

St. Joseph Church Dover, Ohio 44622

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31 and February 1, 2015
31 Enero y 1 Febrero del 2015

Mass Intentions



Monday, February 2

No Mass

Readings: 524: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Tuesday, February 3 - St. Blaise

2:00 p.m. Special Intention (Park Village)

6:00 p.m. Cindy Conidi

Readings: 324: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 4

8:15 a.m. Members of the Mary Shaughnessy Family

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 325: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 5

8:15 a.m. Esther Monaco

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Eucharist

Readings: 326: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48/Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 6 (School Mass)

8:15 a.m. Pauline Gombos

Readings: 327: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 7,

The Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Bill English

Sunday, February 8,

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Don Trussel

11:00 a.m. Al and Mary Jane Corra

1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

(Mass in Spanish)

Readings: 74: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147/

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Offertory for Sunday, January 24 and 25, 2015

Loose	\$ 862.96
Adult (envelopes 246)	\$ 8,080.00
Online Giving	\$ 245.00
Total	\$ 9,167.00
Contributions needed each week	\$12,192.00
Other Funds:	
Capital Improvement	\$ 86.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 59.00
Poor Fund	\$ 464.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 105.00

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound. Thank you for your generosity.

Ministry Schedules February 7 and 8, 2015

4:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Cathy Galbraith - 1st Reading

Janice Cosenza - 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Elena Littleton,

Kateri Renicker, Amy Hostetler, Beth Cecil,

Eve Lake, Sandy Deetz, Dan Galbraith

Hospitality: Pastoral Council Members

Servers: Sage Winnie, Cade Renicker,

Olivia Brady (Alt: Andrea Garcia Paez)

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Lyle Tope - 1st Reading

John Ostapuck - 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Ballantyne,

Teri Layton, Mark Layton, Andrea Settimio,

Lou Settimio, Alyssa Blickensderfer,

Mary Burnham, Vicki Wilhelm,

Zachary Kline

Hospitality: Ann Riley and Pastoral Council

Servers: Nathan Peters, Justin Peters,

Sarah Layton (Alt: David Maxwell)

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Sally Dooling - 1st Reading

James Pauley - 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda West,

Rebecca Nylund, Dave Nylund, Chris Helbling,

Kevin Fitzgerald, Jason Bambeck, Jack Dooling

Servers: Paul O'Donnell, Jay O'Donnell,

Elizabeth Baio (Alt: Kylie Schilling)

Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request that Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office.

Please Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

Spiritual Notes:

In Jesus' first visit to a synagogue in Mark's Gospel, we encounter a key theme in this evangelist's writing: Jesus' authority. This is evidenced both in his words - "the people were astonished at this teaching, for he taught them as one having authority" - and in the exorcism of the unclean spirit. Unlike other exorcists of his day, who used many words while performing exorcisms, Jesus commands the unclean spirit with just two words in the Greek text, and it leaves. The brevity of his command illustrates his power over the spirit. In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses promises the people that in the future God will send "a prophet like me" to lead the people. This desire for an intermediary between the Lord and the people is based on their experience of God's great power on Mount Sinai, mediated through Moses. The people believe that to experience God face to face is to risk death. God promises to "raise up for them a prophet...who shall tell them all that I command." Over the centuries, this prophetic figure came to be understood as the longed for Messiah. Paul continues to advise the Corinthians with the expectation of Christ's imminent second coming, as we heard last week. His advice to the unmarried, that they should refrain from marrying, is based on the idea that one who is unmarried can dedicate more time to serving the Lord. If the Lord's return is near, then focusing on the things of God is advisable. Though we do not expect Jesus' return soon, we still can follow Paul's advice by making sure our lives have a sense of balance between worldly affairs and things of God.

For reflection: In what ways have I experienced Jesus' authority? Have I ever experienced God's liberating power in my life or in the life of another?

In Our Parish

Please keep in your prayers,

Theresa Doriche, age 90, who died on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. May her soul and all the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace. Please keep Theresa's family in your prayers also.

