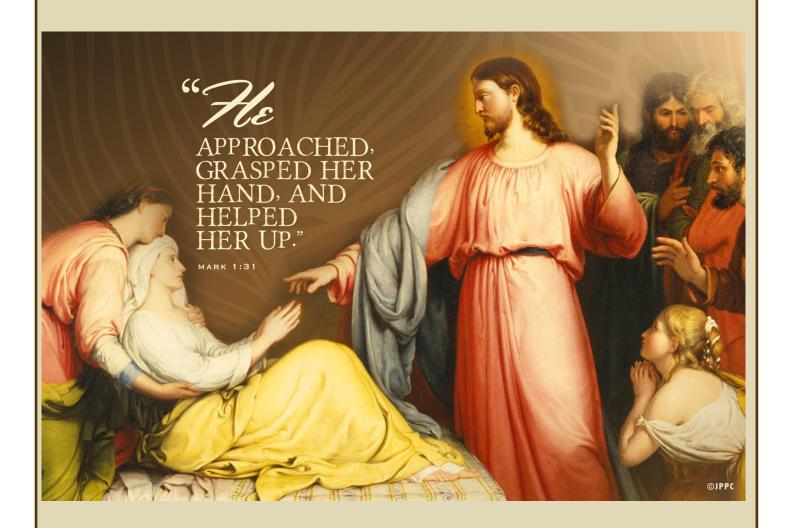
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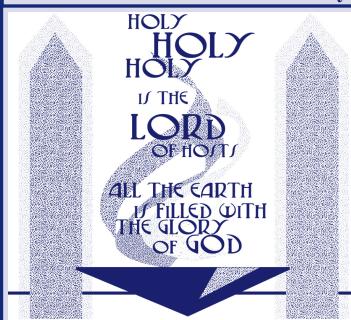


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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lectionary: 74

Reading I Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying:

Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind;

Responsorial Psalm Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. (cf. 3a) Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

I shall not see happiness again.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem: the dispersed of Israel he gathers. R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. or:

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars;

he calls each by name.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. or:

R. Alleluia.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground. R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

R. Alleluia.

Reading II 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Alleluia Mt 8:17

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

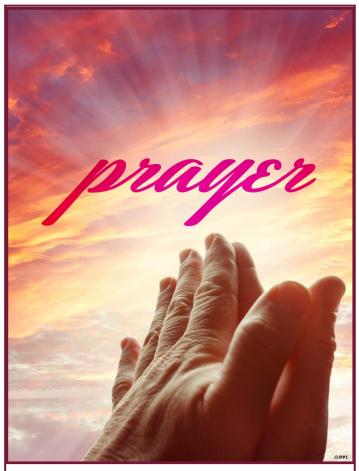
Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.



Readings for the Week February 7, 2021

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-

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Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30;

Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30 **Friday**: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37 **Saturday**: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13;

Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1;

Mk 1:40-45



Please join us on Friday's for Adoration immediately after 11:00 AM Mass with Benediction at 1:45 PM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com.





Please Note: New Policy for the Pray for our Sick. Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

Benjamin Ohlweiler, Jeremy Pavlick, Lucy Gargano, Christine Frauenheim, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Ani Slevin, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Cathy Shalloo, Sharon Cox, Lee Cox, Bobbie Woods, Julia Buonocore, Alexandra Gavilanes, Sarah Gallagher, Jimmy Azzollini, Vivian Wilson, Ken Hauck, Dorothy Waugh, Patricia Cavanaugh, Rose Courtney, Grace Philhower, Maria Valdez.

If you are a parishioner who has not been able to attend Mass and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to them, please contact Donna at the rectory, 732-449-6364 x100 or email donna@stmarkseagirt.com.

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.

† John Loosen † Dr. James Boozan

May the angels lead you into paradise..."



Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly

parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

1.31.2021 Collection \$8,185 2.2.2020 Collection \$11,664



Date	Intention	Requested by
Monday, February 8		
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	† Jean Judge † Buonocore and Hoblitzell Families	Estate Family
Tuesday, February 9		
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	† Agatha and Peter Poplaski Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Social C † Cecilia Santiago	Paulette McCormack oncerns Family
Wednesday, February	10	
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	† Gretchen Geiger Kelly † Phyllis Blaine	John and Maria Checton Estate
Thursday, February 1	1	
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	† Dorothy Wright † Rudy Talarico † Sergio Germinario † John S. Fredericks	Family Pam Zusi and Family Doster Family Harry and Lee Copperthwaite
Friday, February 12		
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	† Walter Remiszewski † Paul Meaney Family † Joan Enright	Bernard and Dorothy Ricciardi Hauck Family Estate
Saturday, February 13	3	
7:30 AM 4:30 PM	† Genevieve and Walter Range † Flarity & Lynch Families † Michael Ryan † William Muscato	Adele Byrne Sara Lynch Linda and William Ryan Schobel Family
Sunday, February 14		
8:00 AM 10:00 AM	† Margaret "Peggy" Mount † Catherine Vento † Gus Herrmann † Rita Terracciano	Elaine and Don Henderson Reynolds Family Schatzman Family Joe Hartnett
5:00 PM	† Oneal Combs † Maria Isabel Cascante Montero † Ranulfo José Santiago & Merced Velazco Nuñez † Hermenegildo Sorto	Mary Jane Dolan Family Filemon Jose Sorto Family



COVID-19 Vaccine Registration

COVID-19 vaccines are on the way to hospitals and clinics across New Jersey. The State recommends that you pre-register now. Filling out the form should take about 15 minutes, and the information you enter will be kept private with the State of New Jersey.

If you are already eligible, the website will also list the state sites where you can make your appointment to receive the vaccine.

> To register for your vaccine visit: https://covidvaccine.nj.gov

Catholic Charities News

Community Services is Catholic Charities' link to parishes in the Trenton diocese. Serving families in crises, we provide food, mortgage, rent and utilities assistance, temporary housing, counseling, and immigration services. To learn more about Catholic Charities Community Services visit our You Tube presentation. Click on: https://youtu.be/-r8YRyPCIY4
If you know of anyone needing assistance, please contact Catholic Charities at 800-360-7711.

Please Note: At this time, because of Covid 19, we are not accepting clothing, or any personal books, devotionals, religious articles or Rosary beads. In the future we will gladly accept your donations, but at the present time and for the safety of all those concerned, we are asking that these items not be left at the church. Thank you.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **February 12 - 14, 2021** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.. For more information, or to register, visit **www.HelpOurMarriage.org** or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

If you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet and would like a copy of the bulletin, please call the Rectory at 732-449-6364.

St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society

St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary after the 11am mass on the first Monday of each month.

We invite those that cannot make it to church, to join us from home in the recitation of the rosary. In this way we continue to honor our Blessed Mother and follow her directions to continue praying for an end to abortion and all the intentions of her Immaculate Heart.



St. Mark's would like to let our Parishioners know what practices we have in place to protect them during the pandemic so that they can make informed decisions on whether

they feel they would like to attend in person Masses. Social distancing with roped off pews which allows those present to sit at least 6 feet apart, all pews, door handles and railings are sanitized after every Mass daily and during the weekend Masses and Sacraments, sanitizer is at the front and side entrances, bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis, masks must be worn by everyone in the church, the priests and Extraordinary Ministers use hand sanitizer before distributing Communion. Communion is distributed one side at a time to allow for social distance, the windows are open during Mass to help circulate air, collection baskets are placed on the Altar rail rather than the Ushers handling the collection, weekend requirement is entrance thru the front doors for Parishioner count but you may exit thru all doors.

If you have any questions please call the Rectory Office at 732-449-6364.

World Day for the Sick February 11, 2021

We pray for all those suffering from illness, especially those whose health has been impacted by the Coronavirus. We also pray for their caregivers and family members.





National Marriage Week February 7-14, 2021

This year's theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." This is a wonderful opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and

love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This week we pray for all married and engaged couples, that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage vows, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.

January 2021

Answers to Key Ethical Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines

The development of vaccines to combat the COVID-19 pandemic has received much public attention and raised several ethical questions related to their development and use. This document is intended to provide concise answers to some of those ethical questions as well as links to more in-depth resources.

