

## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH OF FRYDEK

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

10471 GROTTO RD. SEALY, TEXAS 77474 979-885-3131

The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 16, 2025

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Deacon Paul J. Franek  
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### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30 am

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday & Friday: 8:00 am

### OFFICE HOURS:

8 am - 12pm: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri  
1 pm - 5 pm: Tuesday

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday  
Following 8:00 am Mass until 9:30 am

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION:

**Baptism:** Please pickup guidelines & form in the Parish Office or on the website.

**Marriage:** Contact pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

**Confession:** During Thursday Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am until 9:30 am  
& Saturday before Mass or by Appointment

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

For more information, please contact the church office at 979-885-3131

*Religious Education* – Director, Sarah Blundell

*Directors of Confirmation* – Val & Emily Eschenburg

*Life Teen Directors* – Cori & Matthew Vahalik - [frydeklifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:frydeklifeteen@gmail.com)

*Frydek Knights of Columbus* – Grand Knight, Eusebio Contreres

*Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month/Website:* [kofcfrydek.com](http://kofcfrydek.com)

*St. Mary's Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus* – Shane Eschenburg

*St. Mary's Altar Society* – President, Sharon Krenek

*KJT* – President, Shane Eschenburg - *KJZT* – President, Mickey Ondruch

*CDA Court Our Lady of Faith #2607* – Regent, Doris Sodolak

*JCDA Court Our Lady of Faith #2607* – Leader, Angela Kovar

*Cemetery* – Andrew Sowa or Joe Mike Young



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	2/15	4:30 pm	Al & Georgia Gavranovic † James R. Reaux †
Sunday	2/16	7:30 am	St. Mary's Parishioners
Monday	2/17	No Mass	
Tuesday	2/18	No Mass	
Wednesday	2/19	No Mass	
Thursday	2/20	8:00 am	Manuel Resendez †
Friday	2/21	8:00 am	Janet Marie Dawson † Happy Birthday Father Thuy!!
Saturday	2/22	4:30 pm	Charles Holub † Alice Faldyn †
Sunday	2/23	7:30 am	St. Mary's Parishioners

**Eucharistic Adoration** every Thursday after Mass until 9:30 am  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** During Thursday Eucharistic Adoration (8:30am-9:30am), Saturday at 4:00pm before Mass or by appointment.

## Parish Support:

**Last Weekend's Collection: \$4,215.00**  
**Thank you for your generosity!!**

Mail weekly donation to:  
 St. Mary's Catholic Church  
 10471 Grotto Rd, Sealy, TX 77474

## Make weekly donation to the church online:

Go on the Archdiocese website - [archgh.org](http://archgh.org)

Click on "Ways to Give"

- top right of the screen

Click on Parish Offering Support"

- left side of the screen

Click on the dollar amount

you wish to donate.

drop down box.

Complete billing information.

Click on Donate.

## FORMED:

## The Catholic Faith on Demand

Visit **Formed.org** and click on "I belong to a parish" – use Guardian Angel Catholic Church (Zip code 77485)

## Church Cleaning Ministry/ Floral Decoration:

**February 21** – Jill Zaskoda, Amy Szymanski, Judy Witzkoski, & Cory Burton

**February 28** – Mary Gajewski, Kristi Walton, Marilyn Krenek & Andrea Hallmark

**March 7** – Lillie Stroud, Cynthia Saha, Terry Sodolak & Brenda Haitt

**Thank you very much for keeping the Lord's house clean! God Bless!**

**CDA Court Our Lady of Faith #2607** – Meeting Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> come at 6:30 pm to enjoy the pre meeting activities & meeting starts at 7:00 pm at Faith Formation Building. Dues of \$25.00 are being collected for this year. You may give them to any officer or mail them to Financial Secretary, Judith Washburn at 8523 Moravian Dr. Sealy, TX 77474.

**A Rosary Making Workshop** will be held on **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mary's Faith Formation Building in Frydek from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. All supplies are furnished. The rosaries are distributed to organizations and ministries (near and far) upon request. Hosted by The Bluebonnet Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. For more information, please call Gayle at 979-885-8378.

