

Eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

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A good tree does not
bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree
bear good fruit.
For every tree is known
by its own fruit.

Luke 6:43–44

February 27, 2022

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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From the Desk of Father Mac

This week, we begin the season of Lent, a time for renewing our Faith, Hope and Love. Lent, a 40 day period of preparation for Easter, reminds us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness before he took up his public ministry. During this time, he fasted and prayed. Lent is a time of self-denial and prayer for us as well. During this period, we are called to focus on becoming closer to Jesus by praying a little more, doing good deeds for others, going without something we like and giving generously to others in need. Ash Wednesday is a good time for us to think about what we can do to grow closer to Jesus during Lent.

The Lenten practices of *Fasting, prayer and almsgiving*, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*), and loving care and concern for the poor (*almsgiving*), make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

FASTING: *Fasting or self-denial* should lead us to simplicity of heart, helping us to rediscover God’s gift and find our fulfilment in Him. By willingly embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and build up the treasure of a love both received and shared. In this way, fasting helps us to love God and our neighbor. Fasting helps us to turn our love outwards, focusing our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves.

PRAYER: Through *prayer and recollection*, we receive the gift of hope as a source of inspiration and interior light. In these times of trouble, when things seem so uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation. To *experience Lent in hope* means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day.

ALMSGIVING: *Giving alms* doesn’t just mean giving money or goods. It means giving ourselves in love to others. It means caring for those who have suffered or felt abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters. Love rejoices in seeing others thrive and suffers when others suffer. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion. Such is the case too with our almsgiving, when offered with joy and simplicity.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the living water of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. May the blessing of the Risen Lord accompany all of us on our Lenten journey towards the light of Easter.

In Christ,
 REVEREND EBEN MACDONALD, PASTOR



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY



*Candlelight procession and Rosary
 on Saturday, March 5th 2022
 immediately following
 the 4:00 p.m. Mass.*

Our Blessed Mother said to Sister Lucia of Fatima:

“I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess; receive Holy Communion; recite five decades of the Rosary; and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”

The aim of the devotion is to unite humankind to God through Mary’s heart. The object of the devotion being to love God and Jesus better by uniting one’s self to Mary for this purpose and by imitating her virtues.
All are welcome!



**Weekly Collection
 Sunday, February 13th
 Total: \$ 11,340
 Weekly Goal: \$15,000
 Weekly Deficit: \$ 3,660**

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 please call or email the parish office.**
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MAY GOD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



March 2nd

Mass with Imposition of Ashes

7:30 am
 12 noon
 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Lenten Fridays at 7pm in the church



2021-2023

“Communion, Participation and Mission”

The Holy Father Pope Francis has summoned the Church to participate in a worldwide synod with the theme: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.” Instead of an assembly of bishops in Rome only, Pope Francis invites the whole People of God to participate in the synod—to “journey together” with our brothers and sisters in Christ along the path of renewal, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Everyone is invited to join us on
Sunday March 20 at 2:00PM
 for a synod listening session.

We encourage all to participate: young adults and seniors, active parishioners and those who have drifted away, as well as those who feel marginalized from the Church. We will pray and reflect together on where we are as a Church and how the Holy Spirit is calling us to move forward.

SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN

Did you know?

DECIDE ON ONLINE SAFETY RULES FOR YOUR FAMILY



If your children use the internet or social media, you will want to decide how, when, and where they can use it. Review privacy settings on apps, games, and websites, and talk to your children about how to keep their information private and safe. Check in often to make sure your children are following the rules and update accordingly as apps update or technology changes. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Revisit Online Safety Practices” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



**LENT IS COMING!
 IT'S TIME FOR CRS RICE BOWL**

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl as you leave church today. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**
- 4:00 pm - Frances M Calzia , *RIP*
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH**
- 8:00 am - Mary Elizabeth Connors, *RIP*
- 10:00 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*
- 12:00 pm - Loretta Toggenburger, *RIP*
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**
- 7:30 am - Betsy Murray, *SPEC. INT.*
- TUESDAY, March 1ST**
- 7:30 am - For all in need of help, *SPEC. INT.*
- ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND**
- 7:30 am - Fr. Thomas King, *RIP.*
- 12:00 pm - People of the Parish, *Spec. Int.*
- 7:00 pm - George Spiro Dibie, *RIP*
- THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD**
- 7:30 am - Jeffrey & Maria Punit, *SPEC. INT.*
- FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH**
- 7:30 am - Dolores Cardelucci, *RIP*
- SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH**
- 7:30 am - John & Leona Johnston, *Rip*



CANDLELIGHT ROSARY AND PRAYER GROUP meets every Monday at 7 pm in the church and by tele-conference. All are welcome to join us in praying for ourselves, our parish and our world.