2014 Contribution Statements are prepared.

Please let us know if you need one for tax purposes. Call and let us know, we will be happy to mail it to you.



The Dover Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Fraternal Night

on February 19th at the Family Life Center. Our guest speaker will be Joe Dietz, a Knight of Columbus Insurance agent who will discuss the history of the Knights, the charities supported by Supreme, and member's benefits. Members are invited to bring their wives. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited with their spouses.



"Love is our Mission:

The Family is Fully Alive!"

St. Joseph Parish plans to attend this once-in-a-lifetime event at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. Our pilgrimage will begin as we depart from Columbus on Friday, September 25th. There will be internationally known speakers, events for children, and concluding with a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis on Sunday, September 27th. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office.

What did Saint John Paul II know about romance what we don't?

Is there more to it than chocolate and roses? Unlock the beauty of how man and woman were totally made for each other on Saturday, February 14th in the Family Life Center. **God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage will be presented and explored from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** for a cost of \$65.00 per couple, and includes materials, breakfast and lunch. Engaged couples, this day of instruction fulfills part of the diocesan requirements for preparation of the Sacrament of Matrimony. *Psst!* Married couples, if you didn't get him/her anything for Valentine's Day yet... consider giving your marriage a spark! To register call Jack and Judy Burnham at 330-343-9109 or Joe and Irene Slominski at 330-365-1779 by Saturday, February 7th.

Save the Dates!

The 2015 Catholic Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 21st at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. A week later on Saturday, February 28th, the Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the same location. **If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office or contact John and Sharon Kuczirka.** If there is enough interest, we are going to look into getting a bus for transportation.

Upcoming Liturgies in the Spiritual Life of Saint Joseph Parish.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Confession times are 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; on Sunday mornings from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and from 10:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick

Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass the first weekend of each month, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass the second weekend of each month, and following the 11:00 a.m. Mass the 3rd weekend of each month.

Adoration of the Eucharist

The Eucharist will be exposed for Adoration every Thursday morning after Mass until 9:30 a.m.

Rosary

Each Wednesday morning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, join us as we pray the Rosary.

Ash Wednesday: February 18, 2015

Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings in the Life of the Parish

Secular Franciscans invite everyone wishing to attend the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Prayer followed by coffee and donuts.

Men's Bible Study Group: Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. For more information, please call 330-343-8008.

Heart of Mary Bible Study: Come and join us the first and third Fridays of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): There will be no RCIA this week. The next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, February 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center: Fondriest Room. The Topic will be Introduction to the Sacraments/Sacraments of Initiation.

Family Life Committee: Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center, Meeting Room A.

Youth Ministry News



Jr.High Youth Group

Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

High School Youth Group

Sunday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

Parents and teens: If you want to be on Andy's mailing list to receive all the latest news, please email him at minister180@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.



Notes from Kevin.....

Attention, all Teens! The next Mass for the Teen Choir will be on **Sunday, February 15th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** All students in the 7th thru 12th grades are invited to join in singing. Please be in the choir pews by 10:45 a.m. for a brief rehearsal... no need to bring anything, except for a friend to sing with you... all the music will be provided. Thanks to all of you that have been singing with the Choir!



Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School



Academic All Ohio Football Award: TCC's 2014 Football team has received the All Ohio Award for academic and athletic excellence. Only thirty-nine schools in the STATE of Ohio received this distinction and only two in Tuscarawas County. **This is a great achievement by TCC's football team. Congratulations, players!**

For the latest information visit: www.tccsaints.com.



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School began accepting registrations January 6 for our preschool and pre-Kindergarten programs for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available at the school office or by calling 330-343-9134. We provide a caring, faith-filled environment for the spiritual, social, and cognitive development of three, four, and five-year-old children.

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St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Everyone is welcome!!