A TEACHING MASS (with Fr. Thuy) will be held at St. Mary's in Frydek on **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** and at Guardian Angel in Wallis is on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Faith Formation students and parents need to attend. Parishioners are encouraged and welcome to attend as well. If you have never been to a teaching mass, you will come away understanding more about our faith. **The Second Vatican Council called the sacrifice of the Mass "the source and summit of the Christian Life." It is a time of worship and praise of God, thanksgiving for blessings received, intercession for the needs of the Church, hearing the Word of God, and receiving Christ in Holy Communion.**

Tax Contributions Statement for 2024 are available on request by calling the parish at 979-885-3131 or emailing [stmary@twlt.net](mailto:stmary@twlt.net)



**6th Sunday of Ordinary Time** – We pray that we have the strength and courage to joyfully proclaim our faith, especially in uncomfortable situations. *“Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.”* – Luke 6:22 All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn’t want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

**Pre - Baptismal Class for Parents and Godparents of Infants**  
Classes begin at 4:00 pm in the Faith Formation Building on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

This approximately one- hour class is designed to help attendees develop a deeper understanding of the sacrament and an awareness of the responsibilities that come with it. Both parents and Godparents should attend pre-baptismal catechesis as required by our Archdiocese

2025

**February Faith Formation Schedule**

<b>PreK-5th</b> Sunday 2nd, 9th, 23rd 8:45-10:30am	<b>9th TOB</b> Wednesday 12th & 26th 6:00-7:30pm	<b>6th /7th/8th</b> Wednesday 5th, 12th & 19th 6:00-7:30pm
<b>Lifeteen</b> 9th-12th Wednesday 5th & 19th 6:00-7:30pm	<b>Confirmation</b> 10th-11th Sunday 2nd, 9th, 23rd 8:45-10:15am Saint Mary's - Frydek	<b>Adult Faith Formation</b> Sunday 2nd & 23rd 8:45-10:30am

**St. Mary's Parish Family Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, February 23rd**  
After 7:30am Mass in the Parish Hall/Kitchen




Thanks to our amazing KC's for all the planning and preparations.

Women's Bible study on Sunday's at 6:00 pm in the Faith Formation Building. Please bring your Bible.

**TURKEY & DRESSING DINNER**  
Wallis Columbus Club Hall  
Sunday, February 16, 2025

LOADS of turkey, dressing, yams, green beans, cranberry sauce  
Serving begins 10:00 AM -12:30 PM

**DRIVE THRU ONLY**  
\$15.00 a plate



Guardian Angel Catholic Church: Life Teen



**FUNDRAISER**

**CHICKEN SPAGHETTI MEAL PLATE**

\$12 PER PLATE. PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY  
BAKED GOODS & BEVERAGES \$1 EACH

February 23 2025	11AM - 1PM	5610 Demel St, Wallis
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Thank you for supporting our Life Teen students and their upcoming summer 2025 retreat

**SEALY CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS TURKEY & DRESSING DINNER**  
Sealy Columbus Club Hall  
Dine In Carry Out Drive-Thru

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.**

PLATES - \$15.00 BIG DRAWING – 1:00 P.M.

DESSERTS BY THE SLICE – FREE WILL OFFERING

CDA Cake/Homemade Goodies Silent/Live Auction

JCDA Silent Auction

HOMEMADE CHEESE ROLL PREORDERS: CHEESE ROLLS ARE \$20.00 EACH  
CONTACT MONA NORRIS @ 281-460-0875 (TEXT OR LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ANSWER)  
AVAILABLE FLAVORS:  
POPPYSEED, STRAWBERRY, STRAWBERRY CREAM CHEESE, CHERRY, CHERRY CREAM CHEESE, APRICOT, AND CREAM CHEESE

**The Pope's Monthly Intention February** -- For vocations to the priesthood and religious life - Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



## PARISHIONERS/FAMILIES IN NEED OF YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

Erik Aguirre	Stephanie Dickens	Ben Hosak	Rhonda D. Larkin	Dorothy Sklar
Faustino Alvarez	Angelina DiIorio	Janet Cerny Hunt	Ronald Joe Lewis, Sr.	Harvey Stuessel
Chloe Austin	Emma Dusek	Levi Janecek	Kendall Manna	Barbara Summers
Pierce Arnold	Edmund Faldyn	Jason Jeffery	Daniel Mazac	Michael Twardowski
Jose Armando Arriaga	Grace Funstor	Randy Jinks	Bob & Maria Mack	Richard Vanderwalker
Irene Blazek	Betty Gajewski	Paula Jones	Ethel Marek	Al & Irene Wachel
James Boone	Tillie Gallia	Brian Jureck	Mike Manos	Dorothy Watthuber
B. David Buchala	Luke Gaskins	Sherry Jureck	Ronald McCain	Judy Witzkoski
Dorothy Buchala	Ron Gavranovic	Larry Kana	Stephanie McElroy	Katie Woodby
Joan Buchala	Pearl Greener	Kathleen King	Eugene Mieth	Kelly Whitley
Lorraine Buchala	Jim Grigar	Dale Kocurek	Ernest Munoz Jr.	Joan Wilkens
Carly Carp	Joan Guidry	George Krenek	Manuela Munoz	Mary Ann Wood
David Cerny	Mike Hajovsky	Irene Krenek	Miguel Perea	Brian Wuthrich
Patricia Eschenburg Chavez	Jeremy Hamblen	Steward Kuehl	Peyton Perez	Diane Wuthrich
Paulette Clark	Tiffany Hayes	Vernell Kutra	Brooklyn Raper	Lawrence Zapalac
Kolt Cloninger	London Hill	Robert Lalonde	Dennie Robinson	Sandra Zapalac
Kaylynn Cloud	Gilbert Hoelscher	Amanda Lastovica	Lauren Salazar	Robert Zboril
		Lois Latham	Margaret Sanford	George Zboril
				Fawn Zimmermann

