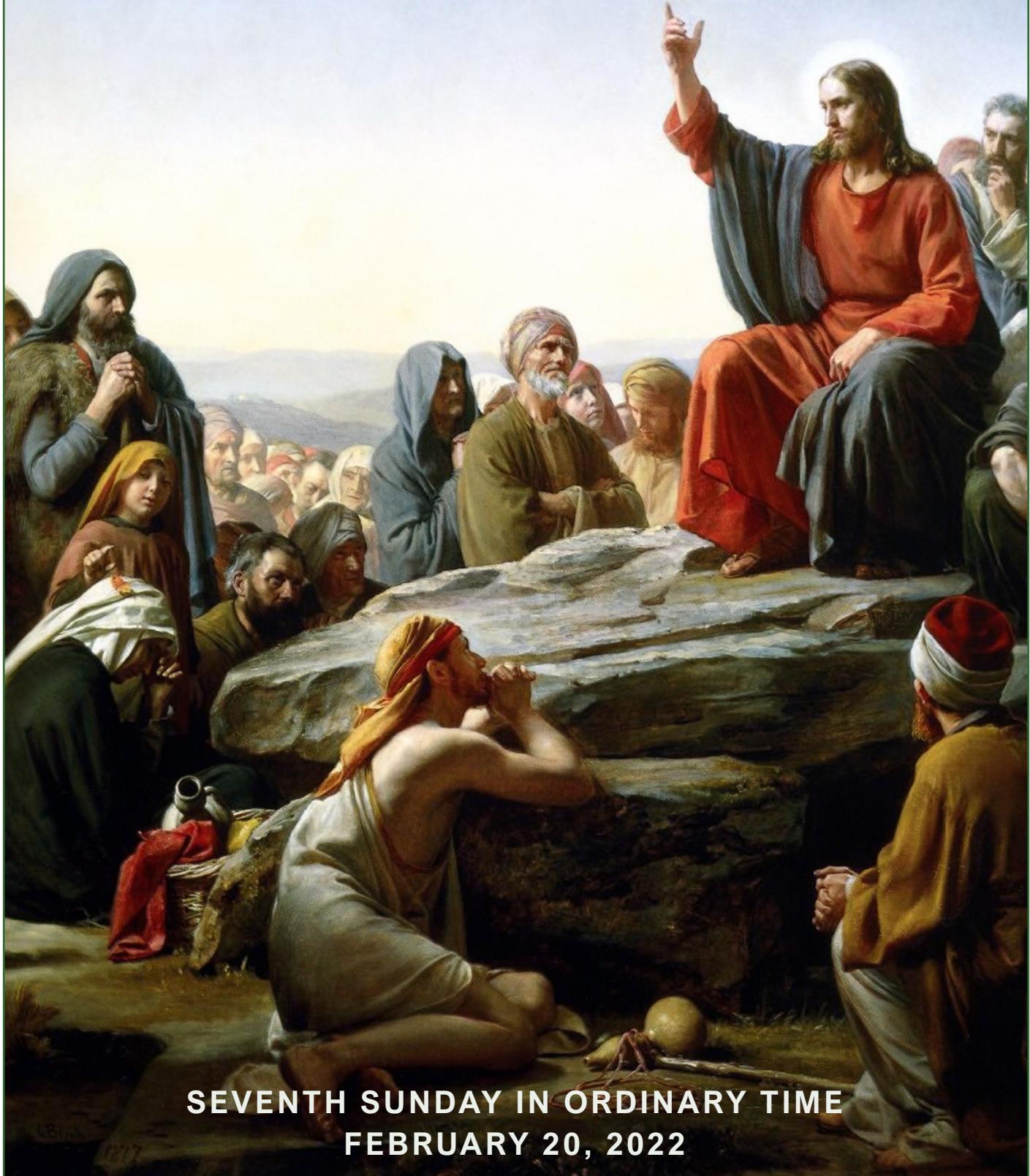


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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

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On Thursday, February 24th through Saturday, February 26th, the parish will undertake to "keep company" with Jesus in his Presence in the Blessed Sacrament with over 40 Hours of Devotion and Adoration. Our nation, our parish, and our families need this desperately. Sign up to pray for an hour before the Holy Eucharist (sign up through flocknote or in the church).