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. **If you or anyone else you know lives alone and would like a hot meal to share with others, please feel free to come and have a meal with us.**

Below you will find the upcoming schedule.
Teams, if you need assistance please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

February 4, 2015 - Team I (Sharon Kuczirka)
February 11, 2015 - Team E (Pastoral Council)
February 18, 2015 - Team F (Boy Scouts)
February 25, 2015 - Team G (Joan Wenzel)

Also, if you do not have 6 to 8 people available for your night, please call Andrea or the Parish Office to get the name of a sub.

Please keep all our volunteers in your prayers.

Other Information To Note:

If you know of a friend or family member who is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, please call the Parish Office and give them the information, and someone will visit them as soon as possible.

Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063.

Low-Gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

Can you help with transportation to Mass?

We often get calls from parishioners in both Dover and New Philadelphia who need help getting to Mass. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 3:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Remember the spark that enlivened the early years of your marriage? Come on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and learn how to recover in just 20 minutes a day. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is February 13-15, in Central Ohio. For more information or to register, call 740-746-9003.

Looking for the perfect weekend for Valentine's Day? Looking for the perfect weekend to bring a husband and wife closer together? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter is exactly what you are looking for! At WWME you get away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on each other. Celebrate the gift of love God has given you in one another and learn more communication techniques of Christ centered marriage filled with romance and intimacy. The next weekend is February 13 to 15 and located in Green, Ohio. For more information, call 330-305-9963 or visit www.WWME.org.



Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith

Your last will and testament can leave a legacy of your faith by helping to pass it on to others. When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information, contact James Anzelmo at the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893 or JAnzelmo@catholic-foundation.org.



Please help us to update our records. More and more parishioners have begun to eliminate their landlines, and use only cell phones. If you fall into this category, please contact the Parish Office with your correct information. You may fill out this slip and drop it in the collection basket or email any changes to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com. Thank you!!

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Additional Number: _____

St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Don in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.

Courage/Encourage:

Courage offers spiritual support for Catholic men and women with same sex attractions and is endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. Courage was founded in 1980 by Cardinal Cook to help Catholics with same sex attractions live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church's teachings. EnCourage is the affiliate support group for family members, spouses, and friends of men and women with same sex attractions. For confidential inquiries, please contact Father Pat Toner at 614-296-7404. For more information, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or visit www.couragerc.net.

For a Catholic perspective, the *Catholic Times* weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news around our diocese, our country, and the world. Sign up for or continue receiving the *Catholic Times* for another year by placing your *Catholic Times* envelope (or a plain envelope marked *Catholic Times*) with your name and address with a minimum donation of only \$17.00 into the regular Mass collection. This donation helps St. Joseph Parish provide the *Catholic Times* you and many of our parishioners. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Church. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic household to receive the *Catholic Times*.

Catholic Man of the Year Luncheon:

On Friday, February 6, 2015, the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club - together with Bishop Frederick F. Campbell - will recognize the Catholic Man of the Year for the Diocese of Columbus! Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this popular and inspiring luncheon event to be held at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus! Mass (optional) at 11:45 a.m.; luncheon begins 12:15 p.m.; adjournment around 1:15 p.m. Reservations not needed, but please bring \$10.00 to cover the lunch and meeting costs. Questions? Call John Schechter at (614) 565-0824.

On February 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart, there will be a Solemn High Latin Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple 40 days after Christmas, or Candlemas. During the liturgy, candles for the year are blessed, so anyone may bring personal devotional candles to be put the sanctuary before Mass and then taken home afterwards. Everyone is welcome to experience this rare and beautiful liturgy.

Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus prayer movement for the Religious Institute founded in 1984 in Spain, is currently in eight countries including the United States, located at 700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio.

Upcoming Events

Pilgrim Youth: Women ages 17 to 25

February 22, 2015

Traveling Teens: Young women ages 12 to 16

February 21, 2015

Eucharistic Girls: Girls under the age of 12

February 7, 2015

For more information, or to participate, please contact the Sisters at 740-346-2625. Any contributions for their important ministry are appreciated.



