

Saint Paul the Apostle

Catholic Church

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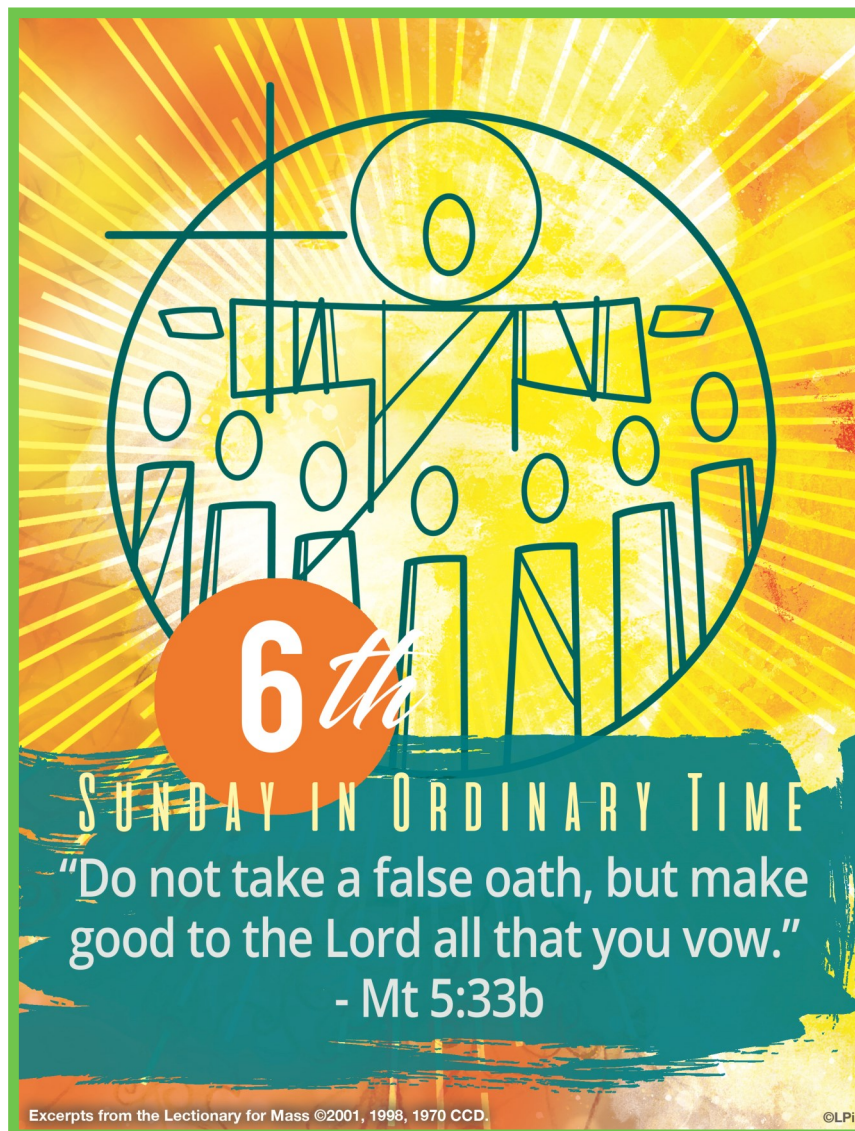
Tuesday — Thursday

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday:

**8:30 am to 12:00
noon**

February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Announcements

Ministry Schedule

Please check February's Ministry schedule on our website or in the Narthex. If you are unable to serve, please call the office at 719-647-1500 or call/text Gaylene at 719-821-0051 ASAP. Thank you!

Sacraments

Please call the office if you are interested in becoming Catholic or in need of any sacraments.
719-647-1500

For your Calendar

First Communion is May 7th @ 10:30

Confirmation is May 19th @ 5:30

Mass Intentions February 12, 2023

Saturday, February 11th (Anticipatory)

4:00 PM Mass + Gil Wilkins by Ron and Kathy McCulloch
+ Rhonda Carol Jones happy birthday in Heaven By Chris Jones, Ann & Robert Winters
+ Tim Jones Walking hand & hand with his sister in Heaven By Chris Jones, Ann & Robert Winters

Sunday, February 12th

7:30 AM Mass John Doran Sr. Happy Birthday! (Feb. 7th) by Juanita Kitchen
+ Jeff Church by Connie Deahl Smith

9:00-10:15 AM Religious Education K-6th Grade

10:30 AM Mass + Gil Wilkins by Dan & Rosemary Martinez
+ Susan Alston by Ron & Gaylene

