Mary Help of Christians
Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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February 13th, 2022   †   Septuagesima Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 13, HIGH MASS   9:00 a.m. - St. Catherine de Ricci, V
Joseph Anaya on his birthday

Mon. Feb. 14, HOLY MASS   6:00 p.m.- Feria (St. Valentine, PrM)
Margie Brown

Tues. Feb. 15, HOLY MASS   8:15 a.m. - Feria (Ss. Faustinus & Jovita, Mm)
Pro Populo

Wed. Feb. 16, HOLY MASS   8:15 a.m. - Feria (St. Onesimus, BM)
RIP Eugene Kauhane

Thurs. Feb. 17, HOLY MASS 8:15 a.m. - Feria (Flight into Egypt)
RIP Carol Balizet

Fri. Feb. 18,   HOLY MASS   7:00 a.m. - Feria (St. Bernadette, V)
RIP Carol Balizet

Sat. Feb. 19, No Mass in Springs – BVM Saturday (St. Gabinus, M)
Poor Souls of OLOS

Sun. Feb. 20, HOLY MASS   9:00 a.m - Sexagesima Sunday
Pro Populo

Serving Schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 13th: Anthony Vigil, Joseph Fries	Mon. Feb. 14th: Eric Kosovich
Tues. Feb. 15th: Eric Vigil, Anthony Griess	Wed. Feb 16th: Alexander Vigil, Jude Vigil
Thurs. Feb. 17th: Andrew Fries, Anthony Vigil	Fri. Feb. 18th: Volunteer
Sunday, Feb. 20th: Oliver Vigil, Steven Kosovich	
Sunday, Feb. 27th: Anthony Kosovich, Anthony Griess	

I shall do everything for Heaven, my true home. There I shall find my Mother in all the splendor of her glory. I shall delight in the joy of Jesus Himself in perfect safety. - St. Bernadette

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Confessions: Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass   **Tues. & Wed.** – 7:35am   **Thurs.** – 2:00pm
Choir Practice: 1st – 3rd Wednesdays of the month 6:30 - 8:00pm.
Children's Catechism Classes: Class today, Feb. 13th, 8:15 – 8:45
Adult Doctrine Class: 4th Wednesday of the month 6:30 - 8:00pm. - Feb. 23rd.

St. Valentine, Priest and Martyr - by Fr. Francis Xavier Weninger

St. Valentine Baptizes St. Lucilla

The holy Priest Valentine lived at the time of the Emperor Claudius. He was held in high estimation, both by the Christians and heathens, on account of his natural amiability, wisdom and virtue. Claudius himself desired to see him, and on his being brought into his presence, said to him: "Why do you refuse to be my friend, when I wish to become yours? Nothing in you displeases me, but that you confess a faith which is against our gods." Valentine replied: "O Emperor! if you knew the God I worship, you would consider yourself blessed to serve Him. He it is who has given you your life and your crown, and who alone can make you eternally happy." One of those present interrupted him, saying: "What think you, then, of Jupiter,--of Mercury?" "I think that they have been wicked men, as their lives show," answered the Priest;" and, therefore, they are unworthy to be called gods." "That is sacrilege!" cried many: "Valentine deserves to die!" Valentine begged the Emperor graciously to lend him his ear, only for a short space of time, that he might defend his words. Having received permission to speak, he placed the falsity, of the heathen gods and the truth of the God of the Christians so clearly before their eyes, that the Emperor, prepossessed in his favor, said to those surrounding him: "I must confess this man speaketh with much reason, and nothing can be said to confute his teaching." Calphurnius, the Governor, who was also present, on hearing the Emperor speak thus, was filled with fear that he would embrace the Christian faith, and cried: "Valentine is a sorcerer, a blasphemer of the gods of the Empire! He must die, or an insurrection will break out among the people!" This speech alarmed the Emperor to such a degree that he gave up the holy Priest entirely into the hands of the Governor. Calphurnius immediately cast him into a dungeon, and gave orders to Judge Asterius to accuse him as an enemy of the gods, according to law. Asterius wished first to make an attempt to win over the Priest, who was so universally loved, from the Christian faith, but to the good fortune of the judge, the contrary took place. Valentine restored the sight of the daughter of Asterius, who had been blind for many years, and, in consequence, the judge and his whole family forsook their idolatry and were baptized. When this was reported to the Emperor, he admired the power of the God whom Valentine adored, and endeavored to set the Saint free, but again frightened by Calphurnius with an insurrection, he at length gave orders to behead him. Saint Valentine received his death sentence with great joy, and ended his life by a glorious martyrdom. My God, Who dost possess in incomprehensible abundance all that is perfect and worthy of love, annihilate in me all guilty, sensual, and undue love for creatures: kindle in my heart the pure flame of Thy love, so that I may love nothing but Thee or in Thee, until, being entirely consumed by holy love of Thee, I may go to love Thee eternally with the elect in Heaven, the country of pure love. Amen.