

# The Piarist Fathers



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## January 2022

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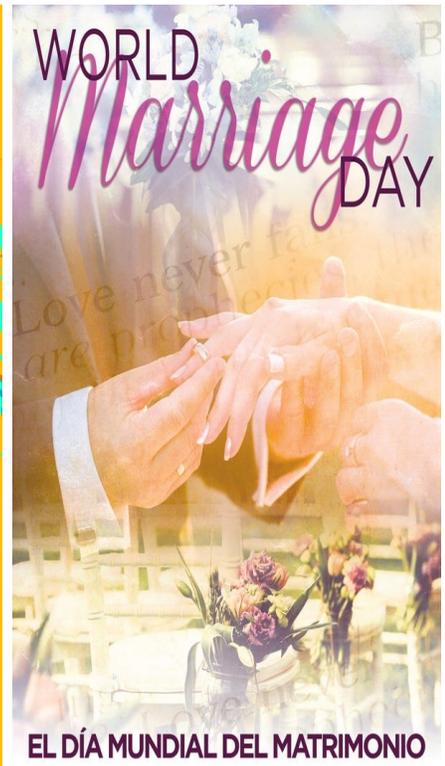
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## Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: AM PM  
8:00 12:00 (Español)  
10:00 (Family) 5:00

Holy Days: 8:30AM, 12:15 PM, 8:00PM

Weekdays & Sat.: 8:30AM, 12:15 PM

Morning Prayer: Daily 8:30AM

Spanish Mass: Sunday, 12:00 Noon

Monday Thru Friday-7:00 PM

French Mass: Sunday, 6:30 PM

Confessions: Saturday — 4 to 5:30

Sick Or Emergency Calls:

Call the Rectory at 718-892-3232

### Devotions:

- Circulo De Oracion: lunes, 7 a 9.00PM
- Miraculous Medal Novena  
Monday after 12:15 PM Mass
- Exposición del Santísimo y Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia: miércoles, 7PM
- Eucharistic Adoration  
Thursday between the 8:30 & 12:15 Masses
- First Friday: 1 to 6:30PM
- Sacred Heart Novena: Thursday, Noon
- English Bible Study: Tuesday, 1PM & 7:30PM  
and Sunday 11:15AM
- Rosary: Wednesday, 1:00PM

**Baptisms:** Arrangements must be made at the Rectory for Baptismal Class. Bring a copy of the child's Birth Certificate and Godparent documents.

**Marriages:** Arrangements for weddings should be made as soon as possible at the Rectory.

**Parish Registration:** All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should fill out a registration card at the Rectory.

**Registro Parroquial** Todos los católicos que viven dentro de los límites de la parroquia deben llegar una tarjeta de registro en la rectoría



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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

Founded by Pope St. John Paul II in 1997, today, **Feb. 6**, is the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life to be celebrated in all parishes. He attached it to "Candlemas Day" because he says consecrated men and women are to be the light in the world by imitating Jesus, the Light of the World. Christ proposes for us the evangelical counsels, in their great variety, to every disciple. The perfection of charity, to which all the faithful are called, entails for those who freely follow the call to consecrated life the obligation of practicing chastity in celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom, poverty and obedience. It is the *profession of all these counsels, within a permanent state of life recognized by the Church, that characterizes the life consecrated to God. The 5 major forms of consecrated life include the hermits, consecrated virgins and widows, religious life (priests, brothers, and sisters), and secular institutes.*

In his message for the 1st World Day for Consecrated Life, Saint John Paul explained that the day has three purposes:

In the *first* place, it answers the intimate need for us to praise the Lord more solemnly and to thank him for the great gift of consecrated life, which enriches and gladdens the Christian community by the multiplicity of its charisms and by the edifying fruits of so many lives totally given to the cause of the Kingdom.

In the *second* place, this day is intended to promote a knowledge of and esteem for the consecrated life by the entire People of God.

