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**WE BELIEVE**

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn.3:16)*

**February 7, 2021. Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**We Welcome**

*With joy we welcome all to worship God. Let us lift up our minds, hearts and spirits to our loving and merciful God, from whom all good things come, and thank and praise Him.*



**WE WORSHIP**

**Weekend Mass Schedule      Weekday Masses**

**Saturday: 5:00 PM (Live)      Monday - Friday**

**Sunday: 7:30 AM      7:00 AM**

**9:30 AM (Live)      9:00 AM (Live)**

**11 AM      Saturday**

**12:30 PM      9:00 AM (Live)**

**5:00 PM (Spanish) (Live)      5:00 PM (Live)**

**Adoration:**

Monday to Saturday 9:30 AM - 3 PM

**Every Friday:**

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM. **(Live)**

**Every First Friday:**

Holy Hour after 9:30 AM Mass. **(Live)**

**Every First Saturday:**

Rosary Meditation at 8:30 AM. **(Live)**

**WE SERVE**

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

*In the old school building or by appointment*

**Baptism:** Celebrated twice monthly (usually on the second and fourth Sunday). Call the Rectory Office for dates to register. Baptism preparation for new parents is on the third Sunday of the month, following 12:30 PM Mass. Please plan well in advance.

**Marriage:** Arrangements for weddings should be made at least 6 months in advance, and prior to make reception arrangements. Pre-Cana Sessions are required for all couples planning to marry.

**Wedding times:** Fridays - 3:30 PM & 5:00 PM

Saturday 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM & 3:00 PM

Sundays - 3:30 PM

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### **MINISTRY APPRECIATION CORNER : RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.**

Our faith teaches that children are a gift from God. Jesus wants them to come to Him and "do not hinder them" (Mt 19:14). The first objective of Religious Education is to bring children to Jesus. As we form children as "lifelong disciples of Jesus", we have to overcome several hurdles especially the culture of which they are part of, a culture which considers choosing to believe as more and more "old-fashioned". However, with the support of dedicated catechists, parents, and parish community, we not only teach the faith, but live it out Joyfully. Thank you, **Mrs. Collen Tuzzolo, Mrs. Barbara Malerba and Ms. Katelyn Tuzzolo** for planning and implementing faith both tangible and experiential.





**Nourishment by Word of God and Body of Christ...**

**Sunday, February 7, 2021, -Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Mk 1:29-39*

Monday, February 8, 2021, St. Josephine Bakhitha

*Readings: Gn 1:1-19, Mk 6:53-56*

7 AM \*  
9 AM Cesira Vinciguerra

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

*Readings: Gn 1:20-2:4a, Mk 7:1-13*

7 AM Jakob Sehne  
9 AM Joseph Gill  
7 PM Special Spanish Mass— Fr. Fernando

Wednesday, February 10, 2021, St. Scholastica

*Readings: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17, Mk 7:14-23*

7 AM In Thanksgiving to God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit  
9 AM \*

**Thursday, February 11, 2021, Our Lady of Lourdes**

*Readings: Gn 2:18-25, Mk 7:24-30*

7 AM John O' Donnell, First Anniversary  
9 AM Francis and Arcangela Donovan

**Friday, February 12, 2021**

*Readings: Gn 3:1-8, Mk 7:31-37*

7 AM \*  
9 AM Joseph Gill  
7 PM Charismatic Prayer Service

**Saturday, February 13, 2021**

*Readings: Gn 3:9-24, Mk 8:1-10*

9 AM Gerard Jansen  
5 PM Joseph Meegan

**Sunday, February 14, 2021. Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46, 1 Cor 10:31-11:1, Mk 1:40-45*

7:30 AM Jo Ann Ficke  
9:30 AM Joseph and Cynthia Diaz-Wedding Anniversary  
Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
11:00 AM Angela Batista and Luz Da Costa  
12:30 PM Felicia Leanzo  
5:00PM Mass in Spanish

**\* If you see a Mass listed in the bulletin with no intention and you wish to remember a loved one (living or deceased) for their birthday, wedding or anniversary of their passing, please call the rectory office to secure that date and time.**

**Mass schedule for Saturday, February 13th & Sunday, February 14th (Subject to change)**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Presider</u>
Saturday	5pm	Fr.Reid
Sunday	7:30am	Fr.Frank
	9:30am	Fr.Shibi/Dn.Mario
	11am	Fr.Benjamin
	12:30pm	Fr. Francis
(Spanish)	5pm	Fr. Miguel



*Jesus, the Bread of Life, nourish us. Amen.*



*Jesus, Light of the World, lead us to eternity. Amen.*



**Sacrificial Giving**



Sunday, January 31, 2021 \$ 11,164  
Maintenance \$ 2,955  
Sunday, February 2, 2020 \$ 14,017  
Thank you for your generosity.  
God bless you all!