12:00 PM- 1:30 PM Confirmation 1 Classes

Monday, February 13th and Tuesday, February 14th No Mass

Wednesday, February 15th

9:00 AM Mass Jeanne Stalcar for health & welfare by Sharon Weber

4:00 PM Divine Mercy, Adoration, and Confessions until 6:00 PM

Thursday, February 16th

9:00 AM Mass

Friday, February 17th

9:00 AM Mass

Saturday, February 18th (Anticipatory)

4:00 PM Mass + Lawrence Medina by the Medina Family

Sunday, February 19th

7:30 AM Mass

9:00-10:15 AM Religious Education K-6th Grade

10:30 AM Mass + Susan Alston by Dan & Rosemary Martinez

12:00 PM- 1:30 PM Confirmation 1 Classes

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/
Mt 5:38-48

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Gospel Meditations February 12, 2023

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass *every* Sunday? No lying *ever*? Sexual purity *all the time*? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do *that*?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

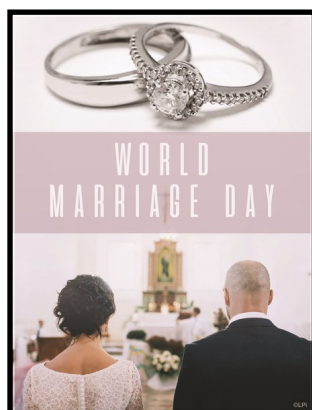
Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Please remember our Sick and Homebound

Connie Billinger	Angela Vigil
Patricia Cordova	Mary Jo McDermott
Cortese Family	Renee Hadad Cichon
Janet Cruz	James Hiner
Olga Dick	Carol Edgeworth
Keith Emert	Norman Kuhns
Char Finch	Carol Kuhns
Robert Hayman	Cheryl Salay
Lloyd Jacquez	Frank Palacio
Pat Laintz	John O'Day
Mary Lontine	Jaxon Coplen
Isiah Maez	Katie Fisher
Cameron Martin	Jack Mattingly
Dorothy Orr	Linda Wilson
Kirsten Pachek	Linda Welte
Kai Pedersen	James Derr
Shirley Palacio	Claudia Schopf
Christine Dickson	Any Huth
Chris Pettigrew	Alejandra
Peter Sorenson	Escheveste
Tony Torres Jr.	Gordon Messer
Judy Howard	Jason Bilberry
Martha Archuleta	Gina Hedquist
Steve Olsen	Marvin Odefey
Kathy Krueger	Candice Taravella
	Claude Hayward



Photos from the
From the January
20th NetRetreat that
our Confirmation 2
students attended.

Below: Bishop Berg
and the retreat group



Festival Corner

Our parish Festival will be
June 9th, 10th, and 11th.



The February meeting of the Festival Committee will be held on February 16th at 6:00 pm in Rooms A-B in the church. If you would like to become more involved in activities at our church, you are invited to this meeting. All are welcome.

We are still looking for VOLUNTEERS in all areas and to chair some of the booths. Please attend the meeting on the 16th or contact Matt Martinez at 719-251-7110 if you are able to help. Thank you!



Rosary

Come join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary for Life **BEFORE** the weekend Masses.

LEGION OF MARY.... MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS PRESIDUM

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 5:30 in classroom C. All are welcome!
Contact Carla Begel at 904-655-7501 or Robert Begel at 904-866-5065



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*** (Except Ash Wednesday - February 22
& Wed. Of Holy Week - April 5, 2023)**

**1st Friday Adoration - March 3 & April 7 2023
(9:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.)**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

4:00 p.m., Fridays of the Lenten Season

February 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31



FISH FRY DINNER

5:00 p.m., Fridays of the Lenten Season

February 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY - April 1 & 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper - Thurs. April 6 @ 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel - until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY - April 7, 12 noon & 6:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL - April 8 @ 6:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE

ABSTINENCE from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on “**Ash Wednesday**” and on all “**Fridays of Lent.**” This Lenten obligation forbids the eating of meat - but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even if these were made from animal fat.

FASTING means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on “**Ash Wednesday**” and “**Good Friday.**” On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain health and strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days should be avoided.

COMMUNAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE AT ST. PAUL

February 23, 2023, Thursday, at 6:00 p.m.

NOVENA FOR THE DIVINE MERCY

Beginning after the 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service on April 7.

Thereafter, DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET will be prayed everyday at 4 p.m. & concludes on APRIL 16 at 3:00 p.m.