

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

FEBRUARY 2022 BULLETIN



CHALLENGE FOR FEBRUARY

We know that the story of **St. Veronica** wiping the face of Jesus with her veil while He is carrying the cross is merely legendary. There is no such mention in Scripture, but this story is told as Christian tradition - with some churches in Europe even contending to have a piece of her veil on display. Similarly, much of the story about **St. Christopher** is only a myth. The story goes that he lived by a river and one day a child asked to be carried to the other side. As Christopher carried the child, the child became heavier and heavier and he barely made it to the other side. The child vanished after telling Christopher that he had been carrying the Child Jesus on his shoulders and Christopher vowed to aid all those who had heavy burdens. But what about the story of **St. Valentine**? As we celebrate Valentine's Day this month, we need to ask ourselves if that person was real or also just part of another folk tale, myth or fable as the other two are. [Check out page 7 for the answer.](#)

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

May God bless each family present and bless our entire Holy Family Parish. Make it like the family of your Son. May our moments of sorrow give way to the seasons of joy. May the memory of harsh words fade before the warmth of a loving touch. May the tears of sorrow be replaced by the music of laughter. May resentment be banished from our families. And may forgiveness reign in our hearts today and everyday. Amen.



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Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Every 3rd Sunday @ 11:30 AM - Youth Mass

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MONTHLY CALENDAR



- Feb. 1 - Men's Club meeting 6:00pm. All men invited to 125 Red Clover Way. Dinner provided. Voting for new 2022 officers.
Feb. 2 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Feb. 3 - Feast of St. Blaise
Feb. 5 - Children's Rosary 2:00pm in church. Children and parents invited.
Feb. 11 - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of the Sick); see page 6 of the bulletin.
Feb. 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day - see elsewhere in bulletin
Feb. 16 - Women's Club meets at 6:00pm in church administrative office.
Feb. 19 - First Reconciliation 11:00am
Feb. 19/20 - Special collection to help payoff the church loan
Feb. 21 - Presidents' Day federal holiday
Feb. 22 - Washington's Birthday
Feb. 22 - Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00pm in church administrative office.
Feb. 24 - Knights of Columbus Council meeting 7:00 pm in secondary meeting room.
Feb. 26 - Finance Council meets 9:00am in church administrative office. New members and guests welcome.
Feb. 26 - Confirmation Retreat at Holy Family 10:00am to 6:00pm including 5:15 Mass
Mar. 2 - Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent); see bottom of page 4 for more information.

FR. FRED'S CORNER

Dear Family of God,

I free you all in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope everybody is well and helping to fight the Covid-19 and its variants. In the name of Our Lord we shall conquer. Please, let's continue to check our temperatures and utilize the sign up sheets for contact tracing. We should try to pay attention to it. I noticed some have been avoiding it. It could be a pain to do that but it's for our own good.

If you read the last issue of the North Coast Catholic, Archbishop José Gomez, the President of the USCCB, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, stated that the only thing that can bring us Catholics together at this point is the Eucharist. It should be our central focus. In light of that, after the Ash Wednesday celebration and until Palm Sunday, we will stop singing in the Church and focus our attention on the Catechesis of the Church, especially, the Order of the Mass and commit to memory well the Gloria and the Credo. We will also expose the Blessed Sacrament after Communion for Adoration and brief meditation before we depart. I think we should all commit to that and see how we can all display our God-given talents and the gifts of Holy Spirit, in order to serve Lord in the Church.

To this end, there will be sign-up sheets for various ministries in the Church, so please begin to think about how you can offer your services at Holy Family Church. If you have any suggestion to move the Church forward, please speak to me in person at the church. I do not encourage any emails or texts. Come see me at the church. I am always available.

Thank you all for your unflinching support and service to our dear Church. God bless you all. Amen. - - Fr. Frederick K. A. Kutubebi

STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS

Income = \$30,200.00 (all Masses and e-giving)
Pay off loan = \$41,800.00 (All Masses and e-giving)
\$60,400.00 = All Parish Expenses (payroll, utilities, insurance, loan interest, etc.)

Thank you all for your continued generosity.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, January 30th (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 - Jeremiah proclaims that the Lord knew him before he was conceived in the womb, and that the Lord dedicated him to be a prophet to the nations. People may oppose Jeremiah, but the Lord told him that they would not prevail over him, for the Lord remains with him in his endeavors.

Responsorial Psalm 71:1-6, 15-17 - "I will sing of your salvation."