*Pope Francis Intention for February 2021*

**Violence Against Women**

*We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.*



## We Pray...

### *For our Sick*

Jennifer Lentini, Josephine Lucas, Carolyn Fitzgerald , Mary Messina, Florence Morris, George Natarus, Timothy Mulligan, Arthur Marks, Remedios Koenig, Jacqueline Perez, Brian Shea, Victor D’Amico, Mary Manascalco, Lou Pinto, Jayden Handowar, Joanne Mulligan, Joe Giordano, Antonio Esposito, Joseph Albanese, Elizabeth Sarah Merz, Bob Cassese, Lawrence Wilson, Jim Keough, Michael Krummenacker, Ann Fisher. Bendirck Nacua, Thomas Kennedy, Glen Smith, Cathy Stengl , Lawrence O’Donnell , John Fiore

*Heavenly Father,we lift up all who are going through various sickness.Have compassion on them,and lay Your healing hands on them.We pray that You would restore their health,soothe their pain and ease their worries.Give them Your peace and comfort them as they wait.We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

Get well soon...



### *For our dearly departed .*

**Anthony Volpe**

**Eleanor V. Donovan**



*Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep; and so also in Christ will all be brought to life.*

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

**We pray for their mourning families also.**

*Merciful Father, comfort all those whose hearts overflow with grief, as they face this sense of loss. May they know the consolation of Your love. We ask this Christ our Lord .Amen.*



### **For our Military.**



Sgt First Class. Matthew Loheide  
MSgt. Kevin J. Hennelly  
CDR. Jonathan W. Lang  
CDR.. Jeanine A. Lang  
SPC Justin T. Sikorski  
Staff Sgt. Mathew Burrafato  
Col. Paul J. Laughlin  
M Sgt. Michael Marascia  
Sgt. Stephen L. Emlaw  
Lt. David Jacobs  
Pvt. Thomas Wright  
Sgt. Dustin Lusby  
Cpt. Richard Macchio  
PVC Andrew Hughes  
Sgt. Lotachukwu Okoye  
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1st Lt. James Michael Vaz, U.S. Army  
Pvt Ryan Blazo  
PVT Lorenzo LaPlaca, US Army  
Pvt. Daniel Sullivan, US Army  
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Tech Sgt. Peter F. Clark, USAF  
Adam Cespo—Air Force  
Airman First Class Gianinna Roldan (USAF)  
LTJG Christopher Medford,USN Navy  
LTJG Alie Disher, U.S.N.  
LTJG John Patrick Orr, USN, C.E.C.  
P.O Third Class E-4 Kyle A.Kamer Mayer  
Navy  
Robert Van-Horn US Air Force  
Tech. Sgt. Shawna Clark, US Air Force

Atan Lisa Olynk, USN  
PO3 Hunter Morales, US Navy  
PO3 Kevin J. Gonzalez, US Navy  
HA Morrigan Hayes, US Navy  
SA Peter Cavallo, US Navy  
Oscar Martinez—Marines  
PFC Jim Arbelaez, US Marine  
Capt. Joseph Whittaker, USMC  
SSGT Michael J. Mc Ilwrath, USMC  
Gunnery Sgt. Brian Moran, USMC  
Pvt.Joseph Gergely,USMC  
Major Patrick O. Kelly, USMC  
2nd Lt. Thomas P. McLoughlin,  
USMC  
Corporal William J. White, USMC



## *Clergy Corner*

This weekend gospel, we observe three key aspects of the initial stages of Jesus' ministry: The first is its rapidly broadening scope as he moves from one village to another, proclaiming the good news. The second is his spirit of detachment as he does not seek publicity. Thirdly, his ministry is grounded in prayer. Every Christian is called to be another Christ and this Sunday we remember an exceptional priest, Msgr. Alesandro who closely followed these aspects of Jesus' ministry.



