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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 4, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE

### 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 open every day  
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving  
out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:39

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue,  
following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your  
life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where  
he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come.  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 5 • St. Agatha

8:30 am Special Intention

### Tuesday, February 6 • St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 am Ken Fisher

### Wednesday, February 7

8:30 am Msgr. Thomas P. Hussey

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

8:30 am Special Intention

### Friday, February 9

8:30 am Sundy Fitch

### Saturday, February 10 • St. Scholastica

4:00 pm Ellis & Marilyn Torres, Christopher Nguyen, Melancon & Fisher Families, Special Intention, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Steve Navarre, Tom & Teresa Bautsch, Living & deceased members of the Crayon & Lato Families, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, EJ & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Joseph Songy, Sr.

### Sunday, February 11 • 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • World Marriage Day • World Day of the Sick

8:30 am Eula McMurtry, Earl Booth, Elaine Stine, Doris Beadle, Betty Leon, Jack Taylor, Karen Angelo, Brock Waguespack, Rev. Joseph Cusack, Florencio Lainez, Special Intention, Souls in Purgatory, Special Intention

10:30 am Elysabeth "Nancy" Faslund

3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners

7:00 pm Rory & Jourdan Growl, Lynn Hymel, Jr., Dolly Omond



### VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

The Anders Family

### CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

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HEALS THE  
*brokenhearted.*

PSALM 147



## Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention For the terminally ill

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

## REFLECT - QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading

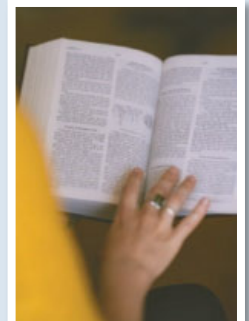
Job was overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and despair. How does your faith help you get through difficult times?

### Second Reading

Paul sees his "gospel" (the good news of Jesus Christ) as the center of his life. What do you think is the focus of your life?

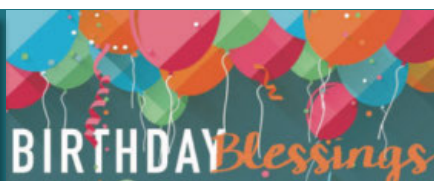
### Gospel

At the start of Jesus's public ministry in Galilee, we hear he was purpose-driven in performing many healings and exorcisms, as well as preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. What could you do this week as an intentional act of charity or kindness? ©LPi





## AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



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

### It's St. Joseph Cookie time!

The Altar Society will be baking St. Joseph Cookies on Mondays - Fridays, 9am - 1pm at Piovan Parish Hall. All volunteers are welcome. No experience necessary.

The Altar Society has been able to reduce costs by purchasing many ingredients wholesale. Cash donations to offset the cost of these ingredients are welcome and appreciated. Additionally, donations of Imperial or Blue Bonnet margarine are still needed.



## SAVE THE DATE

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm**

All are invited to attend a grace-filled evening, with internationally known Catholic evangelist,

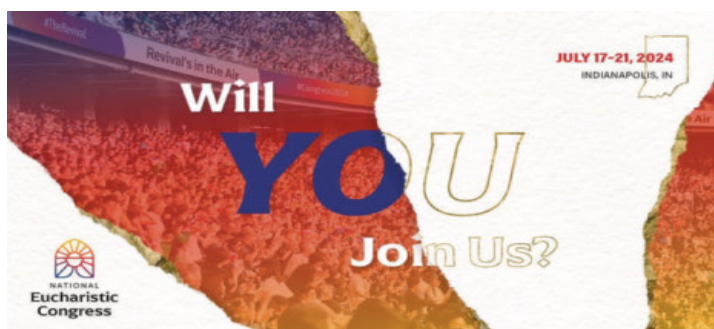
**Mr. Alan Ames**



Alan, who is from Australia and is known for his incredible gift of healing, has a close union with Jesus in the Passion and a mystical prayer life. He has shared his ministry globally for over 28 years in over 50 countries! Alan travels world-wide sharing his inspiring "Saul to Paul" story and powerful testimony of God's merciful love.

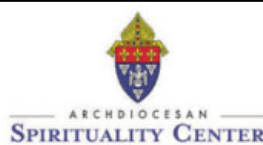
***You won't want to miss his conversion story and healing service.***

For more about Alan Ames, visit [alanames.org](http://alanames.org).