Second Reading from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 12:31—13:13 - You will recognize these words of Paul - you have heard them many times proclaimed at weddings: If you do anything without love, the action is meaningless. Love is patient, kind, never fails, etc. Throw off childish ways and reason as an adult. The three great virtues are faith, hope and love, which always remain. But the greatest of these is love!

Gospel of Luke 4:21-30 - After Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah, the people were amazed at His teaching, wondering how this was possible since Jesus was merely the son of a carpenter. Jesus told them that no prophet is accepted in his own land and gave examples of this. This angered the people and they drove Him out of town.

Sunday, February 6th (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 6:1-8 - Isaiah recounts a vision of seeing the Lord in heaven and of angels proclaiming the glory of the Lord around Him. Isaiah felt unworthy to see this vision and to speak about the Lord. But one of the angels touched Isaiah's mouth with an ember and declared that his wickedness was removed and his sins were purged. When Isaiah then heard the Lord ask, "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah responded: "Here I am; send me!"

Responsorial Psalm 138:1-8 - "In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord."

Second Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11 - Paul told the Christian community in Corinth to stand fast and believe in the Good News about Jesus Christ that he, Paul, was preaching. Remember how Jesus died for sins, was raised and appeared to the faithful. Jesus also appeared to Paul. Thus, whenever the people listen to any of the apostles or to Paul, they should believe in the teachings of Jesus and in His death and Resurrection.

Gospel of Luke 5:1-11 - This is Luke's version of the call of Peter and other fishermen to become apostles of Jesus: Jesus borrowed Peter's boat and pulled away from the shore of the lake and taught those people listening on the shore. Jesus then told Peter and the other fishermen to lower their nets - and even though they had not been able to catch anything so far that day, they caught a great number of fish at the Lord's command. Peter was astonished and fearful of this man. But Jesus told Peter that he would be a "fisher of men" from then on and Peter left everything and followed Him.

Sunday, February 13th (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from Jeremiah 17:5-8 - Cursed is the one who puts all his trust and faith in human beings, says the prophet Jeremiah. But blessed is the one who puts his trust and faith in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside a stream whose leaves are always green and even in a year of drought, continues to bear fruit.

Responsorial Psalm 1:1-4 and 6 - "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord."

Second Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 - If Christ was raised from the dead, how can anyone say there is no resurrection from the dead? If Christ has not been raised, then faith is in vain and sins can never be forgiven. Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruit of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel of Luke 6:17, 20-26 - This is Luke's version of the "Sermon on the Mount." In Matthew's version, Jesus preaches to the multitudes at the top of a mountain. In this, Luke's version, the sermon is given on a plain at the foot of a mountain. The Beatitudes are not identical in the two versions but very similar. Blessed are you . . .

CONTINUED SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 20th (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 - King Saul was in conflict with David over control of Israel. David snuck into Saul's camp at night and instead of killing Saul, took his sword and crept away. David went to an opposite hill and called for Saul's attendants to come and retrieve the sword which would show Saul that David had had the ability to kill Saul in his sleep but that David had spared him because he would not harm the anointed of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 - "The Lord is kind and merciful."

Second Reading from Paul's First letter to the Corinthians 15:45-49 - The first man Adam was from the earth. The last Man was from heaven. Just as the first was earthly, so are we earthly. But as the second was heavenly, so are we also heavenly. We are first natural and then spiritual.

Gospel of Luke 6:27-38 - Sayings from the mouth of Jesus: Love your enemies; do good to the who hate you. To the person who strikes your cheek, offer the other one. If a person takes your cloak, offer your tunic. If you only do good to those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners. If you give and expect nothing in return, your reward in heaven will be great. Be merciful as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged.

Sunday, February 27th (Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Book of Sirach 27:4-7 - When one speaks, their faults appear. Just as the fruit of a tree shows the care that it has been given, so too does one's speech show the care given to developing their mind.

Responsorial Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16 - "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."

Second Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:54-58 - Be firm, steadfast and devoted to the work of the Lord. Your labor in this regard will not be in vain. *Where, O death, is your victory?* Thanks be to God who has given us victory over death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel of Luke 6:39-45 - A blind person cannot lead another blind person lest they both fall into a pit. Why do you see the splinter in your brother's eye but fail to see the plank in your own eye? A good tree does not bear rotten fruit. Nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. You will be known by the fruit of your own tree. A good person produces good fruit but an evil person produces evil fruit.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND

Believe it or not, almost immediately after February ends, the six weeks of Lent start, ushered in by Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. The schedule for distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday will soon be posted on fliers and will be announced at Masses. So keep your eyes and ears open as we get closer to March 2nd.