Pray that the Lord will be close to all those who share in the sufferings of Christ – the sick, the sorrowful, and those who are afflicted or burdened in any way. Please call the Parish Office, 979-885-3131, if you are in need of the Sacrament of Anointing.

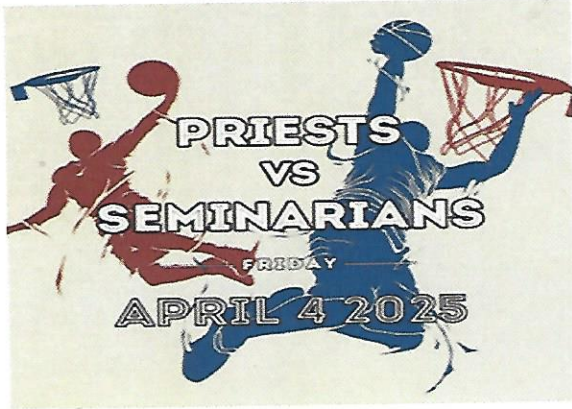
**Please pray for the following priests whose anniversaries of death are during this month:**

February 1, 1904 Rev. Vac Chlapik	February 14, 1916 Rev. D.F. Berberich
February 1, 1915 Rev. F.M. Huhn	February 14, 1951 Rev. Emil Landry
February 2, 1930 Rev. F. Nona	February 14, 1978 Msgr. Jerome J. Tydlacka
February 2, 1995 Rev. Abraham Sy Thuyen Ho, OP	February 14, 1979 Rev. E.C. Fowler
February 2, 2004 Msgr. Jack B. Jones	February 15, 2018 Rev. Aureliano Santa-Olaya
February 3, 1968 Rev. Joseph C. Morrell	February 16, 1951 Rev. Walter Fraher, MS
February 3, 1968 Rev. Thomas A. Ryan	February 17, 1879 Rev. Theodore Greyenbuhl
February 5, 1978 Rev. Joseph Coil	February 17, 2017 Rev. Bruce H. Noble
February 6, 1955 Rev. N.T. Domanski	February 18, 1933 Rev. Otto Niekamp
February 7, 1935 Msgr. John Nicholson	February 19, 1883 Rev. Joseph Mosiewicz
February 7, 1935 Rev. Christopher Preker	February 19, 1960 Msgr. George A. Wilhelm
February 8, 1995 Rev. A. Wayne Elkins	February 19, 1965 Rev. Henry V. Parmentier
February 9, 1996 Msgr. Cornelious P. Flynn	February 20, 1968 Rev. Florimond B. Vanholme, SSC
February 10, 1936 Rev. John Baptist O'Leary	February 20, 1984 Msgr. William D. Steele
February 10, 1991 Msgr. Frank D. Urbanosky	February 21, 1983 Rev. Leonard C. Quinian, CSB
February 10, 1997 Rev. John Prill	February 21, 2005 Rev. Robert A. Bordenkircher, OP
February 11, 1957 Rev. Fabian Stindle	February 22, 1879 Rev. Martin Weinzaepfen
February 11, 1957 Rev. Joseph Klobouk	February 22, 2001 Rev. Ed Baur, SVD
February 11, 1978 Rev. John Zimmer CSsR	February 24, 1974 Rev. Henry J. Saxon
February 12, 1906 Rev. J.J. Costello, CSB	February 24, 2011 Rev. David H. Noble
February 12, 1923 Rev. Pete J. Clancy	February 25, 1973 Rev. Vincent J. Guinan, CSB
February 13, 1988 Rev. Richard Johnson, CSsR	February 27, 1980 Rev. Alfred P. Caird, CSB
February 13, 2001 Rev. Charles Ferguson	February 28, 1913 Rev. Pierre C. Saint-Onge
February 13, 2011 Msgr. Joseph H. Crosthwait	

**Impostor priest email/texting scams** - Recently, there has been an increase in reports of fraudulent email solicitations for financial support, usually in the form of gift cards. These reports are coming from email accounts or text messages identifying as Archdiocesan priests. To minimize fraudulent impact, pastors are encouraged to remind their membership that priests/churches would never make such appeals to the parish community. Advise parishioners to notify the church office immediately if they receive any unfamiliar donation requests.



