

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH FEBRUARY 2023 BULLETIN

CHALLENGE FOR FEBRUARY



Anyone who uses a smart phone knows how to use APPs and anyone who uses a computer knows how to click on an ICON to be linked to some function. But how are ICONs used in church? Have you ever seen one in the sanctuary at Holy Family? See page 7 for the answer to this month's challenge.



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.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

In your daily devotions, we ask that you pray for all the sick members of our parish as you pray for your own loved ones. Please let Father Fred know of any special needs or intentions for his prayers. Here is a possible prayer for you to recite during February for those who are sick:

Oh Lord, You invite all who are burdened in mind, body and spirit to come to You. As you do, allow Your healing hand to touch those in need, especially our dear family a friends. We pray that You show compassion to all who ask for your help, and provide them with well-being as you see fit. Gently touch those lives you have lovingly created. Amen.

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Every 3rd Sunday @ 11:30 AM - Youth Mass

Please call the office and leave a message for Committee or Ministry Volunteer leaders below:

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Recycling Society - Erika Myers
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Marriage Prep (6 month notice please) - Fr. Fred Baptism Prep (3 month notice) - Deacon Victor Reconciliation - See Fr. Fred after Mass Quinceañera Celebration - Call Office Secretary Sacrament of Anointing - Contact Fr. Fred Blessings - Contact Fr. Fred

MONTHLY CALENDAR

- Feb. 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- Feb. 3 Feast of Saint Blaise
- Feb. 4 Children's Rosary 2:00 pm in church. Children and parents invited.
- Feb. 7 Men's Club meets at 7:00 pm in the side meeting room at church. Snack and dessert pot luck. All men invited.
- Feb. 11 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
- Feb. 14 Valentines Day
- Feb. 18/19 Special collection to help pay off the church loan.
- Feb. 20 Presidents' Day Holiday
- Feb. 21 Women's Club 6:00 pm to celebrate Mardi Gras. Stay tuned for more info.
- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday (Fast and Abstinence)
- Feb. 23 Knights of Columbus meeting 7:00 pm in auxiliary room next to the sanctuary.
- Feb. 24 Friday in Lent (Abstinence)
- Feb. 25 Finance Committee meeting at 9:00 am at church. All welcomed to attend.
- Feb. 25 Christian Life Seminar see below
- Feb. 26 First Sunday in Lent
- Feb. 28 Pastoral Council meeting in the parish admin office at 6:00 pm.

√ CHECK THESE OUT!

√ After the successful Thanksgiving food drive (thanks all), another is planned for June. Stay tuned. √ Holy Family is collecting blankets for the homeless. Contact Carol Strausborger at 707-704-3691. √ Put August 5-6 on your calendars for this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

MFC NEWS

Missionary Families in Christ is sponsoring a Christian Life Seminar on February 25 and March 4 & 11 at St. Basil Parish Center (1200 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo) from 1-4PM each of those days. Check out the fliers in the church lobby for more information.



FATHER FRED'S CORNER

My Dear Parishioners,

Together we thank God for this beautiful year full of blessings and peace. The year is still brand new and we cry to God for peace, harmony among humanity and prosperity for all peoples on earth.

I want to seize this opportunity once again to thank you all for your cooperation in moving this parish forward. May God bless you all. Please, we still need volunteers for all aspects of the Liturgy, which is the central part of all our Christian life and spirit. Please, we need dedicated men and women to serve as lectors and also altar servers.

I write to you once again to remind you that the Holy Land Tours is coming up in March and if you would like to join us, please sign up at the website almost immediately. [www.holylandtoursandtravel.com - click on "View Our Tours" and scroll down] This coming Monday is the the cut off date.

We are also preparing to support the Diocese in filing for the Bankruptcy. I hope everything will be smooth. Please, kindly pray for the Diocese and Our Dear Parish, Holy Family. God bless you all.

— — Your Pastor, Father Frederick K.A. Kutubebi

STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS

Church Income = \$33,900.00
(all Masses and e-giving)
Church Expenses = \$28,650.00
(payroll, utilities, insurance, rectory, etc.)

Pay-off Loan Income = \$19,400.00

Pay-off Loan Expenses = \$20,600.00 (Mortgage payment, interest)

Thank you all for your continued generosity.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have."

