

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights.

But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured Simon and Andrew's mother of a fever, then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved on to other villages to proclaim the good news.



For the Week of February 4th through
February 10th

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10



The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 3rd

4:00 p.m. Jack DePoulter

Sunday, February 4th

8:00 a.m. Marie Patrick Kelly

10:00 a.m. The Hickman Family (living)

Monday, February 5th

8:30 a.m. Joyce Graham Bey

Tuesday, February 6th

8:30 a.m. Patricia Wiedenmayer

Wednesday February 7th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 8th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, February 9th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 10th

4:00 p.m. Patricia Wiedenmayer

Sunday, February 11th

8:00 a.m. Antoni Jankowski

10:00 a.m. Owen Pierce

REMEMBERING THE SICK
OF THE PARISH: Remember
in your prayers the sick of the
parish: *John Troffo, Valerie
Lindyberg, Patricia Dana,
Elizabeth Montague, Angela
Wilmer, Faith King, Laurenson*

*Ward, Rosemary Keating, Ruth Ann Freeman, and all
those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF
INTENTIONS.*

NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO

PARADISE: Please remember in your prayers John Steppe, Sr., Marlyn Kader, and Bernard Hammer and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Bringing the Gospel Home Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 1:29-39

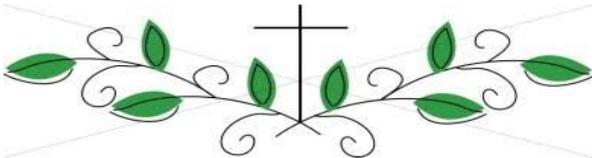
REFLECTION FOR PARENTS: A day goes by and before we know it we are falling into bed exhausted. We intended to take time to pray, but time got away from us. In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us by example that it is important to take time to be alone to pray. From prayer we can draw strength to do what each day requires, most especially by showing our family in word and by deed what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, a child of God.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY: To foster prayer in the home, choose a small table or a space where you can create a prayer area. Cover your table with a cloth in the color of the liturgical season, and place upon it a Bible, a candle, and a crucifix or cross. With your family, decide on when you will gather to pray together around your prayer table or in your prayer space.

You may wish to provide a book of traditional prayers, many of which are available from religious publishers such as RCL Benziger, Loyola Press or Our Sunday Visitor.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. Someone I know who is in need of healing is . . .
2. My favorite place to pray is . . .
3. My favorite way to pray is . . .



PARENTING POINTERS

Sunday February 4: Feb. 2 was Ground Hog Day. Legend has it that these cute furry critters can predict the weather. Talk with your kids about what kind of weather they like best.

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FEBRUARY SAINTS

ST. BLAISE – FEBRUARY 3



Blaise lived so long ago that we know nothing about his early life. We do know that he was both a doctor and a bishop in the area that is today either Armenia or Turkey. In the beginning of the fourth century, Christians were being persecuted by the Romans. The Roman Emperor believed that arresting and punishing important leaders like Blaise would prevent other people from becoming followers of Christ

Blaise's prison was a dark cave. One of the legends that is told about him is that wild animals came to the cave so that he could treat their wounds. It is said that a mother brought her young son to Blaise. The boy was choking on a fish bone. Blaise saved the boy's life by saying a prayer and blessing him with candles crossed upon his throat.

Tradition tells us that the grateful mother visited Blaise in prison to bring him food and candles. During his time in prison Blaise was sentenced to death. He was martyred in the year 316.

St. Blaise is the patron saint of people with diseases of the throat. On St. Blaise's feast day, many parishes bless the throats of their parishioners in a special ceremony. Two unlit candles are held next to each person's throat as the priest or deacon says, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

St. Blaise reminds us of the importance of taking care of our health and also to thank God for doctors and medicines that can help us recover from illnesses We honor St. Blaise for his faith and care for his people.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending – January 28th - Week 31

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John's are made possible. "Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 1/28 Wk. 31	\$3,859	\$360	\$6,058	-\$1,839
YTD Wk. 31	\$164,778	\$28,045	\$187,798	\$5,025

THE WILD GOOSE

The Wild Goose Series is a video based encounter with the Holy Spirit, led by Fr. Dave Pivonka, T.O.R. It is comprised of fourteen independent segments dealing with different experiences of the Holy Spirit. The Wild Goose series will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom.

February 5 - Segment 4: The Spirit and Our Lady

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." Luke 1:35

Our Lady, from the moment of her conception, was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. As the Spouse of the Holy Spirit she models for us what our lives can look like when we say "yes" to God's will and fully give ourselves over to the actions of the Spirit of God. Mary's fiat led her to the cross, the empty tomb and ultimately the upper room where she was once again overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. If we have the courage, as Mary did, to say yes to God's Spirit, to surrender our will to his, we too will experience the power of the Most High overshadowing us.

ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 14TH) MASS TIMES:

Sacred Heart: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

St. John: 5:00 p.m.

PANCAKE SUPPER: The Father George S. Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Pancake Supper on

February 13, 2018 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Adults are \$9.00, children 4-12 are \$4.00, and under 4 are free. If you have any questions, please call Bill Taylor at 443-553-0700.



LIFE LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on **Thursday, March 22, 2018** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY

at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION: This weekend, **February 3/4**, there will be a second collection for the Religious Education program at all masses. Donations will be used to subsidize Religious Education events such as the Confirmation Retreat for high school students & the Day Apart Retreat for our Catechists. Please consider directly supporting these efforts through the second collection this weekend.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are being sent directly to your home, bi-monthly. If you are not receiving envelopes and wish to do so, please contact Becky Davis at 410-778-3160.

LENTEN PROGRAMMING

**TALKING ABOUT DEATH...AND LIVING:
LENTEN CONVERSATIONS...exploring
together death and dying well, caring for the
dying, losing a loved one, facing death personally,
the place of Faith and Hope...**

*"Death be not proud, though some have called thee,
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so".*

**Monday mornings beginning February 19, 9:30-11:00
in Sacred Heart Parish Hall**