The *third* reason regards the consecrated persons directly. For they are invited to celebrate together solemnly all of the marvels which the Lord has accomplished in them, and to discover by a more illumined faith the rays of divine beauty spread by the Spirit in their way of life, and to acquire a more vivid consciousness of their irreplaceable mission in the Church and in the world. Immersed in a world which is often agitated and distracted, taken up sometimes by the press of so many responsibilities, consecrated persons also will be helped by the celebration of this annual World Day to return to the sources of their vocation, to take stock of their own lives, and to confirm the commitment of their own consecration.

The World Day for Consecrated Life takes place on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Pontiff continued, because "the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple is an eloquent icon of the total offering of one's life for all those who are called to show forth in the Church and in the world, by means of the evangelical counsels the characteristic features of Jesus—the chaste, poor and obedient one.

**The Seamless Garment of Christ**

The Church of Our Lady of Argenteuil was built in Paris by Clovis I, and it is said to contain a portion of the Seamless Garment worn by Jesus. The Abbot Orsini wrote: "This priory preserves a portion of the seamless garment of Our Lord." Clovis was the King of the Franks in 500, but he was not yet a Catholic. Years passed as his wife Clotilda prayed for her husband to convert, yet always King Clovis demurred. Then one fateful day Clovis was engaged in a desperate battle, finding himself sorely bested. At the point of ruin, he cried aloud to the Christian God to assist him, promising to forsake his pagan gods if he were granted a miraculous victory. Looking up to heaven, Clovis cried:

"Jesus Christ, whom Clotilda declares to be the Son of the Living God, who it is said givest aid to the oppressed and victory to those who put their hope in Thee, I beseech the glory of Thy aid! If Thou shalt grant me victory over these enemies and I test that power which people consecrated to Thy name say they have proved concerning Thee, I will believe in Thee and be baptized in Thy name. For I have called upon my gods, but, as I have proved, they are far removed from my aid. So I believe that they have no more power, for they do not succor those who serve them. Now I call upon Thee, and I long to believe in Thee – all the more that I may escape my enemies!"

God was pleased to answer Clovis' petition immediately, for no sooner had he prayed than his enemies fled the field. Clovis won the battle, and he was a man of his word. Hating his former error, Clovis converted to the True Faith. It is related in the Gospels that Christ's executioners played dice over this tunic. According to the legend, that tunic was found in the fourth century by Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine. It was then kept hidden in Constantinople until the eighth century. In the year 800, the royal Empress Irene of Byzantium offered Charlemagne the Holy Tunic at his coronation as Emperor of the West. The emperor then gave the relic to the priory of Argenteuil when his daughter, Theodrade, became abbess. In the year 850, the Normans plundered the village of Argenteuil, including the Basilica of Saint Dennis, but the tunic was hidden in a wall before their arrival. When the abbey was rebuilt in 1003, the relic was restored. It is venerated until the 16th century when it was partially burned by Huguenots in 1567.

During the French Revolution, the Benedictine priory was destroyed, and the relic was given to a parish church for safekeeping. In 1793, a priest found it necessary to cut it into pieces and bury them in his garden to protect them from profanation. In 1795, after the priest's imprisonment had ended, the Holy Tunic appeared again, and the different fragments were sewn back together. The Holy Tunic was displayed again in the nineteenth century, and pilgrimages then resumed. On December 13, 1983, the parish priest of St. Dennis discovered the tunic had been stolen. On February 2, 1984, Father Guyard received a phone call from a stranger promising to return the treasure on the condition that all their names would be kept secret. That same evening the tunic, with its case, was found in the Basilica of Saint Dennis. The last solemn exposition of the tunic took place during the Easter holiday in 1984. In six days, approximately 80,000 people came to see the tunic. The Holy Tunic measures nearly 5' by 3' in size. The fibers are wool and of a very regular size. It is a soft, lightweight fabric, and the weaving is uniform and regular with a twisted "Z," made on a primitive loom. The tunic is remarkable for a tunic woven manually, as it is made without any seam, including the sleeves. The dark brown fabric is typical of the clothing in the early centuries of the Christian era. The fabric was dyed brown, using a method widely in practice at the time by people of modest means. The construction and dyeing show the tunic to date from the time of Christ. It is the garment worn by Christ after the Flagellation and along the road to Calvary as He carried His cross. Christ's blood and sweat thus impregnate the fabric. In 1985 a test was done showing the blood was type AB. Pollen common to Palestine has also been found in the fabric.

