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Rectory Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 8pm

Friday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 7pm

Saturday: 9:30am- 5pm

Religious Ed. Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 1pm to 5pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5pm to 8pm (Appt. Preferred)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:30am in English

10:00am & 11:30am in Spanish

1:00pm in Polish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am in English

Wednesday & Friday: 7pm in Spanish

First Friday Mass & Devotion

In English: Mass at 8:30am: Devotion from 9am to 6:45pm

In Spanish: Mass at 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. 4:00pm - 4:45pm & by appointment: call parish office

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

In English: First Saturday of the Month

In Polish: Second Saturday of the Month

In Spanish: Third Saturday of the Month

Registrations must be made in the Rectory Office at least two months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months to a year with one of the Priests.



Dear Padre February 4, 2024

In the Our Father, we pray, "thy kingdom come." Will God's kingdom come only at the end of the world?

God's kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus' Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus' first coming as a man. That means we are in God's kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don't have to just wait for God's kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God's kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God's kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus' Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mark 13:32). ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. 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 1:32-34

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 4th

8:30am For the People of our Parish
10:00am For the Altar Servers of our Parish
11:30am For the Families of our Parish

1:00 pm +Kazimierz Dyjach

Monday, February 5th

8:30am Honor of St. Agatha

Tuesday, February 6th

8:30am For All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 7th

8:30am Birthday Blessings for Josue Modesto
7:00pm For the People of the Parish

Thursday, February 8th

8:30am Birthday Blessings for Mercis Bonilla

Friday, February 9th

8:30am For the recently deceased
7:00pm Special Intentions

Saturday, February 10th

8:30am For the Youth of the Diocese
5:00pm In Honor of Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio

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:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come.

Observances for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angel Guivas, Pedro Cordero, William Rodriguez, and for all the deceased in our Parish & their loved ones.

FOR THE SICK:

Kaitlyn Intintoli & for all the sick in our Parish.

Please call the Rectory at 718.436.5917 to place your loved ones on the Deceased or Sick list.

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 28: \$3,588

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God & your parish!*

February 4, 2024
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.



Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

Ashes will be distributed during all Masses.

8:30am – English Mass

12:15pm – Bilingual Service (Eng. & Spa.)

7:00pm – Spanish Mass

8:00pm – Polish Mass

Parish Registration

Our parish has the status of a Personal Parish, which means that only the person who declares their will to belong to the parish is considered a parishioner.

Every Sunday, participation in masses, or the fact of living in the parish is not synonymous with belonging to it.

In addition, the fact that someone in our parish has participated in the premarital teachings, married or baptized a child does not mean automatically belonging to the parish, because in our community there are weddings and baptisms of people outside the parish.

Each parishioner can receive several certificates by belonging to a particular community and organizing all the procedures related to the sacraments, for example:

- Baptism or the Sacrament of Marriage
- Receive certificates to be a confirmation sponsor or wedding witness.
- They may also receive permission to be baptized or baptize their own child in another parish (for example, in their respective Countries)
- Permission to marry in another parish.

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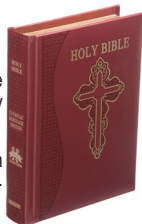
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