For those of us who got to know Msgr. John Alesandro we were aware that he was a well-respected, intelligent and multitalented man; here are a few of his credentials:

- Priest – 54 years.
- Pastor and administrator (St. Ignatius 2011).
- Canon Lawyer.
- Chancellor of Rockville Center Diocese.
- Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.
- Educator:
  - Adjunct Professor and Distinguished Lecturer at Catholic University (Washington, DC).
  - Professor at St. John's University (Jamaica, NY).
  - Adjunct Professor at Fordham University Law School (Bronx, NY).
  - Professor at Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY).
- Member of the American Canon Law Society and contributing associate.
- Accomplished Pianist.

Msgr. Alesandro was also a very good friend of our former pastor Msgr. Donald Bennett; they frequently vacationed together (their favorite trip was to go to Puerto Rico for the Three Kings festival in January).

Msgr. Alesandro would take Msgr. Bennett's place on golf outings (I understand that he was a fairly good golfer and enjoyed the challenges of the game).

I had the privilege of working with Msgr. Alesandro here at St. Ignatius Loyola after my ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. At the time I was assisting Mary Jane Mastrodomenico, our Director of Religious Education, with periodic classes for Confirmation preparation – levels 6, 7, and 8. I would take the combined classes for a specific level over to the church building where I would instruct them on one of the Sacraments, beginning with Baptism (6<sup>th</sup> level). On one of these occasions when we were discussing the importance of the Mass in the life of Catholics, Msgr. Alesandro, as he put it – “stuck his head in to see what was up”. I invited him to join our discussion at which point the teacher in him took over the class. He walked up and down the center aisle taking questions from the students and offering some of the best examples of how we are aided by God's graces in a special way at the celebration of the Eucharist. After the classes disbursed, Msgr. Alesandro apologized for taking over to which I replied that he could do that any time he felt like it. I told him that I learned a lot myself from his lesson that night and thanked him for sharing with us his great knowledge of Sacred Theology; I invited him to join us for future lessons – which he did on several more occasions; what a wonderful blessing for us all.

God blessed us by having had Msgr. John Alesandro in our lives. Even though he will be missed, we will always have his words of wisdom to guide us.

God Bless you Monsignor Alesandro!

Respectfully,

*Deacon George A. Mais, Jr*

February 7, 2021

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mk 1:29-39

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I remember taking my oldest son on a tour of a technical theater program at a state university. He had been considering an IT field - he's everyone's go-to whenever a technical issue arises. The theater professor said, "Enroll in our program only if you can't do anything else." The implication was clear: Choose this field if you love it so much you can't imagine pursuing a different career. My son tried a more practical direction, but ultimately came back to theater, where he thrived! I thought of this story when listening to Paul's Letter to the Corinthians: He preached the Gospel because he *had* to - excuse the double negative, but he could not "not" share the Good News with everyone he met! Once he encountered Jesus, he willingly devoted his life to sharing the story of love and salvation with all those whom he encountered - the weak and the powerful, rich and poor, saints and sinners. Let us pray that God helps us recapture the wonder the crowds must have felt in Jesus' presence - wonder that compels us to share the Good News, too.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Wherever you happen to live, imagine "the whole town gathered at the door." Even in the smallest of villages, that would be a big deal! So it was with Jesus, where crowds seemed to follow him wherever he went, wanting to catch a glimpse of this carpenter's son who cured the sick and drove out demons. When the disciples found him off by himself, praying, and told him "everyone is looking for you," Jesus tells them they need to move on to nearby villages. I sense an urgency in Mark's account of Jesus' movements, showing Jesus as compelled to reach as many people as possible during his public ministry. As I hear this, I think how easy it is for us Catholics to remain in our comfort zones - whether a favorite pew, the same core group of "parish friends," or even sticking with one ministry or one Mass time. But, as Jesus shows us, preaching the Good News - witnessing to the power of God in our lives - means we cannot stand idly by. We must share this news.

**WITNESS** What if we tried to emulate Jesus, albeit in a small way, by reaching beyond our "circles" to greet someone new at our parish, volunteer for the first time or in a different way, or - yes - sit in a different spot! In doing so, we can challenge ourselves to "stretch" a bit and welcome others into our world.