**St. Jerome Emiliani - February 8**

St. Jerome Emiliani was born in Venice in 1486. He converted to Christianity after a rather dissolute youth, and dedicated himself to the holy congregation of the Somaschi which looked after the education of children, especially orphans. He died of the plague while serving the afflicted. A careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice, Jerome was captured in a skirmish at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. In prison Jerome had a lot of time to think, and he gradually learned how to pray. When he escaped, he returned to Venice where he took charge of the education of his nephews—and began his own studies for the priesthood. In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. While serving the sick and the poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and all his property solely to others, particularly to abandoned children. He also founded three orphanages and a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital. Around 1532 Jerome along with two other priests established a congregation dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928, Pius XI named him the universal patron of orphans and all abandoned children. Remember that Parkchester was built on the land of the Catholic Protectorate, which took care of orphans here in NYC.

**Josephine Bakhita - February 8**

For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave, but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed. Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at

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the age of seven, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan. Two years later he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Soon Bakhita became the babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Holy Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine. When the two Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf, and the judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she actually had been free since 1885. Josephine entered the Institute of Saint Magdalene of Canossa in 1893, and she made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the large city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!" The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and was canonized eight years later.

### St. John of Matha - February 8

John of Matha, the founder of the Trinitarian Order, was born at Faucon, on the borders of Provence, in France. He was trained as a young noble in horsemanship and the use of arms, decided to study for the priesthood, and was ordained in Paris. After some years in solitude, he conceived the idea of founding an order to ransom Christian captives from the Muslims and went to Rome to obtain the blessing of Pope Innocent III. Houses of the order were established at Cerfroid and Rome and in Spain. He was soon very successful in the work of ransoming captives and his order spread. He received approval of his order from Pope Innocent III in 1198, and he died in Rome in 1213. His relics were taken to Madrid in 1655, and he was recognized as a saint in 1694. At his death, there were thirty-five houses of the order throughout Europe. The Trinitarians were one of the first religious orders that combined monastic discipline with pastoral work and was one of the first to become international in its work.

### St. Teilo - February 9

Teilo was born about the year 480, in south Pembrokeshire. He studied under Paulinus at Ty Gwyn where he met St. Dewi (Saint David), and the two becoming firm friends. Later, the two set out on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Upon their return home, Teilo was given charge of the church at Llandaff and the surrounding area. Shortly afterwards there was an outbreak of Yellow Fever and Teilo led his followers to Cornwall to escape its effects. From Cornwall they travelled to Brittany where they were welcomed by Archbishop Solomon of the Church of Dol. They stayed for seven years, during which time Teilo and his followers are said to have planted three miles of fruit trees. He returned to Llandaff where he ministered for many years. He died in 566.

### St. Scholastica - February 10

St. Scholastica was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the Patriarch of Western monasticism. She was born in Umbria, Italy, about 480. Under Benedict's direction, Scholastica founded a community of nuns near the great Benedictine monastery of Monte Cassino. Inspired by Benedict's teaching, his sister devoted her whole life to seeking and serving God. She died in 547, and tradition holds that at her death her soul ascended to heaven in the form of a dove. St. Scholastica, like her brother, dedicated herself to God from early youth. Information on the virgin Scholastica is very scanty. Pope St. Gregory described the last meeting between brother and sister: "His sister Scholastica, who had also been consecrated to God in early childhood, used to visit with him once a year. On these occasions he would go to meet her in a house belonging to the monastery a short distance from the entrance. On this particular visit, he had joined her there with a few of his disciples and they spent the whole day singing God's praises and conversing about the spiritual life. When darkness was setting in, they took their meal together and continued their conversation at table until it was quite late. Then the holy nun said to him, 'Please do not leave me tonight, brother. Let us keep on talking about the joys of heaven till morning.' 'What are you saying, sister?' he had

