

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.

MASS SCHEDULE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 30	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Jan. 31	9:00 AM	For Francis Zink
Mon. Feb. 1		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Tue. Feb. 2	8:30 AM	For Henrietta Klump
Wed. Feb. 3	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur. Feb. 4	8:30 AM	For the Health of Ed Grant
Fri.. Feb. 5		<i>No Public Mass</i>

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Feb. 6	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Feb. 7	9:00 AM	For Nancy Tepe

Prayer List—Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, Steve Elmlinger, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, the family of Len Cooper, Ed Grant, Don Bornhorst, John Hofstetter, Vernon Dixon, Bill Schneider, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave & Barb Kordenbrock, Tony Kidwell, and everyone who has been touched by the Corona virus.

BIRTHDAYS – Feb. 1-Dan Cooper, Jeanne Cooper, Feb. 2-Marie Cooper, Feb. 6-Russell Neuspickel, Feb. 13-Cathy Oldiges, Feb. 20-Kathy Bach.

ANNIVERSARIES – Feb. 14-Patty & Kenny Neuspickel, Feb. 16-Dan & Lisa Cooper



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Wed. 5:30-6:20 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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JANUARY 31, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS FOR NEEDY—Our February collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be canned goods. Containers will be in the gathering space for your donations. Thanks so much.

TAX STATEMENTS—The 2020 donation statements for taxes will be in the gathering space. Please pick yours up after Mass. The statements not picked up will be mailed.

REV. JOSEPH RELAIGE ORDAINED—We all remember Joe, the seminarian, who drove Fr. Aby around before he received his driver's license. He was at every St. Matthew Mass Fr. Aby celebrated during his tenure as a St. Cecilia summer seminarian. Joe was ordained a priest on Friday, January 29, by Bishop Foys. Please pray for Fr. Joe as he returns to St. Vincent for the remainder of his studies.

WELCOME HOME— A welcome to our newest parishioner, Kenny Neuspickel. Kenny was received into the Church and confirmed privately on Saturday. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues to battle sickness.

Feb. 2—Feast of the Presentation
of the Lord

“A light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.”

-Luke 2:32



FROM THE PRIEST – THE BIBLE: LIGHT OF REVELATION

This coming Tuesday, February 2, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the ancient Temple. This feast marks the traditional end of the Christmas celebrations, coming 40 days after the birth of the Savior. Part of the celebration is the blessing of candles. This practice dates from at least the 7th century and is related to the proclamation made by the prophet Simeon when he encounters the Christ Child in the magnificent ancient Jewish Temple in Jerusalem: “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.”

To conclude this brief excursus on the Bible and its importance, we ought to reflect how it is we can maintain that light of revelation which we have encountered and received in Christ through the sacraments. We ought to recall our reception of this light at baptism when the priest gave us a lit candle representing that light. We are charged to maintain that light and to let it shine in our lives by our words and our actions. How is it that we can maintain that light without fueling it? When there is no more wick or no more wax, the candle is extinguished. So too with us if we do not grow in knowledge and love and service of God.

The frequent and fruitful reading of the Bible is an immense means to our growth in Christ. Saint Jerome writing in the fourth century remarked, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” If nothing else, we ought to read the Gospels to know who Jesus is and what He has taught us and to better know and appreciate His great work of salvation on the Cross. While the Bible is not the only thing we need to become holy, it cannot be excluded from our work of sanctification.

The prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna who are referenced in the Gospel for the Presentation of the Lord both knew the Scriptures about the coming Messiah. While Simeon had received a personal prophecy about his viewing this Messiah with his own eyes, he waited in eager expectation through the contemplation of the Word of God. St. Anthony of Egypt was moved to start monasticism by hearing the Gospel at Mass. St. Augustine of Hippo was converted to the Catholic faith by reading St. Paul's letter to the Romans. So many saints were moved by or grew in love of God through their reading of the Bible. What do you have to lose?

To conclude, I offer a few recommendations to help you get more out of your Bible reading. First, get a good Catholic translation. The best ones are the RSV Catholic edition, or the older Douay-Rheims translation. Pray to the Holy Spirit before you read the Scriptures. Read them slowly and prayerfully, not in haste: remember that God has spoken these words to you and for you. Finally, as part of your reading, ponder how you can implement these words in your life. May the light of Christ illuminate our hearts through our study of the Bible.

Fr. Jacob Straub