



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 6, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Masses are currently being held  
in the St. Dominic Savio Center  
to the right of the school.**

### MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm

Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm

..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

### CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily  
and Sundays.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**CHAPEL** - Currently closed for repairs.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will  
take place every day from 9am till 9pm in  
the St. Dominic Savio Center, except during  
weekend Mass times.

## OUR CLERGY

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When we encounter or even ponder God's magnificence, power, and awesomeness, we easily begin to feel our own smallness and perceived insignificance. After all, who can compete with eternal greatness, seraphim, or the ability to catch great numbers of fish? We unfortunately think that God's presence somehow overrides us, reduces our importance, and only seeks to judge our inadequacies and doubts. Things begin to change a bit when we realize that what we may have seen as overwhelming and frightening is really only unconditional, unmerited love. Love has tremendous majesty and power. When we listen to this power and stop seeing it as threatening or dooming, our fear dissipates and Divine friendship takes root. Remaining close to what we once preferred at a distance, we can journey to places we never thought possible and do things we never thought we could do. Strengthened by Divine friendship and encouraged by its life-giving power, we can say "here I am, send me!" when God asks, "whom shall I send?" Sin and fear no longer are of concern to the one who remains close to God in a bond of trust. ©LPi

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 7

8:30 am Special Intention

### Tuesday, February 8 • St. Jerome Emiliani • St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30 am All Souls & Nguyen Family

### Wednesday, February 9

8:30 am Religious Vocations

### Thursday, February 10 • St. Scholastica

8:30 am Special Intention

### Friday, February 11 • Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 am Rosalind M. Hutson, Norman & Verna Millet, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet

### Saturday, February 12

4:00 pm All Babies Souls, Living & deceased members of the Carmen & Ronald Perilloux Family, Melancon & Fisher Families, Byron & Thelma Melancon, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Melvin & Nellie Powell, Living & deceased members of the Larousse & Brock Families

### Sunday, February 13 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • World Marriage Day

8:30 am All Souls, Dan Guidry, Florencio Lainez, Lester Savoie, Marilyn Torres, John Snyder, Sr.  
10:30 am Bridgette Oubre  
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners  
7:00 pm Deceased members of KC Council 9623



### VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

In Memory of Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet

### CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

Special Intentions

## Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans & FEMA information

Catholic Charities has a case manager located at St. Joan of Arc on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you or someone you know needs help finding resources or navigating insurance, please contact John at 504-615-7200 to set up an appointment or call Catholic Charities at 985-605-5847.



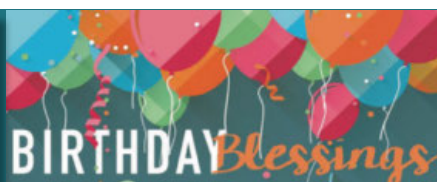
**Catholic Charities**  
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## Special Collection - February 13 Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

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## AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



**Father Cyril**  
**February 10<sup>th</sup>**

### Are You at Risk?

**Stroke Scan, Plus** will host a stroke and vascular ultrasound screening at The Fairfield Inn LaPlace **Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Day and evening appointments will be available to accommodate most working schedules

Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol? Do you have a family history of heart disease, stroke, or diabetes? If any of these are true, please do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possible serious disease.

These screenings are typically NOT performed at annual check-ups, nor will insurance providers pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Collectively, these screenings cost thousands. Stroke Scan will be offering them to you for **\$159 for all 7 combined**. Insurance is NOT necessary to receive this discount. However, pre-registration IS necessary, and appointments are limited.

**Please call 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today.**

### STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Saturday, February 8th, the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, is an **International Day of Prayer and Fasting to Stop Human Trafficking**,

On February 9th, the Archdiocese of New Orleans invites everyone to participate in a novena to pray for an end to human trafficking. Sign-up to receive the daily reminder at [nolacatholic.org/novena-to-end-human-trafficking](http://nolacatholic.org/novena-to-end-human-trafficking).

You can make a difference and bring awareness to this issue. Pray with us February 9-17 to stop human trafficking.



Is God calling you to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Liturgical Ministry Workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are now available for registration.

**Call the Parish Office to register.**

**Upcoming Dates and Locations**

**Sat. February 12 - Our Lady of Lourdes (Slidell)**

**Sat. March 19 - St. Ann (Metairie)**

**Sat. April 2 - Holy Spirit (Algiers)**

**Sat. May 7 - St. Louis King of France (Metairie)**

*Workshops for Readers are also available.*

### Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention



#### 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.



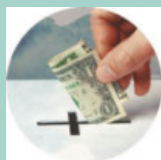
### Online Mass

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Monday, February 7

6:00pm Parish School of Religion  
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - St. Dominic Savio Center

#### Tuesday, February 8

#### Wednesday, February 9

#### Thursday, February 10 • Father Cyril's Birthday

#### Friday, February 11

#### Saturday, February 12 • Team 2

#### Sunday, February 13 • Team 2

7:00pm Youth Mass - St. Dominic Savio Center



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



#### Come Let Us Adore!

Adoration is being held in the St. Dominic Savio Center (the temporary Church) every day from 9:00am to 9:00pm, except when Mass is being celebrated on weekends. All Committed Adorers are asked to continue Adoration even if your scheduled hour is not between 9am and 9pm. Choose an hour and continue your commitment, please!

Keep in touch with us  
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



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### Kids Corner

#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus was powerful enough to control the fish in the sea! Peter caught no fish by himself one night. With Jesus' help, Peter caught more fish than his boat could carry. When Peter saw what Jesus did, he was afraid. How would you feel?



#### PRAYER

Dear God, your power is so amazing!

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

With your parents, try turning on a lamp while it isn't plugged in. It doesn't work, does it? That's how we need to be plugged in to God, to do his work. Without him, what we try will never work.

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### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

**WEDDINGS:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

**FUNERALS:** Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

### Fishers of Men



In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!

Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.

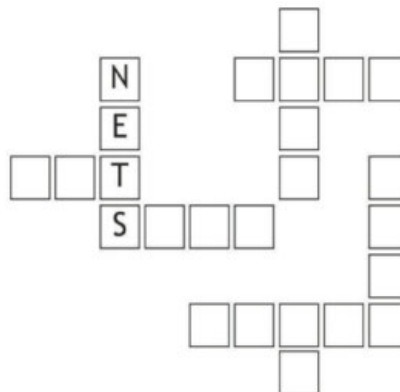


Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

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Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Let your nets down to catch some fish.



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## SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Josephine Bakhita  
Feast Day February 8

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and house-keeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. ©LPi

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

**Answer:** The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in The Didache, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction! ©LPi

## RESPONDING TO THE CALL

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**  
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

### The gift of the Mission

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## LIVING OUR FAITH

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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