replied. 'You know that I cannot stay away from the monastery.' The sky was so clear at the time, there was not a cloud in sight. At her brother's refusal Scholastica folded her hands on the table and rested her head upon them in earnest prayer. When she looked up again, there was a sudden burst of lightning and some thunder accompanied by such a downpour that Benedict and his companions were unable to set foot outside the door. By shedding a flood of tears while she prayed, this holy nun had darkened the cloudless sky with a heavy rain. The storm began as soon as her prayer was over. In fact, the two coincided so closely that the thunder was already resounding as she raised her head from the table. The very instant she ended her prayer the rain poured down. Realizing that he could not return to the abbey in this terrible storm, Benedict complained bitterly. 'God forgive you, sister! What have you done?' Scholastica simply answered, 'When I appealed to you, you would not listen to me. So, I turned to my God, and He heard my prayer. Leave now if you can. Leave me here and go back to your monastery.' This, of course, he could not do. He had no choice now but to stay. They spent the entire night together, and both of them derived such great profit from the holy thoughts they exchanged about the interior life. The next morning Scholastica returned to her convent and Benedict went to his monastery. Three days later as he stood in his room looking up toward the sky, he beheld his sister's soul leaving her body and entering the heavenly court in the form of a dove. Overjoyed at her eternal glory, he gave thanks to God in hymns of praise. Then, after informing his brethren of her death, he sent some of them to bring her body back to the abbey and bury it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. The bodies of these two were now to share a common resting place, just as in life their souls had always been one in God." Her tomb is at Monte Cassino.

### The First Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

February 11 marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Marie Bernade (Saint Bernadette) Soubirous. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times, and showed herself to Saint Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes. On March 25 she said to the little shepherdess who was only fourteen years of age: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then, Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer, and charity. It has resulted in many miracles.

**SECOND COLLECTION**-Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out all his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous, and for more information, visit: [www.oboldisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.oboldisanpietro.va/en.html).

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**-Contact the rectory at **718-892-3232** if you would like the Holy Eucharist brought to your home. We are also encouraging family members to bring a pyx to Mass and indicate to the priest how many hosts you need for your loved one. Please call the rectory and do let us know if you intend to bring Communion to your loved one(s).

**TAX LETTERS**-If you donated to St. Helena in 2021, you can call the rectory to request a tax donation letter, which can be used to help reduce your income taxes.

**PARISH CALENDARS** have arrived and are available both in the rectory and at the back of the chapels.

**MISSALETTES**-You can purchase your own in the rectory for \$2.

**FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY SESSION** today, **Sunday February 6** at **11AM** in the Peralta Room. Parents should attend.

**SPANISH FAMILY SESSION** will take place on **Sunday, February 13** in the Peralta Room after the **12PM** Mass.

**ENGLISH PRAYER GROUP** will meet on **Thursdays at 7PM** and **Saturdays at 1PM** in the Green Bldg and will be either in-person or virtual. You can join virtually by going on your computer to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us), **Meeting ID: 521 709 4814, Passcode: 333 777.**

**LEGION OF MARY** meets every **Sat** at **1PM** in the Rectory.

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**CALASANZ MOVEMENT YOUTH GROUP** invites all young people ages 13-30 to our meetings scheduled every Friday at 7PM.

**ST. HELENA BOY SCOUT TROOP AND CUB SCOUT PACK** meet on **Saturdays** from **9:30-11AM** for Cubs, and the Scouts from **11AM-12:30PM** at the Msgr. Scanlan HS cafeteria.