Is it true that there is a connection between some vaccines and abortion?

Yes. Several decades ago, tissue harvested from the bodies of aborted babies was used to create certain cell lines for research purposes. The cells in these lines are, in effect, the descendants of those cells that were originally harvested. They have been made to replicate themselves and some cell lines can be reproduced indefinitely. These abortion-derived cell lines are used as a "factory" to manufacture certain vaccines (e.g. rubella, chickenpox, some of the COVID-19 vaccines, etc.). The cells themselves, however, are not present in the vaccines that patients receive.

What does the Church say about abortion-derived cell lines and their connection to vaccines?

The Holy See, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy for Life, has provided guidance on this topic on four occasions. This guidance has made it clear that it is wrong to create abortion-derived cell lines and for pharmaceutical companies to utilize them, that the use of vaccines produced with such cell lines should be avoided if comparable alternatives with no connection to abortion are available, that grave reasons (e.g., serious health risks) may justify the use of vaccines produced with these cell lines when there are no such alternatives, and that everyone concerned for the sanctity of life should protest the use of these cell lines and advocate for the development of vaccines with no connection to abortion.

Do COVID-19 vaccines use abortion-derived cell lines?

As of the date of this writing, hundreds of vaccines for COVID-19 are in development worldwide, and more than a dozen are in the final stages of testing. Some don't use abortion-derived cell lines at all, some have used such cell lines to test the vaccine's efficacy, and some are using such cell lines in the development and/or the production phases. There are currently two vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) being distributed for use in the United States, and there are others that are likely to be made available in the coming months (e.g., AstraZeneca, Janssen, etc.). Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used an abortion-derived cell line in the development or production of the vaccine. However, such a cell line was used to test the efficacy of both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any use of abortion-derived cell lines, in these two cases the use is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion. The AstraZeneca and Janssen vaccines raise additional moral concerns because an abortion-derived cell line is used not only for testing, but also in development and production.

Is it morally acceptable to receive a COVID-19 vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines?

Given that the COVID-19 virus can involve serious health risks, it can be morally acceptable to receive a vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines if there are no other available vaccines comparable in safety and efficacy with no connection to abortion. If it is possible to choose among a number of equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen.^{iv} If a vaccine with no connection to abortion-derived cell lines is not readily available, vaccines that used such cell lines only for testing would be preferable to those that use such cell lines for ongoing

production. Such choices may not be possible, however, especially in the early stages of vaccine distribution. In that case, one may receive any of the clinically recommended vaccines in good conscience with the assurance that reception of such vaccines does not involve immoral cooperation in abortion.

Is there a moral obligation to receive a COVID-19 vaccination?

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has noted recently that "vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary. In any case, from the ethical point of view, the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health but also on the duty to pursue the common good." And it said that "in the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic" vaccination may promote the common good, "especially to protect the weakest and most exposed." For a vaccine to be effective in protecting society, most people need to be vaccinated in order to break the chain of disease transmission from person to person throughout the community. The Congregation also said that those who refuse to get vaccinated must do their utmost, by taking all the necessary precautions, to avoid "becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent. In particular, they must avoid any risk to the health of those who cannot be vaccinated for medical or other reasons, and who are the most vulnerable."

What can those who uphold the sanctity of life do to protest against the use of abortion-derived cell lines and advocate for ethical vaccines?

First, inform yourself and others about how some vaccines are connected to abortion through the use of abortion-derived cell lines, and about which vaccines use such cell lines. Second, inform your doctor about this connection and ask him or her to provide ethical vaccines, when possible. Third, urge pharmaceutical companies and medical researchers to discontinue using abortion-derived cell lines, and thank them when they do. vii

Are the COVID-19 vaccines safe and effective?

The bishops are not and do not claim to be authorities on the safety and efficacy of vaccines. People should rely on information from authoritative sources in the field of medicine and public health, such as the Food and Drug Administration and qualified health care professionals. The FDA affirms that the vaccines authorized for emergency use in the U.S. have met all the safety and efficacy standards required for such authorization.

Where can I find more information on this topic?