*"Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. ~ Luke 6:23ab*



### **Eighth Annual Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game**

Join us as the seminarians' Saints team faces off against the priests' Martyrs on April 4 at 7 p.m.

Location:

Rice University Tudor Fieldhouse, 6100 Main St.  
(near the Texas Medical Center). Tickets range from  
\$4 to \$95, with all proceeds going to the seminarians at  
St. Mary's Seminary.

Tickets are limited, and the event is expected to sell out.  
**Tickets go on sale on Saturday, February 8 at 2 p.m.**

[www.houstonvocations.com/events](http://www.houstonvocations.com/events)

### **The Bluebonnet Men's ACTS Retreat**

The Bluebonnet Men's ACTS Team would like to invite all men in the parish (over the age of 18) to this year's Men's ACTS Retreat from Thursday, March 27th through Sunday, March 30th, 2025.

What is an ACTS retreat? The ACTS Retreat begins Thursday evening at the Cat Springs Retreat Center and ends with Sunday Mass in Sealy. While utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal. Throughout the weekend, they are invited to prayerfully consider how they can respond to God's love by spiritually surrendering to Jesus in order to have new life with Him. This invitation is extended through:

Adoration: A response to God's love through prayer and worship

Community: Participating in the One Body of Christ as Church

Theology: Deepening our relationship with God in order to better fulfill His will

Service: Answering the call to discipleship by following the model He gave us

Past retreatants witness to becoming better fathers, husbands, children as well as better participants in their Christian faith. Come join us for a weekend of prayer, renewal and brotherhood! Please contact the Director Sam Wilson 832-671-3475, or Co-directors Eduardo Torres 832-964-3735 or Gary Dickens 832-517-4060 with any questions or concerns. The retreatant application is available online at [www.sealyicc.com](http://www.sealyicc.com).

The cost of the retreat is \$175 but no one will be turned down due to financial difficulties.



### **Knight of Columbus – Frydek –**

Blood Drive March 2, 2025 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm St. Mary's Catholic Church 10471 Grotto RD. Any questions call Val Eschenburg 979-877-9700

***"Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." ~Psalm 1:1***

### **Grotto Celebration - Worker List**

If you are a new Parishioner, need a reassignment of your work area or are no longer physically able to perform your duties, please email [stmarysgrotto@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysgrotto@gmail.com). If you are a manager and need to adjust your work force, contact Angela 832-683-7305 or Mike Kovar 832-287-6499. All changes or adjustments must be received no later than March 20<sup>th</sup>



## Magnify 2025

All young adults are invited to join us for Magnify at St. Mary's Seminary (9845 Memorial Dr., Houston) on Saturday, March 22 from noon to 8:15 p.m. Magnify, formerly known as the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day, will include a keynote speaker, small group discussions, workshops, Mass, and time for social activities. Our English Keynote is Sr. Albert Marie Surmanksi, OP, an Associate Professor of Theology at the University of St. Thomas in Houston and St. Mary's Seminary. Our Spanish Keynote is Mari Pablo, a national speaker through Ascension Press.

This year's theme is "Journey to the Father's Heart" (Luke 15: 20, 31). Early bird registration is \$45 (register by February 17) or regular cost is \$55 (register by March 17). At the door registration is \$65 (register by March 22). All details for the day are available online at: [www.archgh.org/magnify](http://www.archgh.org/magnify). This is a bilingual event with offerings available in English and Spanish.

## Charis Retreat for Young Adults

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to the upcoming Charis What Next? Retreat. The What Next? Retreat is designed for young adults who are interested in taking time out from their busy lives to prayerfully reflect on the transitions they have faced or are currently facing. This retreat allows young adults the opportunity to reflect on how their experiences of transition influence their faith, and how their faith can guide, comfort, and support their journey of transition. This is a 3-day, 2-night retreat based on Ignatian Spirituality and will be held on April 25-27, 2025, at the Circle Lake Retreat Center (19000 Circle Lake Dr., Pinehurst, TX). The cost is \$185 per person (includes food and lodging). Register online by Sunday, April 13. No refunds will be given for cancellations after the April 13th deadline. We have housing available for married couples, please select the option at registration. For more information and to register, visit: [www.archgh.org/charis](http://www.archgh.org/charis).