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Register online at  
[nolacatholic.org/asc](http://nolacatholic.org/asc)  
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### Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Lenten Retreat in Daily Life (All Virtual)

**Opening Session: Sunday, February 18, 2:00-4:00pm**

**Closing Session: Thursday, March 21, 7:00-8:30pm**

Would you like to begin your Lenten journey with an at home retreat? Perhaps you would like to deepen your relationship with God and experience praying with scripture. This retreat is for experienced prayers and those just beginning in prayer. If God is nudging you about beginning spiritual direction, the Lenten Retreat is a wonderful opportunity to experience what spiritual direction is. Spend time in personal prayer with Scripture for approximately 30 minutes each day; meet with a trained spiritual director weekly during the retreat (private session). **Please register by February 9th.**

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Monday, February 5

6:00pm Parish School of Religion - School  
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - Adoration Chapel

#### Tuesday, February 6

7:00pm RCIA - Parish Office

#### Wednesday, February 7

7:00pm KC Planning & Directors Meeting - KC Home  
7:00pm Baptismal Seminar - Parish Office

#### Thursday, February 8

8:30am School Mass - Church

#### Friday, February 9

9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Church  
9:30am Pre-K Mardi Gras Parade - School

#### Saturday, February 10 • Team 2

Fr. Cyril's Birthday

#### Sunday, February 11 • Team 2

7:00pm Youth Mass



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



**ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!**

**The Adoration Chapel is  
open every day from  
9:00am to 9:00pm.**

**“He remains among  
us until the end  
of the world.”**

**Go to your Adoration  
as one would to  
heaven, to the  
divine banquet.**

### Kids Corner

#### Prayer

God, help me to start every day with you in prayer.

#### Mission for the Week

When you get home, choose a special quiet place where you can talk to God every morning. Tell your family about your special place. They may want to join you in spending quiet time to pray.

#### Sharing the Gospel

Think about how you get ready for a busy day. You eat a healthy breakfast. You wash up and brush your teeth. Then you get dressed and comb your hair. There's one more thing you could do to start your day off right. Pray. Find a quiet spot where you can be alone to talk to God. That's what Jesus did.

**Now color  
the picture!**



Which piece of the puzzle is missing?



### 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.

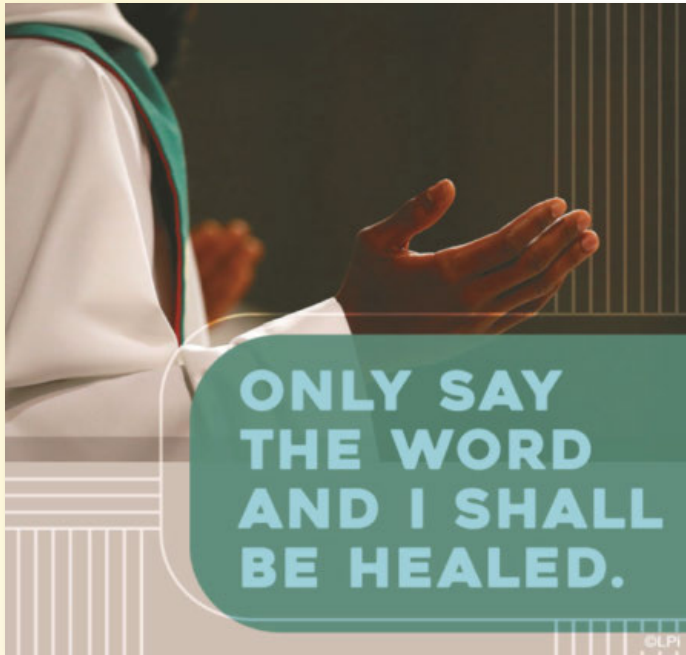
**WEDDINGS:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

**ANointing 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.





## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - *Father John Muir*

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. **"...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door."** The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place. ©LPi

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Purpose and Pride

If you want to make me really, really angry, you are sure of doing so if you tell me about an old woman who was sick, but felt a little better, and then her son-in-law and all his buddies showed up, so she cooked them a bunch of food and cleaned up after them.

We all project our own feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires onto the word of God. I certainly do. And most of my feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires spring from my current role as a tired mom of little kids.

I think there is a fear inside many of us of God's purpose for our lives. What if it's not aligned perfectly with what we think we need, or what we imagine we want? Most of the time, I think I need a nap, and I imagine that I want absolutely no one asking me for any kind of help. And here I am, perpetually napless and always being called on to render assistance.

The actions of Peter's mother-in-law were the only actions we would expect of a woman who had just received a miracle. She jumped up, and with bravery and boldness she served the Lord.

But couldn't she rest? Couldn't she serve him later? Couldn't she thank him with a smile and take a nap? Well, I suppose. But is that how you react to a miracle?

I have received my miracle — my family. My purpose. So why am I still lying down?

*"He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them." — Mark 1:31*

## LIVING OUR FAITH

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
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:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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