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As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day on February 11, let us have a look on the

## INTERESTING FACTS ON THE SANCTUARY OF LOURDES



- ◆ Prior to the 18 Marian apparitions to a Catholic peasant girl, St. Bernadette, Lourdes was a small market town best known for the Château fort de Lourdes, a fortified castle.
- ◆ Mary always appeared in one place, a niche above the main cavity of the grotto, in which a wild rose bush was growing. The grotto was in a rock called **Massabielle**, (from *masse vieille*: "old mass") on the bank of Gave de Pau river .
- ◆ The **three pivotal instructions** from the Virgin that led to the development of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes and the ceremonies conducted there were "**Go and drink from the spring**", "**Go and tell the priests to build a chapel here**", and "**Have the people come here in procession**".
- ◆ Lourdes rose to prominence in France and abroad in 1858 and the Sanctuary of

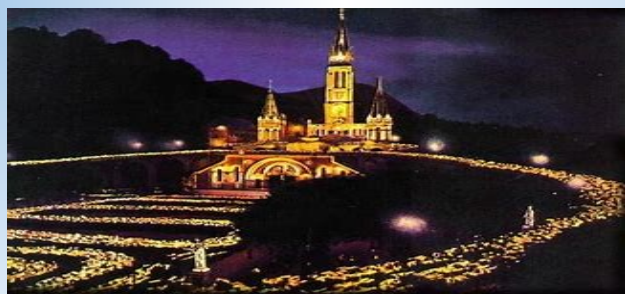
Our Lady of Lourdes became one of the world's most important sites of pilgrimage religious tourism.

- ◆ Lourdes water flows from the **original spring discovered by Bernadette** and can be seen within the Grotto, lit from below and protected by a glass screen.
- ◆ Lourdes water which has healing power was thoroughly analyzed by independent chemists in 1858 and 1859 and does not appear to have a latent power to cure and has no special scientific or medicinal properties.
- ◆ The public is given access to water from Lourdes from individual taps located between the Grotto and the baths, where those who wish to immerse themselves in the water from the spring can do so.



- ◆ **Pope St. John Paul II started the observance of February 11 as World Day of the Sick.**

- ◆ The Sanctuary is fully active each year between Easter and All Saints Day, with devotional activities in different languages including Mass, processions of the Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight procession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- ◆ The prominent "**Crowned Statue**" which stands across Rosary Square from the Rosary Basilica and facing the entrance is a familiar landmark



- ◆ The **Rosary Basilica** is topped with a golden crown and cross, which were a gift from the People of Ireland.
- ◆ **All the acts St. Bernadette did have Biblical dimensions.** Moving on her knees to the back of the Grotto recalls the Incarnation, God humbles himself to become human. Eating bitter herbs at the back of the Grotto recalls the Jewish tradition found in the ancient texts. Smearing her face with mud: when the prophet Isaiah speaks to us about Christ, he depicts Him as "the suffering servant". The herbs and the mud represent the heart of man wounded by sin. However, in the deepest recesses of that heart, there lies the very life of God signified by the Spring.

- ◆ As we approach Lent shortly, may the **message of Lourdes, "Penance, penance, penance. Pray for sinners"** fill our hearts. To do "Penance," a true "conversion" taught by Christ and the Church, which consists of turning one's heart towards God and towards our brothers and sisters, is needed.

**SAINT FACTS : Saints who inspire us to grow in firm faith. Let us learn from them and seek their intercession. *St. Bakhitha and St. Scholastica pray for us and guide us.***



**SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITHA; FEAST DAY : FEBRUARY 8**  
**Patron Saint of Sudan, human trafficking.**

**Depicted in a frontal pose from the waist up, with her hands held in the prayer gesture and also may be wearing the chains of slavery—but broken, both spiritually and literally.**

