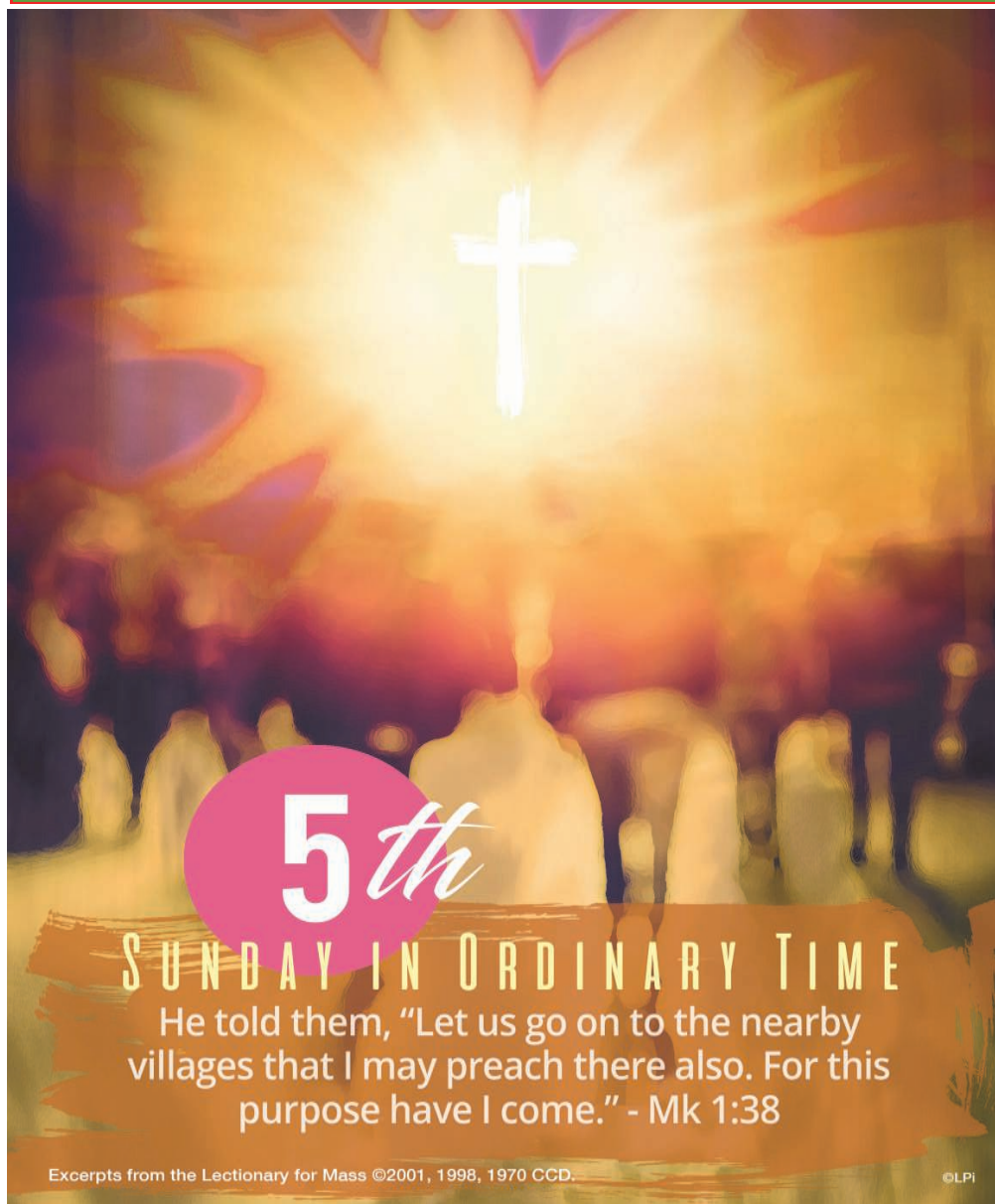


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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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MISSION STATEMENT:

We are more than Sunday Morning.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am

11:15 am

5:00 pm (French)

Tue-Fri - 12:15pm

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018

Cinquième Dimanche du Temps Ordinaire

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

“We are more than Sunday morning”



Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Palmer, Doris Moss, Henry Isom, Eleanor Jefferson, Ishmael Jackson, Willa Mae Washington, Tyrone Randell, DeCosta Stroble, Elizabeth Young, Tracey Bultron-Lewis, Myrtle Patterson, Walter Thompson, Rivanna Johnson, Dorothy Allen, Kenny Love, Birdell Cotton, Muriel William-Young, Rose Jean Jacques Mandazou, Aubrey Woods, Paul Prevost, Rufus Apará, Shirley Cuevas, Pearl Rollerson, Debra Woodland-Lee, Lottie Culpepper, Violet Stephenson, Carol Tull, Louise Owens, Louisa John

February Birthdays

1 Tandii Sarabia	10 Michael White
1 Shirley Stephens	11 Blanch Jordan
3 Ernest John	11 Al Lockett Jr.
4 Al Duran	11 Flavien Amangoua
4 Marie Louise Evelyne Sawadogo	
5 Jovan Greene	12 Gina Costello Williams
5 Nya Weeks	12 Gregory Middleton
5 Marie-Brigitte Kanzyomo	13 Chloe Dixon
7 Sawadogo Elodie	14 Jocelyne Martin
7 Selma Valdes	14 Michelle Michel
7 Destony Bell	14 Vanessa Efie
7 Clarence E. Benion	15 Aicila Barksdale
8 Steve Djoumetio	17 Alexis Bazongo
09 Chidum Erioby	18 Louisa John
09 Chizara Erioby	19 Brian Scott Davis
10 Etta Perdue	22 Joanne Blaney
Samuel Moto	28 Lyndell Maitland

Happy Birthday!

