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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time– February 14, 2021

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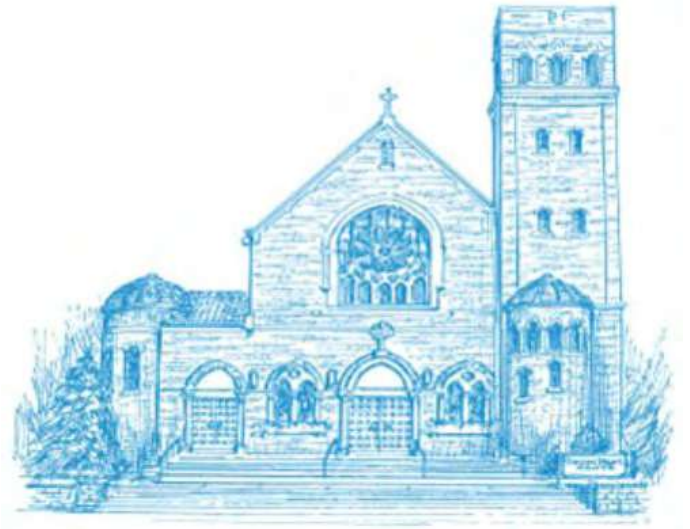
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Masses

The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM (Choir), 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

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Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM

Church open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

Novena Devotions : Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

Please contact the pastor for an appointment to arrange the Baptism.

Marriages

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

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FEBRUARY 14, 2021

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING 1 LV 13:1-2,44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Responsorial Psalm PS 32: 1-2, 5, 11

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Then I acknowledge my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.



READING 2 **1 COR 10:31-11:1**

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

ALLELUIA **LK 7:16**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL **MK 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

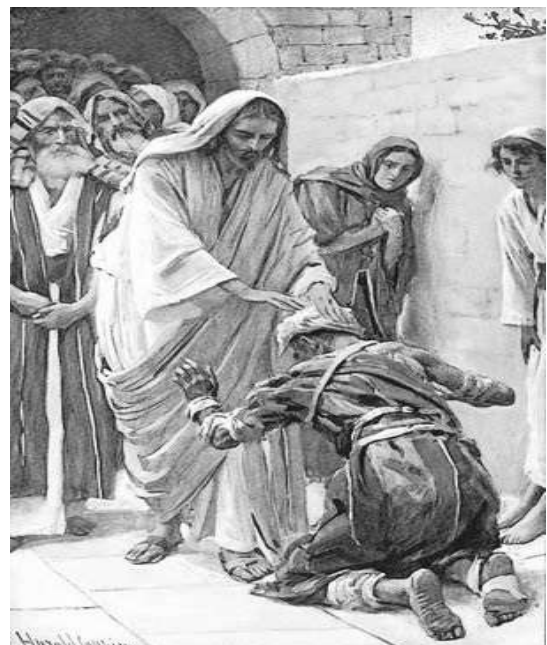
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

“The simple fact is that we Catholics should swim in Scripture.” So says Fr. Patrick Briscoe, a professor at Providence College. Over the years, he has insisted that his students read the Holy Bible, especially the Gospels, straight through, and not just by means of selected, isolated passages. (Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP, “Reasons Catholics should read the Bible,” www.aleteia.org, 15 January 2021).

Fr. Patrick quotes Pope Francis, who teaches, “The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and Sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to the Scriptures, it is impossible to understand them in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of His Church in this world would remain incomprehensible.”

Fr. Patrick reminds us that the Bible is absolutely central to our faith. He explains, “Our traditional prayers like the Rosary use the words of Scripture. Many devotionals offer daily meditations on God’s Word. Further, the readings we hear proclaimed at Mass regularly expose us to so much of the Bible. If you read the readings prescribed for daily Mass, you will hear over 70% of the New Testament in the three-year cycle. But none of these things captures what it’s like to open up a Gospel and be immersed in it.”

What does the Church say about the Bible? In 1893, Pope Leo XIII issued his very influential encyclical on Sacred Scripture, *Providentissimus Deus*, in which he stated that “God, speaking by the sacred writers, could not set down anything but what was true.” (#21). In 1920, in *Spiritus Paraclitus*, Pope Benedict XV pointed out: “Divine inspiration extends to every part of the Bible without the slightest exception and no error can occur in the inspired text.” (#21). In 1943, Pope Pius XII in his own biblical encyclical, *Divino Afflante Spiritu*, reiterated the old age teaching that there are no errors in Sacred Scripture. Difficulties? Yes. Errors? No. Then the Second Vatican Council repeated this teaching in the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation: “Since therefore, all that the inspired authors or Sacred writers affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture, firmly, faithfully and without error, teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to Sacred Scripture.” (#2). Finally, this same teaching was affirmed in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1992): “God is the author of Sacred Scripture because He inspired its human authors; He acts in them and by means of them. He thus gives assurance that their writings teach without error His saving truth.” (#136).

Fr. Patrick then lists six benefits of reading Sacred Scripture. First, he points out what was mentioned above, namely, that it is God Himself who speaks to us in the Holy Bible. Second, he says, Scripture is filled with encouragement. “The Psalms in the Old Testament speak

of God’s powerful love and mercy. The book of the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament showcases the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Stories of our heroes show God’s work in the lives of believers. By reflecting on God’s past fidelity, recorded for our memory in the Scriptures, we can be filled with hope for the future.”

