Sunday Masses
8:30am
10:30am
12:30pm
5:30pm
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Daily Masses
Monday thru Friday
8:15am and 12:10pm

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8:15am and 12:10pm

Sacrament of Penance
Monday thru Friday
11:00am to 11:30am
1:30pm to 2:00pm
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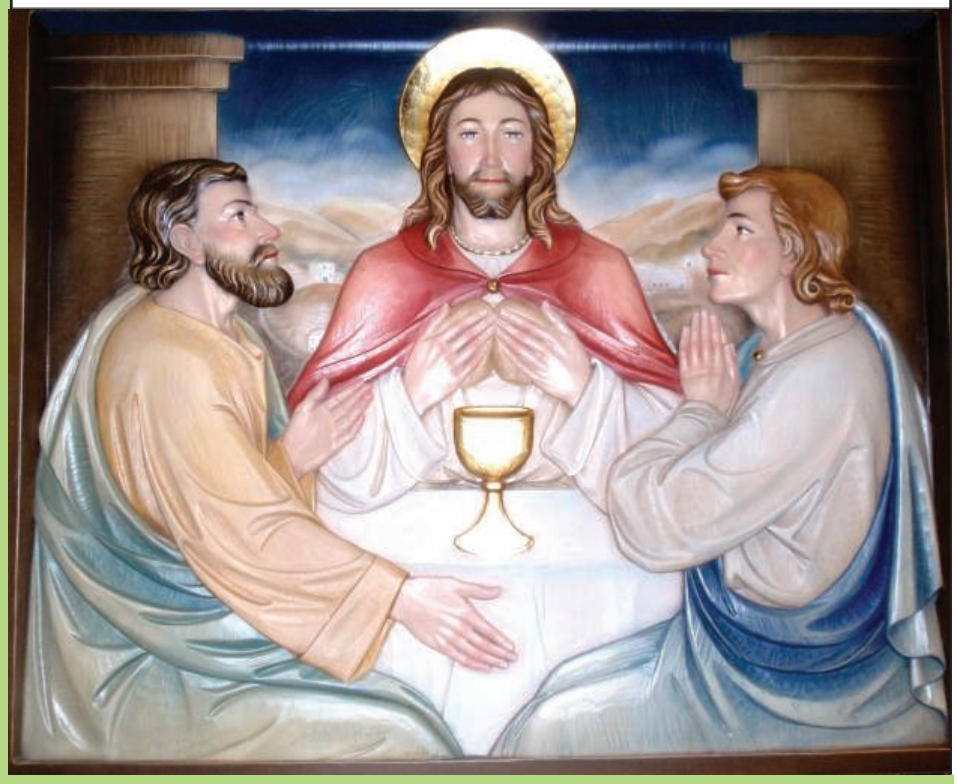

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The 2023 Cardinal's Appeal in our Parish has begun! "Blessed are all who take refuge in Him!" (Psalm 2) is the theme of this year's Appeal. In our Archdiocese, 2.8 million Catholics and countless of our non-Catholic brothers and sisters take refuge in the Lord through His Church and her ministries.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal exists to fund the extensive efforts of our Archdiocese to provide every person with an encounter with Jesus and a confidence that He, present in every Church in the most Holy Eucharist, is our refuge.

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PRAYER FOR HEALING TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy,
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
comforter of the afflicted,
you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings;
look with mercy on me.**

**By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes,
you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary,
where you dispense your favors.
Already many sufferers have obtained
the cure of their infirmities,
both spiritual and corporal.**

**I come, therefore, with complete confidence
to implore your maternal intercession.**

**Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my request,
(mention your petition)
In gratitude for your favors,
I will endeavor to imitate your virtues,
that I may one day share your glory,
and bless you in eternity. Amen.**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The name of Jesus is the most sweet-tasting nourishment of contemplation, for it feeds and revives those souls that are famished and spiritually hungry."

—St. Bernardine of Siena

World Day of the Sick

In 1992, St. John Paul established the annual observance of a "World Day of the Sick" for "prayer and sharing, offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ." The day is celebrated on February 11th, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Excerpts from Pope Francis' message for this year's World Day of the Sick are printed below.

Dear brothers and sisters!

Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane.

When we go on a journey with others, it is not unusual for someone to feel sick, to have to stop because of fatigue or of some mishap along the way. It is precisely in such moments that we see *how* we are walking together: whether we are truly companions on the journey, or merely individuals on the same path, looking after our own interests and leaving others to "make do". For this reason, on the thirty-first World Day of the Sick. I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness.

