andrews†
The Johnston Family

Anne Marie Becraft (1805-1833)

Becraft established a school for black girls in the midst of the nation's and the church's slaveholding elite of Washington D.C. She declared that the lives of black people, especially women and girls, mattered. She later helped pioneer the first African American religious order in the country.



FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Challenging Times, Lenten Season Remind Us to Go to St. Joseph

St. Joseph as Patron of the Catholic Church with a Year dedicated to him also provides conditions in which faithful

Pope Francis' decree to honor 150 years of

www.catholic.org/prayers/indulgences.php

to refresh your knowledge of indulgences.

may obtain plenary indulgence. In support of the provision and to inspire a greater connection to St. Joseph in our lives, *Fr. That Son is asking volunteers to take a few minutes preceding Masses to recite the Litany of St. Joseph.*

Reading the Litany fulfills one of the conditions for earning indulgence. The Litany also reminds us of the character of St. Joseph and why Lenten season is an ideal time to learn how to grow in devotion to him. As in other areas of Christian life, St. Joseph is a great example of Lenten virtues, says Fr. That Son.

Francis chose to provide for plenary indulgence through St. Joseph upon deep reflection of the world's current condition, especially during pandemic. St. Joseph remains an example of faith, selflessness, fatherhood, and family devotion. He is a key intercessor in modern times and provides an opportunity for

conditions for Year of St. Joseph Indulgence:
yearofstjoseph.org/indulgences/

faithful to follow him and "daily strengthen their life of faith in

fulfillment" of God's will, states Francis.

Francis adds that all the faithful will have the opportunity to commit themselves, with prayer and good works, to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world.

Pope Establishes World Day of Grandparents

Pope Francis has established a World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly as a reminder of the important role they play as a link between generations. The news came during Francis' Sunday Angelus address Jan. 31.

"Their voice is precious because it sings the praises of God and safeguards the roots of peoples," he said.

The annual celebration will occur on the fourth Sunday of July to coincide with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents.

July 25 will mark the first celebration.

Catherine Wiley, founder of the Catholic Grandparents Association, said the organization has been at the forefront of campaigning for greater care and recognition of grandparents and is thankful this day has come.

"(The Holy Father) has a great love of grandparents and the elderly. We look forward to being part of this new annual celebration as the charisms of grandparents and the elderly are brought to the fore and passed on to the next generation."

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Eleanor Smith, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Sara Walters, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Mike Morris, Sami Wilson, Bob Kleinedler, Kathryn Ferrera, Cindy Gunto, Chuck Taskalines, Jim Halliday, Celeste Evans, Phil Remke, Mary Jura, Ashton Gardill.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Bill Tennant, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Helen Remke, Marie Lohri.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

Calendar of Events

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| Wednesday, Feb. 10 6:30 p.m. | Parish Council Church Hall |
|  Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 | First Day of Lent Ashes Distributed 8 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. |
| Fridays During Lent 6:30 p.m. | K of C Fish Fry 11 a.m. until fish runs out. 304-845-7080 to order |
| Friday, April 30 | Stations of the Cross |
| Wednesdays 9 a.m. or Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Beginning March 10 & 11 | Application Deadline DWC Tuition Assistance factsmgt.com |
| | Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and the Life 10-Week Video Study Program Church Hall (Please Register) |

LECTORS

Feb. 13 4:00 p.m. **A. Wise**
Feb. 14 8:00 a.m. **R. Hess**
 10:00 a.m. **L. Niemiec**

OFFERING JAN. 24, 2021

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| Envelopes | \$2,169.00 |
| Loose Offering | \$175.00 |
| Church Repair | \$20.00 |
| Xavier Hall | \$10.00 |
| Diocesan (Latin America) | \$25.00 |

OTHER COLLECTIONS:

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| Online Giving | \$20.15 |
| Attendance | 156 |

Report suspected child sexual abuse to law enforcement or Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. Report suspected cases by Diocese personnel to the Diocese at 888-434-6237.

FR. THAT SON WILL BE BLESSING throats during this weekend's Masses. He will not actually touch anyone with the candles. The candles will only be raised toward those asking for blessings.

THE LIVING LENT DAILY E-MAIL series for 2021 from Loyola Press promises lessons of hope and courage for the season. Sign up at LivingLentDaily.com to receive daily messages via email from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, through Easter Sunday, April 4.

The series is inspired by the new book, *I Am with You: Lessons of Hope and Courage in Times of Crisis* by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan. Other featured authors will include Pope Francis, Vinita Hampton Wright, and Becky Eldredge. The messages will include suggestions for further exploration of Lenten themes through additional online articles and prayers.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK is Feb. 7 - 14, and this year's theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." The annual observance is a movement to increase marriage education across the United States.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops offers marriage resources on their website at:

catholiccurrent.org/popular-topics/marriage-and-family/
 More information is available at nationalmarriageweekusa.org/

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

AS WE HOPED, OUR FISH FRY

will begin Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, and continue each Friday of Lent.



No inside dining is allowed, so only pick up or delivery is available. Also, the menu will be limited to Coleman's White Fish sandwiches, coleslaw, french fries, and pierogis.

Place orders beginning at 11 a.m. by calling 304-845-7080.

Orders will be taken until fish runs out! Pick up orders just inside the doors of Xavier Hall, or a fish fry volunteer can bring orders to cars. Speaking of volunteers--if you would like to help, please call: Cork Potts/304-845-2686 or Greg Greene/304-238-3621.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES WILL be different this year because of pandemic. Here is what to expect:

- * Father will say the prayer blessing the ashes.
- * He will sprinkle the ashes with holy water, without speaking.
- * He then will address all those present and only once say the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general:

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

- * He next will cleanse his hands, put on a face mask, and distribute ashes by sprinkling them on the heads of each person, without speaking.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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