Third, Fr. Patrick points out that reading the Bible will make us better evangelists. “Many Catholics stop studying their faith when they leave school. This epidemic leaves our adult believers with a stunted faith. Confronted by difficult questions from non-Catholics, all too often we offer weak or uncertain defenses of our faith. Not every Catholic has to become a seminary professor, but every Catholic can benefit from grappling with serious questions of faith, grounded in the study of the Scriptures.”

Fourth, by reading the Bible, we will keep focused on what matters. “What if we spent as much time with Scripture as we do watching the news, or listening to podcasts or scrolling social media? Christian life is fundamentally a fight to keep God at the center of our lives and stay focused on the things that matter. Reading Scripture regularly helps us to face life with God’s perspective at the forefront, able to rule out the kinds of things that vie for our attention, but in the end don’t really matter.”

Fifth, reading Sacred Scripture teaches us to pray. “Many Catholics express a desire for a richer prayer life. However, most Catholics also feel like they don’t know what to say. Well, the Bible offers us words to pray.”

Sixth, the more we read the Bible, the more clearly will we be able to hear God’s voice. “By reading Scripture we accustom ourselves to hearing God speak. The more attuned to the logic of salvation we become by knowing God in the Scriptures, the more readily we will hear God speaking to us.”

St. Bonaventure tells us, “The outcome or the fruit of reading Sacred Scripture is by no means negligible: it is the fullness of eternal happiness. For these are the books that tell us of eternal life, which were written not only that we might believe but also that we might have everlasting life. When we do live that life we shall understand fully, we shall love completely, and our desires will be totally satisfied.” (Office of Readings, *Liturgy of the Hours*, volume 3, p. 175).

Finally, for those of us who would like to study Scripture, we have a Bible Group every Saturday at 1 PM. Each session lasts until about 2:15 PM. We took a little break for about a month and return to action on February 20th in the rectory basement meeting room. At that time, we will begin the study of the Book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible. All are welcome.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

God bless you!

Father Eric

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

FEBRUARY 14, 2021



Saturday, February 20:
5:00 PM Jack Gordon

Sunday, February 21:
7:00 AM Theresa Zulch
9:00 AM Kennedy Apoe
11:00 AM Patricia Jezycki
1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 20:
5:00 Abigail Cruz

Sunday, February 21:
7:00 Sean Ahern
9:00 Jack Smith
11:00 Jason Suazo
1:00 Matthew Basile

COLLECTIONS:

February 7th.....\$4,957.00
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**ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 7TH: 316
CAPACITY FOR EACH MASS: 210**

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ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH IN OB-
SERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY. REGU-
LAR HOURS WILL RESUME ON TUES-
DAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.**

Saturday, February 13:

5:00 Philip Matrale & Connie Matrale

Sunday, February 14:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn &
McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Jack Graham & Souls in Purgatory
11:00 John & Eileen McGarry
1:00 Thanksgiving of The Gordon Family

Monday, February 15:

9:30 Diana Kisto

Tuesday, February 16:

9:30 Florence Kennedy & Corinne A. O'Brien

Wednesday, February 17:

9:30 Yessina Prosper

Thursday, February 18:

9:30 Maria Elena Graziano

Friday, February 19:

9:30 John & Patricia Molloy

Saturday, February 20:

9:30 Jesus Santos (45th Day)
5:00 Moira Mackey

Sunday, February 21:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli
9:00 Al & Sue Amore & Susan Pellecchia
11:00 Robert LoPrimo
1:00 Robert Cooney

Year of St. Joseph Prayer

Dear Saint Joseph,

The very deep love and respect that Jesus had for you on earth continues in Heaven. Add your voice to all of our daily prayers, especially the following: (). We pray for the conversion of our parish and of our families. Help us to repent of our sins and to do penance. We ask you to bless the children of our faith family and their parents and teachers. May our young develop well and fulfill their true calling. We pray for priestly, religious and marital vocations from our parish. We ask you to intercede for all our loved ones who have died. Help us to love Christ with all our minds, our hearts and our strength and to love others as we love ourselves. We ask you for the grace of final perseverance and the blessing of a happy death for us and for our loved ones. May we pass into eternity as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

Ash Wednesday Schedule: Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed during Masses at 9:30 AM, 12 PM and 6:30 PM. There will also be simple ash services at 7 AM, 2:45 PM & 4:45 PM. We remind our parishioners that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. We remind our parishioners that all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence which obliges all Catholics over age 14. Fasting obliges all Catholics ages 18-59.

Parish Evaluation: Father Eric will be completing his first six year term as our Pastor this year. In keeping with the archdiocesan tradition an evaluation of the parish has begun. Parishioners and Staff who wish to comment on the parish or its pastoral leadership may send their letters to the following address: Archdiocese of New York, Office of the Priest Personnel, 1011 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM during the season of Lent. The Stations of the Cross will begin this Friday, February 19th. This is a beautiful ceremony and a wonderful Lenten sacrifice.

SAINT VALENTINE

FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 14TH

**WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF
SAINT VALENTINE ON BEHALF OF OUR
SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS**



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