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SUNDAY *to* SUNDAY

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

Died 1597

Memorial—February 6



One of twenty-six Christians killed in the first martyrdom of Nagasaki, Paul Miki was a member of a noble samurai clan. He joined the Jesuits in 1580, becoming a distinguished preacher during the missionary effort that accompanied the age of exploration. After their arrest by Japanese officials, Paul and his companions were tied to

crosses and pierced with lances on a hill overlooking Nagasaki Bay. The martyrs—six Franciscans, three Jesuits, one Korean, and sixteen Japanese laymen—were canonized in 1862.

 CNS Saints

SALT AND LIGHT

MY TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES GROWING UP IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA

by Sister Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN

Growing up in New Haven, Connecticut, as an African American young teenager in the turbulent times of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s was exciting and challenging. The impact of institutional racism was felt daily in the Elm Haven Projects, where we saw people of color struggle to meet basic human needs. It was exciting, because for the first time, I experienced a hope and affirmation of my blackness and dignity through the Black Power movement.

This was also time to ask challenging questions within my faith community at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, a predominantly African-American parish: How could this white, blonde, blue-eyed Jesus speak the Gospel of freedom and liberation when white people were the oppressors? And how could I identify with this Jesus? This shook my faith, but I had the opportunity to explore these questions more deeply with Baptists and Muslims.

My parish community began to incorporate gospel music and Afrocentricity into its liturgical celebrations. As the Civil Rights Movement involved us, many parishioners came together with others of color who lived and worked in "the hood" to work for our own liberation and empowerment. Significantly, St. Martin's joined other religious denominations, as people of color who also experienced oppression, to protest the lack of resources and call upon New Haven to provide job training, jobs, and better education. I learned that that social justice action was part of living out my Catholic faith.

My uncle was the Black Panthers' Regional Organizer for Connecticut. He gave me a sense of pride as he empowered young people to do positive actions in neighborhoods where we lived. I served free meals provided by Black Panthers. Being black, Catholic, and involved in neighborhood struggles for justice led me to work to organize people to attain better education and jobs.

Another special memory in 1963 was when St. Martin's parishioners began selling dinners to raise funds so some people could

represent our parish and attend the first March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, calling for civil and economic rights for all African Americans. The pastor felt the march was of historical importance. We all felt a part of it and clearly understood the radical ramifications this march would have on the rest of our lives and on the lives of others in the country.

Vividly, I also remember the sorrow and despair felt when Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Someone in the family had died. The event would explode into angry rioting and destruction, which would take many decades to rebuild.

To this day, I carry these transformative experiences within me.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE
FEBRUARY 2, 2015



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PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED PERSONS

GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CATECHETICAL CORNER CONSECRATED LIFE

From the beginning of the Church, there have been men and women who have chosen to live in a radical witness to Christ by imitating him as closely as possible in his poverty, chastity, and obedience. In the course of the centuries, this commitment became more and more visible through the establishment of monasteries, religious orders and congregations, and other types of institutes. Men and women professed publicly evangelical "counsels" (vows) of poverty, chastity, and obedience and committed themselves to stability of life within communities.

Source: *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O GOD, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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LIFE MATTERS: FORGIVENESS AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

My life is ruined. I have been depressed, suicidal, guilt-ridden for 24 years. ... I beg every day for forgiveness. ... I cannot believe God would forgive the life I have led.

Over the years I continually went to confession. A priest once told me, "God has forgiven you. You need to forgive yourself. You are putting yourself through your own purgatory." But I could not bring myself to accept forgiveness.

I know God has forgiven me for this sin I have committed but it is so hard for me to forgive myself. Thirteen years later and I still haven't forgiven myself. I live with this shame, guilt and disgust every day of my life.

These are but a few of the many thousands of messages sent to the website of Project Rachel Ministry (www.HopeAfterAbortion.org), the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church. They speak for many who struggle with forgiveness after abortion.