- Hebrews 13:16

SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, January 29th (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Book of Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 - Seek justice and seek humility; in that way, you will be saved on the day of the Lord's anger. The righteous will speak no lies and do no wrong. They shall pasture their flocks and none will disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 - "Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"

Epistle Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:26-31 - You may not be of noble birth and you may not be the powerful of the world, but God has chosen you to be wise in the eyes of the Lord. You have been designated to be righteous, sanctified and redeemed in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12 - This is the well-known story of the **Sermon on the Mount**. When the crowds appeared, Jesus went up onto a mountain and began to teach his disciples: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven . . ." and so on through a total of nine "Blessed be's" or nine Beatitudes. Read them ahead of time and read them again after Mass. They stress that even those who lack material goods all stand to receive spiritual blessings as promised by God. This contrasts with the common thought of the day that those afflicted by illness or poverty are in that condition because of their sinfulness. Jesus strikes that notion down by this sermon.



Sunday, February 5th (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from Isaiah 58:7-10 -The Lord tells us all to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. If you do and if you cry for help from the Lord, God will answer and will assure you that the light will rise for you in darkness.

Responsorial Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 - "The just man is a light in darkness to the upright."

Epistle Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 2:1-5 - Paul tells the Christian community at Corinth that he knows nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and that what he knows through the Spirit contains not human wisdom but contains the power of God.

Gospel of Matthew 5:13-16 - Jesus tells us that we are the salt of the earth, but if salt loses its taste, it is useless. He also tells us that we are the light of the world, but light is not meant to be hidden or put under a basket. Jesus says specifically: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Sunday, February 12th (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from Sirach 15:15-20 - Choose life and goodness, not death and sin and evil. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; He is mighty in power, and all-seeing.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 - "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

Epistle Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 2:6-10 - What God has prepared for those who love Him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. Speak God's wisdom prepared for us and meant to give us glory.

Gospel of Matthew 5:17-37 - Whoever breaks even the least commandment and teaches others to do so likewise, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches the commandments will be call great in heaven. Jesus continues: "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment."

- - Sunday readings continue on the next page - -

CONTINUED SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 19th (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Times)

First Reading from Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 - The Lord said to Moses: Do not bear hatred for your brother or sister. Do not incur sin because of your neighbor. Take no revenge and cherish no grudges. Love your neighbor as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 - "The Lord is kind and merciful."

Epistle Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:16-23 - You are the temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells within you. True wisdom dwells in you and you in Christ and Christ in God.

Gospel of Matthew 5:38-48 - Challenges from Jesus: An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth? No, Jesus says, offer no resistance to those who strike you. To the one who wants your tunic, give them your cloak as well. To one who asks you to go a mile, go two instead. Some say that you should love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But Jesus says to love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you. If you love only those who love you, what is the recompense?

Sunday, February 26th (First Sunday of Lent)

First Reading from Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 - God created humans and breathed life into them. He planted trees and placed the humans into the Garden of Eden. The rest of this reading is the story of the serpent who convinced Eve and Adam to violate the law of God and when they did, their eyes were opened when they realized that they had sinned.

Responsorial Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 - "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

Epistle Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:12-19 - Paul teaches that through one person, sin and also death entered the world. But through one man (Jesus) forgiveness and life has come about. For just as through the disobedience of the one, many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11 - The story of Jesus going into the desert for forty days and forty nights to pray and prepare for His public ministry; and at the end, being tempted by the devil. After three unsuccessful temptations, the devil left Jesus and angels came to minister to Him.

Sunday, March 5th (Second Sunday of Lent)

First Reading from Genesis 12:1-4 - The calling of Abram to become Abraham and be the father of a great nation. Abram trusted in the Lord, went and did what the Lord commanded and he became blessed.

Responsorial Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 - "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

Epistle Reading from the Second Letter from Paul to Timothy 1:8-10 - Bear your hardships, for strength will come to you from the Lord. Through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus, He destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the good news of the Gospel.

Gospel of Matthew 17:1-9 - Jesus took Peter, James and John to a high mountain and there He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white like pure light. God spoke out of the clouds glorifying Jesus as His Son and telling those gathered to listen to - and heed - what He says. Peter said that it was good that they were there to witness this, but Jesus told him not to tell anyone about the event until He was raised from the dead.



