

COM & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Please take note that Sunday School and Com Classes will resume on 21st February. Sunday School and Com Classes teachers are reminded that there will be a meeting this morning, Sunday, February 7th, at 10:30 am in Fr. McClorey's room.

IBAN MASS (7th February @ 5:30 PM)

Please take note that the 5:30 pm Mass today, February 7th, will be in Iban language.

XVIII WORLD DAY OF THE SICK (11th February @ 5:30 pm)

In conjunction with this annual event, parishioners are invited to the special Mass on 11th February at 5:30 pm. There will be a special prayer for the sick at the end of the Mass. We will also pray for those caring for the sick, whom we know is also not easy.

INFANT BAPTISM (13th February @ 2:00 pm)

The next infant baptism will take place on **Saturday, 13th February**, at 2.00pm. Parents wishing to have their child baptize are requested to register with the parish office and to attend the pre-baptism instruction class on **Wednesday, 6th February**, at 7:30 pm. God parents are also required to attend this pre-baptism class.

CHINESE NEW YEAR (14th February)

There will be a special blessing of Oranges at the end of the Mass on 14th February to mark the beginning of the Chinese Lunar New Year.

ASH WEDNESDAY (17th February @ 5:30 pm)

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a day of penance to be marked by fasting and abstinence from meat. Mass will be celebrated at **5.30 pm on 17th February**. Ashes will be distributed to the faithful during the mass. If you still have your old palm leaves, please put them in the box provided at the entrance of the church.

STATION OF THE CROSS (19th February @ 5:30 pm)

Starting from **19th February**, Station of Cross will be held every Friday at **5.30 pm followed by Mass**. Holy Hour will be at **8:00 pm**.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (21st & 28th February)

Couples intending to get married this year are reminded that the next MPC will be on 21st & 28th February. This is 2 full day course. Please contact the parish priest to book a place in this course and make an appointment with him.

MEETING SCHEDULES			
Date	Time	Meeting	Location
7-Feb	10:30 am	Sunday & Com Class teachers	Fr. McClorey's

Message for the World Day of the Sick 2010

Pope John Paul II instituted World Day of the Sick on May 13, 1992, setting aside February 11, Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, for its annual celebration. On this day, the ill are encouraged to reflect on the Christian meaning of suffering. The occasion also provides an opportunity for those involved in health care to recall the roots of their healing mission.

In his message for the forthcoming XVIII World Day of the Sick, which coincides with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care, our Holy Father expresses the hope that this fact "will be the occasion for a more generous apostolic commitment at the service of the sick and of their carers".

"In the mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection", writes the Pope, "human suffering finds meaning and fullness of light. ... At the Last Supper the Lord Jesus, before returning to the Father, bent to wash the Apostles' feet in a foretaste of His supreme act of love upon the Cross. With this gesture He invited His disciples to follow His own logic of a love that especially gives itself to the weakest and to those most in need. Following His example all Christians are called to relive, in different contexts, the parable of the Good Samaritan".

Jesus, says the Holy Father, "exhorts us to attend to the bodily and spiritual wounds of so many of our brothers and sisters whom we meet on the roads of the world. He helps us to understand that, with the grace of God accepted and lived in everyday life, the experience of sickness and suffering can become a school of hope".

"At the current historical-cultural time", the Message continues, "there is an increasing need for an attentive and extensive ecclesial presence alongside sick people, as well as a presence in society capable of effectively transmitting evangelical values for the protection of human life in all its phases, from conception until natural end".

The Pope expresses his heartfelt thanks "to the people who daily 'serve the sick and suffering' ensuring that 'that their apostolate of mercy may ever more effectively respond to people's needs'".

In the current Year for Priests, Benedict XVI also addresses the "'ministers of the sick', sign and instrument of Christ's compassion which must reach everyone who suffers". In this context he invites clergy "to show no reserve in offering help and comfort. Time spent alongside the suffering is rich in grace for all other dimensions of pastoral care.

"Finally," he adds in conclusion, "I address you, dear sick people, and I ask you to pray and to offer your suffering for priests, that they may remain faithful to their vocation and that their ministry may be rich in spiritual fruits for the benefit of the entire Church".

DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 8	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PS WK I)	1 Kgs 8, 1-7. 9-13; Mk 6, 53-56.	6:15 a.m.
Tue 9	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PS WK I)	1 Kgs 8, 22-23. 27-30; Mk 7, 14-23.	6:15 a.m.
Wed 10	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PS WK I) ST SCHOLASTIC.	1 Kgs 10, 1-10; Mk 7, 14-23.	5:30 pm
Thu 11	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PS WK I) OUR LADY OF LOURDES.	1 Kgs 11,4-13; Mk 7,24-30.	5:30 pm
Fri 12	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PS WK I)	1 Kgs 11, 29-32; 12, 19; Mk 7, 31-37.	6:15a.m.
Sat 13	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PS WK I) SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY.	1 Kgs 12, 26-32; 13, 33-34; Mk 8, 1-10.	6:15 am.
Sun 14	SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week II)	Jer 17, 5-8; Ps 1, 1-2. 3. 4. and 6. 1 Cor 15, 12. 16-20. Lk 6, 17. 20-26.	8:00 a.m.
			5:30 a.m.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 8

Jb 7:1-4,6-7; Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk 1:29-39

It is difficult to be faithful to God when our hearts are broken and our troubles seem endless. When life seems joyless and full of drudgery, with no hope in sight, we doubt that we will ever be happy again. Like Job, we may not curse God, but we might regret the day we were born.

God is not indifferent to our pain. If God knows the name of every star in the heavens, then surely God cares for us. Jesus reveals God's compassion to all who are afflicted. Grasping us by the hand, he raises us up to serve others. Strengthened and revived, we can proclaim the good news of God's mercy to all.

Paul shared Jesus's compulsion to spread the gospel. Paul was not a slave; what he had received without cost, he shared freely. He did this by imitating Jesus, who was a servant to all. Preaching the good news does not merit a reward or wages. Whatever we do must be for the sake of the gospel, knowing we will share in its blessings. Can we say like Paul, "This is what I came to do, that I might be a means of salvation for others"?

For Reflection: Do I take pleasure in my ministry, or is it just a chore? What do I need to be renewed?



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HEARING THE CALL

Isaiah's prophetic call is mysterious: God's smoky and glorious presence in the sanctuary, with the seraphim crying out as we do in the eucharistic prayer, "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory." Peter, James and John were called from much more mundane circumstances: hauling in fish. We are all called from where we are: "Follow the Lord, and proclaim his risen presence." Like Paul, we are called to receive this summons and live our lives in response to it.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY OF THE WORD New 806; Old 631; Bahasa 962

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 (75C)

Isaiah received a call from the Lord. With a burning coal his lips were cleansed and his sin removed. When the Lord asked for a messenger, Isaiah replied, "Here I am, send me!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 137:1-5. 7-8

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

Paul urged everyone to remain faithful to the gospel he preached, namely, that Christ died for sin and rose again. This "least of the apostles" received the Lord's blessing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:115

Alleluia, alleluia!! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus boarded Simon Peter's boat and told him to cast his net for a catch. Simon and his friends caught enough to fill two boats. When Jesus invited them to become fishers of men, they left all to follow him.

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