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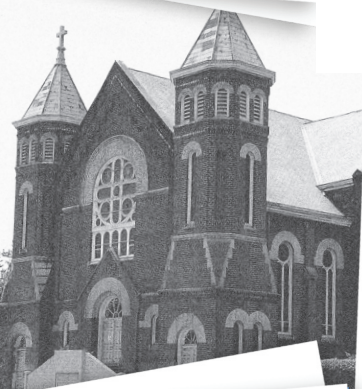
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serve Jesus Christ and His people.*

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

# SAINT JOSEPH

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Dover, Ohio 44622  
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## NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register in person at the Parish Office  
or complete a registration form (available in  
church). Please return to Parish Office or put  
in collection.

## MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish	Sunday 1:30 p.m.
Holy Days	Check inside of bulletin
Weekdays	Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.  
or anytime by appointment

## MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made through the Parish  
Office at least eight months before any other  
planning.

## BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30  
p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the  
Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00  
p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the  
Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome  
to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish  
Office. *Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al  
mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y  
padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el  
Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las  
Oficinas de la Parroquia.*

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have bulletin announcements to the  
Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail  
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**St. Joseph Church**  
**Dover, Ohio 44622**  
**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 11 and 12, 2023**  
**11 y 12 de Febrero del 2023**



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, February 13**

**No Mass**

Readings: 335: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 14**

**5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary**

**6:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the  
Gabel Family**

Readings: 336: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 0/Ps 29/  
Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 15**

**8:15 a.m. Brett Helwig Sr.**

**9:00 a.m. Rosary**

Readings: 337: Gn 8:6-13/Ps 116/Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday, February 16**

**8:15 a.m. Kathy Thomas**

**9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration**

Readings: 338: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102/Mk 8:27-33

**Friday, February 17**

**8:15 a.m. Jim Schwartz**

Readings: 339: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33/Mk 8:34-9:1

**Saturday, February 18**

**The Vigil for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 p.m. Bill Burrow**

**Sunday, February 19**

**The Seventh in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 a.m. Walt Stockert**

**11:00 a.m. Dolly Samson**

**1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish  
(Spanish Mass)**

Readings: 79: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103/  
1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

**Offertory for February 4 and 5, 2022**

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,966.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 6,799.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,195.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,960.00</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	
Poor Fund	\$ 620.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 97.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 260.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 130.00
Initial Offering	\$ 35.00
Other Collections	\$ 104.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish  
possible and keep our parish financially sound.**

**Ministry Schedule**

**Tuesday, February 14 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo**

**Wednesday, February 15 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham**

**Thursday, February 16 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students**

**Friday, February 17 – 8:15 a.m. – Lyle Tope**

**February 18, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.**

Lector: Bonnie Edwards - 1st Lector

Mary Salvo - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Mary Roberts, Beth Cecil

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Cecilia Hostetler, Chase Hostetler, Alex Utuy

**February 19, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

Lector: Matt Ritzert - 1st Lector

Jack Burnham - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeannine Kennedy, John Kuczirka,  
Sharon Kuczirka

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,  
Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Piper Olson, Matthew Olson, Miya Olson

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

Lector: Mike Ernest - 1st Lector

Anne Bruno - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Joe Sciarretti,  
Elizabeth Clemence

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry Clawson, Linda Clawson,  
Terry Olbrysh

Servers: Vince Sciarretti, Patrick Sciarretti, Nick Williams

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

**Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day:** Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

**Please remember in your prayers, all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions.** Please include all those on our prayer lists that have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

