

NEW WORSHIP AREA UPDATE

This week the construction crew is working on finishing the concrete, and starting the framing.

Still on schedule to be completed September 2021



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

February 07, 2021

Today's readings invite us to look deeper into how we view our life. Do we see it as Job does, in the first reading? Is life a chain of pain and sufferings? Or do we look at life with hope and optimism as a precious gift from God. Accepting it even when things do not go well as we planned and using it to do good for ourselves and others. Spending our time, talents and lives for others as Jesus did in the Gospel. With the raging COVID-19 pandemic, we might be tempted to see things as Job did, with pessimism and sometimes we become desperate. And maybe sometimes we said, "my life is like the wind, I shall not see happiness again". However, as people of faith, we believe that despair is not the last word. We have a God who takes care of us, "he heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds," says our responsorial Psalm of this Sunday.

The first reading details Job's frustrations in striking contrast with today's Gospel which presents Jesus enthusiastically living out his Sabbath day preaching and healing people. Job complains of the hardships and futility of life and the miseries of human existence. But to be fair to Job, we know that eventually, his eyes opened by God, Job surrenders himself, his suffering, his work, and everything he had had and lost to God's greater wisdom.

Job's miseries are a representation of the conditions of the people who came to Jesus for healing. They had lost hope, their lives were a misery, they cried for healing. Jesus overturns these human conditions, bringing hope and healing to those who came to him. The Gospel states that, Jesus after leaving the Synagogue, where he was taking part in the Sabbath worship, he went to Simon's house and healed Simon's mother-in-law and, when it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons and he cured them all.

The message today is that we should not be pessimistic about life because of what we are facing in a given moment. But that we need to be instruments for Jesus' healing work. Bringing healing and wholeness is Jesus' ministry even today. We all need healing for our minds, our memories, and our broken relationships and society. Jesus is using us, our friends, or even strangers in his healing ministry to bring hope to all people.

Let us ask for the ordinary healing we need in our own lives. And when we are healed, let us not forget to thank Jesus for his goodness, mercy, and compassion by turning to serve others. The Gospel points out the spontaneous response of Peter's mother-in-law after she had been healed by Jesus, she immediately went into service: "Then the fever left her, and she immediately waited on them". She teaches us that true discipleship means giving selfless, loving service to others. Our own healing process is completed only when we are ready to help others in their needs and to focus on things outside ourselves. But let us remember that we need the Lord's strength not only to make ourselves and others well, but to make us and others whole. We need to live for others as Jesus did: Jesus was a man for others, sharing what he had with others. In his life there was time for prayer, time for healing, and time for reconciliation. Let us take up this challenge by sharing love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness with others. Instead of considering life as dull and pointless, let us live our lives as Jesus did, full of dynamism and zeal for God's work.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Father suggests you say the Prayer for Spiritual Communion during communion time.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things And I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable at this Moment to receive You Sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually Into my heart.

I embrace You as being Already there, and unite Myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be Separated from you.

Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Louise Toney, Maggie Hurt, Rose Langer, Ernie Bishop & Jim Lennon

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If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office by email or phone.

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: JANUARY 31, 2021

Collection: \$ 1,360
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 67,693
Total Budget Projection: \$ 61,723



Our second collection today is for New Worship Area.

We signed the following principal checks this week: \$211 January Phone; \$113 Liturgy Supplies.



As an alternative to mailing us a weekly donation, you can visit our website www.church-of-the-visitation.org. Click the Red Donation button, select our church, a donation amount and fill in the information. Use the green secure button and done.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR FEBRUARY



1st-Karen Dame, 4th-Veronica O'Leary, 9th-Bea Foley,
13th-Bob Borden & Ingebourg O'Bourn,17th-Gina Putney & Loretta Borostovik,
19th-Robert Smith, 20th-Joseph Pausic, 24th-Pat Paul, 25th-Brennan Williams,
26th-Barbara Smith, Gretchen Borzelleca & Jimmy Blake

ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY



6th-Jack & Louise Petralia, 8th-Fernando & Marilyn Atienza, 14th-Joe & Mary Sychterz,
15th-Tommy & Donna Lange, 25th-Mike & Lynne Dreelin

TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS

LECTORS ASSIGNMENTS: Ray Kostaskey/Tom Shoemaker
COMMUNITY LEADER: Gary Richardson

ALUMINUM CAN BIN

The recycle bin is located to the right of the
Yard Sale Building behind the church.
Please stay clear of all construction for your safety.



SUPERBOWL SUNDAY



It's Super Bowl Sunday! The NFL is inviting approximately 7,500 vaccinated healthcare workers to tonight's Super Bowl game to thank and honor them for their service during the pandemic.

A day like today should help to remind us to be thankful for our health. It is until we are unwell that we remember that having a health body and food to nourish it is so important. Let's remember that without God and all He gives us and all the blessings we have, we need to thank him. A lot. So remember, when the game is on the line and you need this touchdown or last-second field-goal, and you're praying to God that they make it pray for the health of the teams and thank him for ALL your blessings too.

And thank you for your participation in the Annual Diocesan Appeal. It's the Super Bowl of the Bishop's mission to serve his flock.

