



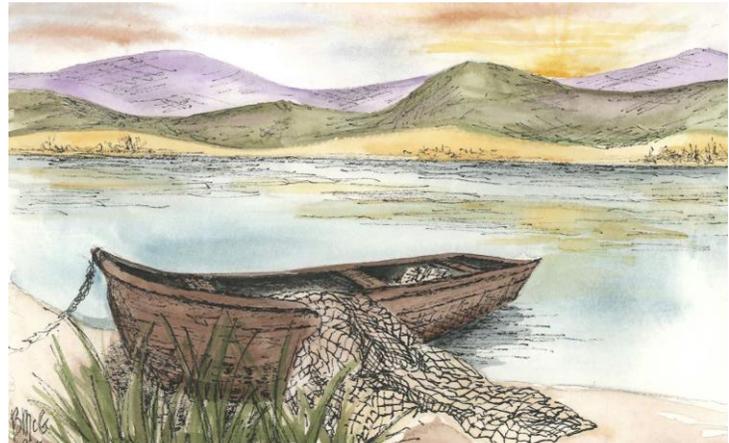
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February 6, 2022

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVING OUR FAITH

When we are honest with ourselves, we can admit that we tend to operate out of two mindsets, where our daily decisions are influenced by either what we have or what we don't have. Simply stated, do we act out of a mindset of scarcity or abundance? While we may rightly operate between the two, the Gospel reminds us that Jesus provides us with more than enough, more than, at times, we can even imagine. We have the opportunity each day to choose to see what God has given us, rather than lamenting what we do not have.

The question is how we respond to God's generosity? In today's reading both Isaiah and Peter respond in fear and trepidation when they see God's marvelous works. Isaiah shouts, "*Woe is me, I am doomed!*" and Peter says, "*Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.*" After some time, their attitudes shift. Isaiah and Peter change from hesitancy to doing the work of God because of their shortcomings to acknowledging the power of God and their willingness to participate in it. Isaiah says, "*Here I am, send me.*" And St. Luke tells us that Peter "*left everything and followed him.*"

Jesus tells Peter and each of us, "*Do not be afraid.*" While fear is a natural and necessary part of life, with prayer and support of one another, we can become who we are called to be: people of awe, people of gratitude, people of abundance.

Questions for the week: *What are the "deep waters" of your career that you've grown to expect? If an angel handed you an ember and told you to purge one sinful tendency from your life, what would you choose?*

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOL

From now until further notice, by Archdiocesan and State mandate, everyone must wear a mask while at services inside the Church.

This applies regardless of vaccination status.

Thank you for your cooperation as we live through this together.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

At the request of the Archdiocese of NY, we have extended our suspension of in-person classes for the next few weeks.

In-person classes are scheduled to resume on Sunday, February 27th at 8:30AM.

Until we open for in-person instruction on February 27th, we have decided on the following:

- Students in levels 4-8 are asked to participate in virtual instruction. Their respective catechists will be contacting them with information on how to join the virtual class, as well as the date and time of the session.
- Students in levels PreK-3 will be receiving assignments/activities to be completed at home.

Also, just a reminder – if you know someone who hasn't yet registered their child for Religious Education, but would like to, we are accepting registrations for the remainder of this year.

Questions? Concerns?

Please contact Christy at the Parish office.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Hymns for this Weekend (10:00 am Mass)

- # 271 Holy, Holy, Holy
- # 254 Lord, When You Came to the Seashore
- # 258 Here I Am, Lord
- # 260 Make Us True Servants

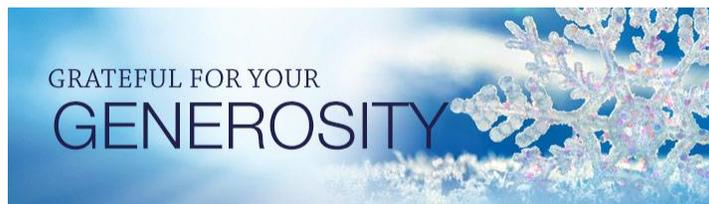


Readings for this Weekend (February 6th)

- Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Luke 5:1-11

Readings for next Weekend (February 13th)

- Jeremiah 17:5-8
- 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
- Luke 6:17, 20-26



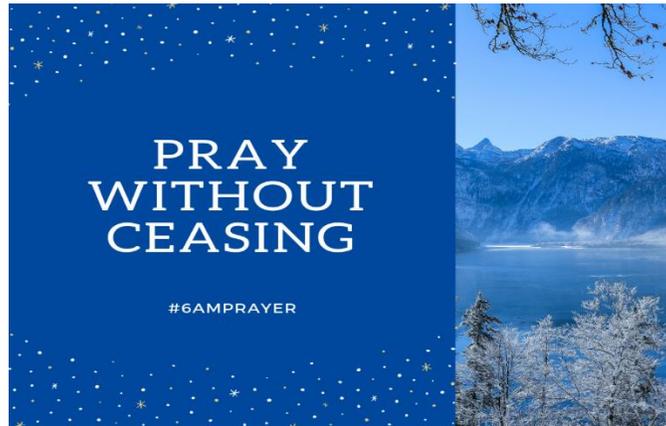
Weekly Offering for January 30th:

\$ 1,588.00

We Share Online Giving:

\$ 93.24

Total: \$ 1,681.24



We join our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his prayer intentions for February 2022:

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list for the sick, please contact the Parish office. We kindly ask that you do not request a name to be included without the express consent of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. While the request may be very well-intentioned, we want to respect people's right to privacy.