### Spiritual Notes

The Book of Sirach dates to the second century BC. In today's text, Sirach deals with the topic of free will. This theme of the two ways is common in many Old Testament texts; we can choose God's way, the way of life, or we can choose to reject God and go our own way. If you choose, we are told you can keep the commandments. Sin is our choice; not God's plan, for God commands no one to act unjustly, but offers us the way of life. Paul tells the Corinthians that God's wisdom is mysterious, hidden. It is not like the wisdom of the Greek philosophers or Jewish sages. It is not acquired through human reasoning; it has been revealed to us through the Spirit. For Matthew, Jesus is a prophet like Moses was. Surrounded by a large crowd of people, Jesus delivers a set of teachings concerned with how we should live. He tells us that He has come to fulfill the law and the prophets, a term used to refer to the Hebrew Scriptures. He tells us that not even the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law. Jesus shows us that living the law is about more than just our actions; it is also about our thoughts and attitudes. It is not enough to refrain from killing; we must also avoid angry thoughts and words, for whoever is angry will be liable to judgment. We must not only avoid committing adultery; we must refrain from inappropriate thoughts for otherwise we commit adultery in our hearts. He is telling us that in order to avoid sinful actions we must keep away from thoughts and attitudes that can lead us to sin.

*For reflection: Do I view free will as a blessing or a burden? What are some ways I find effective to avoid temptation?*

### "Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras"



On Tuesday, February 21st, following the 6:00 p.m. Mass, we will burn our old blessed palms, at the Family Life Center. The ashes from these palms are used for Ash Wednesday.

Following this prayer service, a delicious Mardi Gras Dinner, prepared by Colin Capozella will be served, to include Cajun Shrimp Mac and Cheese, Chef's "Gumbolaya," Muffaletta and More! Desserts, Traditional Milk Punch, and other adult beverages. We hope you attend, and make this evening the beginning of your Lenten journey.

### We need your help!

**Do you have photos from parish events in the past?**

We are doing a video to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, and are looking for more candid pictures, if you have some you would like to share. Please call Brenda in the Parish Office.

### "Mark Your Calendars!"

#### February 16th

Knights of Columbus Open House - 6:00 p.m.

#### February 17th

175th Anniversary Raffle ticket drawing -5:00 p.m.

#### February 19th

No P.S.R.

#### February 19th

Wine Dinner Event - 6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

#### February 20th

Parish Office Closed

#### February 21st

Palm Burning Prayer Service following Mass

175th Celebration Mardi Gras Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

#### February 22nd

Ash Wednesday

Masses - 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

#### February 24th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. in English

8:00 p.m. in Spanish

#### February 26th

First Communion Parent Meeting

TCCES - 9:45 a.m.

#### March 3rd

First Friday

Mass 8:15 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

#### March 10th

Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. - TCCES students

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

#### March 11th

First Penance - 10:00 a.m.

#### March 12th

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Family Life Center - 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Session #5 - 11:00 a.m.

#### March 17th

175th Anniversary Raffle ticket drawing -5:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

#### March 20th

Feast of St. Joseph

Mass - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner following

#### March 22nd

TCCES Penance Service - 10:00 a.m.

### Save the Date -

**Saturday, June 25, 2023**

Bishop Fernandes will celebrate our Anniversary Mass, followed by dinner at Country Club.

Everyone is invited!

### Just a few reservations left!

Father Jimmy will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in June 2023. If you would like more information, you may call the Parish Office.

Highlights of the trip are: Caesarea, Church of the Transfiguration, Cana, Tiberius, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, and More!



### Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



#### Registration underway at TCCES!

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open for pre-school through grade six at Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School. If you would like to learn more about our schools and arrange a visit, please call 330-343-9134. We are open to all. Affordable to all.

**We invite you to be a Saint**

#### Congratulations to the Students of TCCES Second Quarter Awards

##### Honor Roll

##### Sixth Grade

Oliver Angelini  
Jordan Cheng  
Sybil Cronebaugh  
Megan Flores Martinez  
Brisa Gonzalez Rodriguez  
Shayla Sica Perez  
Bella Tadiello  
Alex Utuy Rodriguez

##### Fifth Grade

Ella Bertsch  
Katelyn Breehl  
Colt Fisher

##### Life Skills Award

##### Sixth Grade

Oliver Angelini  
Jordan Cheng  
Nick Civiello  
Sybil Cronebaugh  
Megan Flores Martinez  
Xavi Pastor Calel  
Ryan Rogers  
Shayla Sica Perez  
Bella Tadiello  
Alex Utuy Rodriguez