DAILY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Monday, January 31st
2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30;
16:5-13
Psalm 3:2-7
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 1st
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14,
24-25, 30-19:3
Psalm 86:1-6
Matthew 8:17

Wednesday, February 2nd
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Thursday, February 3rd
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
1 Chronicles 29:10-12
Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 4th
Sirach 47:2-11
Psalm 18:31, 47, 50-51
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 5th
1 Kings 3:4-13
Psalm 119:9-14
Mark 6:30-34

Monday, February 7th
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13
Psalm 132:6-10
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 8th
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30
Psalm 84:3-5, 10-11
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 9th
1 Kings 10:1-10
Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31,
39-40
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 10th
1 Kings 11:4-13
Psalm 106:3-4, 35-37, 40
Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 11th
1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19
Psalm 81:10-15
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 12th
1 Kings 12:26-32;
13:33-34
Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-22
Mark 8:1-10

Monday, February 14th
James 1:1-11
Psalm 119:67-68, 71-72,
75-76
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 15th
James 1:12-18
Psalm 94:12-15, 18-19
Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 16th
James 1:19-27
Psalm 15:2-5
Mark 8:22-26

Thursday, February 17th
James 2:1-9
Psalm 34:2-7
Mark 8:27-33

Friday, February 18th
James 2:14-24, 26
Psalm 112:1-6
Mark 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 19
James 3:1-10
Psalm 12:2-8
Mark 9:2-13

Monday, February 21st
James 3:13-18
Psalm 19:8-10, 15
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 22nd
1 Peter 5:1-4
Psalm 23:1-6
Matthew 16:13-19

Wednesday, February 23rd
James 4:13-17
Psalm 49:2-3, 6-11
Mark 9:38-40

Thursday, February 24th
James 5:1-6
Psalm 49:14-20
Mark 9:41-50

Friday, February 25th
James 5:9-12
Psalm 103:1-4, 8-9,
11-12
Mark 10:1-12

Saturday, February 26th
James 5:13-20
Psalm 141: 1-3, 8
Mark 10:13-16

Monday, February 28th
1 Peter 1:3-9
Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10
Mark 10:17-27

WHO WAS JAMES??

Did you notice a lot of First Readings this month are not from the Old Testament? They are taken instead from the New Testament book attributed to St. James who was a leader of the Christian community in Jerusalem and an advisor to St. Paul. He wrote an epistle (letter) to the 12 Tribes of Israel which is rife with sayings of Jesus, whom James followed.



“There I go—still writing ‘B.C.’ on my checks.”

Overlooking our church!



They're here!!

√ End-of-year **financial statements** for donations made to Holy Family during 2021 are here (documentation of online donations has been sent electronically).

√ And Religious **2022 Calendars** donated by Twin Chapels Mortuary are here.

Pick up both on the table in the vestibule after today's Mass.

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A BIG Thanks . . . to the Women's Club, Men's Club and 4th Day Cursillo group for putting together 57 grocery bags and donating them to the homeless at the Christian Help Center.

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Holy Family Steppers . . . an early alert that the **Relay for Life** event this year will be held from 9:00am on August 6th to 9:00 am on August 7th. Holy Family will again make luminary bags available to honor and remember loved ones stricken with cancer. A luminary ceremony will be held after the 5:15 Mass on July 30th. More information forthcoming about staffing a table and helping with registration at the event.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

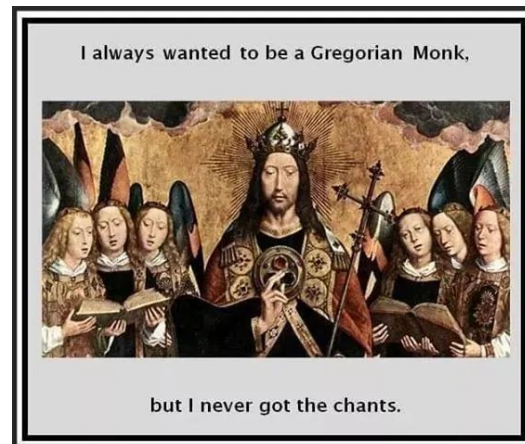
On February 11th, we celebrate the Feastday of Our Lady of Lourdes. If you haven't recently read about this miraculous site or read about the apparition of Mary there in 1858 to the young girl Bernadette, then 14, check out: <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/>

Bernadette had 18 total visions of Our Lady over a fortnight. During one of the visions, the apparition (who identified herself by saying, "I am the Immaculate Conception") told the girl. "Go and drink at the spring and wash yourself there!" These words inspired the creation of baths near the grotto where our Lady of Lourdes appeared. It is there that pilgrims are immersed and drink the waters from the stream that flows out of the grotto. One night, still during the time of the apparitions, a woman from Loubajac, 7 kilometers away, went to the Grotto, and plunged her dislocated arm into the water of the spring; her arm and her hand regained their movement. This was the first known cure at Lourdes.