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research)
National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org)
Charlotte Lozier Institute (www.lozierinstitute.org/category/genetics)

i See Charlotte Lozier Institute at www.lozierinstitute.org/category/genetics.

ii Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions (*Dignitas Personae*) (2008), nos. 35-36 and "Note on the morality of using some anti-COVID-19 vaccines" (21 December 2020).

Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses", (9 June 2005); and Note on Italian Vaccine Issue (31 July 2017).

iii https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/explaining-operation-warp-speed/index.html; https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Operation-Warp-Speed/.

iv As of the date of this document, there are no available COVID vaccine options that are completely free from a connection to abortion-derived cell lines. But there are some COVID vaccines in development that may end up free of such connection.

^v Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "Note on the morality of using some anti-COVID-19 vaccines" (21 December 2020), no. 3.

vi CDF Note no. 5.

vii The USCCB Pro Life Office helps with such advocacy through the USCCB Action Center. To receive action alerts, sign up at www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research.

Thoughts for February 2021, Marge Loenser

Our calendar in February starts out with a double header on February 2: The Feast of the Presentation and Candlemas day. It is also Groundhog day (who can forget the movie?). Of the many saints we honor this month, on the 3rd we celebrate St. Blaise and we line up to have our throats blessed. (with Covid this may be changed) St. Blaise is the patron saint of throat diseases. While on Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, we took a side trip to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Dubrovnik is an ancient cobblestone city that meets the lovely blue-green waters of the Aegean Sea. Here we visited the church of St. Blaise. He was martyred in 316 A.D in Turkey. He had a church named after him in Croatia. In the year 971 the spirit of St. Blaise, visited the church in Dubrovnik to warn the city that the Venetian fleet, anchored off the harbor, was going to attack them. Because of his warning, the city responded and fought off the enemy. St. Blaise then became the patron saint of that city.

Another saint we honor this month is **St. Agatha on the 5th**. She was a virgin and martyr. Of noble Roman birth she was betrothed at age 13 to a Roman nobleman. Agatha was a Christian and pledged her virginity to our Lord and refused the marriage. As a result the suitor had Emperor Decius condemn her to horrible torture and then beheaded. She is the patron saint of breast cancer and breast feeding. On the **11th we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes.** In 1858 our Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous and declared: "I am the Immaculate Conception." The miracle spring that appeared to Bernadette is still the source of the healing waters for the thousands of pilgrims who visit Lourdes.

St. Scholastica is another saint we honor this month. She was the twin sister of St. Benedict, and is the patron saint of Benedictine nuns, education, convulsive children and is invoked against storms and rain. The story is, when St. Benedict and his monks visited Scholastica she wanted more time with her brother as she sensed her death was close and that she would not see him again. Benedict insisted on leaving for his monastery -- it would break a rule not to be there at night time. Scholastica prayed for a storm so that he would be forced to stay. God answered her prayer and St. Benedict spent more time with her. Benedict said in response to the storm: "What have you done?" She replied: "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Ash Wednesday comes on the 17th and we ask Jesus to help us to renew ourselves by prayer and penance. Here is a prayer for lent that I found on Jesuitresource.org.: "Come, my Light and illumine my darkness. Come my Life and revive me from death. Come, my Physician and heal my wounds; come Flame of Divine love and burn up the thorns of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of Thy love."

Let us continue to pray for the sick and their caretakers; for the end of the pandemic and for an end to abortion. I leave you with a prayer that St. Catherine of Siena prayed very often to our Lord: "You have loved me even before I existed, and knowing this I can place my trust in Your love and set aside every fear. Amen.

May God bless us each one. Love Marge



CYO News

Last Sunday at our CYO ZOOM meeting, Jojo and Liam gave a wonderful presentation on Genesis 6-7(the story of Noah and the ark). CYO members were invited to bring their pets(Katie is pictured here with her beloved beagle Marty Mc Fly in this beautiful photo of both of them!) These house pets helped to set the atmosphere for what Noah and his family had to contend with having hundreds of animals on board with them for almost a year! Our CYO members compared this to the isolation, huge challenges, and fear of the unknown that people have suffered this past year due to the worldwide pandemic. Then, as now, like Noah, we can only place our faith and trust in God as we strive to obey His commandments and always do His will.