##### Fifth Grade

Belinda Ajanel Gonzalez  
Marleny Ajanel Tecum  
Jennifer Ajanel Toc  
Ella Bertsch  
Katelyn Breehl  
Adamari Huinac Santiago

St. Joseph Parish 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Raffle			
No. 011	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
The holder of this ticket number will be entered in 12 monthly drawings beginning January 2023 for \$175. Drawings will be held on the 17th of each month at 5:00 pm.			
Cost: \$20.00 Per Ticket One Winner Per Number			

### Our next drawing will be Friday, February 17th at 5:00 p.m.

### Each drawing will be livestreamed!!

Tickets are available in Parish Office, or by contacting Jeannine, Meg, Janice, or Brenda!

### St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimo or the Parish Office.

February 15, 2023 - Team O (Pat Figuly)

February 22, 2023 - Team L (Chrissie Hensel)

March 1, 2023 - Team B (Sue Capozella)

March 8, 2023 - Team C (Knights of Columbus)

**Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!**

### Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Tuna	Spam
Pancake mix	Canned Fruit
Syrup	Sardines
Rice	Cereal

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church; or you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

### Birthright Annual Steak Dinner

Saturday, March 4, 2023

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

\$25.00 per meal.

For advanced ticket purchase, call 330-343-1855 or 330-874-3635. There will be limited tickets at the door.

### Sacred Heart Fish Dinners

You are invited to the Sacred Heart Parish Center each Friday during Lent from February 24th through March 31st, serving from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dine-in or carry-out. Choice of fried, baked, or lemon peppered fish. Menu includes fish, potatoes, hush puppies, coleslaw, bread and butter, and dessert. (Small \$9.00, Medium \$12.00, Large \$15.00). Ala cart, Mac and Cheese and Cheese Pizza is also available. We hope you will support our neighboring parish.



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#### **Open House**

TCC Junior/Senior High School  
Thursday - February 16 - 5:30-7pm  
777 Third Street NE, New Philadelphia

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.*

***"If you can never make up your mind what God wills for you, but are always veering from one opinion to another, from one practice to another, from one method to another, it may be an indication that you are trying to get around God's will and do your own with a quiet conscience."*** ~FATHER THOMAS MERTON, OCSO

### **Monday, February 13 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:11-13** The Pharisees came forward and began to argue with Jesus, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. He sighed from the depth of his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." Then he left them, got into the boat again, and went off to the other shore.

**Meditation:** The people of Jesus' time expected that the coming of the Messiah would be accompanied by extraordinary signs and wonders. The religious leaders tested Jesus to see if he had a genuine sign from heaven to back his Messianic claims. False messiahs in the past had made extraordinary claims to attract their followers, such as claiming that they could cleave the Jordan River in two or cause the walls of Jerusalem to fall. Jesus knew the hearts of those who came to test him. They were more interested in seeing signs and supernatural phenomena than they were in hearing the word of God. Simeon had prophesied at Jesus' birth that he was "destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that inner thoughts of many will be revealed" (ref. Luke 2:34-35). Jesus gave them no sign except himself and the ultimate proof of his divinity when he rose from the dead.

**Prayer:** O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Never forget that the Lord reveals himself and makes his presence known to us in many ways – in his word and in the "breaking of the bread" in the Eucharist, in his church – the body of Christ, in his creation, and even in the everyday circumstances of our lives. If we seek the Lord, we will surely find him. And we can be confident that he will give us whatever we need to understand and carry out his will. Most of all, the Lord assures us of his daily presence and the promise that he will never leave us. Saint Theresa of Avila's prayer book contained a bookmark in which she wrote: "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; All things pass: God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing, God alone suffices." Think about that for a moment, then ask yourself: Is God enough for you?

