

# Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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## Jesus' Preaching And Healing

The action in today's Gospel begins in Capernaum, where Jesus has been preaching in the synagogue. He and his new disciples go to the house of brothers Simon and Andrew, a welcoming place hosting an extended family and also James and John. By evening, it seemed the entire town was at the door! Jesus cured many of the townspeople before leaving early the next day. The excitement covered in this brief period is palpable. Jesus has a purpose and His followers are witness to it.



Living Liturgy

## Ash Wednesday February 14

Mass and Distribution of Ashes  
8:00 a.m. and NOTE Time 6:30 p.m.



## Lenten Regulations

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The blessing and imposition of ashes takes place on Ash Wednesday only. **Ash Wednesday** is not a holy day of obligation; however, in the spirit of Lent, the faithful are encouraged to receive ashes as a reminder and sign of our humanity. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics 18 years of age but not yet 60. Those bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs; however, eating solid food between meals is not permitted. **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics age 14 and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. **Good Friday** is a day of fast and abstinence.

## Way Of The Cross



The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

We encourage all parish families to participate in praying these beautiful prayers as we follow Christ's passion, death and resurrection for the salvation of all mankind. We particularly encourage parents to bring their children, so they might come to better appreciate God's great gift to us.

## Best Lent Ever

Sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent18](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent18)

## Offertory Giving

In today's Gospel we hear of a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus. He could not respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of His Father's redemptive love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ's redemptive healing?

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,242.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday Jan. 28</b>	
Envelopes	\$5,483.00
Loose	<u>427.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,910.00</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$224,502.00
Cumulative Income	<u>212,480.96</u>
<b>Ahead &lt;Behind&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;\$12,021.04&gt;</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
<b>(Catholic Schools)</b>	<b>\$772.00</b>

## Building Fund

The Parish Building Fund will be next weekend's second collection.



## Altar Flowers



The lovely arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **Yvonne Tracey** on her birthday and her son-in-law **Danny Olson** by Patti Gay (Vaughn).

## Mardi Gras Schedule

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, February 12, through Wednesday, February 14**, in observance of the Mardi Gras holiday. The office reopens **Thursday, February 15**, at 1:00 p.m.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary Service

The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration takes place Sunday, June 10, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. The celebration will not be a Mass, but a Prayer Service. Contact the Church Office at 863-7935, ext. 3, **before March 2** to register in order for us to make a reservation with the Archdiocese for you.

**Mass Intentions Requested**

**Monday, February 5**

(1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56)

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, February 6**

(1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13)

8:00 a.m. Adele Ramos Salzer

**Wednesday, February 7**

(1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, February 8**

(1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30)

8:00 a.m. Fr. Warren Cooper

**Friday, February 9**

(1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37)

8:00 a.m. Imelda Gares

**Saturday, February 10**

(1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10)

5:00 p.m. Fr. Joseph Hartman, OSA, Nancy Hunt, Maurice Bersuder Sr., Brennan Ripp, Fr. Warren Cooper, Deacon Gene & Sissy Templet, Charlie Jobe Jr., Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Roszczynialski Family, Ken & Adele Salzer, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Maurice Poche, Harry Guy Ricard Jr., Altar Society Members

**Sunday, February 11**

(Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45)

7:00 a.m. Eula Gauthreaux

8:30 a.m. Ben Spansel, C.J. Lightell Sr., Drauzin Bourgeois, Andrew Lambert, Marnie Ripp, Darin "Gus" Bordelon, Vivian Huber, Fr. Warren Cooper, Gerald Hanzo, John Ross Jr., Jeffrey T. Fields, Linda Litolff, Ron & Mary Anderson

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



**Pray For The Sick**



Lyn Adams, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Mary Brown, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Fr. Warren Cooper, Deacon Pat & Cathy Downey, Larry DuBois, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Margaret Jorns, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Pam King, Elizabeth Kittel, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Carlene Ragusa, Norris Ripp, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith, Lorraine Steilberg, Eola Veillon

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**GASPP**—Monday at noon in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert and join us for the fun and fellowship!