**Ash Wednesday is March 2nd.** Masses will be at 8:30 am, noon, and 7 pm with distribution of Ashes. A Service of the Word with distribution of Ashes will be at 3:30 pm.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass.

The **Parish Office will be closed** on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day.

**Please Note:** The Archdiocese of New York has lifted the mask requirement for attendance at Mass and other parish functions. Those who wish to continue wearing masks are certainly encouraged to do so. The mask/social distancing area in the church for Sunday Masses remains. The practice of exchanging peace during the Mass remains eliminated. "Informal" signs of peace are to be contactless. The reception of communion in the hand is encouraged. The use of hand sanitizers is advised.



**2022 Orange County Synod!** Be part of the conversation! Pope Francis has asked every diocese in the world to convene their own synods to help their bishops prepare for the synod he will have with them in 2023. Cardinal Dolan therefore has asked us to gather together in our own synodal listening sessions to reflect on the needs of the Church. The Orange County Synod will take place on March 12th at St. Joseph Parish in Middletown beginning with Mass at 8 am. Everyone is invited! If you are interested, email Father Doughty for details at [pastor@stmariannecope.com](mailto:pastor@stmariannecope.com).

**Separated and/or divorced parishioners** are invited to a free prayer service and reflection with His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan on Saturday, March 5th at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, 9:30-11:30 am. Register at [adnyfamilylife.eventbrite.com](https://adnyfamilylife.eventbrite.com).

**Journey Through Lent:** A free Lenten Video Series led by Scott Hahn featuring faith-inspiring talks on confession, prayer, the Eucharist, and knowing the Gospel begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Sign up at [stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com).

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

# FAQS ABOUT 40 HOURS

**T**HIS THURSDAY, beginning with an opening Mass at 7:00 pm, the parish will undertake to keep company with the Lord through Eucharistic Adoration for forty straight hours. It will last overnight, through the day and evening on Friday until Saturday at 4:00 pm when we will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Our mission will be led by Father Herald Brock, CFR who has visited the parish on many other occasions. A flyer is inserted in this bulletin.

### WHAT IS 40 HOURS?

Simply, 40 Hours is a commitment by a parish community to undertake 40 hours of meditation and prayer for a consecrated Host placed in a monstrance upon the altar. Remembering the words of Jesus in Gethsemane on the night before he died - "Could you not spend just one hour with me?" - parishioners are invited to spend one hour in company with our Eucharistic Lord.

By our very belief, that Christ is - as He is with his Father in Heaven - fully present in Body, Blood, Soul, Divinity in the sacrament on the altar, we stand before Jesus in very much the same way that the "doubting" Thomas did when Jesus invited him to place his fingers in the holes in his hands, and his hand in his side. We may call forth the great mystery of the Mass by which the Eucharist is present when we participate directly in the saving acts of Christ and by the grace of the Holy Spirit unite the sacrifices of our lives with the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Above all, our heart is led to a spirit of gratitude for faith in this mystery, for as the second Eucharist prayer of the Mass says, "We thank You for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and minister to you."

It is an opportunity to pray with faith for those needs that weigh down our hearts: our beloved dead, friends and family burdened with sickness, loved ones who no longer believe, for the world that does not treasure the gift of life, for nations at the brink of war, for impoverished families that do not have work or shelter or food to feed their children this day.

It is an opportunity to pray for faith, and more faith, and to know Our Lord by reading Holy Scripture, particularly the Gospels, and speaking with Him about.... Him!

### WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF 40 HOURS DEVOTION?

Following the affirmation of the Second Vatican Council that the Holy Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life," (Lumen Gentium, 11) the Church fathers encouraged meditation upon and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. Its first documented celebration was in 1527 in Milan where worshippers sought reparation for sins and the protection of God as war approached. Pope Paul III approved its use in 1539 and both St. Anthony Zaccaria and St. Philip Neri helped its practice to become popular with the lay faithful. Pope Paul IV explained the devotion in light of the 40 hours Jesus spent fasting and praying in the desert (as soon we will remember in Lent) and the unceasing prayer called forth by scripture and the example of the early Church. In the eighteenth century and later here in the United States, a solemn order of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with 40 hours of devotion was published.

