

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024



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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing
with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

MONTH OF JANUARY WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES

Ordinary Income	28,688.00
Extraordinary Income	985.86
Expenses	<u>23,829.41</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,844.45</u>

thank you

WEEKLY EVENTS

GASPP—Monday 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Antonians—Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Bake Sale—Saturday & Sunday after ALL masses

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar were donated in memory of

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PRAY FOR THE SICK



Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, I&J Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Wilma Walley, Camila Dest, Jewel Bailey, Susan Mercier, Marlene Ragusa

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 5

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

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, February 6

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

8:00 a.m. Audrey Bonnett

Wednesday, February 7

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

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, February 8

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

8:00 a.m. Yvette & Al Bowman

Friday, February 9

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

8:00 a.m. Wallace Bailey, Sr.†

Saturday, February 10

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

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Cpt. Pete Vogt†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Sarah Stokes, Eleanor Strickland, Fr. Joseph Hartman, OSA†, Lawrence Otilio†, Robert Jenevein†

Sunday, February 11

(Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45)

7:00 a.m. Dorothy & James Meyers†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Drauzin J. Bourgeois†, Cheryl Cook, Marie Smith†, Greg & Madonna McDonald, Bonnie Aguilar†, Arethris Shirima†, Lyn Oberkirch†, Roseann Zollo†, James Snead†, Bonnie Milczarek, Susan Mercier

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 350

Year to Date: 1237



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Jesus was starting to become very popular, at least with the ordinary people. They had seen how he had cured the sick and cast out demons. The gospel has one unusual sentence about those demons: Jesus did not let them speak "because they knew who he was." (Mk 1:34) Apparently, the demons would have identified him as the Son of God. Jesus knew the people would not understand this and try to proclaim him as their king. Jesus had no intention of living as a worldly king, in comfort and riches. In fact, he came to free people from needing wealth and power.

Popularity and wealth do not interest St. Paul, either. When he preaches the gospel, the good news of Christ's resurrection (and ours), he needs no other recompense. (1 Cor 9:18) All he wants is to share eternal life. He specifically refuses to be paid for his preaching, to show that he will be rewarded by Christ.

So what do you hope for; what is your goal in life? Do you only feel secure when you have saved enough money and invested it wisely? Do you need other people to make you happy? Or at least a few hundred Facebook friends? Or are you like Job in the first reading: having no hope of escaping a life of drudgery? He eventually found that only by trusting God can anyone be happy, even when things go wrong.

We can follow Paul's example of love for all people no matter who they are. Paul's love was not to make others like him. He genuinely wanted to bring the good news to them: by his love for them, Paul showed that God loves them even more. He knew the gospel requires a change of heart, so his love for others helped them to be more open to change. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with his love, so that we can help each other to hear the good news.

Tom Schmidt

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (c. 1869-1947) February 8

"Save Darfur!" That cry echoes around the world and in the heart of the Church, where a child of Darfur is one of our newest saints: Josephine (her baptismal name) Bakhita ("Lucky One," the slave-traders' nickname). Kidnapped at nine, sold in Sudan's slave-markets, flogged daily till covered with scars, Bakhita was finally bought by Italians and taken to Italy. There Bakhita discovered a "Master" who had himself been flogged to redeem her from slavery! "I am truly loved," she thought, "and awaited by this Love." Baptized, she often kissed the baptismal font, exclaiming, "Here I became a daughter of God!" For fifty years as a Daughter of Charity, Bakhita provided cheerful hospitality to all who knocked at the convent door. In her final illness, she relived slavery's horror: "Please, loosen these chains," she begged the nurse. "They are so heavy!" Her last words were: "Our Lady! Our Lady!" John Paul II canonized her in the Jubilee Year 2000, praising God for leading her "from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and the Bride of Christ."

—Peter Scagnelli



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

LENTEN MISSIONS

Deacon Reggie Seymour will speak at the Altar Society breakfast on February 17, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. Cost is only \$5.00 and deadline to register is February 9, 2024.

Archbishop Alfred Hughes will host a Lenten Mission on February 19-21 at 6:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

EVERYONE IS SEARCHING FOR YOU

Ten years ago, I gave birth to our oldest son who was stillborn, but it feels like yesterday. It happened unexpectedly, without warning. At the time I thought I would never recover. How could I, as a mother, or wife, or human being?

God often uses painful & difficult circumstances to get our attention. C.S. Lewis wrote, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone that rouses a deaf world." Our Lord had a passionate concern for the sick, the suffering, and the dying.

When others are sick we tend to ask why. It is through suffering that God's mercy and compassion are often the most paramount. In *Dying with Dignity*, St. John Paul II declares that "In our own time, Christ continues his mission, and his preference for the vulnerable, through his Church." He described the Church as "a patient advocate, working to ensure proper care for the sick and dying by promoting respect for their dignity. The Church is physician and nurse, the Good Samaritan who treats the wounded and abandoned and never walks by."

Today, my husband and I have children here on earth who live on to further our faith in Christ both in happy and difficult times. They are a sign of renewal. I have learned the hard way that we are not owed anything in life, whether it be a loving spouse, child, home, or health. These are all gifts from the Almighty, which He can give and take as only He understands.

