



# MASS SCHEDULE

1802 Bethel Rd.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Mass (English) ..... 5:30pm  
 Richard & Ester Nadler, RIP  
 Debra Yaniko Rogers, RIP  
 Grandpa Ed, RIP  
 Pat Tracey, RIP

Mass (Spanish) ..... 7:00pm  
 Private Intentions

## SUNDAY, FEB. 4

Mass (English) ..... 8:00am  
 Private Intentions

Mass (English) ..... 10:45am  
 Private Intentions

Mass (Spanish) ..... 12:30pm  
 Private Intentions

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (ENGLISH)

211 South Main Street (Chapel)

## MONDAY, FEB. 5

(No Mass on Monday)

## TUESDAY, FEB. 6

Mass ..... 8:45am  
 Gilbert Glastetter, RIP

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

Mass ..... 8:45am  
 Walter Uptain, RIP

## THURSDAY, FEB. 8

Mass ..... 8:45am  
 Private Intentions

## FRIDAY, FEB. 9

Mass ..... 8:45am  
 Private Intentions

## SATURDAY, FEB. 10

Mass (English) ..... 5:30pm  
 Rev. John J. O'Brien, RIP

Mass (Spanish) ..... 7:00pm  
 Gabino Perez, RIP

## SUNDAY, FEB. 11

Mass (English) ..... 8:00am  
 Private Intentions

Mass (English) ..... 10:45am  
 Bob Fronk, Sp. Int.

Mass (Spanish) ..... 12:30pm  
 Maria Marquez  
 Gabino Perez, RIP

## DEDICATION OF PRAYER GARDEN BY BISHOP MICHAEL OLSON

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Welcomes You to the Dedication and Blessing of Prayer Garden. Most Rev. Michael Olson, Our Bishop will preside over the Feast Day Mass, concelebrated by SW Deanery Priests. We celebrate the Feast of Our Patroness, Our Lady of Lourdes on February 9 at 6:30pm in the Church. After the Mass in a Candle Light procession, we carry the Statue of Our Lady to the Garden Where Bishop Blesses and Dedicates the Prayer Garden in the presence of Deanery Priests and the faithful. There will be a reception after the celebrations in St. Vincent Pallotti Hall, this will be a wonderful opportunity to visit with each other, to know each other and celebrate Feast Day together. Welcome to one and all.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39  
 Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/ Mk 6:53-56  
 Tues: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thurs: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30  
 Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37  
 Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10  
 Next Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When we suffer, we can easily find ourselves thinking that we have been abandoned by God or have done something to displease him and are now paying the price. Suffering is not God's fault. The reality of suffering and death is much more complicated than this and even somewhat mysterious. When Jesus preached the Gospel, it was made clear that suffering has meaning and always brings with it new life. It requires faith in order to understand this mystery. The Gospel brings us new life both here and in the life to come. This is truly Good News! When this Good News is understood by the believer it stirs within us a passion to urgently preach this healing and life giving message to others.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 World Day for Consecrated Life  
 Mon: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr  
 Tues: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs  
 Thurs: St. Jerome Emiliani;  
 St. Josephine Bakhita  
 Sat: St. Scholastica  
 Next Sun: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 World Day of the Sick;  
 World Marriage Day

A new adult bible study class will begin on Sundays at 9:30am in Rm 1-2. The topic is "STEWARDSHIP of the EARTH, a biblical study series by Stephen J Binz.... you're welcome to join us!



**GPS (God's People of Service)** - Young adults age 18-30 meets every Sunday at 1:30pm in Rm 1. The mission of GPS is, "By growing in our own faith, we hope to inspire others to seek a relationship with God". If you are lost, we'll help you find your way. Please join us!

### STEWARDSHIP NEWS UPDATE

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Jan 27-28.....\$13,396.00  
 Spanish Dinners to date .....\$222,493.64  
 Stay tuned for an update on the "Stand On Our Land Debt Free" fund drive!

THE FEW REMAINING 2018 COLLECTION ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE CHURCH FOYER. PLEASE SAVE US THE POSTAGE BY PICKING UP YOUR ENVELOPES!!!



Until further notice the diocese has asked that we suspend the distribution of the Precious Blood and refrain from the Sign of Peace handshake during Mass to help prevent the spread of the flu. Refer to our web-site for more details.