Liam became especially fascinated with the Nephilim who were on the earth at that time. Though largely mysterious in nature, they were believed to be large and strong. Some traditional Jewish explanations of them were that they might have been fallen angels—which lived at the time of the flood and afterwards. I guess this will be an unsolved mystery for some time.



February 14th! Valentine's Day Walk for Hunger **Attention CYO members:** If you plan to participate in our upcoming service event: Valentine's Day Walk for Hunger, please sign up with Anthony at antdoria21@gmail.com or Mrs. Reilly at Mary33angels@aol.com. We will meet at North End Pavilion (Spring Lake) on Sunday, February 14th at 1 PM. Masks and permission slips are required. Please email us for further details. This service event will benefit the Manasquan food Pantry, Fulfill Food Bank, and the Missionaries of Charity meals for the homeless.

International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking February 8, 2021. With encouragement from Pope Francis, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General designated February 8th as an annual day of prayer, reflection, and action against human trafficking. On this day, we remember and pray for survivors and victims of m o d e r n - d a y slavery. We pray that we may work together to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge that is present in all our cities and neighborhoods.

February 8th is also the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan in 1869, St. Bakhita was kidnapped and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she valiantly asserted her freedom with the help of the Cannossian Sisters of Venice. Through her faith, St. Bakhita realized the promise of liberty inherent in the human spirit. She lived out the rest of her life as a Cannossian sister,



sharing her empowering testimony of human freedom and dignity. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Josephine Bakhita, noting that in this saint, "we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation.

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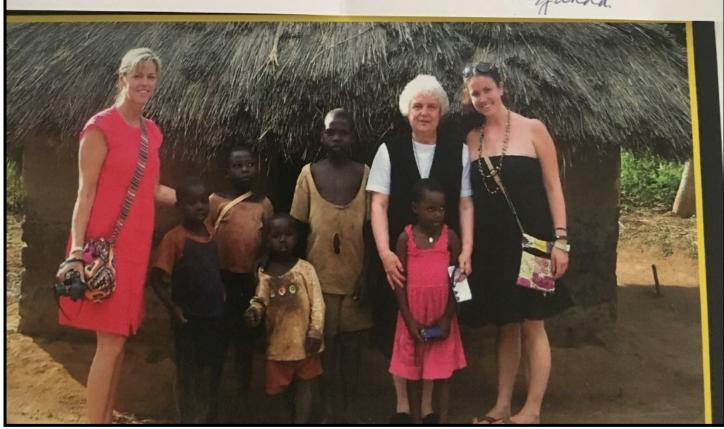
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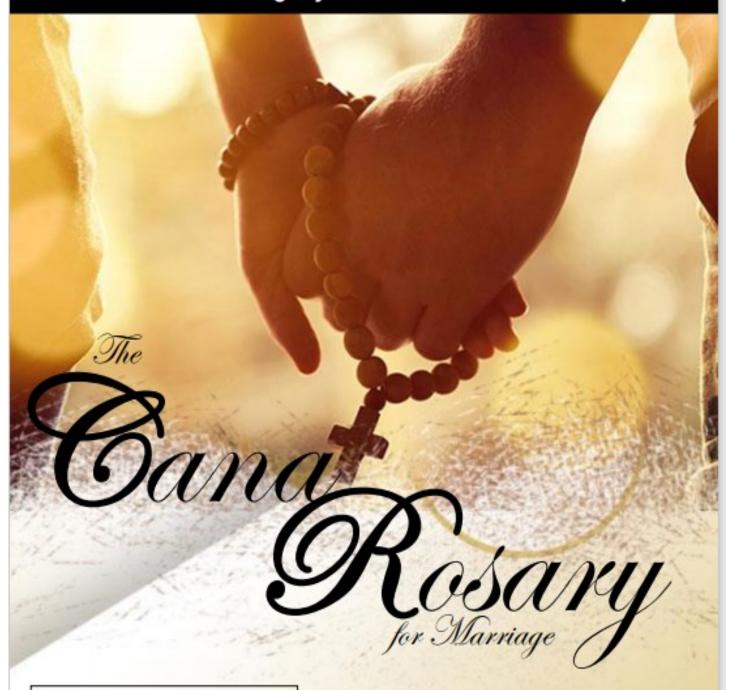
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A Livestreamed Nightly Reflection for Married Couples