Monday, January 30th Hebrews 11:32-40 Psalm 31:20-24 Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 31st Hebrews 12:1-4 Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32 Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 1st Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18 Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 2nd (Presentation of the Lord) Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

Friday, February 3rd Hebrews 13:1-8 Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9 Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 4th
Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
Psalm 23:1-4, 5, 6
Mark 6:30-34

Monday, February 6th Genesis 1:1-19 Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24 and 35 Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 7th Genesis 1:20—2:4 Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 8th Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17 Psalm 104:1-2, 27-30 Mark 7:14-23 Thursday, February 9th Genesis 2:18-25 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 10th Genesis 3:1-8 Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 11th Genesis 3:9-24 Psalm 90:2, 3-6, 12-13 Mark 8:1-10

Monday, February 13th Genesis 4:1-15, 25 Psalm 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21 Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 14th Gene is 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Psalm 29:1-4 and 9-10 Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 15th Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22 Psalm 116:12-15, 18-19 Mark 8:22-26

Thursday, February 16th Genesis 9:1-13 Psalm 102:16-21, 29, 22-23 Mark 8:27-33

Friday, February 17th Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 33:10-15 Mark 8:34—9:1

Saturday, February 18th
Hebrews 11:1-7
Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11
Mark 9:2-13

Monday, February 20th Sirach 1:1-10 Psalm 93:1-2, 5 Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 21st Sirach 2:1-11 Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mark 9:30-37 Tuesday, February 21st Sirach 2:1-11 Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 22nd (Ash Wednesday) Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 23rd
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 24th Isaiah 58:1-9 Psalm 51:3-6, 18-19 Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 25th Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 5:27-32

Monday, February 27th
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 28th Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19 Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 1st Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 2nd
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 3rd Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130:1-8 Matt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 4th
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

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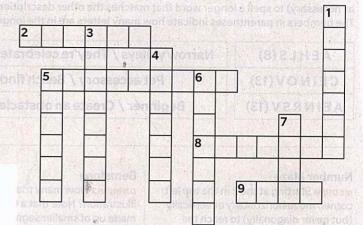
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JOHN 3:16

Quick Crossword

EASY The 40-day period of Lent begins on the 22nd. Can you fit these—all things commonly given up for the duration of the observance—into the grid?

SODA MEAT CHOCOLATE ALCOHOL SHOPPING TAKEOUT TWITTER GOSSIP COFFEE DESSERT



HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Was there really a Saint Valentine? Or was he just a myth? And was his story about sending a "Valentine's" card to a sick child and curing her just a legend? For the real story of St. Valentine, check out the following site ==>

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php? saint_id=159

IMPORTANT REL. ED. DATES

First Reconciliation: Saturday, March 4th, 10:00am

Confirmation Parent Meeting, Tuesday, March 7th, 7:00pm

First Communion Parent Meeting, Tuesday, March 28th, 7:00pm

Confirmation Practice, Tuesday, April 25th, 7:00pm

Confirmation Ceremony, Saturday, April 29th, 11:00am.

First Communion Practice, Monday, May 1st, 5:00pm

First Communion Ceremony, Saturday, May 6th, 10:00 am.

Check with your Religious Education teachers for more details.

LENT BEGINS

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22nd), goes for six weeks, and leads up to Easter (April 9th). This includes the five Sundays of Lent, then Palm Sunday (April 2nd), Holy Thursday (April 6th), Good Friday (April 7th), Holy Saturday or Easter Vigil (April 8th) and then finally Easter.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting as a form of penance, and the Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence, with no meat eaten as a form of prayer. The specific Church guidelines are: Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to <u>abstain from meat</u> on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is <u>bound to fast</u> on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals should be avoided. But when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, these duties do not oblige.

Traditionally, the 40 non-Sundays comprising Lent are days when the faithful might "give up" some pleasure (such as gossiping or soda or replace 30 minutes of screen time with 30 minutes of prayer) - or - practice some religious activity or action that will make our lives more meaningful (such as giving away something personal each of the 40 days or working out daily).