### **Tuesday, February 14 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Cyril, Monk, and Saint Methodius, Bishop**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:14-21** The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. Jesus enjoined them, "Watch out, guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." They concluded among themselves that it was because they had no bread. When he became aware of this he said to them, "Why do you conclude that it is because you have no bread? Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes and not see, ears and not hear? And do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many wicker baskets full of fragments you picked up?" They answered him, "Twelve." "When I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many full baskets of fragments did you pick up?" They answered him, "Seven." He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"



**Meditation:** The apostles set off in their boat across the Sea of Galilee only to discover that they forgot to bring enough food for their journey. What were they to do miles away from land and any place where they could buy food and supplies? They were anxious of course, and this was right after Jesus had performed the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes where the disciples fed more than four thousand people (ref. Mark 8:1-9). Jesus knew the trouble in his disciples' hearts even before they could speak. Jesus dealt with their anxiety by first warning them to not fear what can harm the body rather than what can destroy the very heart and soul of their being.

**Prayer:** O God, who enlightened the Slavic peoples through the brothers Saints Cyril and Methodius, grant that our hearts may grasp the words of your teaching, and perfect us as a people of one accord in true faith and right confession. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** One might wonder why Jesus told his disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod? To the Jewish person leaven was a sign of evil. It was a piece of dough left-over from a previous baking. In due course it fermented and this fermented dough became leaven. Fermentation was associated with decomposing rot. Jesus warned his disciples to avoid the evil influence of the Pharisees and of Herod who sought their own counsels rather than the will of God. As the apostles continued to worry about their lack of bread, Jesus reminded them of his miraculous provision of bread in the feeding of the four thousand. He then upbraided them for their lack of trust in God. "Do you still not understand?" It's easy to get preoccupied with the problems and needs of the present moment and to forget the most important reality of all – God's abiding presence with us and his abundant provision for our lives as well. Thus when you pray, do you pray with joyful confidence, "Father, give us this day our daily bread?"

### **Wednesday, February 15 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:22-26** When Jesus and his disciples arrived at Bethsaida, people brought to him a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. Putting spittle on his eyes he laid his hands on the man and asked, "Do you see anything?" Looking up the man replied, "I see people looking like trees and walking." Then he laid hands on the man's eyes a second time and he saw clearly; his sight was restored and he could see everything distinctly. Then he sent him home and said, "Do not even go into the village."

**Meditation:** There is one thing worse than physical blindness – and that is blindness of the heart and soul. A blind man is led to Jesus by some of his friends. Without their help he could not have found the one who could restore his sight. Jesus understood the fears and hopes of this blind man who begged him to touch him. The blind in a special way perceive the power of touch. Jesus shows considerateness in bringing this man to a place away from the skeptics and gawkers. His sight is restored in stages as he responds to Jesus' healing touch. Mark records this remarkable miracle in three short phrases: He looked intently and was restored, and saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home with a warning to avoid the company of those who live in spiritual darkness.

**Prayer:** O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Might there be a blind spot or two in your life that clouds or blocks your vision of God and his kingdom? If so, you need to work on those blind spots on by one and allow the Lord to touch you with his grace and power that you may walk in the light of his redeeming truth and love. Saint Jerome wrote about the spiritual significance of this healing for us, which we would all do well to think about: "Christ laid his hands upon his eyes that he might see all things clearly, so through visible things he might understand things invisible, which the eye has not seen, that after the film of sin is removed, he might clearly behold the state of his soul with the eye of a clean heart."

### **Thursday, February 16 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-33** Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and

began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

**Meditation:** At an opportune time Jesus tests his disciples with a simple, yet crucial question: Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am? He was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, professes that Jesus is truly the Christ. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to recognize Jesus as the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ). Christ is the Greek word for the Hebrew word Messiah, which means Anointed One. Peter's faith, however was sorely tested when Jesus explained that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption may be accomplished. How startled the disciples were when they heard these words! How different are God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways! Through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us our salvation.

