

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 4, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Second: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

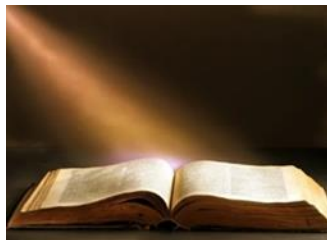
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

FOCUS: *Jesus, the Word of God, came for all the world.*

Jesus came not just for those he encountered in person but for the salvation of the whole world. As his earthly ministry touched the lives of many people, so does his Word spread to all the earth. He brings healing to those in despair by offering the hope of the kingdom of God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Job speaks of living in misery. Paul, in his Letter to the Corinthians, tells them he has an obligation to preach the Good News of the Gospel. In the Gospel, Jesus drives out demons and heals Simon's mother-in-law, and then goes on healing and preaching *throughout the whole of Galilee*.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Maria Nikac, Richard Mercado and Kevin Maher, Jr.

10 a.m.: Charlie Schwope, Maura Gallagher and Anne-Marie Rose

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday – 64

Sunday – 79

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday – February 14

Mass with the distribution of ashes at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross with Adoration

7 p.m. Friday, February 23

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7 p.m. Friday, March 15

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7 p.m. Friday, March 22

Reconciliation Monday - March 25

Confessions 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel only

Holy Thursday

Mass at 7 p.m., followed by Adoration

Good Friday Service

3 p.m.

(This does not include Stations of the Cross)

Blessing of Easter Food

Noon on Holy Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil

8 p.m. Mass, Saturday, March 30

Easter Sunday

10 a.m. Mass, March 31

WHY ASHES

Ashes symbolize our mortality. They are a physical reminder that our bodies will decay, but our souls will live on in eternal life.

Fr. Anthony Kadavil (<https://fr.tonyshomilies.com>) reflects further: "The cross of ashes means that we are making a commitment – that we are undertaking Lent as a season of prayer and penitence, of dying to ourselves. It also describes our human condition: It says that we are broken and need repair; that we are sinners and need redemption. Most importantly, it tells us that, as followers of Jesus Christ, we are to carry our crosses."



LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This is a serious matter within Church law – even though Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day share the same day this year. It is suggested that Valentine's Day be celebrated the day before instead.


- Fasting means only one full meal a day. Two smaller meals may be eaten to maintain physical strength, but together they should not equal another full meal. Snacking between meals is not permitted. Catholics ages 18-59 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.


- Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Those age 14 and older are obligated to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.


CONDOLENCES


We extend our deepest sympathies to the Cuff family upon the death of Morag's brother, Raymond Thurston. Please keep them in your prayers.


MARK YOUR CALENDARS


 The **Men's Faith-Sharing Group** is an ongoing Zoom meeting that begins at 6:45 **Monday evenings**. Newcomers are welcome at any time – and this could be something to consider as Lent nears. Contact Deacon Carl at carlloc@yahoo.com or the office for info.


 The Hudson West Vocation Team invites men in high school and older to a **Holy Hour for Vocations** at 5:30 p.m. on **Monday, February 26**, in the chapel in the Parish Center, Church of St. John the Evangelist, 71 Murray Avenue, Goshen. Dinner follows. For more information, contact Fr. George Hafemann (frhafemann@nypriest.com; 845-294-5328) or Fr. Matthew Reiman (freiman@nypriest.com; 845-457-5276).

 There will be a **Bake Sale** after the Masses on **March 2** and **March 3** to raise fleece funds for our Prayer Blanket Ministry. The Confirmation candidates will be making blankets later that month. Anyone in need of the comfort of a prayer blanket should call the office.

 The Xavier Company will perform the **musical drama "Whom Shall I Send"** at 4 p.m. **Sunday, March 3**, at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Bloomingburg. For those wishing to stay for the light supper, call OLA's office at 845-733-1477 to make a reservation.

 For more than 60 years, the **Cursillo** movement has been helping Catholics bring about changes in themselves and the world around them. To learn more, consider a three-day Cursillo weekend. There's a men's weekend from **March 14-17** and one for women from **April 11-14**. For more information, call Debbe Garry at 845-695-1944.

 The second segment of the ChristLife series, **Following Christ**, begins at 5 p.m. **Sunday, April 7**. It is a seven-week program plus a retreat (April 5-May 5, May 11, May 19 and June 2) that is open to everyone – not just those who participated in Discovering Christ, the first in the series.

 The next Healing Weekend for men and women of all ages and faiths **grieving the loss of a spouse**, sponsored by Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley, is scheduled for **April 19-21** at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon. Call Phyllis at 914-261-5812 or Jim at 845-220-7883.

WON'T LET THIS FISH GET AWAY

Fish "Fry" Friday is heating up – sort of.

The intent was to have a batter-dipped fish supper prepared and served by our Social Activities team at 6 p.m. the first Friday of Lent, which is **February 16**. But the problem is the heat – literally.

The furnace that keeps the hall nice and cozy has gone kaput, and parts for this antiquated unit are elusive. It looks like we will have to install a new unit, but it's unlikely that this will all come together in time for a community meal.

So the plan now is to plan for take-out dinners – with the option to sit down together if the heat's back on or the outside temperature is unseasonably warm.

The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 for an *immediate* family for batter-dipped fish, French fries, coleslaw, mozzarella sticks and zucchini sticks. There will be a condiment station for those wanting tartar sauce, malt vinegar and/or marinara sauce. And because it's Lent, even a sit-down meal **won't** include adult beverages or dessert!

Tickets can be purchased after the Masses this weekend.



AARP'S TAX-AIDE

Thanksgiving. Christmas. New Year's. Taxes. And that taxing time is now upon us.

Once again, free tax-preparation assistance is available through the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program.

For an appointment, call 2-1-1 (the United Way's Help Line) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. There are 15 sites in Orange County, including locations in Pine Bush, Montgomery, Middletown and Walden.

Each filer is required to obtain a pre-appointment packet, to complete the packet prior to the appointment and to come to the appointment with all required tax documents in a printed (not digital) format.

After a brief interview, an IRS-certified Tax-Aide volunteer will input your information using IRS software. The tax return will be reviewed by another certified tax counselor as well as with you. It will then be electronically filed after permission is granted. **Filers are required to remain at the tax site location during the preparation process.**

For more information, as well as a link to download the pre-appointment packet, visit:

<https://www.uwdor.org/hv-cash>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

January 16- January 28: \$ 6,722.89

Envelopes: \$ 2,113.00 – Online: \$ 4,609.89

THANK YOU!

