

## Daily Reflections

### Sunday, Feb 07, 2021: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Game on

The odds for Super Bowl Sunday 2021 were available last February. Tickets for the game have been on sale for as long. But things don't always happen the way we plan them. Last year, when the Chiefs were pitted against the 49ers, no one imagined how the world would change between one Super Bowl and the next. Still, Jesus comes into our midst wherever we are, whatever our circumstances, and grasps us by the hand. We can't be sure of the game plan for the future. But we can trust that Jesus will be there for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39 (74). "Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. . . . [Jesus] grasped her hand, and helped her up."

### Monday, Feb 08, 2021: MEMORIAL OF JEROME EMILIANI, PRIEST

Share the love to feel the love

Who hasn't felt all alone before? Perhaps let down or left by a loved one. Perhaps in such dire straits that you thought even God abandoned you. Jerome Emiliani is the saint for those low points. He found God in ultimate isolation—prison. Once free, he became a priest and devoted himself to the abandoned of 16th century Venice—especially orphans and prostitutes. When you feel stricken with an orphan spirit, remember that you are a beloved child of a loving Creator who will never let you go. Show that same love to those who need you most.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 (329). "They laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak."

### Tuesday, Feb 09, 2021: Be the change

Gregory XV became pope by "popular acclaim" on this day in 1621—interesting, because he changed the tradition soon after. Instead, Gregory made the case for the first secret ballot when electing a pope. He also did other remarkable things, considering his papacy lasted barely two years. He established the first missionary organization of the Vatican, the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. And he canonized these beloved saints: Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, and Philip Neri. Is there a change you've been meaning to make in your own practice of the faith? Begin today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13 (330). "The Pharisees and scribes questioned him, 'Why do your disciples not follow the tradition?'"

### Wednesday, Feb 10, 2021: MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

God's assistance rains down

There are few details of Saint Scholastica's early life, but we do know that this sister of Benedict of Nursia entered religious life and lived in a women's monastery a few miles from her brother's in Monte Cassino. Perhaps the most enduring story about Scholastica is one that pits her will against her brother's when she begs him to extend their yearly visit and spend the night in prayer and conversation. Benedict resists, not wishing to break his own rule with a night away from home.

Determined, Scholastica asks God for assistance, and a torrential rainstorm ensues that settles the matter in her favor—Benedict will

spend the night. Never doubt that you are worthy to ask for God's help.

Trust your heart to know what will draw you closer to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23 (331).

"When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth."

### Thursday, Feb 11, 2021: MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES\_Turn to Mary

Much of Jesus' ministry had to do with some form of healing, and today's memorial, Our Lady of Lourdes, recognizes Mary's 18 reported appearances in Lourdes, France, a place of pilgrimage known for healing powers. Millions of people a year travel to Lourdes in search of healing; many report spiritual peace and transformation, and a handful even report experiencing cures without medical explanation. Today is also World Day of the Sick. It's an ideal day to ask Mary to intercede on behalf of healing that we need—or that our friends and loved ones desire.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 (332). "Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet."

### Friday, Feb 12, 2021: Say their name

This day, falling between World Day of the Sick and Valentine's Day, brings thoughts of how many are left alone after COVID deaths. Advertisers are pushing candy, cards, and flowery bouquets, but the countercultural church also counsels that we pay kind attention to those who are grieving. Practical actions are often most helpful: not only shoveling a driveway or baking some bread, but also reaching out and just listening to whatever is on the grieving person's heart. Sometimes all a grieving person wants is to name the beloved and talk about them again. Being a good listener is a welcome gift.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37 (333). "They were exceedingly astonished and they said, 'He has done all things well.'"

### Saturday, Feb 13, 2021: OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturdays belong to Mary

For more than a thousand years, the Catholic Church has dedicated most Saturdays to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The reason for choosing Saturday above all other days has been lost to antiquity. But according to tradition, Saturday has been set aside to celebrate the maternal example of Mary and witness to her dedicated discipleship as a woman of God and a follower of Jesus. The weekly memorial serves as a reminder that she is continuously present and operative in the life of the church. Reflect on how the Blessed Virgin Mary has been present and active in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 (334). "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd."

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### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2021

#### Mission Statement

**Our mission is to form Christian Communities that will glorify God by our loving and serving one another, and to extend our love, support, and compassion to the needy.**

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00am  
Sunday 9:30am

Until further notice there will be no week day masses or confession.

## PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



**WELCOME: Welcome to St. Mary's!** Although we are not fully participating in our Parish Mass and activities at this time, we look forward to returning to normal schedules and opportunities to meet and greet each other once again. In the meantime, we pray that all our parishioners and their families remain safe and well during these most unusual times!

**ST. MARY'S OUTREACH:** We will resume food collections in 2021. "Well done, my good and faithful servant". THANK YOU!

**ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB:** We are reading "The Girl's Still Got It" by Liz Curtis Higgs. "Take a walk with Ruth. Hold Naomi's hand and watch love put the pieces of her broken life back together." We meet at Lynn's house (4199 Hwy 165) OR via Zoom. If you would like an invitation to the Zoom meeting, just leave a message with your email at (843) 729-1644. Everyone is welcome to join us at any time.

**St. Mary's Outreach** is selling Note cards. All can be viewed in the parish center. Prices are marked.

**Volunteers Wanted:** To help count Sunday donations, usually after 9:30 Mass on Sunday. If interested, please email Carolyn at: [carolyn29449@email.com](mailto:carolyn29449@email.com)

**Parish Council** will meet on Tuesday, February 9th at 6:30 at the parish center.

**There is a card in the back of the Church for parishioners to sign for Mrs. Sayer from the Parish. Please sign if you wish.**



Doyle Adams, Linda Adams, K. Baker, d, Barbara Barrs, Hazel Basilio, , Chester Broton, Jr., Betty Butler, Allison Condon Chappell, Jack Cooper, Maryanne Cortez, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Frances Enos, Ken Fleming, Larry Gerth, Ruth Gerth, Bob Glenn, Elizabeth Good, Hugh Gorman, Sally Gorman, Krista Groover, Petrina Jacques, Mary & Rod Jaros, DeeDee Huck, Judy Lumpkin (Mother of Michael) ,Milagros Lamar, Rowena Aquino Livingston, Susan Mance, Jane Morley, Mary Lydia Moskow, Sarah Proulx, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Eloise Stroud, Richard Unger Larry Walker, Ellie Wilson, Mary Wilson, Edward Wolf, Jose Yabut, and All Parishioner of our parish family..

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### **Record of Faithfulness**

**Thanks to all who have mailed in their contributions.**

**01/31/2021**

Envelopes: \$ 1680.00  
Loose \$ 33.00  
Total \$ 1713.00

Attendance 8 am 25 9:30 am 37

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**A grief counselor from the Diocese will be at St Marys this Sunday, 7 Feb, after the 09:30am Mass to meet with Parishioners. She will also be available after the 11:45am Mass at St Frederick and St Stephen in Edisto.**

### **Received email this week:**

I do not personally know the ladies of St. Mary's. However, I do fondly remember being with the ladies for several special events at St. Mary's.

On behalf of the Women's Guild at St. Frederick and St. Stephen, I would like to extend to them our sympathy and love at this difficult time.

 Isabelle Mims, president - Women's Guild

*I shall not see happiness again. (Job 7:7)*

It's hard not to be struck by the grimness of Job's words. We might want to give him a break and excuse him. After all, look at what happened to the poor man! He lost his children, his possessions and property, even his health. Anyone would be devastated. It's only natural to vent your frustrations to your friends as Job did.

But let's not gloss over Job's melodramatic words. They provide a glimpse into not only how he was feeling in the midst of his devastation but how he was working through it. He teaches us an important lesson when we're going through something difficult: keep the lines of communication with God open!

God willing, we will never experience the same string of losses that Job experienced. But sometimes even small trials can send us into a spiral of negativity. Feeling devastated when we *are* devastated is natural. And that's okay as long as it doesn't stop there.

So if you find yourself complaining about your circumstances or getting caught up in self-pity, try to follow Job's example. Vent to your friends if you must, but turn to God as well. Tell him your frustrations. Tell him about the injustice of your situation. Don't hide the way you feel. Ask him hard questions. That kind of honesty gives him something he can work with.

But then go further and listen for his answer. Eventually, Job heard from God. He didn't get an immediate explanation of why he lost everything. He did, over time, come to a deeper understanding of God's greatness. He didn't get a vindication of his own righteousness, but he did go from being someone who only knew about God to being someone who had seen him directly. That's what God can do when you're honest and keep talking to him. Eventually, you will hear him.

*"Lord, may my setbacks help me to open my heart more deeply and honestly to you."*

*Word Among Us*