Sunday

Feb. 7 through Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021 7:00 – 8:00 pm each evening A Livestreamed Nightly Reflection and Recitation of the Rosary for Married Couples to celebrate National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-13)

> Reflections are based on the book by Christopher Ebberwein, The Cana Rosary, A Couple's Prayer The link for livestreaming will be found at

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-couples, and on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/dotfamilylife Iglesia de "San Marcos" Apostolado Hispano Misa Dominical: Domingo 5:00 p.m. Misa de Semana: Martes 6:00 p.m.

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Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Febrero 7, 2021

Primera Lectura: Job 7, 1-4, 6-7.

En aquel día, Job tomó la palabra y dijo: "La vida del hombre en la tierra es visa de soldado y sus días, como días de un jornalero. Como el esclavo suspira en vano por la sombra y el jornalero se queda aguardando su salario, así me han tocado en suerte meses de infortunio y se me han asignado noches de dolor. Al acostarme, pienso: '¿Cuándo será de día?' La noche se alarga y me canso de dar vueltas hasta que amanece. Mis días corren más aprisa que una lanzadera y se consumen sin esperanza. Recuerda, Señor, que mi vida es un soplo. Mis ojos no volverán a ver la dicha".

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 146,1-2. 3-4. 5-6.

Alabemos al Señor, nuestro Dios.

Alabemos al Señor, nuestro Dios, porque es hermoso y justo el albarlo. El Señor ha reconstruido a Jerusalén, y a los dispersos de Israel los ha reunido. R.

Alabemos al Señor, nuestro Dios.

El Señor sana los corazones quebrantados, y venda las heridas; tiende su mano a los humildes y humilla hasta el polvo a los malvados. R.

Alabemos al Señor, nuestro Dios.

El puede contar el número de estrellas y llama a cada una por su nombre.

Grande es nuestro Dios, todos lo puede; su sabiduría no tiene límites. R.

Alabemos al Señor, nuestro Dios.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 9, 16-19. 22-23.

Hermanos: No tengo por qué presumir de predicar el Evangelio, puesto que ésa es mi obligación. ¡Ay de mí, si no anuncio el Evangelio! Si yo lo hiciera por propia iniciativa, merecería recompensa; pero si no, es que se me ha confiado una misión. Entonces, ¿en qué consiste mi recompensa? Consiste en predicar el Evangelio gratis, renunciando al derecho que tengo a vivir de la predicación. Aunque no estoy sujeto a nadie, me he convertido en esclavo de todos, para ganarlos a todos. Con los débiles me hice débil, para ganar a los débiles. Me he hecho todo a todos, a fin de ganarlos a todos. Todo lo hago por el Evangelio, para participar yo también de sus bienes.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Mateo 8, 17.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Cristo hizo suyas nuestras debilidades y cargó con nuestros dolores.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Marcos 1, 29-39.

En aquel tiempo, al salir Jesús de la sinagoga, fue con Santiago y Juan a casa de Simón y Andrés. La suegra de Simón estaba en cama, con fiebre, y enseguida le avisaron a Jesús. El se le acercó, y tomándola de la mano, la levantó. En ese momento se le quitó la fiebre y se puso a servirles. Al atardecer, cuando el sol se ponía, le llevaron a todos los enfermos y poseídos del demonio, y todo el pueblo se apiñó junto a la puerta. Curó a muchos enfermos de diversos males y expulsó a muchos demonios, pero no dejó que los demonios hablaran, porque sabían quién era él. De madrugada, cuando todavía estaba muy oscuro, Jesús se levantó, salió y se fue a un lugar solitario, donde se puso a orar. Simón y sus compañeros lo fueron a buscar, y al encontrarlo, le dijeron: "Todos te andan buscando". Él les dijo: "Vamos a los pueblos cercanos para predicar también allá el Evangelio, pues para eso he venido". Y recorrió toda Galilea, predicando en las sinagogas y expulsando a los demonios.