The Gospel passage of Simon's mother-in-law teaches a similar lesson about faith. Through Christ's intervention for the sick, others come to search for Him and pursue Him. How blessed we are to serve as witnesses to Christ's love for the world through His glorious healing power!

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh



PASTOR'S CORNER

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Since February is the month of the Holy Family it will be good to look at how important they are to us. The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph is a model for all families to follow, while we are not perfect like Jesus or sinless like Mary was, we can use them as a model for us to follow.

Joseph was a hard worker, and it is most likely that he worked with both wood and stone, since there is far more stone in Jerusalem than there is wood. Mary worked hard as well taking care of Jesus and the house and making cloth and embroidery. Hard work (labor) since the fall of Adam and Eve has been a way of sanctifying ourselves. It was St Paul who said, "If anyone will not work, let him not eat," in response to a few of the Thessalonians who were not working because they thought Jesus was coming back in their lifetime. (2 Thessalonians 3:10) It is the Benedictine tradition of "Ora et Labora" which translated from Latin means prayer and work. Because they see how important it is to have a life of balance between work, prayer and leisure. I am sure that the Holy Family had the proper balance in their life as well. So that is one important lesson that we can learn from the Holy Family.

Another thing we can learn is how a family is supposed to work together. God has set it up in such a way that the husband has a job to get his wife to heaven and the wife has a job as well to get her husband to heaven, but this can only work if they both have Jesus at the center of their lives. Now it is the job of both husband and wife to work together to get their children into heaven.

So here are a few good questions about the Holy Family.

Why do we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family?

This feast day honors Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph as the holiest of families, and therefore a model for all Christian families. They were holy because they placed God at the center of their family life, they loved and sacrificed for one another, and they radiated that love to others in the redemptive mission of the Word Incarnate.

Pope St. John Paul II said, "The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth, thereby sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society" (Angelus message, 30 December 2001).

Where do we find accounts of the Holy Family in Scripture?

The history of the Holy Family is found in only two accounts. They are called the Infancy Narratives—the first two chapters of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Writing to a Jewish audience, St. Matthew provides the Abrahamic and Davidic descent of Jesus, followed by an account of His Birth. In chapter 2, he tells of the visit of the Magi, King Herod's pursuit of the Child and the flight into Egypt. He concludes his narrative with the return from Egypt to Nazareth, remaining silent on Jesus' life in Nazareth. Jesus next appears as 30 years of age at His baptism by St. John (Mt. 3).

St. Luke provides the most detail of Jesus' early life. His precision reflects his profession as a physician (Col. 4:14), his desire for an accurate account (Lk. 1:1-4), and details which could only have been obtained from the Blessed Virgin.

Luke begins with the conception of St. John and the Annunciation of the Lord. He continues with Mary's visit to Elizabeth and the birth of the Baptist. He then provides an account of the Nativity, the angel's announcement to the shepherds, Jesus' circumcision and presentation in the Temple, and Simeon's and Anna's recognition and prophecies. Luke concludes with the return to Nazareth, adding only one further detail, Jesus remaining in the Temple when He was 12 years old. These are all details which only Mary would have known.

So from these two questions we can conclude that while there is not a lot of information in the Gospels about the Holy Family and what they did, we know that they were a good Jewish family who would have obeyed the tenets and precepts of the Mosaic laws, as Jesus himself said the spirit of the law, and followed the promptings of God in their lives. That is to say they would have worked, prayed and had leisure times, therefore sanctifying their life in relation with God the Father in a balanced way. This is just like the religious communities did since they took their foundations from the scriptures and from God's prompting in their life.

FEBRUARY

— IS THE MONTH OF THE —

DEVOTION TO
THE HOLY FAMILY
DATES BACK TO
THE 17TH CENTURY

FEBRUARY BEGINS
WITH THE FEAST OF
THE PRESENTATION
WHERE THE
HOLY FAMILY
IS ALL TOGETHER

FEBRUARY IS BETWEEN
CHRISTMAS AND LENT
AND ALLOWS US TIME
TO MEDITATE ON THE
HIDDEN LIFE OF CHRIST
WITH HIS FAMILY.

"... THE HOLY FAMILY IS THE
ICON OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH,
CALLED TO PRAY TOGETHER."

— POPE BENEDICT XVI

"GOD CHOSE TO ENTER
HUMAN HISTORY
THROUGH A FAMILY."

— ST. JOHN PAUL II

"THE CHARITY WHICH BURNED IN THE HOUSEHOLD AT NAZARETH
SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION FOR EVERY FAMILY." — ST. JOHN XXIII

Holy Family



WAYS TO HONOR
THE HOLY FAMILY:

PRAY A DECADE OF
THE ROSARY WITH
YOUR FAMILY AT
DINNER

CONSECRATE YOUR
FAMILY TO THE
HOLY FAMILY

HAVE AN IMAGE OF
THE HOLY FAMILY
SOMEWHERE YOU
WILL SEE IT OFTEN

DO SOMETHING
KIND TO SERVE THE
NEEDS OF A FAMILY
MEMBER

PRAY A NOVENA TO
THE HOLY FAMILY FOR
YOUR FAMILY'S
INTENTIONS

MEDITATE ON
LUKE 2:41-52

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