



## What's in Your Heart?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**n the past fifty years, there seems to have been a quiet but noticeable shift in the lived faith of Catholics in the pews. None of it has been officially or formally decreed, though it might very well be the natural unfolding of what the Second Vatican Council was about. It seems to have simply happened, perhaps by the workings of the Holy Spirit. I would highlight four common shifts.

People's faith seems to have moved from a primary concern with doctrine or what we believe, to spirituality or how we live out what we believe as people of faith and where God is in our lives.

What's in our hearts has been a focus. It suggests that while actions are important, where the actions originate and what they say about who we are is also important in trying to understand why we do what we do.

People pray differently. While the rosary and devotional prayer is nurturing to the faith of many, there has also been a discovery of other forms of meditation, quiet reflection, and praying with sacred scripture.

Confession no longer seems to be about only reporting kinds and numbers of sins but also about what is in one's heart and how people find themselves relating to others. People confess both attitudes and actions that are destructive rather than moral lists.

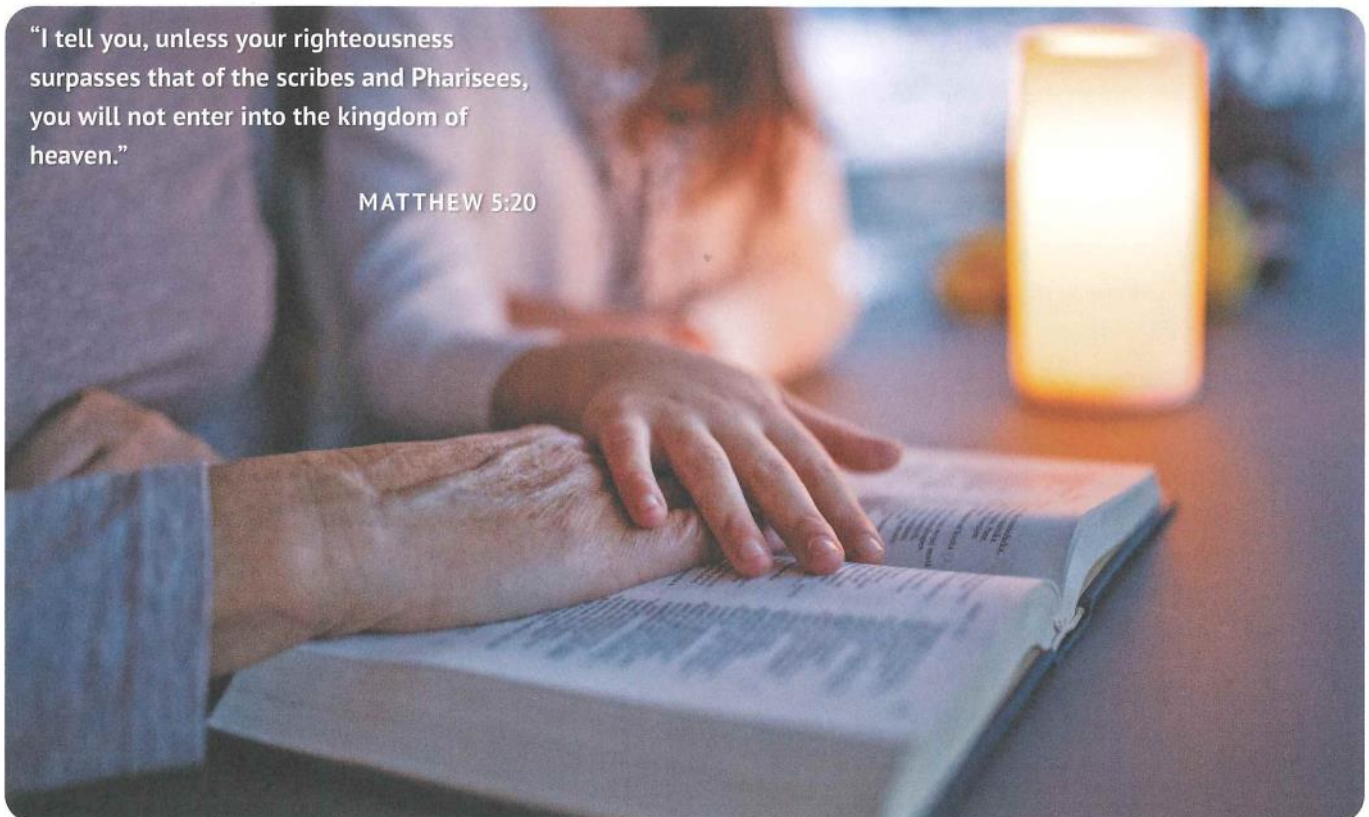
It would seem that all of this echoes this week's Gospel, which focuses on divisive anger, lustful lifestyles, and faking the truth, that is, what is in our hearts. ●

