



Mary Help of Christians

Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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February 7th, 2021 † Sexagesima Sunday

Sun. Feb. 7, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – St. Romuald, Ab

Pro Populo

Mon. Feb. 8, HOLY MASS 11:15 am– St. John of Matha, C

Intentions of the Ed Winczewski Families

Tues. Feb. 9, HOLY MASS 8:15 am St. Cyril of Alexandria, BC

RIP Joseph Wright

Wed. Feb. 10, No Mass in Springs– St. Scholastica, V

Thurs. Feb. 11, No Mass in Springs – Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

Fri. Feb. 12, No Mass in Springs, Seven Holy Servite Founders

Sat. Feb. 13, No Mass in Springs, BVM Saturday

Sun. Feb. 14, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – Quinquagesima Sunday

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Serving Schedule:

Sunday, February 7th: Anthony Kosovich, Eric Kosovich

Monday, February 8th: Donovan Fair, Anthony Griess

Tuesday, February 9th: Eric Vigil, Joseph Fries

Sunday, February 14th: Anthony Vigil, Alexander Vigil

Sunday, February 21st: Abraham Rivera, Andrew Fries

I cannot promise to make you happy in this world, only in the next. ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

Confessions: Sundays – 7:00 am Tuesdays – 7:35 am

Catechism and Adult Doctrine Classes: Wednesday, Feb. 10th 7:00-8:00pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Please keep in your prayers Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Mr. Richard Pottenger, Mrs. Rosalie Pottenger, Mr. Jose Anaya, Daniel Gonzales, Christopher Fries, Sarah Watterson, and Rebekah Hibdon. (Please contact the Sisters if you know of anyone who needs to be added to the prayer list.)

CONGRATULATIONS: Dominic and Victoria Pulliam on the birth of their baby boy Adrian Joseph on January 20th. He weighted 5lb 11oz.

BLESSING OF THROATS: will follow Mass this morning. This special blessings begs for preservation from diseases of the throat and from choking through the intercession of St. Blaise, a bishop who saved a child from choking on a fish bone as he was being lead to martyrdom.

CONGRATULATIONS: Brendan and Sarah Kosovich on the birth of their baby girl Bridget Marie on January 31st. She weighted 5lb 7oz and is in need of your prayers as she has not yet been released from the hospital.

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY: 1-1: \$485; 1-3 \$850; 1-10 \$554; 1-17 \$587; 1-24 \$685; 1-31 \$882.

FLOWER COLLECTION: Today there will be an extra collection to support beautifying the House of God with fresh flowers.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE: will begin on Thursday, February 18th, from 6:30-8:00. Please be sure to attend this practice as we will be dividing the choir for the singing of chants, and learning several new pieces.

JOYFUL SERVICE~ Fr. Daniel Considine,SJ

St. Paul says, 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. If we want to serve God, joy should be not only an element; it should be the staple of our life. Our difficulties are so great, our enemies so many, that unless we are supported by joy, we shan't do what God wants us to do. It is a point of great consequence. There is a sort of impression that in the service of God there ought to be a certain sobriety, an earnestness-yes, *sadness*, which makes the distinction between the service of the world, and the service of God; and that those who serve God must expect more tribulation and uneasiness of mind.

Entirely false. St. Paul, speaking under the dictation of the Holy Spirit, says, 'Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.' If we think the ideal of a religious person is to be sad, it is quite wrong, it is the direct opposite to the truth. We are never so much fitted to cope with the difficulties of the spiritual life as when we are in joy. Often, when difficulties are to follow, God strengthens souls by an extra dose of joy. He expands the heart, and fills us with more faith and hope and love, and so makes us ready to overcome our enemies. Read carefully the Acts of the Apostles: no one can read them without being struck by the spirit of buoyancy and exaltation that fills and pervades them; one might almost call it high spirits.

The Apostles carried their lives in their hands; they were scourged, and came forth from their severe flogging full of joy, rejoicing they were found worthy to suffer for Our Lord. We certainly then can't be doing wrong in making our lives lives of joy. This matter bears on our daily life. Is this our view? We are so apt to think others have so much to make their lives happy. 'They ought to rejoice.' The question remains: does God mean ME to rejoice in Him? Don't evade the difficulty *by* saying, 'Oh, it's some sort of spiritual joy which I don't understand: ordinary joy I can't feel.' 'What is meant if not real joy, real happiness, and if you don't feel the service of God produces this, there is something wrong with you. It is a very common error-that God sends us trials for their own sake. Looking on pain and trouble as good things is not a sound view. It does us harm by making us think God takes pleasure in seeing us suffer. The greatest possible happiness to be got out of life is in the service of God. **God doesn't like to see us cry, even though it is good for us. It pains God for me to suffer pain- that is a lovable and TRUE view of God.** To think of the Passion as God heaping torments on His Son is Jansenist. What does He want of me? He wants you to take your life as it is, bearing your trials and disappointments as quietly as you can. When we are unfaithful, to believe that Our Lord will give us up, that is utterly false. We can never love Our Lord as we should, if we think He remembers things against us. Remember the way He behaved towards His Apostles.