CHALLENGE FOR FEBRUARY

In computing terms, an ICON is a small symbol or graphic representation on a computer or smart phone screen of a program, window, or option, for the user to "click on" and be taken to that program or option, But in church lingo, an **icon** is something completely different: In church tradition, an **icon** (from the Greek word εἰκών [eikṓn] meaning 'image') is a religious work of art, used in the cultures of the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Catholic churches. They are not simply art-works; an **icon** is a sacred image used in religious devotion and prayer.

Almost everything within the **icon**/image has a symbolic aspect. The subject of an **icon** picture is typically Christ, Mary, a saint or angels. All of



the subjects have halos and angels all have wings. Color plays an important role: gold represents heaven, red represents the divine life, blue represents human life, and white is the light of God. Letters are symbols too, as most **icons** incorporate some calligraphy (usually in Greek text), referring

to the person(s) depicted as above.

The question originally asked was whether you have seen an **icon** in the sanctuary of Holy Family. Hopefully, you answered YES! As you face the altar, look at the table to the left. Do you recognize the Holy Family **icon** (as seen to the right) that we use as the symbol of our parish? Do you recognize the other **icon** there of Jesus? Any other **icons** you see around the church?

Icons are more than just a picture or a holy card that we look at and think about. Traditionally, they are put in a position of reverence. They stand out as a notable art form, typically with a Byzantine flavor to them and considered a sacred object and a sacred image.

REMINDERS

- † Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11:30 am Mass each Sunday.
- Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: please pick up your cross medallion before Mass, be ready for the single file procession, and return the cross after Mass to the Sacristy.

LECTOR SCHEDULES

1st reader / 2nd reader

Weekend of January 28/29

5:15: Rolly Negranza / David Pott

7:30: Greg Bacareza / Hemmy Bacareza

9:30: Betty Lorenz / Eunice DeLeon

11:30: Suzette Yturralde / Ana Rosa Aranas (Esp.)

Weekend of February 4/5

5:15: MFC / MFC

7:30: Davet Mohammed / Ernie Zambrano

9:30: Bill Walton / Marie Walton

11:30: Bernie Borges / / Marina Maldonado (Esp.)

Weekend of February 11/12

5:15: Melita Negranza / Debbie Adams

7:30: Rose Borjas / Roselle Tamoro

9:30: Frank Lee / Erika Myers

11:30: Suzette Yturralde / Xochtil Rivera (Esp.)

Weekend of February 18/19

5:15: Catherine Pott / Rolly Negranza

7:30: Ernie Zambrano / Davet Mohammed

9:30: Eunice DeLeon / Rona Yacob

11:30: Mikayla Yturralde / Mario Del Rosario (Youth)

Weekend of February 25/26

5:15: David Pott / Romy Blanquera

7:30: Davet Mohammed / Ernie Zambrano

9:30: Marie Walton / Betty Lorenz

11:30: Nidia Romabiles / Francisco Jimenez (Esp.)

Weekend of March 4/5

5:15: MFC / MFC

7:30: Rose Borja / Roselle Tamoro

9:30: Eunice DeLeon / Bill Walton

11:30: Danny Barcelon / Marco Pomatz (Esp.)

EM SCHEDULES

Weekend of January 28/29

5:15: Romy Blanquera

9:30: Erika Myers / Dolly Flores

11:30: Marnel Yturralde / Francisco Jimenez / Numer Tamoro

Weekend of February 4/5

5:15: MFC

9:30: Maria Leach / Norma Flores

11:30: Numer Tamoro / Danny Barcelona / Marnel Yturralde

Weekend of February 11/12

5:15: David Pott

9:30: Resurrecion Samaniego / Dolly Flores / Bannie Lee

11:30: Percy Barcelon / Rose Tamoro / Ana Rosa Aranas

Weekend of February 18/19

5:15: David Pott

9:30: Nina Tolentino / Erika Myers / Sonia Lumampao

11:30: Marina Maldonado / Rose Tamoro / Danny Barcelon

Weekend of February 25/25=6

5:15: Rolly Negranza

9:30: Bannie Lee / Frank Lee / Dolly Flores

11:30: Suzette Yturralde / Marnel Yturralde / Numer Tamoro

Weekend of March 4/5

5:15: MFC

9:30: Maria Leach / Resurrecion Samaniego / Norma Flores 11:30: Rose Tamorzo / Percy Barcelon / Marina Maldonado