### Reflect

***How is your faith different today  
than it was ten or twenty years ago?***

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:20



# Saint Michael's Catholic Church

17150 - 88th Ave, Coopersville, MI 49404  
Parish Office: 616-384-4026

*Saint Michael's Catholic Community is a family challenged by Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to care for others and to become the body Of Christ through worship, hospitality and service.*

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For more information on staff, councils, ministries and schedules, visit our website : [www.saintmichaels.us](http://www.saintmichaels.us)

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday February 11

4:30PM † Arlyn Madura by Family.....**MA**

### Sunday February 12

8:30AM † Paula Raczkiewicz-Kelly by Pam Raczkiewicz .....**MI**

10:30AM † Jeff LeMieux by M/M Joe Lothschutz ..... **MA**

4:30PM † Rita Goosen by Winnie Spencer .....**MI**

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM - St Michael*

**Monday February 13..... NO MASS**

### Tuesday February 14

9:00AM † Mary Klein by Terri Schoenborn .....**MA**

*Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm*

### Wednesday February 15

9:00AM † Edna Schumaker by Carol Tasker.....**MI**

*Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM .....*

### Thursday February 16

9:00AM † Leonard & Dorothy Schwallier by M/M Tom Schwallier **MA**

### Friday February 17

9:00AM † Steven Rohen by Family .....**MI**

### Saturday February 18

4:30PM † Arlyn Madura by M/M Rob Rander .....**MA**

### Sunday February 19

8:30AM † Jamie Thomas by Mark & Val Patterson .....**MI**

10:30AM † Pat O'Connor by Jim Fritz ..... **MA**

4:30PM † Michael Karbon by The Wendt Family .....**MI**

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM - St Michael*

**MA**=St. Mary **MI**=St. Michael's

**Please Note:** When there is inclement weather (where Coopersville Public Schools or Kenowa Hills Public Schools are closed) The Parish Offices will be closed and all events scheduled for that day will be cancelled. Daily Mass will also be cancelled. The Mass intention for that day will be rescheduled at our earliest opportunity. Additionally, when a Funeral Mass has been scheduled, Daily Mass will be cancelled

## St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	Feb 19 / 8:30 AM	Feb 19 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Lauren Meerman Claire Taylor	NEED TWO
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Tom Debbie Venekase Joe Hitchings Mark Phillips Adam Taylor	NEED TWO
Lector	Melanie Mayse	Joe LeMieux
CLW	Marissa B. & Cindy L.	NO CLW
Sacristan	Jane Vitunskas	Sue DeVos
Ushers	Mary Bueche Calvin Lindberg Ed Irwin Jim Ponschair	NEED TWO
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

## St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	February 18 4:30PM	February 19 10:30 AM
Sacristan	Need One	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Need two	Hannah Davis Calvin Davis
Host	Rob Rander Lori Rander Lauren Petrauskas	Deacon Tom Geary Farrell Christina Withers
Cup	Breton Petrauskas Julie Lothschutz	Margie Jirous Jim Fritz
Hospitality Ministers	Matt Karr Scott Lampe Jeff Schneider Katie Greenland	Jim Looks Marian Looks Leonard Horter Need One
Lector	Vito Dolci	Jessica Pabst
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko

## Prayer for our Volunteers & Ministers

**Thank you for serving. We appreciate you.**

God of Glory, your beloved Son has shown us that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts. Bless our brothers and sisters, who have responded to the needs of our parish and wish to commit themselves to your service. Grant that their ministry may be fruitful and our worship pleasing in your sight. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

*If you would like more information on becoming a Liturgical Minister, please contact the parish office. We always have a need for Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans, Hospitality and Musicians.*





## St. Michael's Parish News



**Scrip News—** Scrip totals will be updated next week.

## St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Preschool for your child or grandchild? If not, you should! Come see what a great experience St. Michael's Preschool can provide. Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—11:45 am (Mon. 8:45am-2:30pm for 4-year-olds). For more info, call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026.

**Festival Planning Meeting —** There will be an informational/planning meeting for 2023's Annual Festival, on Sunday, February 26, after 8:30 AM Mass, in the church. If you are interested in chairing an event this year, or adding input to the planning process, we would love to see you there! Please save the date for this year's festival: Sunday, August 27!



## Knights of Columbus News

The Knights of Columbus welcome and value Catholic men seeking community and ways to put their faith into action. If you would like to join the Knights of Columbus, it is a very simple application process. You can go online to [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus) and fill out the information requested, putting in our Council #9909 where asked. We will have Knights available in the back of church after both Masses on Sunday, February 12th, to assist you. Come and see us for more information!

## St. Michael's Faith Formation

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** this program is offered during Sunday morning Masses. Children 3-9 years old are welcome to join us each week as we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint. We include the Gospel Acclamation so children understand the importance of preparing our mind and heart for the Gospel reading. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that before we come to the altar, we have to make peace with the other person who is angry with us. Being at peace with others helps us feel God's wholeness.

**Elementary Faith Formation:** This program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:15- 7:30 pm. **There is no class on Wednesday, February 22, due to Ash Wednesday. There will be Mass at St. Michael's at 9 a.m. and St. Mary's at 7 p.m. I hope to see you at Mass.**

**Middle School Faith Formation:** Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 8:30am Mass, from 9:45 to 11:15 in the Youth Room. The 8th Grade students will also receive Confirmation Preparation during that time.

## St. Michael's Parish Family

**Remembers in Their Prayers:** Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Marvin Hecksel, Carmen Dietrich, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Ken Heflin, Winnie Spencer, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.



## St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Paula Raczkiewicz-Kelly  
by Pam Raczkiewicz

## Parish Prayer Line—

If you would like to request a prayer for our parish prayer line please contact Chris Albrecht at 616-403-7110. We are also looking for more parishioners to help with our prayer line phone chain. If you are willing to help call others with prayer requests that come into our prayer line, please contact Chris at the number listed above.



## Eucharistic

**Adoration—** Adoration takes place every week, after the daily Mass, on Wednesdays. If you are interested and able, please contact the parish office to volunteer for a regular time. You may also come freely from 9:30 am—2 pm. Our most needed times are currently between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Thank you!

**Schedule Change —** The Parish Office will be closed this Tues., Feb. 14. It will re-open on Wed. morning, Feb. 15, at 9 AM. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



What is it? The PaperGator® is a fundraiser where St. Michael's is paid to collect paper products for recycling.

