



St. Mary's Catholic Church



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

- 2/7: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Staci French ^r/_b Julie & Gary Howell
- 2/8: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Jerry Depute ^r/_b Maynard & Mary LaFond
- 2/9: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Repose William E O'Neil ^r/_b Extension Society
- 2/10: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM:** Brenda Rummel ^r/_b Mary & Maynard LaFond
- 2/11: Malta—8:30 A.M.** Special Intentions ^r/_b Lana Fortin
- 2/12: Malta 4:00 P.M.** Dianne Salsbery ^r/_b Mary & Maynard LaFond
- 2/13: Malta - 10:30 AM:** For all Parishioners;
- Dodson—8:30 AM:** Curt & Sue Kron ^r/_b Julie & Gary Howell
- Saco - 12:30 PM:** Richard Cummings ^r/_b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every **Friday** from **9 to 10 AM** after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.

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Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

2/6: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs; Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalms 138:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Luke 5:1-11;

2/7: Monday in the 5th week of Ordinary Time; 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalms 132:6-10; Mark 6:53-56

2/8: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalms 84:3-5 and 10, 11; Mark 7:1-13

2/9: Wednesday in the 5th week of Ordinary Time; 1 Kings 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mark 7:14-23

2/10: St. Scholastica, Virgin; 1 Kings 11:4-13; Psalms 106:3-4, 35-37 and 40; Mark 7:24-30

2/11: Our Lady of Lourdes; 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Psalms 81:10-15; Mark 7:31-37

2/12: Saturday in the 5th week of Ordinary Time; 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Psalms 106:6-7, 19-22; Mark 8:1-10

2/13: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Jeramiah 17:5-8; Psalms 1:1-6; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Saco—12:30 p.m.



New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Lana Pekovich, Myrtle Hould, Cory LaBrie, Julia Cebulski, Eric Riggs, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Bev Comstock, Leroy Rummel, Howard Rummel, Lyle Cochran, Pat Comstock, Benny Milks, Jason Bednarzyk, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 and Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

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

Faced with God's fascinating and mysterious presence, man discovers his own insignificance. Before the burning bush, Moses takes off his sandals and veils his face in the presence of God's holiness. Before the glory of the thrice-holy God, Isaiah cries out: "Woe is me! I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips." Before the divine signs wrought by Jesus, Peter exclaims: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." But because God is holy, he can forgive the man who realizes that he is a sinner before him: "I will not execute my fierce anger. . . for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst." The apostle John says likewise: "We shall. . . reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything." CCC208

Pope Francis' Intention

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Fr. Felix

Sunday V (C): Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; I Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Today's Scripture readings challenge us to discern God's call to each one of us to become His disciple with a mission.

Today's readings are Presenting the special vocations, of Isaiah, Paul, and Peter as life-changing events challenge us to examine our own personal calls to conversion and discipleship. When faced with the awesome power of God, Isaiah, Paul, and Peter are all struck dumb by a sense of their own unworthiness. All three of them looked at themselves as 'unworthy' in relationship to God and recognized their own sinfulness, lowliness. Three of them who were humbled and felt sinful in the face of their God were cleansed by God and called to do His work. Peter, Paul, and Isaiah were called 'to be apostles, messengers delegated and sent out to convey a message of their master's behalf. The Good News today is that God can take a very sinful person, forgives their sins, makes them holy and sends them out for a mission.

1) We need to pray that our encounters with the holiness of God may lead us to recognize our sinfulness and accept His call. God, who calls us and commissions us for His service, wants us to realize His presence everywhere and in everyone, to repent of our sins, and to remain in readiness to speak and act for Him in our life circumstances, as He shall direct us through His grace and His Holy Spirit. 2) We need to teach and practice expressions of reverence for the Lord. We need to express our

reverence for God through appropriate bodily gestures. For example, when we come into Church, we need to show reverence for Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle by making a deep bow or by genuflecting and blessing ourselves with sign of the cross. Then we need to honor Him by listening to the word of God and by actively participating in the liturgy's prayers and singing. This same sense of reverence can be expressed by keeping the Bible, God's living word to us, in a prominent place in our homes and by kissing it each time we read from it. True reverence for God naturally leads us to reverent, respectful love of our neighbors, as God dwells in them. 3) We need to remember that each of us has a unique mission in the Church. This is why God has a different call for each of us. Each of us is unique, so each of us has a mission which no one else can fulfill. Let us accomplish this mission as parents, priests, religious, and lay persons by radiating the love, mercy, and forgiveness of Jesus and by participating in the various ministries of our parish, Amen.



2022 ANNUAL RAFFLE

TICKETS: \$20 EACH

- GRAND PRIZE:** 2022 Keystone Hideout Camper or \$15,000 Cash (winner's choice)
- SECOND PRIZE:** 2022 Honda Pioneer Side By Side or \$10,000 Cash (winner's choice)
- THIRD PRIZE:** Traeger/PermaFrost BBQ Package with \$500 Gift Card
- FOURTH PRIZE:** Kayaks for Two Package
- FIFTH PRIZE:** Outdoor Movie Theatre Package

Plus - **EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS** for \$1,000 (Nov), \$500 (Dec), \$250 (Jan) and \$250 (Feb).
If your ticket is drawn for an Early Bird Prize - the ticket is still eligible for the top 5 prizes.