**FOOD DEMONSTRATION TRAINING**-Bronx Health REACH is establishing a training program for Food Pantry staff and/or volunteers to receive training from culinary experts on conducting food demonstrations for clients. The goal is to show people how to prepare meals with the nutritious ingredients they are receiving, which some of the items the clients might not be familiar with. The expectation is that they will lead food demonstrations with clients on their own after going through the training program. If you are interested, complete the interest form below which is available in both English and Spanish. We will have the capacity to make the training bilingual. We do plan to provide stipends to those who participate in the program. Food Demo Training Interest Form (English version): <https://forms.gle/eXg3zEbDnTumDJRW8>. Food Demo Training Interest Form (Spanish version): <https://forms.gle/u2mFnDxBjD7dtSoD8>

**ST. HELENA HOLY LAND TOUR**-Fr. David will lead an 11-day pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan from **October 21-31, 2022**. Renew your wedding vows in Cana, the town of Jesus' first miracle. We will all renew our own Baptismal vows at the sacred Jordan River, and of course, we will have daily Mass. We will also visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth, Capernaum, Petra, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Carmel, Qumran, Tiberias, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, and so much more. We will stay at five different four-star hotels. The cost is \$4,300 per person from JFK. This is the opportunity of a lifetime. A \$500 deposit is required. Call the rectory at **718-892-3232** for a brochure and to reserve your spot. Also, invite all your friends because the trip is open to people from outside the parish.



**PILGRIM ROSA MYSTICA STATUE** is now available to be brought to your home for nine days for prayer. If you would like the statue to visit your home for nine days, please call Meera Job at **718-924-6657** if you would like to host the Rosa Mystica statue.

**VIEW ON FORMED**-Good, solid Catholic Information is so very important. Everyone here at St. Helena's has a free parish subscription at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Just click the icon and join as a parishioner. February is Black History Month. On the 8<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin. Watch: *Bakhita: From Slave to Saint* or listen to: *Saved in Hope*. Also Watch: *Tolton: From Slave to Priest*. On the 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes. Watch: *Bernadette, The Passion of Bernadette, Lourdes: A Story of Faith, Science & Miracles*, or for children: *Bernadette: Princess of Lourdes*. You can also listen to: *St. Bernadette of Lourdes*.

**HEALING AFTER ABORTION**-A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God as you begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates are: **Feb. 12, Feb. 26 (Spanish), April 20, May 21**. For more info, call **866-575-0075** or email [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

**FORDHAM PREP** offers the Higher Achievement Program for rising 8th graders. Boys spend five weeks, June 27-July 27, at Fordham taking classes in the morning and participating in team sports and special activities in the afternoon. For more info, visit [fordhamprep.org/HAP](http://fordhamprep.org/HAP).

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION AGAINST ALL HUMAN TRAFFICKING** is held each year on **February 8**, the liturgical memorial of Saint Josephine Bakhita – a slave girl who became a saint and a universal symbol of the Church's commitment against slavery. We will pray for this after every Mass.

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY APOSTOLATE – BLACK MINISTRY: BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS**-You are invited to the annual Archdiocesan Black History Month Mass and National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family on **February 6** at **2 p.m.** Cardinal Timothy Dolan will be the principal celebrant. For more information, contact the Office of Black Ministry at **646-794-2681** or [obm@archny.org](mailto:obm@archny.org).

**PIERRE TOUSSAINT 2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
The application for the 2022 Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund (PTSF) is now live. PTSF provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors of diverse backgrounds from public, private, and parochial schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York, to assist them with the educational fees and expenses associated with their college studies. For more information, you can visit [obm@archny.org](mailto:obm@archny.org).