### What CAN go in the bins?

Newsprint  
Catalogs/Magazines  
Junk Mail  
Phone Books  
Office/School paper  
Hard and soft cover books

### What CANNOT go in the bins?

Paperboard  
(Grocery Item boxes)  
Plastic  
Metal  
Trash  
Glass  
Cardboard

## Giving Back to God

February 5, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$4,522.00
Loose Cash	\$271.00
Children's Envelopes	\$25.25
Online Giving	\$985.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,803.25</b>
Building Fund	\$185.00
Financial Assistance	\$10.00

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**February 12, 2023 ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Cluster News and Community News and Events

### Hearken unto the Mystery:

#### A Eucharistic Hymn Festival

**February 20 7-8:15 p.m. / Cathedral of St. Andrew**

Whether seeking new answers or contemplating what we already believe, the way of beauty can lead each of us to deeper faith. All are invited to the Cathedral to contemplate the mystery of the Eucharist through the Church's treasury of sacred music. By joining our voices in hymnody, meditating on the word of God, and experiencing the richness of our choral tradition, we will renew our commitment to offer ourselves with Christ in all we do. More details on the diocesan website, [GRdiocese.org](https://www.grdiocese.org) or diocesan Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids>

### 40 Days for Life ~ March 2, 2023

#### Would you be willing to pray for one hour?

40 Days for Life is a unique pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil in front of abortion clinics. This will be the 27th campaign in Grand Rapids, and it will take place in front of Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street. This is the only free-standing surgical abortion facility still operating in our community. Dozens of area churches have adopted a day of prayer. **Our parish family has chosen Thursday, March 2, 2023~** Would you be willing to pray for one hour to fill in the time slots to pray to end abortion and close the Heritage abortion clinic in Grand Rapids? Contact Lisa Potts 616-723-3213 or [potts.lisa99@gmail.com](mailto:potts.lisa99@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information. We will need 2 prayer volunteers from 7 am till 7 pm throughout the day. This is a powerful and proven effective way to close abortion centers and show the Mother's that we are praying and thinking about them and their babies. Please consider a hour of your time~ If you are unable to attend that day you may go to the clinic and pray any time! Thank you for your commitment to LIFE! God bless! [www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids](http://www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids)

**Please Note: Fr Mike will be leading the Rosary at 11 AM for our prayer group on March 2.**



### Knights of Columbus News

#### St. Mary's Knights of Columbus #11581

The St Mary's Knights meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more info please contact Grand Knight Rob Rander: [roblander82@gmail.com](mailto:roblander82@gmail.com) or visit: <https://www.saintmarysmarne.org/knights-of-columbus>

**Next Breakfast & Blood Drive:  
February 12 & October 8**



#### St. Michael's Knights of Columbus #9909

The St. Michael's Knights meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit <https://saintmichaels.us/knights-of-columbus-9909>

### Fr. Mike's Musings

In the minds and hearts of the Hebrew people, God's greatest gift to them is the Mosaic Law. The love and respect for this set of laws are unmatched anywhere in human history. To observe the law is to find the meaning of life, happiness, and true divine blessing.

The substance of the law is God's revealed teaching for of humanity. The original law is embodied within the Torah—the last five books of the Hebrew Bible, the Pentateuch. Within the Torah is God's expressed will for His people. Through the centuries other commentaries and addendums to the law came into being and were applied to all facets of life in the Hebrew world.

Jesus comes along announcing, "I have come not to abolish the law but to fulfill it." (Matthew 5:17) This statements added a whole new set of directives to the already heft 970+ statutes of the Mosaic Law. While remaining respectful of the legal traditions of His people, Jesus invites His followers to go beyond the law. Jesus desires His listeners to observe and to be guided more by the spirit of the law rather than by its literal text. Evidence that God does not force His will on anyone.

God holds free will for everyone in high regard. But in choosing to obey the laws of one's faith and conscience will lead to a life of peace, harmony, and blessings. Not choosing to do this brings about restlessness and an unsurety of what to expect, if anything, in the life beyond this world.

The lesson we should take from our Gospel this week is to take note of the continuity between two legal models—the Law of Moses and the Law of Jesus Christ. This continuity instructs us that our living faith is not simply encompasses by the Ten Commandment, the Decalogue, but by our will to live beyond them in the model of Christ. Jesus desires us to examines our internal motives in all of decisions and actions and to ask God's guidance and grace when faced with indecisions or doubt. We are not only to avoid sin, but to structure out lives along the law and the message and example of Christ in the positive pursuit of good.

