

MASS INTENTIONS FOR February 10—18, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday,	Feb. 10	5:00 pm	St. Scholastica For + Patricia Lucas by CWL
Sunday,	Feb. 11	9:30 am	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
		11:30 am	For + Esteban de Ocampo by Bandayrel Fam.
Tuesday,	Feb. 13	9:00 am	For + Bernard Rivard by Mia
Wednesday,	Feb. 14		ASH WEDNESDAY
		8:00 am	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
		7:00 pm	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Thursday,	Feb. 15	9:00 am	For Fannie and family by Doreen Allen
Friday,	Feb. 16	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross, Mass, Benediction, Confessions. Community Intentions + Helen Keller

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday,	Feb. 17	5:00 pm	For + Brent Labelle by the K.C.'s
Sunday,	Feb. 18	9:30 am	For + Jaime & + Maria Araujo by Mike and Estrel Pereira
		11:30 am	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK :

Tuesday,	February 13	@ 7:00 pm	R.C.I.A.
		@ 7:00 pm	CONFIRMATION MEETING (Parents only)
			OR
Saturday,	February 17	@ noon	CONFIRMATION MEETING (Parents only)

(If you have not yet registered your grade 6 student for Confirmation you may still do so prior to this meeting)

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS WITH FATHER RAJA



9:00 am	St. Elizabeth Seton
10:00 am	St. Maria Goretti
11:00 am	Anne Fitzgerald
1:00 pm	St. Bonaventure

FEBRUARY 20, 2018 DAY OF CONFESSION

In parishes across the Archdiocese, priests will devote this day to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Father Raja will be available for you in our Church starting at 9:30 am—4pm and again 6 pm—8pm.

Come sweep out the cobwebs in our hearts.



Grace with lines inspired by this weeks readings.



Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You encourage us to ask for what we need and to trust in you. (Mark 1:40)

All: Lord, Jesus, we thank you for healing us.

Together: “Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen”

After the meal: “We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who live and reign now and forever. Amen”

This Wednesday, we celebrate Ash Wednesday. The ashes on our forehead are a reminder of our mortality and the need for repentance.

Lent is a season of preparation before Easter. The Lenten season is a time when we observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection.

If you don't want to give something up for the Lenten season, why not do something as a family instead? It doesn't have to be big or grand. In fact, it's often the small things that make a difference.

Daily Family Devotions Whether it's at breakfast or after dinner, you can read a devotional with your family. It need not be long. and they have many appropriate for small children. (I will put some in next weeks bulletin)

Daily Prayer Time It's important that kids grow up feeling that prayer is a natural thing. Each evening spend time in prayer on a certain topic of your choosing. For example the health of loved ones, members of your church, people groups close to your heart, etc.

Find Something to Give Away As a family, go through your possessions and find gently used items, then pray about how you can bless others with those things. You can give toys, clothes or baby gear to pregnancy support centers, foster care agencies, or families in need..

Be hospitable Each week of Lent, why not invite over another individual or family with whom you aren't well acquainted? An older single person who might enjoy fellowship or an elderly couple whose children live far away. Bless them with your words and time together.

Reach out to someone else Whether by text, email, or handwritten card, choose a person today and send them a line or two of encouragement. An “*I'm thinking of you*” or “*we're praying for you*” can mean more than you think.

WHY GO TO MASS ON SUNDAY:

By Pope Francis (Part 1 of 2)

The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is at the center of the life of the Church.

We Christians go to Mass on Sunday to encounter the Risen Lord, or, better, to let ourselves be encountered by Him, to listen to His word, to eat at His table, and thus become Church, that is, His living Mystical Body in the world today.

It was understood, from the first moment, by Jesus' disciples, who celebrated the Eucharistic encounter with the Lord on the day of the week that the Jews called "the first of the week" and the Romans "day of the sun." Because on that day Jesus rose from the dead and He appeared to His disciples, speaking with them, eating with them, giving them the Holy Spirit (Cf. Matthew 28: 1; Mark 16:9,14; Luke 24:1,3; John 20:1,19), as we heard in the biblical Reading.

The great effusion of the Holy Spirit also happened on Sunday, the fiftieth day after Jesus' Resurrection. For these reasons, Sunday is a holy day for us, sanctified by the Eucharistic celebration, the Lord's living presence among us and for us. Hence, it is the Mass that makes Sunday Christian! The Christian Sunday revolves around the Mass. For a Christian, what sort of Sunday is it that lacks the encounter with the Lord?

Unfortunately, there are Christian communities that cannot enjoy the Mass every Sunday; however, on this holy day, they are also called to recollect themselves in prayer, in the Lord's name, listening to the word of God and keeping alive the desire of the Eucharist.

Some secularized societies have lost the Christian sense of Sunday illumined by the Eucharist. This is sin! In these contexts, it's necessary to revive this awareness, to recover the meaning of the celebration, of the joy of the parish community, of solidarity, of the rest that restores the soul and the body (Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 2177 - 2188). The Eucharist is the teacher of all these values, Sunday after Sunday. Therefore, Vatican Council II wanted to confirm that "Sunday is the primordial day of celebration which must be proposed and inculcated in the piety of the faithful, so that it also becomes a day of joy and of abstention from work" (Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium, 106).

Sunday's abstention from work didn't exist in the first centuries: it's a specific contribution of Christianity. By biblical tradition the Jews rest on Saturday, while in Roman society a weekday of abstention from servile works was not foreseen. It was the Christian sense of living as children and not as slaves, animated by the Eucharist, which made Sunday - almost universally - the day of rest.

Continued next week.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 10/11, 2018

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\$ 3,622.00

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Theresa Wile

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PRAYER CORNER:

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Josie Mitchell, Rose Auburn

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS.

Leviticus 13.1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1; Mark 1.40-45

“A leper came to Jesus, imploring him urgently and kneeling as he spoke, ‘If you choose, you can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. ‘I do choose. Be made clean.’” – Mark 1.40-41

In Jesus' time leprosy made its sufferers outsiders, obligated to stay away from others. Leprosy lumped together various skin conditions that like race, gender, age, and other realities show visibly on the body. Poverty can show in missing teeth and listless faces.

On the basis of appearance, we human beings start setting up boundaries between people like us and people like them, insiders and outsiders. We tend to stereotype and even demonize groups we don't know. The voices of outsiders call for belonging among us, for equality and inclusion. The voices of those left out call us to widen our tents and lengthen our tables. In claiming justice and equality, people express their dignity as human beings made in God's image and likeness. In healing the leper, Jesus gives voice to God's intent for us all—wholeness, acceptance and love.

With whom might you build a bridge from isolation to participation in economic life, parish life, neighborhood life, or family life?

Quote for the week: God sees hearts, as we see faces.