

Our Lady of the Desert



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Confesión el Sábado:
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María—3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María— 9:40am

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración 7:30am y Misa a las 8:00am

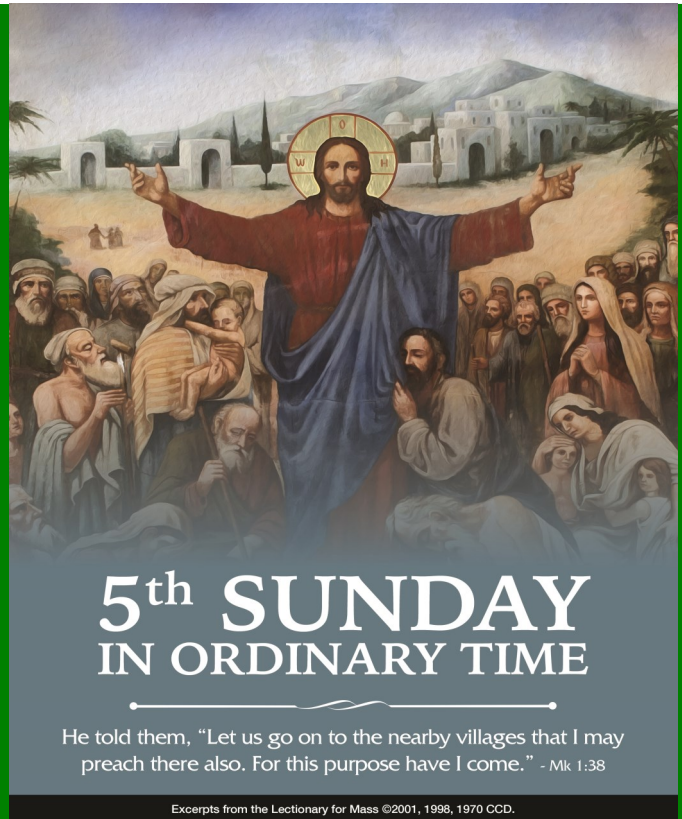
Martes, Miércoles Jueves, Viernes:

Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

Viernes: a las 6:00pm Rosario Reina de la Paz
con Adoración

Sábado: Adoración: 7:30am y a las 8:00am

Misa en Honor de Virgen María



February 4th, 2024

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary - 3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:30am Adoration & Mass 8:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

Friday: At 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with
Adoration

Saturday: Adoration: 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Mass
In Honor of the Virgin Mary

Reflection for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time : Year B
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 4, 2024
Fr. Randy Hoang

Readings: Jb 7:1–4, 6–7 • Ps 147:1–2, 3–4, 5–6 • 1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23 • Mk 1:29–39

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“Everyone is looking for you.” It’s expected that Jesus’ response would be one similar to what he would later say, *“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will refresh you”* (Mt 11:28). Yet, to our surprise, he responds, *“Let us go on to the nearby villages, so that I may preach there also; for this purpose I have come.”* Jesus makes it clear that he came for one purpose: to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

The crowds were coming to Jesus not to receive what he wanted to give them, but to receive from him what they themselves wanted. They saw Jesus as a miracle worker, as a free physician. Jesus came not to be a doctor of their mortal bodies, but to be the Savior of their immortal souls.