A priest active in Project Rachel Ministry once spoke of the spiritual desolation experienced by post-abortive women: "Many feel they have committed 'the unforgivable sin' and are destined for hell, or that they deserve to be on death row. Most suffer this spiritual desolation in silence, too ashamed and feeling unworthy to seek reconciliation from God."



That a deeply remorseful woman does not trust in God's desire—his *eagerness*—to forgive her, or that after receiving absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation she cannot accept that she has been forgiven or remains unable to forgive herself—these obstacles to healing and peace tell us nothing about

who God is or how efficacious the Sacrament is. What they tell us is that such women are devastated by the loss of their children, aware of the seriousness of their sin, and that they have never encountered such merciful love in their relationships with others—love that might have allowed them to hope in God's infinitely greater merciful love.

Is the despair of forgiveness merely a product of "Catholic guilt" as some abortion supporters have suggested? Even nonbelievers recognize their need for God's forgiveness and for the ability to forgive themselves. Another letter to *HopeAfterAbortion* reads in part:

I'm not religious but I'm scared that I'm going to be punished for what I've done, in the afterlife. Where do those who were raised atheist turn to? ... I don't want to hear people say that I have to forgive myself because after all these years I still can't. I'm scared that I'll never be able to because I know what I did was wrong.

She can write "I know what I did was wrong" because God has written his law on every human heart (cf. Heb 8:10). But when becoming pregnant sets off a "crisis," conscience can easily be drowned out by fears: fear of condemnation, of disappointing parents, of losing a boyfriend, of not being able to complete one's education, fear of raising a child alone or fear of what it may be like to raise a child with severe disabilities.

It may seem impossible for a post-abortive woman to find healing and peace, much less hope and joy, as long as she is convinced that God will not forgive her sin of abortion. If—as she believes—she will spend eternity in hell, forever separated from her child, how could she begin to forgive herself for casting aside her child, and forfeiting her present and future happiness?

God has provided the solution to this misery and asks us to be catalysts to the solution. It is to believe in one's heart what Jesus has repeatedly said and shown—"I am love and mercy itself. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet." "I do not want to punish aching mankind,

but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My merciful heart.”² “The greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy.”³

Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: “there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance” (Lk 15:7).

Jesus goes out of his way to speak privately with the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. She is an outcast, scorned for having had five husbands and now living with one who is not her husband. In a conversation marked by gentleness, truth and love, Jesus reveals her inherent dignity to her and confides that his mission is to save *all* men and women. She becomes at once an apostle to her village. (Jn 4:4-26)

When Simon and other Pharisees were scandalized that Jesus allowed a “sinful woman” to bathe his feet with her tears while dining at Simon’s house, Jesus holds her up as an example of humility, gratitude and love: “I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven, hence she has shown great love” (Lk 7:36-50). Not even once does Jesus reject a humble contrite sinner.

Blessed John Paul II envisioned that post-aborted women who have approached Jesus with humility and sorrow and who then experienced his merciful love will also become Jesus’ most eloquent evangelizers:

*With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone’s right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life.*⁴

Thanks to Project Rachel I am me again. The retreat allowed me the opportunity to experience God’s love and forgiveness—something I had decided I was not worthy of. Little did I know that God was there, all along, offering me his love. ... I actually feel lighter. The power of forgiveness is life-altering. I am happy again and the people whom I love sense that.

How can we be catalysts to the healing of women who’ve had abortions, to help all others believe in God’s merciful love so that they may find healing from any grave sin? Let us heed the advice of Pope Francis:

*Take up God’s offer For God, we are not numbers, we are ... the most important thing to him; even if we are sinners, we are what is closest to his heart. ... let us be enveloped in the mercy of God; let us trust in his patience, which always gives us more time. Let us find the courage to ... [allow] ourselves [to] be loved by him and to encounter his mercy in the sacraments. We will feel his wonderful tenderness, we will feel his embrace, and we too will become more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love.*⁵

Susan E. Wills, Esq. is Assistant Director for Education & Outreach, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

If you know of someone in need of confidential help to experience God’s forgiveness and healing, contact www.HopeAfterAbortion.org or 888-456-HOPE (4673).