This is at the core of adhering to Christ and His fulfillment of the law. We continue a line of faith wrought by our Hebrew ancestors at the foot of Mt. Sinai, continued and expanded upon through the ministry of Jesus, and still calls us to obedience to the will of the One whose love for His people transcends all of human and cosmic existence. With this on our minds and in our hearts who could not feel the least bit privileged to know that we are the heirs of His eternal love and of the promise of eternal life.



## High School Youth Ministry

### High School Youth Ministry

Are you interested in participating in a Mission Trip or Youth Conference such as Steubenville this Summer? On Sunday, Feb. 19, we will offer a session about all the summer event options for 8th-12th grade Youth. We will meet 6-7:30 p.m. Please contact Rebecca for the location.

### Spiritual Stock Fundraiser:

Thank you to all who have already made a donation! We really appreciate your donation and we are even closer to our goal this week!

We are still in need of more donations and hope you will consider supporting Youth Ministry by investing in our Youth. Spiritual Stock envelopes are in the back of Church. You may donate with check or cash. Please make check out to St. Michael Youth Ministry. If you have questions or would like any help making your donation please feel free to contact Rebecca Chicklon. Your support is much appreciated!



### Questions or comments

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at 616-677-5065 or [dre@saintmarysmarne.org](mailto:dre@saintmarysmarne.org)



**February 12, 2023 ~ The 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

## Religious Education

### This Sunday's Gospel Reflection:

"Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?" We've all seen court scenes where a bailiff asks a witness to place one hand on the Bible and the other hand in the air and take an oath of honesty. In some ways, it's a lot like Jesus' instructions for us in this week's Gospel. Imagine that you and your friends are goofing around. You dare your friend to take a basketball out of your neighbor's yard. Your friend takes your dare, steals the item, and you both play with it at your friend's house. You hide it in your friend's garage. The next day, your parents get a call from the neighbor saying their basketball is missing, and they saw you leaving their yard with a friend. They think you took it. When your parents ask you if you stole it, you say no you didn't. Technically, that is the truth. You didn't steal it; your friend did. In your head, you know that you are answering the question completely. However, in your heart you know that you are part of the theft, and by not saying any more, you are also part of a lie. That is what Jesus is talking about in this week's Gospel. The Ten Commandments instruct us not to kill. Jesus says that is not the complete message. Not only don't kill, but don't be violent. Not only don't be violent, but don't even think violent thoughts against one another.

The same is true of other commandments.

It is not enough to follow through by not stealing. We are not to be jealous of what others have. We are not to think about taking something that is not ours. We are to live honestly with both our heads and our hearts. Jesus asks us to live "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

Questions of the week: Why do we need laws and rules? Why do laws sometimes change? Why does Jesus add to the Ten Commandments? What is a rule that you will try to follow this week?

### Children's Liturgy of the Word:

dismisses and meets during 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### Questions or comments

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org

### High School Youth Ministry

SEE CLUSTER PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS



## Lent & Easter Church Decorating Volunteers Needed

Would you like to help create a prayerful environment here in our church worship space? We need help with decorating during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. No experience required. You would be responsible for setting up and watering the flowers through out Lent, Holy Week and Easter. You would also help with Putting up Lent and Easter Banners as needed. All members of our faith community, high school age or older, are eligible to be a part of this ministry. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in helping.