OUR MISSION: TO FIND



SOMEONE TO BLESS TODAY!!

Went to eHarmony



Matched up with Jesus!

**WHEN YOU ALREADY
STARTED EATING**



**AND SOMEONE SAYS
"LETS PRAY"**

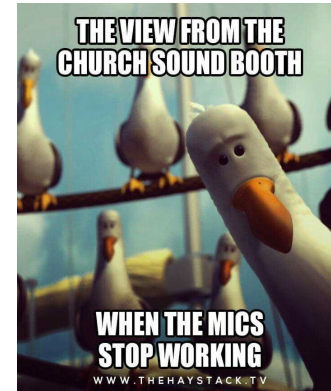
NOW WATCH ME WOR-SHIP



WATCH ME PRAY PRAY



**THE VIEW FROM THE
CHURCH SOUND BOOTH**



**WHEN THE MICS
STOP WORKING**

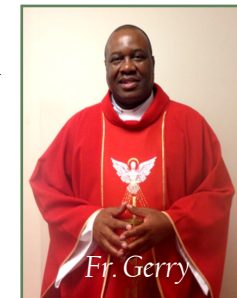
ANNUAL APPEAL

As we all struggle to capture a sense of normalcy, the Diocesan Annual Appeal will again occur this year during the last two weeks of February. The needs are still there, but because of the restrictions on the use of paper, it will be done digitally in a manner that has not yet been announced.

Our Parish Goal is \$6,340, a 10%reduction from last year, and as a Mission Church, we will receive back 50% of all monies donated by our parishioners.

As a matter of interest, for six consecutive years, the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund (supported by the Appeal) has awarded us a grand for the use of our Parish Pence Fund. Several years ago, the Home Mission Fund gave us a grant to build the brick pillars that flank the driveway entrance.

This week parishioners will receive a letter from the Diocese giving further information about the Appeal.



Fr. Gerry

CHURCH INFORMATION

Our hours for prayer when the church is open are Wednesday and Thursday 9AM-12:00. Or call the office if you need assistance.

*Our Rosary Ministry is every Sunday starting at 8:30am. All are welcome!

Church attendance last weekend was 42.

ALL PARISHIONERS
are invited to attend church irrespective of the alphabet.
All COVID protocols will still apply.

We continue to offer daily Mass on Wednesday and Thursday @9AM for anyone who desires to attend. All are welcome!

Thank you to everyone and may God continue to Bless Us All!

DIRECTORY UPDATE INFORMATION

Please remember to keep the office informed of address, family, email, and phone number changes.

If any of these items has changed in the last few months, please inform us, and if you are doubtful about telling us about a change that occurred last year, give us a call to verify if we have the right information.

Please Notice This



Or if you are not seeing your name in the *Birthday/Anniversary* list and would like to—that would be an update as well.

THANK YOU'S

Many thanks are in order for those persons who donated coats for the clothing drive and linens for the needy. As one Parish Council member stated recently, *“Our Parish always responds to legitimate needs of the church and in the community.”* And again so right she was.



WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

It's true, whether we want to believe it or not: we can't take our possessions with us at death. There's no trailer on the back of a hearse!

That's why it's important, while we are able, to decide and name the recipients of our possessions before our earthly life ends. This allows us to remember the people and causes important to us. It lets us determine guardianship for any minor children. And it's one way to make a gift to our church.

There's many ways to do this. Some provide better tax advantages than others. There are also ways you can receive a stream of income for life with the church getting the remainder at death.



Potential, Purpose, Promise

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the January meeting of the Council, we said good bye to Linda Gray as Parish Council Chairperson. Linda spent 5 years in that role shepherding the Council in an efficient and responsible manner. Each year in January when it became time to elect a chairperson, it was a foregone conclusion we needed Linda to lead us again and she gracefully accepted the role. Her calm demeanor guaranteed that the most difficult issues would always be resolved with no rancor. Thank you Linda for your charmed leadership. Replacing Linda as Council Chair is John Weidner. Kathy Kauffman and Roseanne Moncure return as Vice-chair and Secretary, respectively.

PLEASE HELP

Our supply of pyxes has disappeared over the past months of COVID-19. I need to keep better track of them and who is using them to take communion to the homebound. Please contact me if you have one (or more). If you are no longer using the pyx, please return to me, the office or sacristy so I can determine if I need to order more.

Thank you for helping with Pastoral Care at this challenging time.

Lynne Richardson (571)239-0980



RESPECT LIFE



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“The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a especial few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man.”

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The response to the announcement of items available for memorials has been encouraging and favorable with several items favored by more than one family. Father will be contacting these individuals to discuss possible alternatives with them.

As a matter of clarification the 44 pews designation on the memorial card refers to rows of pews. Each seat in those rows is valued at \$250. Some parishioners have asked about the payment for memorials. We expect half as a down payment and the other half to be paid within six months. If you have extreme circumstances that preclude you from meeting these expectations, please contact Father to arrange a payment schedule.



End 123, Body 54 US3
shown in Madagascar

TAX STATEMENTS



If you wish a statement of your past year's donations for tax purposes, please place your name on the list outside of the office. You may also email or call the office with your request. If you signed up last week your statements are ready for pick up.