### WHY ARE WE CELEBRATING 40 HOURS NOW?

Our Church is going through a crisis of faith now. Eighty-five percent of young adults have no connection with a traditional faith (regardless of religious persuasion). NONES - those who don't identify with any religious community or sentiment - are the fastest growing "religious" group in the United States. Seven in ten Catholics do not believe what the Church teaches about the sacraments and especially the Holy Eucharist ("it is merely a symbol"). Catholic politicians (and many Catholics in the pews) likely receive Holy Communion unworthily, failing to examine their consciences and thus risking condemnation (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). This year our bishops in the United States felt some kind of Eucharistic revival was needed to encourage the faith of Catholics. A program led by Bishop Colacicco in New York is soon to be announced. Since Lent, ever a time for conversion, will begin the week after our Eucharistic mission, I thought this would be a good time to start renewing our Eucharistic faith.

# SOME THEOLOGICAL POINTS TO PREPARE FOR 40 HOURS (PICK ONE OR TWO)

- To develop a deeper devotion to the Eucharist
- To reflect on how well our lives mirror Christ's
- To become more aware of Christ's presence in our lives
- To deepen our spiritual communion with Christ
- Make a clear connection to the liturgy
- Make clear that the celebration of the eucharistic sacrifice in the Mass is the source and culmination of the whole Christian life
- Lead those we love back to the liturgical celebration
- Be conformed to the liturgy
- Remind ourselves that His presence comes from the sacrifice of the Mass
- Draws us into an ever deeper share in the Paschal Mystery
- Respond gratefully to the gift of Christ present in the Eucharist
- Enjoy Christ's intimate friendship
- Pray for ourselves, those dear to us, and for the world



- Strive to worship Christ in a manner fitting to our way of life
  - Offer our entire lives with Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit
  - Increase in faith, hope, and charity
  - Extends the union with Christ reached in reception of communion
  - Are strengthened to live out the covenant received through faith and sacrament
  - Are reminded to live their whole lives strengthened by sacramental communion as sharers in the Paschal Mystery (Christ's death/resurrection/ascension, the pouring forth of the Holy Spirit, and Christ's return)
  - Eager to do good works and to please God
- Instill in the world the Christian spirit
- To become witnesses to Christ
- Acknowledge Christ's marvelous presence in the sacrament
- Lead back to the celebration of Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Feb 21:** St. Peter Damian

8:30 +Rose and Michael Prezioso by Fran Clifford

**Tues, Feb 22:** The Chair of St. Peter

8:30 +Francesco Adamo by Stephen and Amelia Fry

**Wed, Feb 23:** St. Polycarp

8:30 +Donald Dietrichsen by R. Pana

**Thurs, Feb 24**

8:30 +Michael Roberti by Gallagher family

**Fri, Feb 25**

8:30 +Gracie Monahan by Ken and Margaret Schmidt

**Sat, Feb 26:** BVM

8:30 +Leroy Reynolds by Fr. Doughty

4:30 +Veronica Zillig by Dunne family

**Sun, Feb 27:** Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 +David Jessup by Jessup family

10:00 +Maria Brancato by family

12:00 Pro Populo (for the people of the parish)

*The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass—\$15.*

## READINGS FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Reading I — I Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

David refuses to harm the sleeping Saul, which bespeaks of David's justification and underlines Saul's evil.

**Reading II — I Corinthians 15: 45-49**

St. Paul presents Christ as the new and last Adam. He became Lord of all through His resurrection. In this way, He became a giver of life with the old Adam as its receiver.

**The Gospel — Luke 6:27-38**

"The Sermon on the Plain" continues. Jesus teaches would-be disciples how to respond to hurts and indeed persecution. He rejects the natural human tendency to place self-protection first. Thus does He offer a radical idea to all.

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