She was born in a small village in Darfur in the present day Sudan, around 1869. Her father was the brother of the village chief and she had a loving family of three brothers and three sisters; In 1877, when she was 7–8 years old, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery by Arab slave traders, who had abducted her elder sister two years earlier. In the trauma of her abduction, she forgot her own name and took one given to her by the slavers, *bakhitha* which meant 'lucky' or 'fortunate' in Arabic. During the next twelve years she was sold many times to masters of whom some were nice and some very cruel. Once, when one of her mistresses had to travel to Sudan, she left Bakhitha with the Canossian Sisters in Venice. It was during this time, she wanted to enter the Church, when the sisters taught her about God. On coming back, her mistress took the case to the Italian court and it was discovered that slavery had been outlawed in Sudan before Bakhitha was born. So she was freed and was no longer a slave. Bakhitha who decided to remain with the sisters was baptized, given First Communion, and Confirmation by Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto, who eventually became Pope Pius X. Josephine Bakhitha entered the Canossian Daughters of Charity and made her final vows on December 8, 1896. She served as a Sacristan, cook and a doorkeeper for the next 42 years in the Canossian convent of Schio. By telling her story, she prepared the sisters for mission work in Africa. She was known for her calm voice, pleasant smile, and gentle character and is still referred as *Sor Moretta* ("little brown sister") or *Madre Moretta* ("black mother"). One time, she told a child who was scared of her dark skin, not to be afraid and that her skin was dark because she was made out of chocolate! In her old age, she was confined to a wheelchair, yet if asked how she was, she would always smile and answer: "As the Master desires." Despite the terrible memories of her life as a slave, Josephine Bakhitha still forgave those who were cruel to her. She said: "If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today...." St. Bakhitha died in 1947. For three days her body lay on display while thousands of people arrived to pay their respects. Her remains were transferred to the Church of the Holy Family of the Canossian Convent of Schio.



**SAINT SCHOLASTICA; FEAST DAY : FEBRUARY 10**

**Patron Saint of Benedictine nuns, education, invoked against storms and rain.**

**Depicte as a Benedictine nun, with a dove near her, and holding a crozier to signify her authority as abbess. or with her brother, St. Benedict.**

Scholastica was born of wealthy parents and is St. Benedict's sister. Though a later tradition says that she was his twin. Both were brought up together until the time he left to pursue studies in Rome. She was dedicated to God from a young age. Later Scholastica established a hermitage about five miles from Monte Cassino, where her brother established his famous monastery. This was the first convent of Benedictine nuns. A common story is told about her. Once a year Scholastica would go and visit her brother at a place near his abbey, and they would spend the day in worship and discussing spiritual matters. Three days prior to her death, during their conversation after supper, St. Benedict indicated that it was time for him to leave,. But she asked him to stay with her for the evening so they could continue their discussions. Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery as he didn't want to break his own rule. After a moment of Scholastica's prayer, a wild storm started outside of the guest house in which they were staying. Benedict asked, "What have you done?", to which she replied, "I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen. So now go off, if you can; leave me and return to your monastery." Benedict was unable to return to his monastery, and they spent the night in discussion. At the moment when Scholastica died in her convent, Benedict in his monastery had a vision of her soul ascending to Heaven as a white shining dove, which is depicted in her picture. Benedict had her buried in the tomb which he had prepared for himself, in his own monastery so that their bodies could be united in death as their souls had been in life.



**We invite...**



*Every First Sunday At 9:30AM MASS*

*Birthday and Wedding anniversary*

**Blessings**

**Set Reminder for these upcoming Events...**

February 7 Sunday 9:30 AM	Memorial Mass of Msgr John Alesandro; presided by Msgr. William Koenig, Clergy Personnel. First Sunday Blessings for Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Celebrants at 9:30 AM Mass <i>.(Live)</i>
February 12 Friday 3 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet. <i>(Live)</i>
February 14 Sunday 9:30 AM	Scout Mass.. <i>(Live)</i> Special blessing to married couples.

**Thought of the week...**

*The importance of good people in our life is just like the importance of heartbeats. It's not visible, but silently supports our life.*



**Saint quote ...**

*Teach us to give ,  
and not count the cost.*

*-St. Ignatius of Loyola*





**Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Angels #869 is having a Special Cake Sale**

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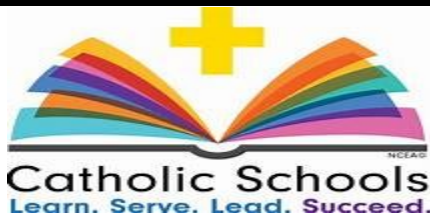
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**Youth Mass at 9:30 AM on January 30.**





### Respect Life Concluding Adoration Prayers.



### Snowy Monday & Tuesday



### Tony cleaning sidewalk





# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

February 2021

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

## One Minute Meditations

### Struggle and prayer

During hard times, we can bring our true emotions, concerns, and fears into prayer.



Lay it all at the feet of Jesus. Let His wisdom and love provide confidence and hope, even when our own emotions are in disarray.

