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## February 2021 Parish Bulletin

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# CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All In-Person Worship Services Cancelled Due To COVID-19

February 7, 2021: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2021: Ash Wednesday

February 21, 2021: First Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021: Second Sunday of Lent

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#### Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

#### Sunday Scripture Reflections

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

**February 7, 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** The sense of purposes expressed by Jesus and Paul in today's New Testament readings contrasts strongly with the attitude of hopelessness manifested in the Book of Job. With whom can we best identify? If we find ourselves leaning toward Job, what can we do about it? (Job 7:1-4, 6-7, 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23, Mark 1:29-39)

**February 14, 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Today's first reading provides background for the healing of a leper in the Gospel. Although told to keep the matter quiet, this leper proclaims his cure, so that the long-suffering Jesus has to take refuge in deserted places. Paul may be close to Jesus' sentiments when he writes, "I try to please everyone in every way." Lord, help us to promote harmony by "going with the flow" in small matters. (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, 1 Corinthians 10:31--11:1, Mark 1:40-45)

**February 17, 2021 – Ash Wednesday:** Today is the first day of Lent. Today, we set our course for a forty-day journey. Do we see this as an "acceptable time" for more serious prayer, a well-chosen penitential act, and some specific gift of alms to charity? Whatever we choose, we should keep between our heavenly father and ourselves, offering him our whole heart. (Joel 2:12-18, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)

**February 21, 2021 – 1**<sup>st</sup> **Sunday of Lent:** "The waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings." The water that deluges the world now is the saving water of Baptism, prefigured by Noah's ark. Through Christ's resurrection, sins are washed away. During Lent, we renew our covenant with the Lord by repenting our sins and believing his word. (Genesis 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15)

**February 28, 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent:** Abraham was prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice of his beloved son in obedience to God. At the sight of Abraham's devotion, God spared the boy's life. However, he "did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all." Thank you, Father, for all you give us in your Son, above all the heavenly life revealed at his transfiguration. (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Romans 8:31b-34, Mark 9:2-10)

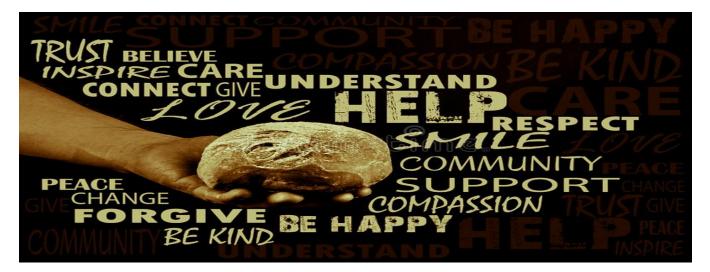
along The Way reflections selected

As we continue our journey *along the way* following Jesus, we ponder about who Jesus is and what he expects of us as we walk with Him. As we see opportunities of making Jesus' love present in our world, we do our best to respond with our own love and our own caring responses.

> Along the way, we walk with Jesus who is for us: the Word, the Truth, and the Way.

Jesus is the Light -- to be lit. Jesus is the Life -- to be lived. Jesus is the Love -- to be loved. Jesus is the Joy -- to be shared. Jesus is the Sacrifice -- to be offered. Jesus is the Peace -- to be given. Jesus is the Hungry -- to be fed. Jesus is the Thirsty -- to be satiated. Jesus is the Naked -- to be clothed. Jesus is the Homeless -- to be taken in. Jesus is the Sick -- to be healed. Jesus is the Lonely -- to be loved.

Adapted from the writings of Saint Teresa of Calcutta (+1997).



Hate is not a creative force. Only love is creative.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe (+1941, Auschwitz)

#### From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

**It's "Tax Time" Again...**Parishioner donation statements were mailed shortly after the first of the year. Thank you to all who continued to contribute to the church even during the pandemic while we were unable to meet in person. We are grateful for your generosity. Our year-end financial statement was also mailed with this bulletin to parishioners.

**In-Person Services Continue to be Postponed:** We continue to deal with effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. We eagerly await the day when we are able to join together once again in worship of our Savior.

**Mass Intentions:** +Fr. Carl, Fr. Bill and I are available to say mass for your particular intentions while we celebrate mass from home. Please feel free to contact us with your intentions.

**Requiescat in Pace:** Please remember the following in your prayers, as well as their families and friends who mourn their loss:

**Rudy Schmid** – parishioner and dear husband of Joan Schmid. Rudy passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, and was buried with Military Honors at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. +Fr. Bob was honored to preside at his graveside service.

**Cathy Jacobi** – dear sister of parishioner, Dwight Jacobi. Cathy passed away on Friday, January 29, 2021. Service details are pending at this time.

**Robert "Butch" Kindred** – dear cousin of parishioner, Marie Harbers, and pastor, +Fr. Bob Catlett. "Butch" passed away on Saturday, January 30, 2021. Service details are pending at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace! Amen!

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Parishioner Anniversaries: None this month!