

## Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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## February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 † Septuagesima Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 5, HOLY MASS 9:00 a.m. - St. Agatha, VM; Martyrs of Japan

RIP Susan Walz

Mon., Feb. 6, No Mass in Springs - St. Titus, BC

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Tues., Feb. 7, HOLY MASS 8:00am - St. Romuald, Ab

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Wed., Feb. 8, HOLY MASS 8:00am - St. John of Matha, C

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Thurs., Feb. 9, HOLY MASS 8:00am - St. Cyril of Alexandria, BCD

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Fri., Feb. 10, HOLY MASS 8:00am - St. Scholastica, V

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Sat., Feb. 11, No Mass in Springs - Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

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Sunday, Feb. 12, HIGH MASS 9:00 a.m - Sexagesima Sunday

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## **Serving Schedule:**

Sun., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>: Anthony Vigil, John Fries

Tues., Feb. 7th: Eric Vigil, Jude Vigil

Thurs., Feb. 9th: Frank Natera, Toby Vigil

Sun., Feb. 12th: Steven Kosovich, Alexander Vigil

Sun., Feb. 19th: Frank Natera, Andrew Fries

Sun., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>: Nick Vigil, Anthony Vigil

Wed., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>: Andrew Fries, Alex Vigil Fri., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>: Joe Vigil, Nick Vigil

O Lord, hear the prayers of Thy people who are justly punished for their offenses that we may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness for the glory of Thy Name!

Confessions: Sundays - 8:00 am and after Mass

**Tues. & Wed. -** 7:30 am **Thurs. -** 2:00pm

**Ending Hymn**: Be Thou My Vision Pg. 61 #63

<u>Children's Catechism Class:</u> Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 - 8:45am

Adult Doctrine Class: Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Servers' Saturday: First Saturday, March 4th, 9:00 am - Noon for all servers

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</u> RIP Susan Walz, RIP Paula Micklich, RIP Robert Bernard, Gloria Trujillo, Maria Allie, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, Tom Gallegos, Richard Slusher, RIP Matias Trujillo, Malachai Miller Family and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

**FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION:** Beeswax candles were blessed on the Feast of the Purification. There are plenty for all. A donation to help cover the cost would be appreciated.

**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.

<u>BURRITO BREAKFAST:</u> will be provided next Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will go to support the Sisters.

COLLECTION TOTALS for JANUARY: 1-1 \$1045; 1-8 \$720; 1-15 \$841; 1-22 \$918; 1-29 \$820.

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

## Excerpt from the Japanese Martyrs of Nagasaki Victories of the Martyrs - St. Alphonsus Liguori

IN 1622, September 2 or 10, there was at Nagasaki a great execution of Christians, which was called the Great Martyrdom, because twenty-one religious and thirty-one seculars were put to death, some of them being decapitated and the rest burnt alive. What was above all to be admired was the constancy of those who perished in the fire; for they had been but loosely tied to their

stakes, so that overcome by their sufferings they could easily get loose, take flight, and declare themselves apostates; but the holy confessors steadfastly remained in the midst of the flames till death. Twenty-seven seculars were beheaded including ten women and seven children ages 3, 4, 5, 7 and 12.

On October 2nd of the same year nine Christians were martyred at Nagasaki. Among them was a boy, who was tortured during the space of eight days, to make him discover the place where the religious were hidden; but he did nothing else but repeat the names of Jesus and Mary. The executioners, transported with rage, tore open his back between the shoulders and poured into it melted lead - a cruelty that the heroic boy suffered while constantly saying, "Jesus and Mary! I desire to go to heaven and see my God." The judges finally despaired of conquering him, and had him with his whole family burnt alive.

These victims were followed by many others immolated chiefly at Nangasaki and at Omura. In this latter city three women distinguished themselves above all by their admirable firmness. A magistrate having gone to visit one of them named Justa, whose son had been despoiled of all his property and deprived even of life on account of his faith, declared to her that he would aid her to recover all the possessions of her son if she would only cease to be a Christian. Justa, also had a daughter called Mary, aged fourteen years. The judge having perceived her, said to her that he would adopt her as his daughter if she would adore the gods. "Adore the gods!" cried out the young Mary: "I adore only one God, the Creator of heaven and earth: it was for Him that my brother died, and it is for Him that I also wish to die." The judge then proceeded to the widow of the martyr, a young woman of eighteen, named Agatha, who was near her confinement; he falsely stated that Justa, her mother-in-law, had denied her faith, and that she should imitate her, and in doing so she would be taking care of her child. Agatha replied that she would prefer to see this child perish in her womb rather than entrust it to the care of an idolater, the murderer of its father. She added that she desired death, hoping soon to rejoin her husband in heaven. The judge having reported all this to the governor, the latter condemned the three women to die the following night. When they heard of this sentence they fell on their knees to thank Jesus Christ for the grace that he had conferred on them. At the appointed hour, they joyfully set out for the place of execution, accompanied by more than three hundred Christians. When they arrived there, Agatha prostrated herself, having Justa on her right, and Mary, her daughter-in-law, on her left. After praying for some time, all three presented their necks and were beheaded, October 9, 1622.