**Legion of Mary**—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

**Tuesday Morning Rosary**—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

**RCIA Tracks I & II**—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

**Knights of Columbus**—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall after Mass

**Patriotic Rosary**—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**St. Joseph Altar Guild**—Baking will be Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Parish Hall. Donations of baking materials, your labor or financial contributions will be gratefully accepted. Contribution envelopes for St. Joseph's Altar are available at the entrances to the church.



**Confirmation Registration—Parent & Candidate Meeting**—Sunday, February 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Candidates in the 10th grade in CCD or Catholic school need to attend with at least one parent. These classes are one of the requirements for those planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the fall.

**In Memoriam**

It is with heartfelt sympathy that we inform you of the death of **Linda Herring Litolff**, of our parish, wife of Ed Litolff, step-mother of Erin Singletary Ulloa and Eric Litolff and grandmother to eleven grandchildren, who was recently called to God to her eternal reward. Please remember **Linda** and all those who mourn her in your Masses and prayers.



**Tabernacle Lamp**

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Altar Society.**



**K. C. Raffle For Gas Barbecue Grill**

Win a deluxe four-burner gas barbeque grill by purchasing a raffle ticket from a member of our local Knights of Columbus Council. Tickets are one dollar. The drawing will be February 18 during the Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Tickets are available from any SPPC Knight or in the Parish Office.

## 2017 Income Tax Statements

Will you need a statement of 2017 contributions to the church for income tax purposes? If so, please call the Church Office at 985-863-7935, extension 3, and request yours. Since not everyone has a need for a statement, we do not automatically mail one. The exception would be those who issued a check in an amount \$250.00 or over, as we are mandated by the IRS to issue a statement. Those who have called have already had their statements prepared and mailed.



## Update Of Church's Website

The new website for the church has been updated and is now operational. The URL is the same—[www.sppcprla.com](http://www.sppcprla.com). The website will be updated frequently with additional information forthcoming. There will be photos of church events, activities, etc., included on the website in the near future. **For the children in our parish, consent forms will be distributed during CCD for parents to sign and return regarding the release of photos** (no last names of children will be listed on the website). If your child is not in CCD, consent forms will be available at the main entrance of the church or in the Church Office. **For adults in the parish, if you do NOT want your picture on the website, please contact the Office immediately.**

We hope that the new information on the website will be helpful to you. If you have any questions, please contact Terri Schallenberg at 985-290-0472.

## 2018 Magnificat Breakfast

Slidell's Magnificat Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 24, at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Reception Hall, 1000 Caruso Boulevard, Suite 201, Slidell. This year's speaker is Nicole Johnson. Tickets are \$16.00 each. No tickets will be sold at the door. To obtain tickets by mail, checks should be made out to Magnificat Slidell Chapter with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Evelyn Labourdette, 114 Crescentwood Loop, Slidell, LA 70458.

## Our Lady Of Lourdes Feast Day

Sunday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
400 Westchester place, Slidell,

Feast Day Procession down Westchester Boulevard  
Following 5:30 p.m. Mass

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

“That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.”

## Pro Life Oratory Contest

St. Tammany Right to Life is again sponsoring its annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest, Saturday, February 17, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Youth Center, 910 Crossgates Boulevard, Slidell. Contestants must be high school juniors or seniors. The speeches should be five to seven minutes in length and do not have to be memorized. Topics include “The Tragedy of Abortion, Euthanasia, Infanticide or Embryonic Stem Cell Research.” Cash prizes will be awarded. To register or for information, call 985-640-3680.

## A Lenten Retreat In Daily Life

Experience a retreat in daily life during Lent. Personal prayer is combined with Scripture for approximately 30 minutes a day. Weekly private guidance is led by experienced spiritual directors.

Two locations are available:

1. Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Avenue, Metairie; Opening Session—Sunday, February 18, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

2. North Shore Catholic Center, 4465 Hwy. 190 East Service Road, Covington; Opening Session—Saturday, February 17, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Cost is \$40.00. Register at <http://asc.arch-no.org> or call 504-861-3254.