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**The Fireside Fellowship
 Wednesday,
 March 2, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Topic: CHOICES**



“If you ask people what they’ve always wanted to do, most people haven’t done it. That breaks my heart.”
 —Angelina Jolie,

The Fireside Fellowship uses anecdotes, short stories and interaction with participants to uncover the everyday applicability of a simple perspective that can provide enormous benefits to each of us in our respective journeys through life and faith.

For further information:
Robert-Hanley.com/TheFiresideFellowship.php
 Or call us at (818) 366-7263

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**As one, we
pray, love,
hope and
believe**

**MAKE
A GIFT
TODAY!**

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Last weekend, Archbishop Gomez invited all Catholics to make their annual commitment to 2022 Together in Mission Appeal. This year, our parish has been asked to raise **\$53,120**. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge, please complete a pledge envelope found in the pews. You can also scan the QR code above, or make your pledge online at www.togetherinmission.org/give.

Your gift to Together in Mission ensures that every Catholic living in the Archdiocese has a parish to celebrate their faith and access to Catholic school education. You are living your faith through your actions when you support Together in Mission.

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 4:00 PM
 Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON
 Sunday 12 Noon Mass LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK
 Vigil of Holy Days 7:00 PM
 Holy Days 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
 Weekdays (MON-SAT) 7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

TUESDAYS FOLLOWING THE 7:30 AM MASS

HOLY ROSARY

DAILY AFTER 7:30 AM MASS & MONDAYS AT 7PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND SUNDAYS, 2PM—PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

WEDDINGS

MUST CONTACT THE PRIEST AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

MONDAY –FRIDAY, 9:00AM -4:30PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8-9 AM FIRST FRIDAYS

Pray For



Regina Hagan
Mickey Pappas

Sheldon Payne

Kelly Houston

Mary Shartzner

Bob Farina

Maureen O'Connor

Valerie Ruelas

Charlene O'Brien

Joe Casey

Anna Cirrincione

MAJ Andrew

Michael Clarke

US ARMY

Serving overseas

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And health care
workers

* All police, fire-
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responders

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MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US

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Written by
THE
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Sir 27:4-7 | 1 Cor 15:54-58 | Lk 6:39-45

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Parenthood can be humbling. When our children are young, we celebrate even the tiniest accomplishments: "You put on your socks!" or "Wow, good job putting your dish in the dishwasher!" And rightly so. Then come the teen years, and some of us can err on the side of criticism. "Why did you put off that project until the last minute?" "Turn off the electronics by 10 p.m. or else ..." "What, another energy drink?" (We say, looking up from our own phone with a cup of tea in hand ...) The same can be said of our spiritual lives. We want our children to pray and participate in the sacraments, but we may rush through Grace before meals, skip opportunities for confession, or treat holy Mass as an afterthought. Today's Gospel reminds us why our admonitions won't work if we don't walk our talk: The blind can't lead the blind. None of us is perfect, and neither are our children or the other people in our lives. But as our second reading reminds us, Jesus has won for us victory over sin. When we ask Jesus to help us remove the "wooden beam" from our own eyes, we can see his will for us more clearly and lift up those around us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We don't have to be perfect to encourage one another in our faith. Like the "good tree" Jesus describes in the parable and the tree that bears "good fruit" in Sirach, however, we need to nourish our faith before we can share it with others. It can start with something as simple as adding prayer to our morning routine. We can bring our flaws, our doubts, our bad habits to Jesus and ask him to free us from whatever might be holding us back. As we accompany others, whether it is those with whom we live, work, or worship, we can turn to Jesus to help us be a force for good. We will stumble. But as St. Paul reminds us, "Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

PRAY Have you prayed The Examen? This Ignatian practice, often at the end of the day, encourages reflection - on God's presence in our day and the areas where we may have fallen short. We can ask the Lord for forgiveness and the grace to do better tomorrow.