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION: ENLIGHTEN: FAITH EDUCATION FOR TODAY'S CATHOLIC**-Shed light on your faith through online courses! Introducing *Enlighten*, from Fordham University and the Archdiocese of New York. Although we are taking registrations for Enlighten courses, our collaboration with Fordham University. The foundational classes covered include: *Introduction to Catholicism*, *Understanding the Creed*, *Understanding Holy Scripture*, *Unveiling the Sacraments*, *Catholic Social Teaching*, and *Catholic Moral Teaching*. Learn more or register at [archny.org/enlighten](http://archny.org/enlighten)

**A LIVELY DISCUSSION BETWEEN EPISCOPALIANS AND CATHOLICS** -Join us on **Tuesday, February 8** from **7 to 8:15 PM** via zoom. This series is free of charge, and space is limited. For more information or to register, contact Father Brian McWeeney or Robert Flanagan at [growingasoul@gmail.com](mailto:growingasoul@gmail.com).

**THE SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC OF AMITYVILLE CELEBRATE IRISH NIGHT**-For almost 50 years, Irish Night has raised crucial funds needed to care for our senior Sisters living at our Motherhouse in Amityville. This year's celebration will take place virtually on **Saturday, March 5**. Our Emcee is CBS news anchor, Dick Brennan. The event will feature traditional Irish songs, dance, and plenty of Irish spirit! For more info, call **631-842-6000 x246**

**WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY AND FAST** for the upcoming Supreme Court case *Dobbs v Jackson* on the 22nd of each month for the next nine months as part of a nationwide prayer campaign. This could potentially overturn the decision of *Roe v Wade*.

**CHILD PROTECTION**-Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org) or **646-794-2949**. Info can also be found on the archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA)** meet every **Saturday** at **11AM** in the Calasanz Room. Peer support is so important.

**VIRTUAL AL-ANON MEETINGS**-meet every **Saturday** at **9AM**. Call in at **712-770-5372**, and the access code is: **178602**.

**AA BIG BOOK** meetings at **7PM** will only be virtual for the next few weeks. Virtual meetings are on **Saturdays**. The Zoom Meeting Code is **84360210329** and the password is **dasolution**.

"LA ARQUIDIÓCESIS DE NUEVA YORK toma la administración de sus donaciones seriamente. Si usted tiene conocimiento o una razón sospechosa del mal manejo financiero, por favor reporte sus inquietudes a través de la línea gratuita de atención telefónica al **877-820-0541** o en Internet, a <http://www.reportineweb.com/ADNY>. Ambos están disponibles las 24 horas del día."

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**SANACIÓN DESPUÉS DEL ABORTO**-Un "Día de Oración y Sanación" ofrece la oportunidad de experimentar el amor y la misericordia de Dios al comenzar el camino de sanación de la herida del aborto. Las próximas fechas serán el 12 de febrero, el 26 de febrero (español), el 20 de abril y el 21 de mayo. Para más información, llamar al **866-575-0075** o envía un correo electrónico a [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

**EL SILENCIO GUARDA EL MISTERIO DEL PLAN DE DIOS** María, con su ejemplo de silencio, nos muestra cómo custodiar el misterio del camino de Dios para nosotros".

Durante la Anunciación, el Ángel Gabriel anunció a la Santísima Virgen María que daría a luz al Salvador. *"El Espíritu Santo vendrá sobre ti y el poder del Altísimo te cubrirá con su sombra"* dijo el Ángel Gabriel a la Virgen María. Reflexionando sobre esta "sombra" que oculta el misterio de la Encarnación, el Papa dijo que esta sombra es comparable a la nube que protegía al pueblo de Israel en el desierto.

"El Señor siempre ha cuidado y ha cubierto el misterio, pero no ha anunciado el misterio. Un misterio que se anuncia no es cristiano, no es el misterio de Dios: ¡es un misterio falso! Y esto es lo que le ocurrió a la Virgen cuando recibió a su Hijo: El misterio de su maternidad virginal está oculto durante toda su vida. Esta sombra de Dios, en nuestra vida, nos ayuda a descubrir nuestro misterio, un misterio del encuentro con el Señor, un misterio del camino de la vida con el Señor".