In the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the Lord speaks these words that represent one of the high points of God's Revelation: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down,says the Lord God.. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak […] I will feed them with justice" (34:15-16). Experiences of bewilderment, sickness, and weakness are part of the human journey. Far from excluding us from God's people, they bring us to the centre of the Lord's attention, for he is our Father and does not want to lose even one of his children along the way. Let us learn from Hm, then, how to be a community that truly walks together, capable of resisting the throwaway culture.

Brothers and sisters, we are rarely prepared for illness. Oftentimes, we fail even to admit that we are getting older. Our vulnerability frightens us and the pervasive culture of efficiency pushes us to sweep it under the carpet, leaving no room for our human frailty. In this way, when evil bursts onto the scene and wounds us, we are left stunned. Moreover, others might abandon us at such times. Or, in our own moments of weakness, we may feel that we should abandon others in order to avoid becoming a burden. This is how loneliness sets in, and we can become poisoned by a bitter sense of injustice, as if God Himself had abandoned us. Indeed, we may find it hard to remain at peace with the Lord when our relationship with others and with ourselves is damaged. It is crucial, then, even in the midst of illness, that the whole Church become a true "field hospital", for her mission is manifested in acts of care, particularly in the historical circumstances of our time. We are all fragile and vulnerable, and need that compassion which knows how to pause, approach, heal, and raise up. Thus, the plight of the sick is a call that cuts through indifference and slows the pace of those who go on their way as if they had no sisters and brothers.

The World Day of the Sick calls for prayer and closeness towards those who suffer. Yet it also aims to raise the awareness of God's people, healthcare institutions and civil society with regard to a new way of moving forward together. The above-quoted prophecy of Ezekiel judges harshly the priorities of those who wield economic, cultural, and political power over others: "You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them" (34:3-4). God's word is always illuminating and timely; not only in what it denounces, but also in what it proposes. Indeed, the conclusion of the parable of the Good Samaritan suggests how the exercise of fraternity, which began as a face-to-face encounter, can be expanded into organized care. The elements of the inn, the innkeeper, the money and the promise to remain informed of the situation (cf. *Lk* 10:34-35) all point to the commitment of healthcare and social workers, family members and volunteers, through whom good stands up in the face of evil every day, in every part of the world.

On 11 February 2023, let us turn our thoughts to the Shrine of Lourdes, a prophetic lesson entrusted to the Church for our modern times. It is not only what functions well or those who are productive that matter. Sick people, in fact, are at the centre of God's people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind.

To the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all of you who are ill; you who care for them in your families, or through your work, research and volunteer service; and those of you who are committed to weaving personal, ecclesial, and civic bonds of fraternity. To all, I impart my heartfelt blessing.

dear Padre

Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions?

Many Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization (proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel) is not their job but a task for priests, religious, or others serving in an official Church capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of faith-filled commitment than a person's specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News. So, evangelization is the mission and purpose of everyone in the whole Church. It is God's People doing God's will and work on earth.

Your anxiety about being ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject the truth about Jesus Christ. Your fear may underestimate the powerful attraction of the Good News. Also, your worry can be based on your lack of confidence rather than a potentially negative response from others. There are several ways for dealing with this concern:

First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it.

Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions God gives you the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

So, as Saint Paul tells you, just plant seeds of faith and let God take care of their growth and harvest.

—The Redemptorists

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023
5:30pm +Eric D. Javier (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023
8:30am +Dolores Viarengo
10:30am +Aunt Nora Serrano
12:30pm +Sheela Lindsay
5:30pm +Marie Colwell

SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023
8:15am For Our Parishioners
12:10pm +Guido & Agnese Bettini

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023
8:15am +Juliana Medina
12:10pm +Vicenta Melendez

SAINT JEROME EMILIANI
SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023
8:15am Intentions of Msgr. Douglas J. Mathers
12:10pm +Ricardo Jové

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023
8:15am +Michael Visconte
12:10pm +Augusto Arias Lazcano

SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023
8:15am +Julia Valdivia
12:10pm +Cristina Valdivia

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023
8:15am +Bea Healy
12:10pm In Thanksgiving
5:30pm Special Intentions (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

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2023 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME $4,308

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FOR OUR DECEASED: SABRINA BERTUCCI, MARIE COLWELL, ERIC D. JAVIER, ANDREW LAWLER, AND IRENE MC PARLAND

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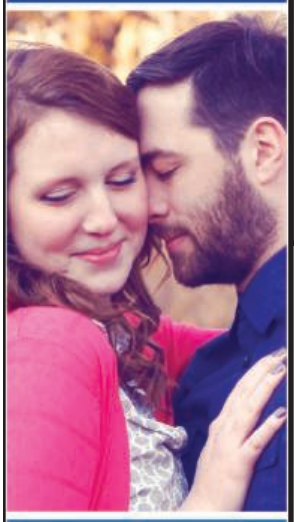
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