We ask for prayer for Charles Thomas and his ministry, Betty and Robert Friedland, Kathryn Jones and her family, Brian and Maria Cosgrove, Richard Rakin, Andrew Mikulski

PRAYERS FOR THE DEARLY DEPARTED

We lovingly remember in prayer all our deceased family members, friends, and parishioners and in particular:

Bobby Smith, Anthony Lanza, Juliana Frangipane, Robert Dubas, Nestor Mir, Jarred Doughty, Donald Hendrickson, Adalberto Santiago, Carl Belfiore, Darlene Henry, Elenore Whitney Pirrota, Steve Nicoli, Nubia Quintero-Edwards, Stanley Jacobs, William Cardone, Vincenza Siciliano, Louisa Butler, Judith King, Bernard Jones, Robert DeStefano, Jr., Raymond Collins, Lorraine Rakin, Wilson DeMyer, Peter Cosentino, Nadine Gallagher, Tim Rogers, Joan Davis, Debbie Huggler, Amara Campbell, Barbara Taylor

May those who have passed on rest in God's eternal presence and may the family and friends who mourn them find God's peace, comfort, and consolation.

WORLD MARRIAGE WEEK

The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 13) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Our theme for 2022 is "Called to the Joy of Love."

Looking for more resources to strengthen your marriage or advice for dating and engaged couples?

Visit www.foryourmarriage.org for some wonderful resources and ideas on how you and your spouse can nurture your marriage!



A Prayer for Married Couples

Father of life and love,
You created us in your image –
woman and man.

We rejoice and thank you
for the gift of each other.

Sustain us in our love
and lead us to a deeper understanding
of your love.

Jesus, we come before you,
seeking your guidance and direction
in our relationship.

In marriage you call and challenge us
to a permanent, exclusive and
sacred friendship.

Be our strength and support, therefore,
as we continue this journey together.

Holy Spirit, help us to strive
towards a lasting, honest commitment
united in love.

Give us your strength to carry each other
in times of darkness,

your joy in times of happiness,
and your gift of awe in the uniqueness
and sacredness of each other.

May our love be a reflection and
a sign of your love in the world.

Amen.

Blessed Feasts!

St. Paul Miki

Feast Day: February 6th

Patron Saint of: Japan

After Christ's example,
I forgive my persecutors.
I do not hate them.

I ask God to have pity
on all, and I hope my
blood will fall on my
fellow men as a
fruitful rain.

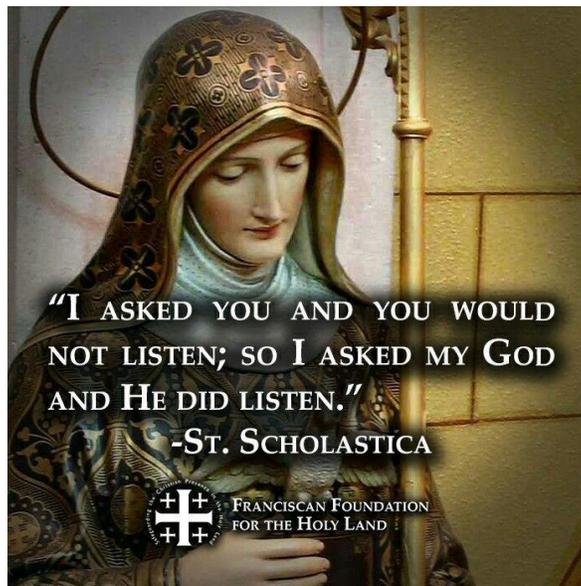
–St. Paul Miki



St. Scholastica

Feast Day: February 10th

Patron Saint of: nuns, education, convulsive children, and is invoked against storms and rain



Our Lady of Lourdes

Feast Day: February 11th

Protection from diseases, bodily ills, sick people



On February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a young girl in Lourdes, France. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: “O Mary conceived without sin.”

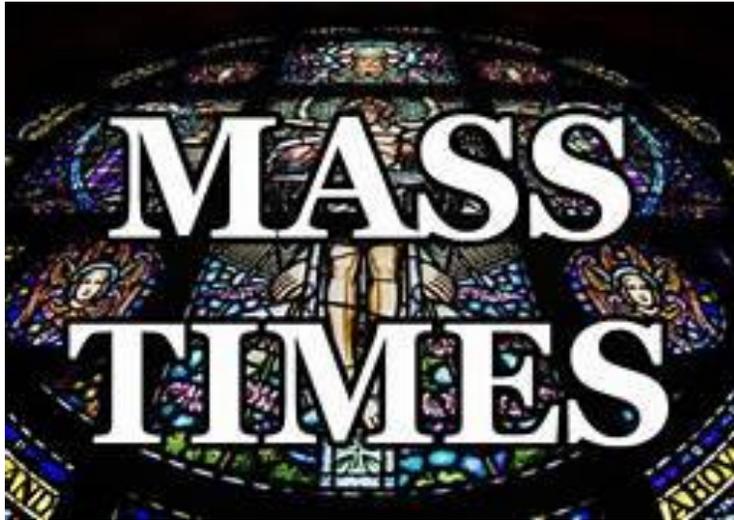
During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was “something white in the shape of a girl.” It was “a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm.” Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (*tu*), but the polite form (*vous*). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus’ healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film, *The Song of Bernadette*:

“For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible.”



OUR REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evenings at 7 PM:

Mass in Spanish

Sunday mornings at 10 AM:

*Mass in English ***

Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM:

Mass in English

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:30 AM

Mass in English

*****We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live
(Communion will be available after Mass for those who wish to come to the Church to
receive the Eucharist.)***