## Winter Weather News

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## 2022 Church Contributions

2022 Contribution Statements are available in the Narthex. Please pick up after Mass or during parish open office hours. If you would like yours mailed or emailed, please call the parish office. Thank You. **Please Note: In an effort to save money on postage we will only mail statements if requested.**

## Save the Dates

<b>Feb 12</b>	Knights of Columbus #11581 Community Breakfast and Blood Drive 8AM St Mary
<b>Feb 22</b>	Ash Wednesday 9AM Mass St Michael / 7PM Mass St Mary
<b>Feb 24</b>	Stations of the Cross 7PM St Mary / 7PM St Michael
<b>March 2</b>	40 Days for Life- Cluster Day of Prayer 7AM-7PM Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street
<b>March 3, 10, 17, 24</b>	Stations of the Cross 7PM St Mary / 7PM St Michael
<b>March 23</b>	The Light is On for You, An Evening of Penance (Diocese Wide) 5:00PM to 8:00PM St Mary
<b>March 25</b>	Soup Supper 5:30PM St Mary Parish Hall. (Join us for 4:30PM Mass prior)
<b>March 31</b>	OUTSIDE Stations of the Cross at The St Mary Meditation Path Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Councils #11581 & 9909)

## Giving Back to God

	<b>Feb 4/5</b>
Regular Contributions	\$5900.00
Capital Improvement	\$259.00
Online Contributions	\$1668.00
Children's Contributions	\$20.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7847.95</b>

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**

## St. Mary's Sponsor of the Week

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## St Mary Parish Prayer Line

If you would like to request a prayer for our parish prayer line please contact the parish office or Linda at 677.3269. For evening requests call Darlene 453.0157 or email: bfa1414@yahoo.com Please continue to pray for all of our sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and all of the personal intentions that St Mary's Parish parishioners hold close to their hearts.



**Welcome to the Cluster Parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael**



# Dear Padre,

*My wife and I are in our mid-fifties; we have a comfortable life, go to church regularly, pray, and generally consider ourselves good Christians. So what's wrong? We feel empty, hollow, and strangely unfulfilled. What can we do?*

Barring any other unnamed problem, you and your wife seem to be at a spiritual crossroads. You've come to the disturbing but provocative realization that St. Augustine voiced, saying, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord." Feelings of emptiness are a gift, a message that God is calling you to something more. It's time for careful discernment.

At stake here is: What is life really about? Up to this point, like many people, it sounds like you have enjoyed a comfortable and productive life filled with many of the good things the world has to offer. But when these prove unable to give lasting happiness, you are finding that true meaning must be sought elsewhere: in a more profound relationship with God. It is no longer a matter of knowing about God but of connecting with God in a close, personal, intimate relationship.

Lent begins in less than two weeks. Perhaps you and your wife can decide how to spend this Lent seeking a deeper relationship with God and God's people. You could join a prayer group or work at a soup kitchen. You could learn about meditation practices or help your parish in projects for the poor. You could spend one hour a week before the Blessed Sacrament. Whatever you decide, welcome this new stage in life to which God is calling you. ●

**The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org**



LIGHTFIELD STUDIOS / SHUTTERSTOCK

## MONDAY

February 13  
Weekday  
Gn 4:1-15, 25  
Mk 8:11-13

## TUESDAY

February 14  
St. Cyril, Monk and  
St. Methodius,  
Bishop  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
Mk 8:14-21

## WEDNESDAY

February 15  
Weekday  
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22  
Mk 8:22-26

## THURSDAY

February 16  
Weekday  
Gn 9:1-13  
Mk 8:27-33

## FRIDAY

February 17  
Weekday  
Gn 11:1-9  
Mk 8:34-9:1

## SATURDAY

February 18  
Weekday  
Heb 11:1-7  
Mk 9:2-13

## SUNDAY

February 19  
Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Cor 3:16-23  
Mt 5:38-48



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Time dedicated to being with God revives faith, which helps us in the practicalities of living, and faith, in turn, nurtures prayer, without interruption. In this circularity between faith, life, and prayer, one keeps alight that flame of Christian love that God expects of us.**

**GENERAL AUDIENCE, SAN DAMASO COURTYARD,  
JUNE 9, 2021**

### Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).