Struggling is normal and helpful to growing in faith. Standing before God in truth is a sign that we are in a right relationship with Him.

### The human person

Human beings are the clearest reflection of God among us. That makes human life sacred. The Catholic Church proclaims that the dignity of human life is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

"In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks" (St. Teresa of Avila).



## Grow in love during Lent

The point of the season of Lent is to transform our hearts – to become new, ready to greet our new life at Easter. *"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh"* (Ezekiel 36:26). We can use this time in the desert to live lives of love for God and for one another.

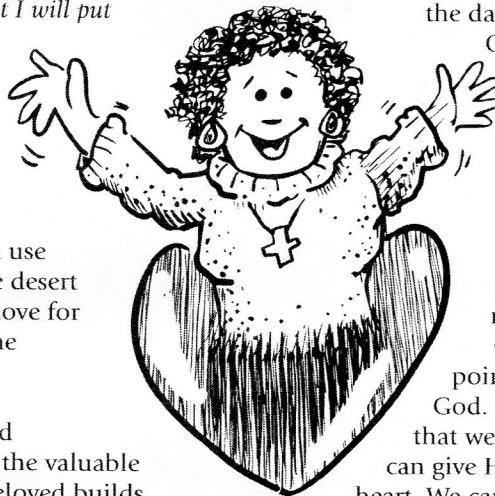
**Affirmation:** Recognizing and acknowledging the valuable qualities of a beloved builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. Offer God praise from your heart. Don't keep it to yourself, speak it out

loud. Tell others how awesome He is and what He can do for them.

**Attention:** Spending time with God, one on one, is vital to getting through the day in His friendship.

Give Him your attention each day, tell Him everything, and listen to what He says back to you. Being a good listener will benefit all your relationships, too.

**Gifts:** There is no point trying to impress God. He needs nothing that we have. However, we can give Him a gift from the heart. We can tithe, offer service, attend Mass, repent, change our lives to live His law. We can act as His hands and feet on Earth.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, asking for good things in harmony with His will. Christian prayer is the lifeblood of an intimate relationship of the children of God with their Father, with his Son



## Why do Catholics pray?

Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

All religions, and salvation history in particular, testify to the human desire for God. And God continues to draw every person to the mysterious encounter known as prayer.

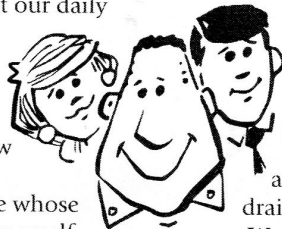


## Simple ways to live a better life

One consequence of a protracted pandemic is that we are almost forced to rethink the way we go about our daily lives. It's a good time to think about simplifying the way we live:

**Live in the moment.** We can't change the past and dwelling on the future is unproductive. The choices we make right now are all that count.

**Avoid drama.** There will always be someone whose situation is worse than our own. If you find yourself seeking attention and sympathy from other people – or get



drawn in by those who do – try substituting activities you find positive and interesting instead. Prayer helps.

**Talk less.** Weigh your words before you say them. Spend more time listening.

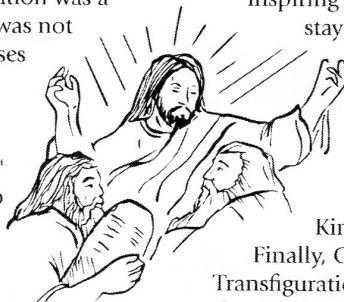
**Spend time with happy people.** Connect in safe and healthy ways with people who are positive and want to improve their lives. Let go of those who drain your energy.

**Work happy.** No matter how you earn a paycheck, give it your very best effort. That turns any job into a blessing.

### from Scripture

#### Luke 9:23-36, Linger on the mountaintop

While the Transfiguration was a fantastic encounter, it was not particularly joyful. Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus about "his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). They referred to Jesus' death, as the shadow of the Cross loomed. Like Moses' exodus from slavery in Egypt however, Jesus' exodus would deliver his people from the slavery of sin.



inspiring experience and want to stay there avoiding the realities of daily life. Yet, like Jesus, we cannot linger on the mountaintop but must come down to take our place in the Kingdom.

Finally, God used the Transfiguration to speak a message – the same one he spoke at Jesus' baptism. He confirmed Jesus as his son, the Messiah, and added, "Listen to him." The son of God has God's power and authority. If we believe that Jesus is the son of God, then surely we will want to do what he says.

