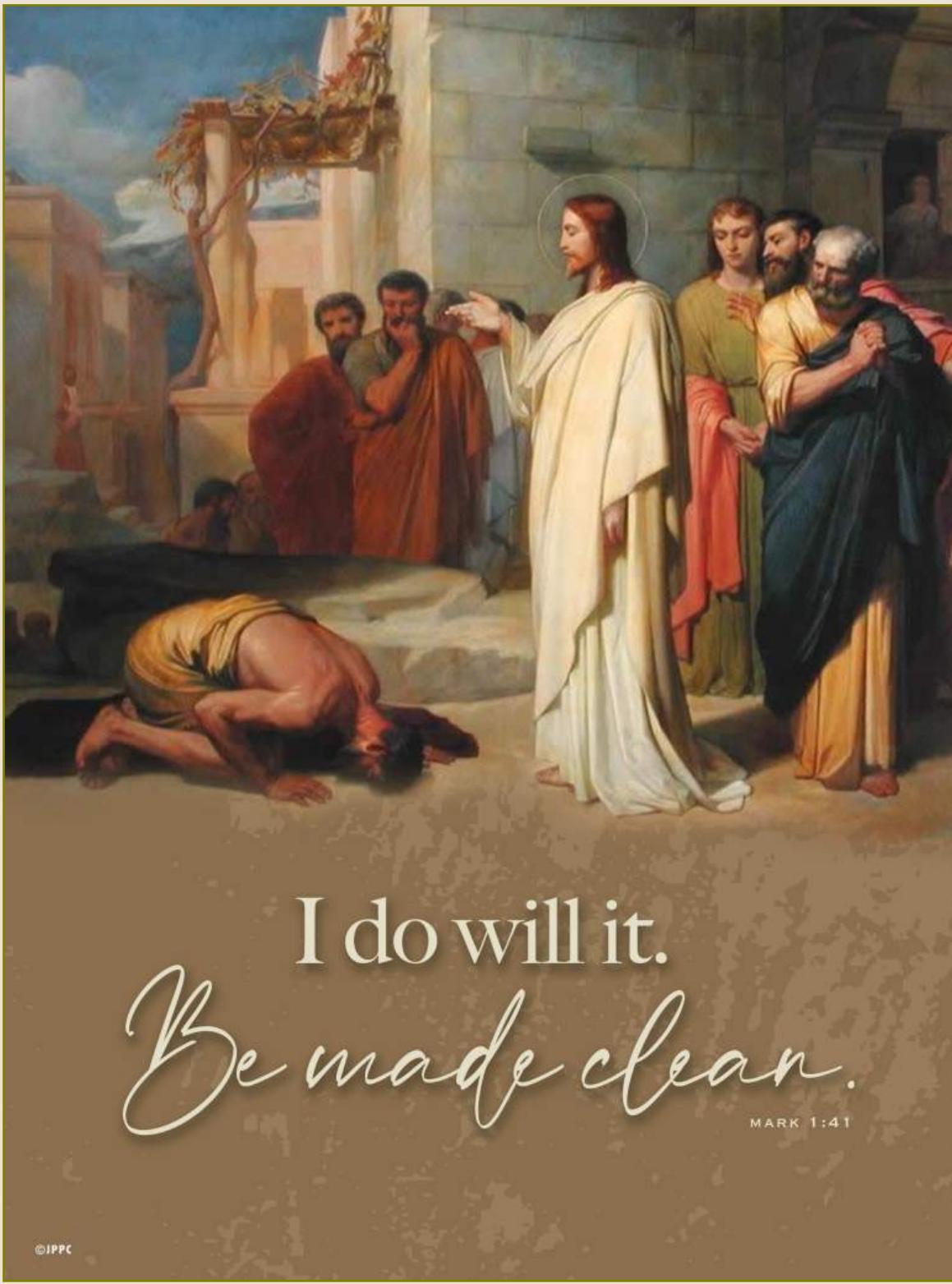


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Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

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Ash Wednesday

February 14

Masses at: 8:30 am, noon, 7 pm
Service of the Word at 3:30 pm

This is a day of fast and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday begins the 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that is **Lent**.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7 pm at St. Thomas Church.

Join us for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Mondays, 7-8 pm, during the Eucharistic Revival with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Exposition and Benediction.