¹ *Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul* (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 1987), no. 699.

² *Diary*, no. 1588.

³ *Diary*, no. 1182.

⁴ Bl. John Paul II, Encyclical letter *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*) (1995), no. 99.

⁵ Pope Francis, homily, April 7, 2013.



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Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

31 Enero y 1 Febrero del 2015

Calendario Litúrgico:



	<u>Misas en</u>	<u>Español</u>
Domingo	1 de Febrero	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	8 de Febrero	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	11 de Febrero	1:30 p.m.

Miércoles de Ceniza
18 de Febrero 8:15 a.m. y 6:00 p.m.

<u>Misas en Ingles</u>	
Sabados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Confesiones
Antes d misa de español de 12:15 p.m. a 12:45 p.m.

Grupo "Corazón de María": Todas las mujeres están invitadas a participar cada viernes, de 11:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m., en este grupo para Oración, Evangelización, clases de Inglés, labores del hogar y consejos prácticos para la vida.

El **"Grupo de hombres"** se reúne todos los viernes en Family Life 7:30 p.m. (en el edificio nuevo en frente de la Iglesia San José).



Invitación al coro "Guadalupe"

Están cordialmente invitados a practicar en el coro, todos los viernes a las 2:00 p.m. Si tiene preguntas llame a Carmen al tel: 330-432-0811 ó a la oficina al 330-364-6661.

Clase de Bautismo: La próxima clase será en el Centro Familiar San José al 330-364-6661 o a los Ministerios Hispanos al 330-432-0811.

Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Todos somos bienvenidos a venerar en la Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Podemos encender una vela que permanece prendida por tres días, con una donación de \$3.00. (2 velas por \$6.00, etc.). **Por favor usar sólo las velas de la Capilla.**

Notas Espirituales:

En la primera visita de Jesús a la sinagoga en el Evangelio de Marcos, nos encontramos con una clave en este evangelista escriben: la autoridad de Jesús. Prueba de ello es tanto en sus palabras - "la gente se admiraba de su doctrina, porque les enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad" - y en el exorcismo del espíritu inmundo. A diferencia de otro exorcismo de su época, que utiliza muchas palabras al realizar exorcismos, Jesús ordena al espíritu inmundo con sólo dos palabras en el texto griego, y se va. La brevedad de su mando ilustra su poder sobre el espíritu.

En el libro de Deuteronomio, Moisés prometió al pueblo que en un futuro Dios enviará "un profeta como yo" para dirigir al pueblo. Este deseo de un intermediario entre el Señor y el pueblo se basa en su experiencia del gran poder de Dios en el Monte Sinaí, mediada a través de Moisés. Las personas creen que para experimentar a Dios cara a cara es arriesgar la muerte. Dios promete "levantaré un profeta... (que) les diré todo lo que yo os mando." A través de los siglos, esta figura profética llegó a ser entendido como el Mesías anhelado.

Pablo continúa aconsejando a los Corintios con la expectativa de segunda inminente venida de Cristo, como hemos escuchado la semana pasada. Su consejo para los que no están casados, que deben abstenerse de casarse, se basa en la idea de que quien no está casado puede dedicar más tiempo a servir al Señor. Si la venida del Señor está cerca, entonces centrarse en las cosas de Dios es aconsejable. Aunque no esperamos el regreso de Jesús pronto, todavía podemos seguir el consejo de Pablo asegurándose de nuestras vidas tienen un sentido de equilibrio entre los asuntos del mundo y las cosas de Dios.

Para la reflexión: ¿De qué manera he experimentado la autoridad de Jesús? ¿Alguna vez he experimentado el poder liberador de Dios en mi vida o en la vida de otro?