When he offered to build shelters for the three men, Peter clearly wanted to remain on the mountaintop in this holy moment. Sometimes we have an

### Feasts & Celebrations

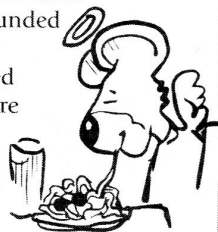
**February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858).** A heavenly lady who called herself, "The Immaculate Conception," appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor girl from a village in France. After the first vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a spring with miraculous healing waters emerged from a nearby cave.

**February 17 – Ash Wednesday.** Marking the first day of Lent, ashes from the palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. One form of Lenten observance is to pray

before the Stations of the Cross, meditating on Jesus' walk to Calvary.

**February 22 – St. Peter's Chair (1st century).** We celebrate St. Peter's establishment of the Holy See and pray for the preservation of God's Church.

**February 23 – St. Polycarp (156).** As Bishop of Smyrna, Polycarp faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to his religion. Before being martyred, he thanked God for making him worthy of a martyr's death.



### Q & A Is it possible for real people to be holy?

On its simplest level, being holy means living a life centered on God. This is done by talking with him a lot, imitating his behavior, and respecting his creations. It also means being part of the Church he established on Earth to help us be holy. Try this: **Talk to God.**

Spending time together is the best way to get to know God better.

**Practice sharing.** God wants us to take care of each other. Look for ways to share your money, time, and talents with someone who needs them.

**Celebrate the Sacraments.** Make Sunday Mass the highlight of your week. Attend if you can do it safely, stream it if you can't. Just don't miss it.

**Be a voice in the wilderness.** When you notice an injustice, speak out and take action. Treat all people with the dignity they deserve as children of God.

**Share your faith.** Talk about God with anyone who will listen. We can't keep his love to ourselves. We have to pass it on.

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## Rincón de Clero

Este evangelio de fin de semana, observamos tres aspectos clave de las etapas iniciales del ministerio de Jesús: El primero es su alcance que se amplía rápidamente a medida que se mueve de un pueblo a otro, proclamando las buenas noticias. El segundo es su espíritu de desapego, ya que no busca publicidad. En tercer lugar, su ministerio se basa en la oración. Cada cristiano está llamado a ser otro Cristo y este domingo recordamos a un sacerdote excepcional, Mons. Alesandro, quien siguió de cerca estos aspectos del ministerio de Jesús.



Para aquellos de nosotros que llegamos a conocer a Mons. John Alesandro sabíamos que era un hombre respetado, inteligente y polifacético; aquí están algunas de sus credenciales:

- Sacerdote - 54 años.
- Pastor y administrador (San Ignacio 2011).
- Abogado canónico.
- Canciller de la Diócesis de Rockville Centre.
- Administrador Apostólico de la Diócesis de Rockville Center.
- Educador:
  - Profesor Adjunto y Conferencista Distinguido en la Universidad Católica (Washington, DC).
  - Profesor de la St. John's University (Jamaica, NY).
  - Profesor adjunto de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de Fordham (Bronx, NY).
  - Profesor en Molloy College, Rockville Center, NY).
- Miembro de la American Canon Law Society y colaborador asociado.
- Pianista consumado.

Mons. Alesandro también era un muy buen amigo de nuestro ex pastor Mons. Donald Bennett; solían ir de vacaciones juntos (su viaje favorito era ir a Puerto Rico para el festival de los Reyes Magos en enero). Mons. Alesandro llevaría a Mons. el lugar de Bennett en las salidas de golf (tengo entendido que era un golfista bastante bueno y disfrutaba de los desafíos del juego).