**Prayer:** O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The same question that Jesus posed to his disciples he asks each of us: "Who do **YOU** say that I am?" Who is Jesus for **YOU**? This is a simple, yet crucial question for each one of us, and our response has implications not only on how we live our earthly lives, but our opportunity to have a seat for all eternity at the heavenly banquet. In a time where many don't think about the consequences of their actions, and where many don't want to take responsibility for their actions, we need to take a step or two back and think about how each of us will answer this question – "Who do **YOU** say that I am?" Let's make certain that our response is not simply lip service, as actions speak louder than words. As St. James reminds us of what we are called as disciples to do: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). In other words, do not let Christ's teachings go in one ear and out the other. Let his word take root in your mind and your heart, put Christ's teachings into action in your daily lives. In doing so, your response to who Jesus is for you become clear by your every thought, work, and most importantly your actions. Remember, talk is cheap – actions speak louder than words.

## **Friday, February 17 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Seven Founders of the Order of Servites**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1** Jesus summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? What could one give in exchange for his life? Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this faithless and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." He also said to them, "Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the Kingdom of God has come in power."

**Meditation:** Jesus poses some probing questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. The kind of person we are, our character, determines to a large extent the kind of future we will face and live. It is possible that some can gain all the things they set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important things of all. Of what value are material things if they don't help you gain what truly lasts in eternity. Neither money nor possessions can buy heaven, mend a broken heart, or cheer a lonely person. Jesus asks the question: What will a person give in exchange for his life? Everything we have is an out-right gift from God. We owe him everything, including our very lives.

**Prayer:** Impart to us, O Lord, in kindness the filial devotion with which the holy brothers venerated so devoutly the Mother of God and led your people to yourself. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** It is possible to give God our money, but not ourselves. It is possible to give him lip service, but not our hearts. A true disciple gladly gives up all that he or she has in exchange for an unending life of joy and happiness with God. God gives without measure. The joy he offers no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross

which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. Are you ready to *lose all* for Jesus Christ in order to *gain all* with Jesus Christ?

## Saturday, February 18 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

**Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-13** Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, the disciples no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant. Then they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" He told them, "Elijah will indeed come first and restore all things, yet how is it written regarding the Son of Man that he must suffer greatly and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah has come and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

**Meditation:** When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God (ref. Exodus 34:29). Paul says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (ref. 2 Cor. 3:7). In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles. What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jewish people that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (ref. Exodus 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10; 2 Maccabees 2:8).

**Prayer:** Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord, a spirit of always pondering on what is right and of hastening to carry it out, and, since without you we cannot exist, may we be enabled to live according to your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** In this day and age with so many human beings saying "listen to me" or "hear me" or "follow me" or "join us in our cause" we hear the great voice of God saying to those on Mount Tabor, and today to us all: "This is my beloved Son. ***Listen to Him***" (emphasis added). Jesus Christ is, of course, the way, the truth and the life. His timeless teachings lead us to grow in holiness and grace, live a life of simplicity, live a life loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves. And so we need to tune out all of those human voices and human opinions that lead us away from God and His Son, Jesus Christ, and simply "listen to Him" – listen to the divine voice of Christ in prayer, and the divine teachings of Christ in the New Testament, embrace His teachings, and live them to the fullest in all aspects of our lives. Origen, the great scripture scholar and Father of the Church, shows us how the transfiguration can change our lives: "When he is transfigured, his face also shines as the sun that he may be manifested to the children of light who have put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, and are no longer the children of darkness or night but have become the sons of day, and walk honestly as in the day. Being manifest, he will shine unto them not simply as the sun, but as demonstrated to be the sun of righteousness."