Fasts and Abstinence during Lent: Catholics are urged to reflect a spirit of penance in their lives especially through daily acts of fast and abstinence. Persons aged 18 to 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; only one full meal may be taken on those days, two smaller meals (not equaling the full meal) may be taken as well. Catholics aged 14 and older must abstain from meat on those days, as well as on Fridays in Lent.

The Parish and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a traditional **"Fat Tuesday"** pancake dinner on February 13th, 6-8 pm, in the school gym. Cost is \$7/adult; \$4/child under 14 (purchase tickets at the door). Proceeds will go to our new outreach ministry (see below) providing help kits/boxes to children in a grief support program.

Help grieving children through Hospice Care. Our parish is participating in a special ministry to children suffering the loss of a family member. Led by Hospice Care, we will be asking parishioners to donate a box (each costs \$15) of items that are used in specialized grief sessions for children aged 6-13. Proceeds from the upcoming **"Fat Tuesday"** pancake dinner (see above) will be used to purchase boxes as well. This is a great Lenten project!

Knights of Columbus 7460 is serving a **Lenten Fish Dinner** takeout (or eat in after 6 pm), 5-7 pm, every Friday during Lent in the school gym. Price for a Flounder (1 piece) or Shrimp (7 pieces) or Fried Clam Dinner is \$11/each; \$16 for a Combo of choice of 2 (1 piece fish/4 pieces shrimp/fried clams). Dinners include coleslaw, potato salad, dinner roll, and sauces. Also available... New England clam chowder and tomato bisque for \$6 a bowl.

JCDA Sunday: The Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Rita #264 will be celebrating together on February 18th at the 10 am Mass. The Court is open to 10-18 year old girls. Their mission is to serve the Parish and community through their faith. You can find more information on the Parish website.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has begun. The Archdiocese of New York serves 2.5 million Catholics in New York. The Appeal raises funds to sustain the various ministries, institutions, and outreach programs that serve thousands of individuals and families throughout New York. Visit cardinalsappeal.org to donate. Our Parish goal is \$59,900.

CATECHESIS ON THE HOLY MASS:

Why Go To Sunday Mass?

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, Good morning! Today, we ask ourselves: *Why go to Sunday Mass?*

The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life (*CCC, n. 2177*). We Christians go to Sunday Mass to encounter the Risen Lord, or better still to allow ourselves to be encountered by him, to hear his Word, to nourish ourselves at his table, and thus to become the Church, that is, his mystical living Body in the world.

From the first hour, Jesus' disciples understood this; they celebrated the Eucharistic encounter with the Lord on the day of the week... because *on that day Jesus rose from the dead* and appeared to the disciples, speaking with them, eating with them, giving them the Holy Spirit. The great outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost also happened on a Sunday, the 50th day after Jesus' Resurrection. For these reasons, Sunday is a holy day for us, sanctified by the Eucharistic celebration, the living presence of the Lord among us and for us. Thus, it is the Mass that makes Sunday Christian. The Christian Sunday revolves around the Mass. For a Christian, what is a Sunday in which the encounter with the Lord is lacking?

....Some secularized societies have lost the Christian sense of Sunday illuminated by the Eucharist. This is a shame! In these contexts it is necessary to revive this awareness, to recover the meaning of the celebration, the meaning of the joy, of the parish community, of solidarity, of the rest which restores body and soul (cf. *ccc, nn. 2177-2178*). Of all these values, the Eucharist is our guide, Sunday after Sunday.... The Second Vatican Council wished to emphasize that Sunday "is the original feast day, and it should be proposed to the piety of the faithful and taught to them so that it may become in fact a day of joy and of freedom from work" (*CSC, 106*).

.... It was the Christian awareness of living as children and not as slaves, inspired by the Eucharist,

which has made Sunday — almost universally — the day of rest. Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope....

Eucharistic communion with Jesus, Risen and ever-Living, anticipates the Sunday without sunset, when there will be no more weariness nor pain, nor sorrow nor tears, but only the joy of living fully and forever with the Lord. Sunday Mass also speaks to us of this blessed repose, teaching us to entrust ourselves during the course of the week to the hands of the Father who is in heaven.

How can we respond to those who say that it is of no use going to Mass, even on Sunday, because the important thing is to live well, to love our neighbor? It is true that the quality of Christian life is measured by the capacity to love, but how can we practice the Gospel without drawing the energy necessary to do so, one Sunday after another, from the inexhaustible source of the Eucharist? We do not go to Mass in order to give something to God, but to receive what we truly need from him. We are reminded of this by the Church's prayer, which is addressed to God in this way: "although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit us for salvation" (*Roman Missal, Common Preface iv*).