Support our bulletin sponsors  
**Mendoza Cabinets**

**Food Pantry Needs**  
 Cereal, spinach, pinto beans, pancake mix, soup, flour, any kind of canned meat, sugar and shampoo. For more information contact Elva Perez (ecperez@hotmail.com 817-312-7170)

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"Sometimes you need to hold on and sometimes you need to let go. Ask God to show you which is His plan for you now." Matthew Kelly, taken from "Mustard Seeds"

### Palm Burning Ceremony

In preparation for Ash Wednesday there will be a "Palm Burning Ceremony" next weekend. The schedule is as follows:  
 5:00pm on Saturday 2/11/18  
 10:00am on Sunday 2/12/18  
 Father Mike will be in an area staged between the church and the Holy Spirit Center to perform the ceremony. Please join us as we introduce a new tradition to our parish.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY FEB. 4**

- 7:30 am Sunday Morning Rosary (Church)
- 9:30 am Religious Education Classes English (HSC)
- 9:30 am Post Confirmation Classes for Teens (Rm 7)
- 9:30 am RCIA Adapted for Children (Rm 12, 2-6, Rm 4, 7-12)
- 9:30 am Young Adult Class (Rm 4)
- 9:30 am Gospel of Matthew (Rm 14)
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Rm 1-2)
- 11:15 am Religious Education Classes Spanish (HSC)
- 12:30 pm Youth Planning Mtg. (Clubhouse)
- 1:30 pm Young Adult Group (Rm 1)

**MONDAY FEB. 5**

- 6:00 pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (Church)
- 7:00 pm Cursillistas Ultreya (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Citizenship Classes (Rm 11)

**TUESDAY FEB. 6**

- 8:45am Daily Mass
- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study (Rm 1-2)
- 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion (Church)

**WEDNESDAY FEB. 7**

- 8:45 am Daily Mass (Church)
- 9:30 am Parish Pantry (Holy Spirit Ctr)
- 10:15 am Yoga Classes (Clubhouse)
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir Practice (Church)
- 5:30 pm Salud Menta..Como Fortalecer Nuestro Cerebro (Rm 14)
- 6:15 pm Youth Group Adoration/Mass (Church)
- 7:00 pm Youth Group Dinner/Mtg. (Parish Hall)
- 6:30 pm RCIA (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm ESL Classes (Rm 4, 5, 6, 8)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)

**THURSDAY FEB. 8**

- 8:45am Daily Mass
- 9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Quilting Group (Pro Shop)
- 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
- 7:00 pm Saturday Mass Spanish Choir Practice (Rm 1-2)
- 7:00 pm Sunday Mass Spanish Choir Practice (Church)

**FRIDAY, FEB. 9**

- 8:45am Daily Mass
- 7:00pm Father-Daughter Dance (Holy Spirit Ctr.)

**SATURDAY, FEB. 10**

- 2:00 pm Quinceinera (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Rosary (Church)
- 8:00 pm Valentine Dance (Holy Spirit Ctr.)

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**



For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there's the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don't we need to relax?

We're all busy. But just imagine Jesus' situation in today's Gospel. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find "those who were with him pursued him." How often do we feel pursued by

the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus.

Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. "He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today's Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a "prayer chair" in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence.

However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn't linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can't return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Sometimes we can feel like we are living the life of Job: everything is going wrong all at the same time. Everyone finds himself or herself in a valley once in awhile. How we got there is not nearly as important as how are we going to get out.

Everyday stewards are called to be grateful for all things, large and small. It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than it is to look for the ordinary gifts in our life. When we cultivate a sense of wonder and thankfulness for the many little things in life we find ourselves more resilient in times of trial. We can look out our window and see all those gifts in creation. We can look around our home and see all the things people take too easily for granted. Imagine life without some of the simplest things like clothing, warmth, water, and furniture. There are people in this world that long for all of those things. But God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others.

Before Lent begins in a couple weeks, take the time to create a list of at least 10 things that you normally take for granted. Keep that list handy and maybe add to it from time-to-time. When life seems hard and that cloud seems to hang over our heads, bring out the list and let gratefulness lift you up and out of your plight so that once again you can be about your Father's work.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Father Daughter Dance**

Friday, Feb 9, 2018 - 7pm-9pm

Tickets will be sold after masses on Sunday, Jan 21, Jan 28 and Feb 4.

Tickets are \$7 each or max of \$25 per family  
Event Hosted by St. Stephen Youth Group.

The *Youth Group* will meet in the church **Wed. Feb. 7, at 6:15pm** for Mass or Adoration followed by dinner in the parish hall. *Families are welcome.*



**The Ladies Altar Society will be providing breakfast in the parish hall between the Sunday Masses this weekend.**

This is the first time the kitchen will be used for a parish event since undergoing a major face lift. Stop by and check it out!

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**Rachel Ministries**

*Many women are unable to forgive themselves after an abortion. Come to a Rachel Retreat and find peace, love, and forgiveness.*

*The next retreat is March 2, 2018  
Call 817-923-4757 for more info.*



**Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

(All Masses will be at the main church)

- 7:00am
- Noon
- 7:00pm (bilingual)

Please continue to bring your palms from last year and place them in the designated baskets located at each entrance and the church foyer.