

THE GOOD NEWS

PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 1, 2021

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from



the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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Sunday, February 7
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39

Monday, February 8
Gn 1:1-19
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 9
Gn 1:20—2:4a
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 10
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 11
Gn 2:18-25
Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 12
Gn 3:1-8
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 13
Gn 3:9-24
Mk 8:1-10

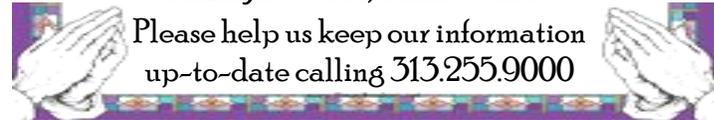
Sunday, February 14
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31—11:1
Mk 1:40-45

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTION
Sunday, February 7, 2021
*For the Special Intentions of all
Presentation Our Lady
of Victory Parishioners*



† PRAYER LIST †

*Naomi Anderson, Maeola Blackmon,
Wayne Bradley, Fr. Burr, Nancy Burr,
Sarah Diggs, Ruth Donaldson, Wesley Duggan,
Marjorie Greene, Darlene Harris, Caldonia Ingram,
Jerree Martin, Emily McGhee, Marsha Price,
Priscilla Propson, Nellie Richards,
Doris Robinson, Deacon Sanders,
Alexander Stubbs Jr., Edward Sutton,
Arline Timbers, Monika Uriel,
Marilyn Worde, Mark Worde*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Dr. Jesse Goodwin
Pam LaGarde
Naomi Anderson
Stacey Busby
Gail Bond*



If you have a February birthday and we missed you, please let us know by calling 586.596.2089 or email sisjeanine@aol.com.

REST IN *Peace*

Mary Elizabeth Robinson

June 2, 1922 - January 31, 2021



May the Angels lead her into paradise

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

PSALM:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

I have become all things to all, to save at least some.
All this I do for the sake of the gospel,
so that I too may have a share in it. (1 Cor 9:22-23)

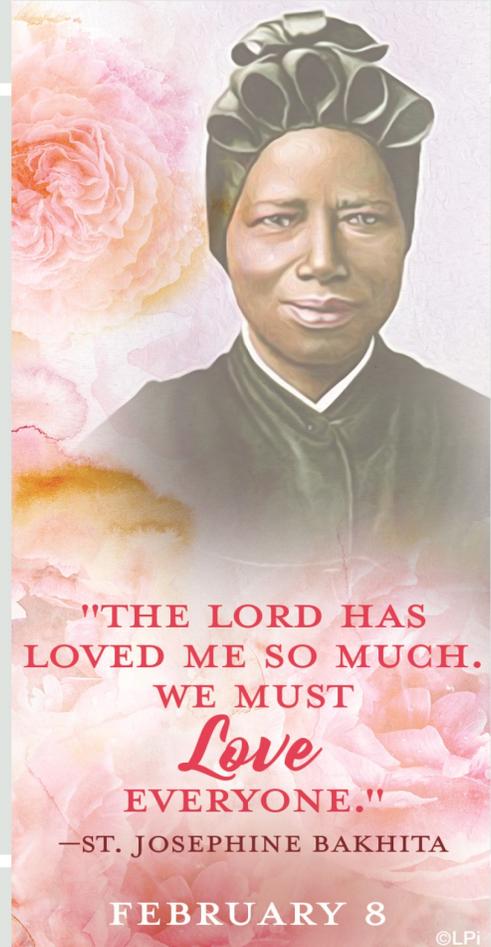
GOSPEL:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases,
and he drove out many demons,
not permitting them to speak because they knew
him. (Mk 1:34)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

- Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day



REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear how Job struggled to find meaning and hope in his life. How does your faith help you get through difficult times in your life?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of his singular desire to preach the "gospel" (the Good News of Jesus Christ). When do you share the gospel message with others?

GOSPEL READING

We learn that from the beginning of his public ministry Jesus was very purpose-driven: healing the sick and preaching the good news. How intentional is the practice of faith in your daily life?

THE AUDACITY OF HOLINESS

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

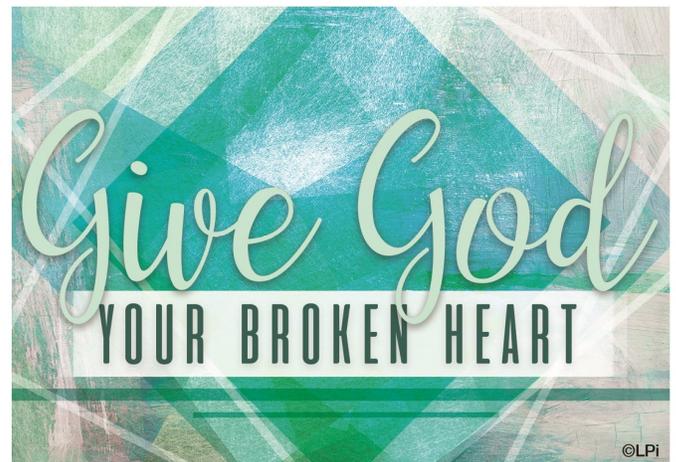
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IS IT EVER OK TO LEAVE MASS BEFORE IT ENDS?

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.



Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
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Simon Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. Jesus went to her. He took hold of her hand and helped her up. The fever left her. She felt so good, she cooked them a nice meal to celebrate. Neighbors brought all of their sick loved ones to be cured. When we pray today, Jesus still comes to those who are sick and heals them. He cures through doctors, nurses, medicines, and machines.

PRAYER

Lord, heal my family and friends who are sick today.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will make get well cards for three sick people in our church.

Presentation Our Lady of Victory Church is an urban parish that strives to proclaim the Good News of Christ and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic faith, focuses on increasing our love for God through worship; serves as stewards in the community and continues the ministry of Jesus Christ through prayer and evangelization.

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**CATHOLIC RESOURCES**

† Ave Maria Radio - 990 am

† Catholic Connection—Teresa Tomeo
Monday-Friday 8am-10am† Christ is the Answer-Fr. John Riccardo
Monday-Friday 11am† Kresta in the Afternoon-Al Kresta
Monday-Friday 4pm-6pm† EWTN Global Catholic Radio Open Line
Monday-Friday 3pm† Catholic Answers
Monday-Friday 6pm-8pm
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