In conclusion, why do we go to Mass on Sundays? It is not enough to respond that it is a precept of the Church; this helps to preserve its value, but alone does not suffice. We Christians need to participate in Sunday Mass because only with Jesus' grace, with his living presence within us and among us, can we put his commandment into practice, and thus be his credible witnesses.

(*From Pope Francis's General Audience of Wednesday, 13 December 2017*)

MASS INTENTIONS

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

Mon, Feb 12

8:30 +Genevieve Febbraro by Conti family

Tues, Feb 13

8:30 +Richard Cibirka by Jeanne Cibirka

Wed, Feb 14: Ash Wednesday

Masses at 8:30, noon, and 7 pm

Service of the Word at 3:30 pm

Thurs, Feb 15

8:30 +Jesus Pacquing by Remy Pana

Fri, Feb 16

8:30 +Philip and Ann Adams by Liz Adams

Sat, Feb 17: Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30 +Benjamin Santoro by family

4:30 +Don Wright by Missy Irwin;

+Fr. Robert Hilfiker by Kathy Kissel

Sun, Feb 18: First Sunday of Lent

8:00 +Anthony Missere by family

10:00 Intentions of Junior CDA members

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will 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 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I — Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Lepers in those ancient days had to live not only with physical pain but also with psychological pain from the several laws regarding them. In addition to forced separation from the community, they were obliged to cry out "Unclean!" whenever they neared healthy people.

Reading II — 1 Corinthians 10; 31-11:1

Paul urges his flock to act like Christ as healers and at the same time to be compassionate toward all whom they may encounter.

The Gospel — Mark 1:40-45

With a loving and tender touch, disregarding strict laws against any kind of physical contact with lepers, Jesus touches a man with the disease and heals him. He then orders the man to follow the law by showing himself to a priest who would declare him "clean."

40 Days for Life is February 14-March 24. Kickoff Sunday is February 11, 2-3:30 pm, in the gym at Sacred Heart Church in Monroe. A Pro Life Mass will be celebrated on February 13 at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Monroe. Sign up to pray during the Campaign at 40daysforlife.com or contact Wendy at 845.820.4366 for Newburgh or Mary at 917.817.9174 for Goshen.

Jesus and the Eucharist Independent Home Study #14

As you've journeyed through this independent study of Jesus and the Eucharist, if you have kept a journal, you may want to read over your observations, thoughts, and questions. Have you shared your insights with anyone else? Sign in to your account with Formed.org. Search for "[Jesus and the Eucharist Session 7: Bread for the Journey](#)". (Watch the second half of the video. Begin at 1:02:30.) Be sure to complete this video session by watching the ending message beginning at 1:50:12.

The Eucharist is our daily bread, our sustenance, and our source of every grace and blessing. As Pope Francis highlighted in a homily on Corpus Christi in 2021: "To celebrate the Eucharist, we need first to recognize our thirst for God, to sense our need for him, to long for his presence and love, to realize that we cannot go it alone, but need the Food and Drink of eternal life to sustain us on our journey" (Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021).

The Mass — continued

Receiving the Eucharist:

Never receive the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin (see 1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

Fast from food and drink (except water or medicine) for at least one hour before receiving the Eucharist. (There is an exception for the elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them—see Code of Canon Law #919, para. 3).

Receive the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season.

Our participation in Mass:

We participate in Christ's sacrifice (see Colossians 1:24).

We intentionally give ourselves back to God when we prepare to receive the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is our offering of thanksgiving to God. The word "Eucharist" in Greek means "thanksgiving."

Eucharistic adoration:

"I look at Jesus, and Jesus looks at me."

Jesus is present in every tabernacle, waiting for us, desiring us.

Sent forth:

Ite, missa est — we are sent out from Mass with a purpose.

The world needs us to share what we have received.

Questions to consider as we conclude our last session:

- ~ Reflecting on our seven sessions, what stood out to you the most?
- ~ What is one thing you will take away from these sessions and begin to apply to your life?
- ~ What in your life can you bring to the altar to be transformed by God, like the bread and wine are?
- ~ How do you feel called to live out the mission we are given at the end of Mass, especially after receiving the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist?

Matthew 28:16-20 | The Commissioning of the Disciples

"The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

"Then Jesus approached and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And, behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.'"

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