Tuve el privilegio de trabajar con Mons. Alesandro aquí en San Ignacio de Loyola después de mi ordenación al Diaconado Permanente. En ese momento estaba ayudando a Mary Jane Mastrodomenico, nuestra Directora de Educación Religiosa, con clases periódicas para la preparación de la Confirmación - niveles 6, 7 y 8. Llevaba las clases combinadas para un nivel específico al edificio de la iglesia donde construiría ellos en uno de los sacramentos, comenzando con el bautismo (6º nivel). En una de estas ocasiones, cuando estábamos discutiendo la importancia de la Misa en la vida de los católicos, Mons. Alesandro, como él mismo dijo, “asomó la cabeza para ver qué pasaba”. Lo invité a unirse a nuestra discusión, momento en el que el maestro en él se hizo cargo de la clase. Caminó de un lado a otro del pasillo central tomando preguntas de los estudiantes y ofreciendo algunos de los mejores ejemplos de cómo las gracias de Dios nos ayudan de una manera especial en la celebración de la Eucaristía. Después de las clases, Mons. Alesandro se disculpó por hacerse cargo, a lo que le respondí que podía hacerlo en cualquier momento que quisiera. Le dije que yo mismo aprendí mucho de su lección de esa noche y le agradecí por compartir con nosotros su gran conocimiento de la Sagrada Teología; Lo invité a unirse a nosotros para futuras lecciones, lo que hizo en varias ocasiones más; qué maravillosa bendición para todos nosotros.

Dios nos bendijo por haber tenido a Mons. John Alesandro en nuestras vidas. Aunque lo extrañaremos, siempre tendremos sus palabras de sabiduría para guiarnos.

¡Dios le bendiga, monseñor Alesandro!

Respetuosamente, Diácono George A. Mais, Jr



# COMUNIDAD HISPANA



«¿Qué quieres de nosotros, Jesús Nazareno?... Sabemos quién eres...». Es una buena pregunta para hacérsela continuamente. Aquí son los demonios quienes la dirigen a Jesús. Pero Jesús no entra a debatir con ellos. Los manda callar y actúa. Se enfrenta con los que hacen sufrir a aquel hombre y lo libera de todos ellos. «¿Que quieres de nosotros?»: ¡Que dejéis de manejar al ser humano, que no le hagáis daño, que no os adueñéis de él, que dejéis de imponerles cargas y leyes asfixiantes, que respetéis su dignidad...

Por eso todos los seguidores de Jesús prestamos atención a lo que hace sufrir injustamente al hombre, enfrentándonos con ello, procurando que llegue a ser libre y responsable de sí mismo... Porque cada ser humano lleva dentro el Aliento de Dios que le impulsa a «vivir». Puede que nos ocurra como a los demonios: que «sabemos» quién es Jesús, lo que hizo él y lo que quiere y espera de nosotros... Pero tenemos miedo, temblamos, nos incomoda plantar cara a lo que no nos deja ser nosotros mismos o deshumaniza a otros. Y acabamos por acostumbrarnos a esos «espíritus inmundos» (es decir, contrarios a Dios).

Jesús imagina a sus discípulos como sanadores: «**Proclamad que el Reino de Dios está cerca: curad enfermos, resucitad muertos, limpiad leprosos, expulsad demonios**». La primera tarea de la Iglesia es curar, liberar del mal, sacar del abatimiento, sanar la vida, ayudar a vivir de manera saludable. Ser un «**hospital de campaña**» (JBergoglio). Esa lucha por la salud integral es el camino de la salvación. Ayudar a sentir y visualizar que la fe hace bien. Como decía san Pablo: «**para ser libres el Mesías nos ha liberado: manteneos, pues, firmes y no os dejéis atrapar de nuevo en el yugo de la esclavitud y servíos mutuamente por amor**».

## Próximos eventos en nuestra parroquia:

**Febrero 17 — Miércoles de Ceniza**  
 imposición de cenizas 4:00pm (ingles)  
 Santa Misa 5:00pm (español)  
 Imposición de cenizas 7:00pm (español)

**Febrero 18 — Misa a la Divina Misericordia**  
 Empezaremos a las 6:30pm con el Santo Rosario

**Marzo 4 — Misa del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús**  
 Empezaremos a las 6:30pm con el Santo Rosario

**Marzo 5 — Estaciones del Viacrucis**  
 Empezaremos a las 8:00pm

**Marzo 28 — Domingo de Ramos**

## MISA DOMINGOS

**5:00pm. Invita un amigo,**

**un familiar, un vecino.**

**Dios te**

**recompensará!**

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**MUCHAS GRACIAS** catequistas y líderes de los grupos y movimientos por su gran servicio a Dios y a la comunidad.

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José y Judith Contreras.

# Misa de la Divina Misericordia

Febrero 18, 2021

Comenzaremos con el Santo Rosario a las 6:30pm, luego la Santa Misa, seguidamente el cenáculo  
**En la Parroquia**



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