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The Presentation of the Lord

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SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 17

9:00 a.m. Felix Antonio Hernandez,
Maria Olinda Ramirez,
Juan Bautista
Hernandez (D), Benditas
almas del Purgatorio

Tuesday, February 18

8:30 a.m.
12:00 pm Gioanbaottixita (D)

Wednesday, February 19

8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to he Holy
Spirit, the Mercy of God,
& God Almighty

Thursday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Altagracia Sosa & Rafael
Gabot (D)
12:00 pm.

Friday, February 21

8:30 a.m.
12:00 9.m.

Saturday, February 22

7:45 a.m. Phero Guy & Phero
Bao (D)
7:00 p.m. Lupe Castillo (D), Juana
Francisca Fernandez,,
Maria Villaman, Maria
Orfelina Amezcuita (D),
Marco Peguero (D), Angel
Dariel Rodriguez
Hernandez (D), Estanislao
Hernandez (D)

Sunday, February 23

8:00 a.m. People of SNT
9:30: a.m. Ruben Dario Torres Jr (D),
Acción de gracias &
almas en el purgatorio,
Edison Tapia Reyes (D)
11:30 am Thanksgiving
1:30 pm Gioan Chat & Maria
Nghì (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

Blessed is the one who trusts in
the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD. (Jer
17:7)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who hope in
the Lord. (Ps 1)

Second Reading:

If the dead are not raised,
neither has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been
raised, your faith is vain. (1 Cor
15:16-17)

Gospel:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is
yours." (Lk 6:20)

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Readings for the week of February 16, 2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-
13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-
10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-
26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-
33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-
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**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. Are we ready to be radical, too?

In the End, Does it Matter?

When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: “In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground.”

What he meant was, it doesn’t matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We’re all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the *stuff*, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so *important*: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with *what* I was going to become that I wasn’t spending a lot of time thinking about *who* I was going to become. But the *who* is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it’s all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on “the five-year plan” when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can’t take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it’s radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 6:17, 20-26

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week’s Gospel of Saint Luke’s “woes”: **“Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of”** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The “woes” the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the *purpose* of your life, you’ll be miserable. He is saying, “You’ll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does.”

To some degree, we’re all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four “woes.” How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let’s admit what is causing our “woes.”

— *Father John Muir*

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Too many of us make the mistake of expecting prosperity here on Earth as a reward for following Christ. But Jesus is very clear: sorrow and hardship are a part of life. But when we offer these sufferings to Christ, they become transformed. They become blessed. And so do we.

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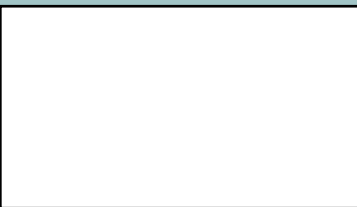
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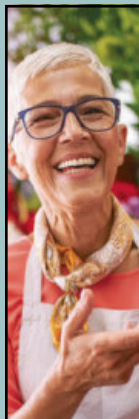


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