



Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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Feb. 9th, 2024 † Purification of the BVM

Sunday, Feb. 9, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Pro Populo

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

The Tevis Family (Glover)

Tues., Feb. 11, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

All CMD Sisters, their families, benefactors and all prayer requests

Wed., Feb. 12, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – Seven Holy Servite Founders

All intentions and needs of MHC Parishioners, their families, esp our benefactors

Thurs., Feb. 13, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – Feria (St. Catherine de Ricci, V)

RIP William Stenger (Kaltenbacher)

Fri., Feb. 14, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – Feria (St. Valentine, PrM)

For Margie Brown

Sat., Feb. 15, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – BVM Saturday

Private Intention (Vroom)

Sunday, Feb. 16, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – Septuagesima Sunday

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Serving Schedule:

Sun., Feb. 9th: Steven Kosovich, Joseph Fries

Tues., Feb. 11th: Alexander and Hugo Vigil

Thurs., Feb. 13th: John Fries, Toby Vigil

Sat., Feb. 15th: Volunteer

Sun., Feb. 16th: Anthony Vigil, Andrew Fries

Sun., Feb. 23rd: Joseph Fries, Alexander Vigil

Wed., Feb. 12th: Anthony Vigil, Jude Vigil

Fri., Feb. 14th: Alexander Vigil, Nick Vigil

“The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them.” - St. Louis Marie de Montfort

Confessions: Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass **Tues. & Wed. - 8:00am**

Ending Hymn:

Blessing of Religious Articles: Following Holy Mass on the Third Sunday of each month.

Catechism Classes: today, Sun. Feb. 9th, 8:15 – 8:45am

Adult Doctrine Classes: February 26th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Frank Eberwein, Rose Borders, Mark Gilmor, Arlin Wertish, the Slusher Family, Gabriel, Alex and Xavier Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Maria Allie, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Miller Family, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, RIP Tom Gallegos, RIP Mike Felthager, RIP Mary Gilmor, RIP Maria Atwood, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Malachai Miller, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

BLESSING OF THROATS: will follow Mass today. This special blessings begs for preservation from diseases of the throat and from choking through the intercession of St. Blaise.

VISIT the SICK: Friday, Feb. 14th, the Academy will be visiting and singing for the residents of the Pikes Peak Post Acute Nursing Home on 2719 Union. All are invited to join us. We will meet there at 11:15am and finish at 12:30. You can bring Valentine cards to pass out to the residents.

GAME NIGHT: to fund Fr. Augustine's trip to Niagara Falls with the school, will be held Saturday, March 1st, at Bill and Mary Hopkins' residence, 290 Palm Springs Drive, Colorado Springs 80921. The potluck dinner begins at 3pm. There is a \$25 first buy in, then \$20 buy in for up to 1 hour. First Prize is \$75 and 2nd is \$50. Come and join the fun!

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

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.