## Lord, Teach Me To Pray

Lord, Teach Me To Pray is a prayer series based on Ignatian Spirituality. Part I, Praying Christian Virtues, helps deepen one's prayer life, and discover what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer. These **women groups** will meet for one to two hours weekly for twelve weeks to pray and faith share.

1. February 21, 10:00 a.m. at St. Genevieve Church. Call Laurie Benson at 986-502-6515 or Betina Breaux at 985-960-6558.

2. February 19, 12:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Church, Room 2. Call Stephanie Guillot at 985-290-9125 or Janice Taulli-Lasseigne at 504-460-2506.

3. February 21, 7:00 p.m. at 115 Cornerstone Drive, Slidell. Call Susan Lemonier at 985-502-5500 or Robin Mullett at 985-290-1166.

## Please Support Our Sponsors

### Altar Society

Everyone welcome

Annual dues \$10.00 Members receive  
the benefit of 24 masses per year.

All funds raised are used for the church Altar.



## St. Agatha—February 5

### Patroness of Nurses

St. Agatha, an illustrious Sicilian virgin, noble of birth, but more so for her heroic virtue, was martyred (at Catania in 251 during the Decian persecution) for refusing the solicitations of a Roman senator.

Her martyrdom and early cult are historically certain but the details are legendary. According to a legend of the 6th century, the Roman senator, whose name was Quintianus, had St. Agatha subjected to various cruel tortures including cutting off her breasts. When she continued to resist, she was thrown upon red-hot coals. At this point a violent earthquake shook the town. Quintianus, fearing that the people would rise up in protest, had Agatha returned to prison, where she died of her tortures.

In addition to being patroness of nurses, St. Agatha is invoked against earthquakes and diseases of the breast. Her name is contained in the Roman Canon or Eucharistic Prayer I at Mass.

## St. Richard of Lucca—February 7 King

St. Richard was a prince of the West Saxons in the 8th century but he was accorded the title of King by his people who held him in great veneration. We know little about him, but the most telling point is the sainthood of his three children; Willibald, Wunibald and Walburga.

Taking his two sons, Willibald who was a Benedictine monk at the monastery of Waltham, and Wunibald, this saintly man undertook a pilgrimage of Rome. After staying at Rouen for some time, they continued through France and northern Italy despite severe hardships. On the way they visited churches and shrines and nourished their faith and devotion. Exhausted by the lengthy and difficult journey, St. Richard died at Lucca in Italy in 722 and enjoys great veneration there.

His sons helped their uncle, St. Boniface, the apostle of Germany, to evangelize the Franks. His daughter became abbess of Heidenheim and ran a school for the children of Frankish nobles.

## St. Jerome Emilians—February 8

### Patron of Orphans

Born in 1481, St. Jerome was a Venetian nobleman, who joined the army and was taken prisoner. After a miraculous liberation, attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, he decided to begin a

new life entirely devoted to charity toward the poor, especially orphans.

He was ordained at thirty-seven and plunged into his real life's work. Around 1530, he founded the first known orphanage of modern times and in the ensuing years he founded many more, as well as hospitals and institutes for fallen women. In 1532 he established the congregation of Clerks Regular of Somascha, which looked after the education of youth in colleges, academies and seminaries. He was the first to teach children the Faith by using questions and answers. St. Jerome died in 1537, a victim of an epidemic then raging, while ministering to those stricken by it.

## St. Scholastica

### February 10 Virgin

St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict, consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighborhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns. She visited her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed to enter his monastery he went in company with his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. These visits were spent in conferring together on spiritual matters.

On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation and in the evening they sat down to take their refectio. St. Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day. St. Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery. She had recourse to prayer and a furious thunderstorm burst upon them so that neither St. Benedict nor any of his companions could return home. They spent the night in spiritual conferences. The next morning they parted to meet no more on earth.

Three days later St. Scholastica died, and her holy brother beheld her soul in a vision as it ascended into heaven. He sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. She died about the year 543, and St. Benedict followed her soon after. *Lives of the Saints*