Mardi Gras Luncheon
Sunday Feb 11 ~ \$40.00
1PM in the Hall
Tickets are available now!
See Avis Thomas or Lucille Bonilla

Let us Remember and Honor our loved ones with a Mass Intention. Masses are now available! Visit the office to schedule.

Religious Education Classes will be every other Sunday at 10:00am for those children wishing to prepare for the sacraments. Registration packets are available in the back of the church. The next classes are scheduled Feb 4 and Feb 18 at 10:00am (on the days that class is not meeting, students are to attend Mass at St. Mark)

Baptism of Children
April 1 @ 11:15
Preparation:
Mar 26 6pm and Mar 28 6pm
Please complete registration form
located in rear of church

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
February 14, 2018
9AM, 12:15PM, 6:30PM

Important Usher Meeting
February 18, 2018 @10am in the church

Volunteers are needed for our parish food pantry. The pantry is open –Saturdays 10am– 1pm– **Please Help!** There is a special need for the assistance of males on Thursdays.

****Volunteers are needed in the church office on Thursdays from 2pm – 5pm — Please come by or call the office to help**

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Freddy Washington, CSSp, Pastor
Fr. Jean Pierre Kapumet Tambwe, CSSp, Administrator

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Parish collections for Jan 27 & 28: \$1,894.00

Attendance : 209

Jan 28/28 Mass Collections

Saturday - 5:00PM \$273.00

Sunday - 8:30AM \$45100

11:15AM \$994.00

5:00PM \$176.00

Second Collection—St. Mark ~ \$200.00

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE—

Lectors Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 3, 2018

5:00pm

Eleanor Perry

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:30am

Winifred Simmons
Thomasine Grant-Dimery

Sr. Anastasia
Nkiru Mbamalu

11:15am

Britany Pratt
Robert Maynard

Sr. Precilla
Eileen Madison

Saturday, February 10, 2018

5:00pm

Sandy Bernard

Sunday, February 11, 2018

8:30am

Annette Charles
Nkiru Mbamalu

Sr. Anastasia
Winifred Simmons

11:15am

Robin Lockett
Wayman Carrasquillo

Martha Torres
Nancy Villar

Saturday, February 17, 2018

5:00pm

Stephanie Tolbert

Sunday, February 18, 2018

8:30am

Avis Thomas
Thomasine Grant-Dimery

Sr. Anastasia
Nkiru Mbamalu

11:15am

Robert Maynard
Cody Mahon

Ramona Maynard
Martha Treminio

Sunday, February 25, 2018

8:30am

Winifred Simmons
Nkiru Mbamalu

Sr. Anastasia

11:15am

Britany Pratt
Waymon Carrasquillo

Lucille Bonilla
Sr. Precilla

THE SCRIPTURE – February 4, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Jesus offers us a model of prayer as essential to the spiritual life of all believers. Jesus is often alone in prayer away from the crowd and his disciples. Jesus always seeks guidance from God. We are also to bring our needs, decision-making, pain and disappointment to God for guidance.

In Mark's gospel, Jesus is the authority of God who heals and restores people to community. In Jesus all are welcome to the table of the Lord. The healing ministry of Jesus is a manifestation of God presence in our midst. Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. In God's kingdom, we are called to embrace the miracle of God's love brought to us through Jesus Christ.

Sickness is a reality in so many people's lives. Sickness is not only physical but spiritual and emotional as well. No matter the type of illness, Jesus come to bring us back to God. We are encouraged to pray for the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

Even in sickness we can still praise God. Sometimes, people are very surprised how we can have faith in the midst of pain, suffering or any difficult problems we face in our lives. Many times, we want to ask the question, why does bad thing happen to good people. However, we may never get the answer we are seeking. However, I do know is that the way people handle difficult moments of their life can be healing.

The story of Job presented in the scriptures for today is a great example. While everything Job had was taken away, Job never cursed God. He affirms that he knows that his redeemer lives! Though faith, he reminds us that the Lord gives and takes away. Instead of cursing God, Job says blessed be the Lord! We must praise God even in our moments of sickness, doubts and fears. Job's friends who came to console him even asked him what did you do? Job kept his faith in God and continued to give him praise. What are the situations in your life that make others question how you can still praise God?

It is amazing how people can try to talk you out of your faith in God. Even in situations that seem impossible God is still making miracles happen. Once we get out of the way, God's work will see us through. However, we must be willing to put all our cares in the one who can do more than we can imagine. Never let anyone take away your joy! Never let anyone take away your hope. God is always at your side. It is the Lord who binds us our wounds and heals the broken hearted. Never stop praying! Our healing is close at hand.

God knows where we need healing. He hears our cries and counts our tears. Seek the kingdom of God and all these things will be given to us in God's time.

(5:00pm Sat)

***For those suffering from addiction**

(8:30am)

***For Henry Thomas Dimery RIP by Thomasine Grant-Dimery**

(11:15am)

***For Al Anderson Birthday Blessings RIP by Mrs. Anderson & Family**

***William & Nicholas Birthday Blessings by Martha Treminio**

(5:00pm Sun)

***For the unemployed and underemployed**

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