*Esta sombra, o nube, que existe en nuestra vida, nos llama al silencio* dijo el Papa Francisco. Considerando el silencio como la *"nube que cubre el misterio de nuestra relación con el Señor"*. Además el Papa dijo recalca que sin esta relación, *el misterio se pierde*. La Virgen es un ejemplo de este silencio, desde el momento de la Anunciación hasta la muerte de Cristo.

El Evangelio no nos dice nada *si Ella dijo una palabra o no*. Ella estaba en silencio, pero en su corazón, ¡cuántas cosas le dijo al Señor! San Juan Pablo II reflexionando sobre este misterio explica me dijiste que *Él sería grande; me dijiste que le darías el Trono de David, su padre, que reinaría para siempre y ahora lo veo allí*". *La Virgen era humana. Y quizás tuvo el impulso de decir: ¡Mentira! Fui engañada!*". Pero Ella, con el silencio, cubrió el misterio que no entendía y con este silencio dejó este misterio para que creciera y floreciera en la esperanza".

El Papa Francisco destacó entonces que el silencio guarda el misterio del plan de salvación de Dios para nuestras vidas. "Que el Señor nos dé a todas la gracias para amar el silencio, buscarlo y así tener un corazón custodiado por la nube del silencio.



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*Names only said in Prayer of the Faithful are in Italics*  
*\*not a public Mass; +=deceased; S=Mass is live-streamed*

# Mass Intentions

## February 6 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00** +Walter and Mildred Murphy; +*Salud Vallada*

**10:00 S** +Rumalda Ortiz

**12:00 (Sp)** +Juanita Martinez; En Accion de gracias por el cumpleaños de Gracia Galicia y Katy Hernandez; Por el aniversario de bodas de Silvia y Victor; +Jacqueline French

**5:00** In Honor of the Virgin de la Guadalupe from Judith Santiago

**6:30 (Fr)** +Margaret Bongyii and Raphael Mbinkar

## February 7 – Monday — St. Richard of Lucca

**6:30\*** For Divine Justice of Countless Gang Rapes of Women in Ethiopia

**8:30 S** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to A. and J. Savino

**12:15** +Michael Guido

**7:00 (Sp)** +Angelica Davila

## February 8 – Tues. – Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita

**6:30\*** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granting Divine Justice in Ethiopia

**8:30 S** +Rosa Pena

**12:15** Marie Sheehan-Health Intention

## February 9– Wednesday — St. Teilo

**6:30** For Divine Justice of Countless Gang Rapes of Women in Ethiopia

**8:30 S** Brenda & Scott Van de Weghe-That They Understand the Need to be Reconciled to God and to Practice Their Faith

**12:15** +Madeline Donovan

**7:00 (Sp)** En Agradecimiento a la Virgen Maria de Parte de Enrique Loja; Manuela Morales-Health Intention

## February 10 – Thursday – St. Scholastica

**6:30\*** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granting Divine Justice in Ethiopia

**8:30 S** +Christopher Loverro

**12:15** +Altigracia, Manuel, Jose and Luis Capellan; +*Marion Condeza*

## February 11 – Friday — Our Lady of Lourdes

**6:30\*** +Robert Carvelli and Family

**8:30 S** Vincent McDonnell-Intentions

**12:15** +Ralph A. Cerbone, Jr.

## February 12 – Saturday — St. Saturninus and Companions

**6:30** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted the Van de Weghe's

**8:30 S** +Andrew Pugliese

**12:15** +Thomas and Rosina Guido

**5:30** +Annie T. Clarke

## February 13 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00** +Walter Schoenthaler

**10:00 S** +Oscar Marcial

**12:00 (Sp)** +Carmen Zabaleta; +Jacqueline French

**5:00** Xavier Francis, Meera, Staven & Jair Joseph in Thanksgiving

**6:30 (Fr)** +Margaret Bongyii and Raphael Mbinkar

## Readings for the week of February 6, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11; **Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56; **Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13; **Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23; **Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30; **Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37; **Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10; **Next Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26