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### The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

February 2023

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

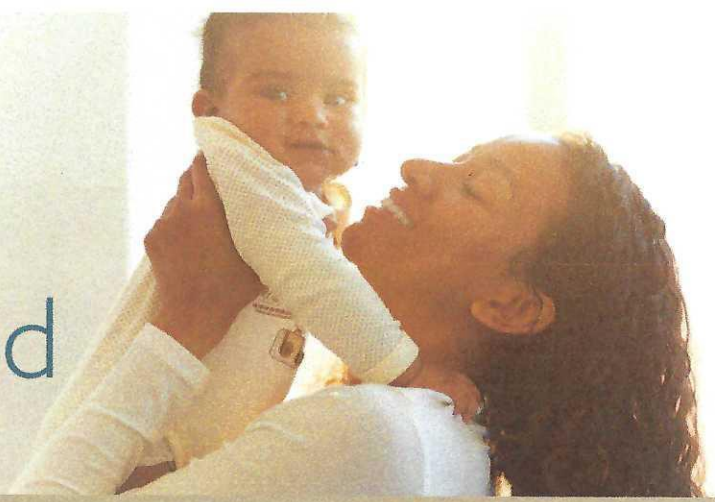
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# Called to Serve Moms in Need



Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country "*in haste*" (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.<sup>1</sup> How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord *lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age* (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a

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My soul proclaims  
the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Luke 1:46-47

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message of *hope*—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence.

Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

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<sup>1</sup> Lori, Most Reverend William E. 2022. Homily for the Opening Mass of the 2022 National Prayer Vigil for Life. Delivered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. January 20, 2022. <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/archbishop-william-e-lori-opening-mass-2022-national-prayer-vigil-life>.

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**12 de Febrero del 2023**



**Calendario Litúrgico:**

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Domingo                      Febrero 19                      1:30 p.m.

Miércoles de Ceniza

Febrero 22 8:15 a.m. y 6:00 p.m.

Domingo                      Febrero 26                      1:30 p.m.

Domingo                      Marzo 5                      1:30 p.m.

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Sábados    4:00 p.m.

Domingos    8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

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**Febrero 2023**

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19 de Febrero	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
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12 de Marzo	Seguidores de Cristo
19 de Marzo	Mensajeros de Cristo
26 de Marzo	El Buen Pastor
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El libro del Eclesiástico fechado en el siglo II antes de Cristo. En el texto de hoy, Eclesiásticos trata del tema del libre albedrío. Este tema de "los dos caminos" es común en muchos de los textos del Antiguo Testamento, podemos elegir el camino de la vida a Dios, o podemos elegir rechazar a Dios y seguir nuestro propio camino. "Si tú quieres," se nos dice, "puedes guardar los mandamientos." El pecado es nuestra responsabilidad, no la de Dios porque Dios no manda a nadie "actuar injustamente," pero nos ofrece la forma de vida. Pablo dice a los corintios que la sabiduría de Dios es "misteriosa, que ha permanecido oculta," no es como la sabiduría de los filósofos griegos o los sabios judíos. No se adquiere a través de la razón humana, se ha "revelado a nosotros por el Espíritu." Para Mateo, Jesús es un profeta como Moisés. Rodeado de una gran multitud de personas, Jesús ofrece una serie de enseñanzas relacionadas cómo debemos vivir. Él nos dice que él ha venido "para cumplir" la ley a los profetas, un término usando para referirse a las Escrituras Hebreas. Él nos dice que ni siquiera "la letra más pequeña ni la más pequeña parte de una carta/ pasarán de la ley." Jesús nos muestra que vivir la ley es algo más que sólo nuestras acciones, sino también sobre nuestros pensamientos y actitudes. No es suficiente para abstenerse de matar, también debemos evitar pensamientos de enojo y palabras, para "todo aquel que esté enojado.../ será culpable de juicio." No sólo debemos evitar cometer adulterio; también hay que abstenerse de pensamientos inadecuados, de lo contrario nos comprometemos a tener adulterio en nuestro corazón. Él nos está diciendo que para evitar acciones pecaminosas debemos mantener lejos de los pensamientos y actitudes que nos pueden llevar a pecar.

*Para reflexionar: ¿Cómo puedo ver el libre albedrío como una bendición o una carga?? ¿De qué manera me parece efectivo para evitar la tentación?*



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