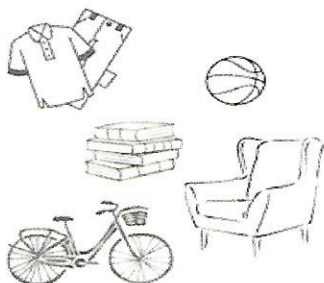
## RUMMAGE SALE

SAT, MARCH 22  
From 8 AM to 3 PM

St. Mary's  
Frydek, Tx

IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!  
Support St. Mary's LifeTeen by donating & shopping!

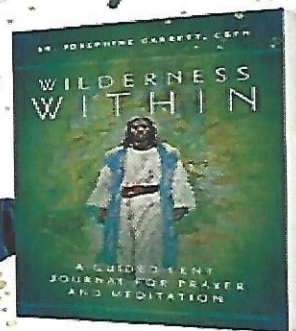
FURNITURE  
COLLECTIBLES  
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BICYCLES  
TOYS  
BOOKS  
& TREASURES



Donations can be dropped off at St. Mary's Pavilion  
on the Thursday or Friday before. (March 20,21)

## Women's Lenten Book Study

All ladies of the parish are invited to join a transformative journey using The Wilderness Within book/journal written by Sr. Josephine Garrett, CSFN, mental health counselor and host of the Hope Stories podcast.



Take the hand of the Lord and travel into the desert with Him to begin a journey of healing and peace using the Wilderness Within journal.

The Wilderness Within Lenten Book Study will begin Monday, March 10th at 6 pm in the Religious Education Bldg. To sign up and reserve your book, please text MJ Hermann at 832-236-8128 by March 1st.





## ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

### ST. MARY'S - FRYDEK

8:00 am Mass

6:30 pm Mass

Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent  
7:00 PM

### GUARDIAN ANGEL - WALLIS

10:00 am Mass

4:30 pm Mass

Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent  
7:00 PM

### GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN OBSERVANCE

*Entering more deeply into the Lenten season of penance and renewal*

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5th, 2025. Below are the guidelines of Lenten observance for the faithful in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *fast and abstinence*.

Fridays of Lent are days of *abstinence*.

As outlined on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website on Lenten fasting and abstinence, "fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the 'paschal fast' to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year.

Through our works of prayer, fasting, and abstinence, let us heed the prophet Joel's exhortation to return to God with our whole heart (2:12)."

Lent is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.





And raising his eyes  
toward his disciples  
he said: "Blessed are  
you who are poor, for  
the kingdom of God  
is yours."

LUKE 6:20

## It's All about the Roots

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**here we put down our spiritual roots matters. For some, the old adage "Bloom where you are planted" may offer wisdom; however, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we find ourselves planted in a lava bed or a salty and empty land, we won't do much blooming. We'll be no more than a shriveled, barren bush. So, where we plant our inner spiritual lives makes a difference.

This week's gospel may seem to sap all the joy out of life. Woe if you have money to spend, a banquet to feast on, fun and laughter to dress up your days. Woe to you, it seems to caution, because when you die, the opposite will be your lot. What's so wrong, we wonder, with having cash in our pockets, food on our tables, and a good time once in a while? Life can be downright dreary otherwise.

The answer, of course, is that there is nothing wrong with any of that—unless that's where we put down our roots. In other words, if that's what life is all about, sooner or later, we are likely to discover we have become a barren bush standing in lava waste. Jesus didn't come to suck the joy out of life but to give us a heads up on how to live a life that is full. He hoped we might avoid the lure that can become a wasteland. He hoped we might become "like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream" (Jeremiah 17:8). ●

### Reflect

***Where are your roots? Are you growing and thriving?***



# Dear Padre,

*I have always been an “every Sunday” Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn’t feel that special. I believe that it’s the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels “routine.” Sometimes I’m even distracted while receiving. Help?*

Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28–36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master.

Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don’t always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don’t feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other’s company.

Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don’t already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible. ●

*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus says [his people] are blessed because they are poor. In what sense? In the sense that Jesus’ disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life.*

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

### Monday

February 17

Weekday

Gn 4:1–15, 25

Mk 8:11–13

### Tuesday

February 18

Weekday

Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10

Mk 8:14–21

### Wednesday

February 19

Weekday

Gn 8:6–13, 20–22

Mk 8:22–26

### Thursday

February 20

Weekday

Gn 9:1–13

Mk 8:27–33

### Friday

February 21

Weekday

Gn 11:1–9

Mk 8:34–9:1

### Saturday

February 22

*The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

### Sunday

February 23

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 26:2, 7–9,

12–13, 22–23

1 Cor 15:45–49

Lk 6:27–38