RAFFLE DRAWING WILL BE HELD MAY 20, 2022.

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Gospel Meditation

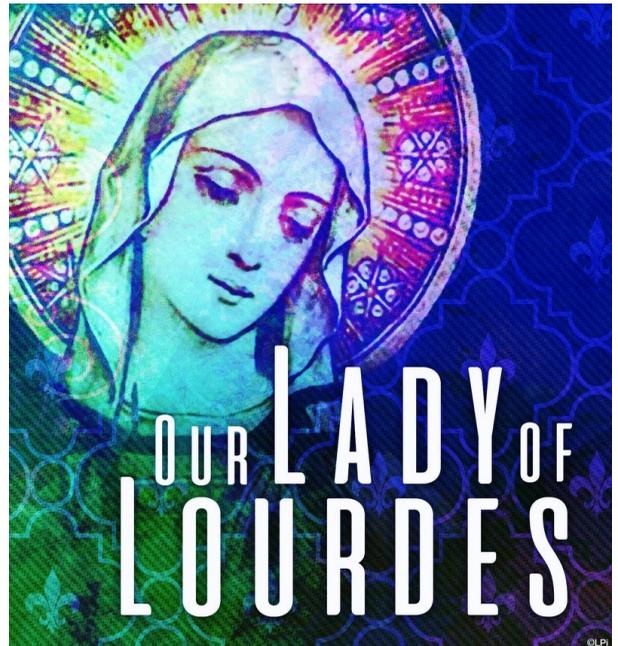
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,” these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God’s Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It’s easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn’t require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God’s providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God’s presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn’t seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own “god” and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely

and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.



Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions



Sacrificial Giving for 1-30

	1-30	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$613.00	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$160.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$50.00	\$50.00

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Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

The Pope on Life

Every child who is born brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care, always and at every moment. God entrusts every child who is born to his parents: so how important is the family founded on marriage, the cradle of life and

love! The House of Nazareth where the Holy Family lived is the model and school of simplicity, patience and harmony for all Christian families. I pray the Lord that your families too may be welcoming places where these little ones can not only grow in good health but also in faith and love for God. -- Pope Benedict XVI, January 7, 2007

Announcements

- Wednesday February 9th will be Family Bingo night at 6:30 p.m.. This is being hosted by the High School Youth Group. A meal will be provided. This will be an evening of fun and prizes for the whole family.
- Worship and Liturgy Commission – all parish invite (St. Mary's, St. Frances and Sacred Heart) LET'S WORK TOGETHER! All interested are invited to join in person or online. 5-6PM Thursday, February 10, 2022 St. Mary's Church basement or via zoom by clicking [on the following link](#)
- Dianne Salsbery will be leading a class on Wisdom by Jeff Cavins. Starting date is Tuesday, February 22nd at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. Dianne is willing to hold a second class if needed. Books will be ordered on February 14th. Contact Dianne at 654-4675 for more information or to order books.

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Reverence in Church and in Front of the Blessed Sacrament.

The following are concrete steps that we can take to live out true Reverence before a three times Holy God in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

a) **SILENCE.** Upon entering any Church, an attitude of silence, silent respect should permeate our whole being. Remember, you are in the presence of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the God of the universe!

b) **MODESTY.** Our attire should be that of great modesty in front of our Lord and God. If we were to have a personal audience with a King, Queen, or President, our attire would be modest and dignified. Remember that this is God present to you in the Tabernacle!

c) **GENUFLECTION.** Once again, remember that the way we pay tribute to the Eucharistic Lord in the Tabernacle is by the genuflection. In earlier times this was a gesture done before royalty; now, it is done before Jesus, our King and our Lord.

d) **KNEELING.** If you do not have serious health problems, it is most appropriate to kneel down in reverence and in silent adoration before the Eucharistic Lord.

e) **PRAY: TALK TO THE LORD.** An

essential part of both adoration and reverence is that of humble, confident, and trusting prayer. Pour out your heart to your Lord, God, and King and He will listen to you and respond to the suppliant prayers that issue from your heart.

f) **SIGN OF THE CROSS.** This might be plain, obvious, or even common sense, however, part of reverence is that of making the Sign of the cross properly and with meaning. By saying: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”... and crossing yourself, you are reverentially expressing two important truths. First, the sublime Mystery of the Blessed Trinity—the belief in One God and three separate Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Also, included is the belief that we were saved by the Cross—the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

g) **SILENT REVERENCE AND LOVE.** Reverence can also be expressed by silently gazing with love at the Blessed Sacrament, and then looking up and contemplating Jesus on the cross loving and thanking the Lord from the depths of your heart.

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LUKE 5:11