Each year, more than 6 million pilgrims visit the shrine at Lourdes, France, many praying for cures and many just hoping to have a mystical experience of sensing the presence of Mary. The Catholic Church has officially recognized 67 miracles and some 7,000 inexplicable cures attributed to the baths since the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette there 164 years ago.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

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CHALLENGE FOR FEBRUARY

As we wish our loved ones a Happy Valentine's Day and send special greeting cards, rest assured that there really was a Saint Valentine. But recorded history of Saint Valentine (Valentinus in Latin) is shrouded in mystery. A number of legends are attributed to Valentinus, a doctor, priest and bishop of Italy in the middle of the Third Century. Here is one:

During this time period, under the reign of Emperor Claudius II, there was an interval in Rome where marriage was declared illegal by the emperor. Claudius needed to recruit more and more young men to his army and he felt that marriage would be an obstacle to this recruitment. He felt that marriage would distract men from their military service.

Valentinus became known at that time as someone who would defy the authorities and he secretly performed Christian weddings for young couples. When Claudius found this out, he put Valentinus in jail. Valentinus befriended his jailer who was so impressed with the priest's devotion that he asked Valentinus to help his daughter with her lessons. The daughter was blind and needed someone to read material to her and educate her, so she visited him in jail often. When Claudius discovered this, he too was impressed with the cleric's devotion and offered to pardon Valentinus if he would renounce his Christian faith and worship the Roman gods. When this was refused, Valentinus was sentenced to death. He was beaten, stoned, and beheaded on February 14, 270.

The story continues that before he was killed, Valentinus wrote a note to encourage the daughter to stay close to Jesus and thanked her for being his friend. He signed the note: "From your Valentinus." The tale ends with the report that when the daughter was handed the note, her blindness was cured and she was able to read the note herself.



When this report became public, that note and its consequence inspired people to tell stories about the love that Valentinus had for all people and he himself became a legend. At the end of the Fifth Century, Pope Gelasius declared Valentine a saint for his steadfastness to Christianity in the face of Roman paganism,

and the pope declared February 14, the day of his martyrdom, to be his feast day. Formal, written Valentine messages did not appear until after 1400, but the rest, as they say, is history. So get your heart ready to give to someone you love on the 14th in honor of St. Valentine.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Remember to pick up your cross medallions before Mass, be ready for the procession before Mass, and return the crosses after Mass to the Sacristy. Thanks for your ongoing ministry to Holy Family.

LECTOR SCHEDULES

1st reader / 2nd reader

Weekend of February 5/6

5:15: MFC / MFC
 7:30: Henry Bacareza / Greg Bacareza
 9:30: Josie Rubang / Kevin Kain
 11:30: Nidia Romabiles / Kevin Belton (Esp.)

Weekend of February 12/13

5:15: Marianne Bandril / Melita Negranza
 7:30: Lucy Datiles / Ernesto Zambrano
 9:30: Eunice DeLeon / John Collins
 11:30: Suzette Yturralde / Marina Maldonado (Esp.)

Weekend of February 19/20

5:15: Rollie Negranza / Alma Arcega
 7:30: Roselle Tamoro / Davet Mohammed
 9:30: Marie Walton / Bill Walton
 11:30: Mikayla Yturralde / Florilyn Lomustad (Esp.)

Weekend of February 26/27

5:15: David Mezzera / Catherine Pott
 7:30: Ernesto Zambrano / Lucy Datiles
 9:30: Betty Lorenz / Erika Myers
 11:30: Rose Tamoro / Xochitl Rivera (Esp.)

EM SCHEDULES

Weekend of February 5/6

5:15: MFC
 9:30: Kevin Kain / Erika Myers
 11:30: Percy Barcelon / Numer Tamoro

Weekend of February 12/13

5:15: David Pott / David Mezzera
 9:30: Bannie Lee / Frank Lee
 11:30: Marnel Yturralde / Rose Tamoro

Weekend of February 19/20

5:15: Rollie Negranza / Shirlese Hayes
 9:30: Rona Yacob / John Collins
 11:30: Numer Tamoro / Danny Barcelon

Weekend of February 26/27

5:15: Romy Blanquera / David Pott
 9:30: Carol Strausborger / Bill Walton
 11:30: Francisco Jimenez / Marina Maldonado