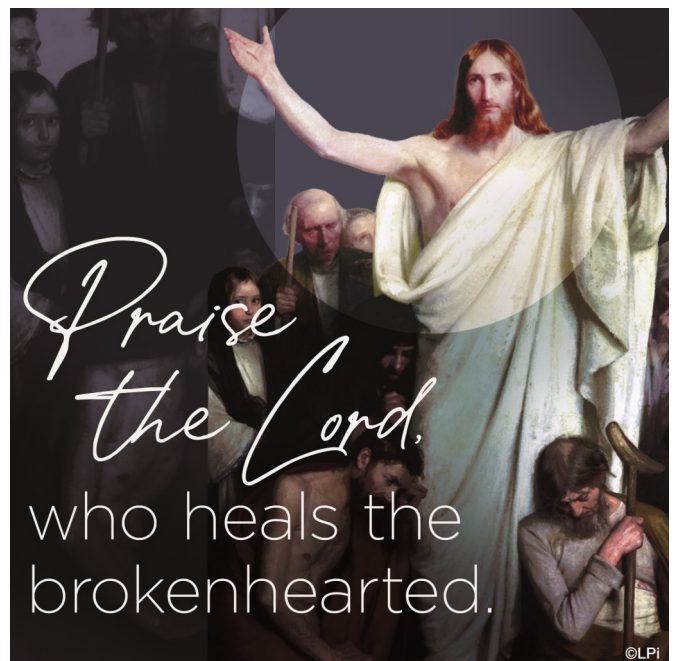
Like those in the Gospel, many people today come to Jesus as a worker of miracles, or a genie who grants wishes, or a friend who provides a quick fix to problems. Jesus, however, wants more. As he said in the Gospel, the reason he came was to proclaim the message of the kingdom and to bring us to embrace it, follow it, and live it out with joy. Jesus wants us to respond with the fervor and life-changing faith that we see in Mary, the apostles, and the saints.

Do we hunger for what *he* wants to give us or for what *we want him* to give us? Do we seek to align our priorities with His, or His with ours?

There is an important lesson here for each of us. God wants more from us than just to pray, to help the poor, to be kind. He also wants us, having heard the Gospel, to live it and bring it to others.

Pope Francis, in his exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, The Joy of the Gospel, asked, *“If we have received the love that restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others? . . . What kind of love would not feel the need to speak of the beloved, to point him out, to make him known?”*

Since we are convinced of who Jesus is, what he has done and what he promises us, we must evangelize, we must bring it to our families, our friends, our workplaces, our schools, our gyms, our coffee shops, and to those who haven’t yet heard or embraced this proclamation of the kingdom and propose it to them. Go and make disciples of all nations!



*Fr. Victor is scheduled
To be at "Our Lady of the Desert"
the 4th Sunday of every month.
(Dates are subject to change)*

Announcements

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mission Belles Meeting

Lunch at 12:00noon

Meeting Begins at 12:30noon



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

Services
12:00noon

6:00pm
Soup / Sandwich Supper
Served after the Service

**Miercoles de Cenisa
14 de Febrero 2024**

Servicios 12 de Mediodia

6:00 pm Sopa / Sandwich para comer
Despues de el servicio



Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10,
11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and
40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,
14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday:

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor
10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,
for an obligation has been imposed on me,
and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases,
and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come.

Observances for the week of February 4, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
World Marriage Day

Saint of the week

St. Hyacinth of Poland's devotion to the Christ in the Eucharist ignited a missionary fire that spread the Gospel across Central and Eastern Europe. He established Dominican communities all over Poland and is the patron saint of the pierogi!

Prayer for God's presence

Dear Jesus,
Reveal yourself to me! When I am alone and in darkness, fill me with your light. I want to know you, I want to experience your healing. Be with me, Lord. Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Purpose and Pride

Father, forgive me. Today's Gospel made me want to fight somebody.

If you want to make me really, really angry, you are sure of doing so if you tell me about an old woman who was sick, but felt a little better, and then her son-in-law and all his buddies showed up, so she cooked them a bunch of food and cleaned up after them.

We all project our own feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires onto the word of God. I certainly do. And most of my feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires spring from my current role as a tired mom of little kids.

I think there is a fear inside many of us of God's purpose for our lives. What if it's not aligned perfectly with what we think we need, or what we imagine we want? Most of the time, I think I need a nap, and I imagine that I want absolutely no one asking me for any kind of help. And here I am, perpetually napless and always being called on to render assistance.

The actions of Peter's mother-in-law were the only actions we would expect of a woman who had just received a miracle. She jumped up, and with bravery and boldness she served the Lord.

But couldn't she rest? Couldn't she serve him later? Couldn't she thank him with a smile and take a nap? Well, I suppose. But is that how you react to a miracle?

I have received my miracle — my family. My purpose. So why am I still lying down?

"He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them."
— Mark 1:31

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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