



*The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.*

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | February 14, 2021**

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

<b>SUN 2/14</b>	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
<b>MON 2/15</b>	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
<b>TUE 2/16</b>	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
<b>WED 2/17</b>	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>THR 2/18</b>	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
<b>FRI 2/19</b>	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
<b>SAT 2/20</b>	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
<b>SUN 2/21</b>	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

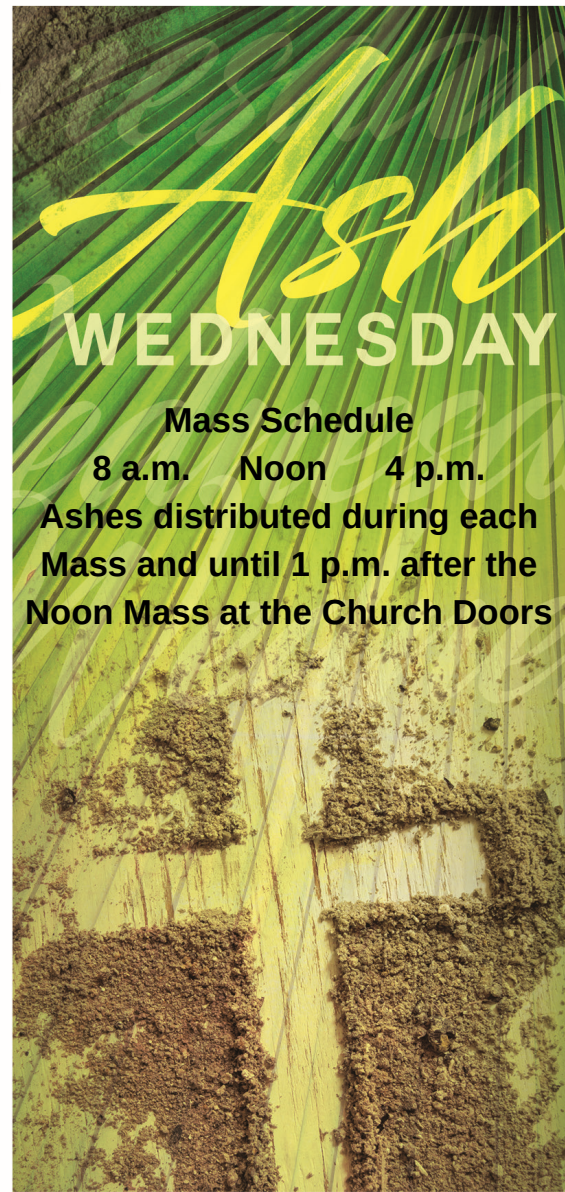
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday
Next Sunday:	1st Sunday of Lent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Everybody has a place at the table, and nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, or marginalized. It is not part of God's vision. Jesus came to heal, make things whole, set things right, and restore relationships. No one is to feel unwelcome or alienated from the community. Whether we like it or not, this message is at the core of the Gospel. It makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Perhaps this is why people kept coming from everywhere to listen to Jesus speak and to be in his presence. He made perfect sense. Most of us have no issue buying into this vision. We run into trouble, however, when we fall into the trap of privilege and power. We diverge from God's vision when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement have no place in the kingdom of God, and even the most needy and hurting among us are worthy of the compassion Jesus desires to offer. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But one thing is for certain, no one can be singled out, excluded or mistreated. Everyone matters.



*"God is waiting for you."*

—POPE FRANCIS

# SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

## Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. | Convent Chapel

## Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.  
Livestreaming available on our website,  
Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except  
during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months  
prior to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday  
Mass



*"Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind..."*

## Saturday, February 13, 2021

In Thanksgiving to: St. Katharine Drexel for Prayers  
Answered

In Memory of: Elodie Gabriel, Darrell Gabriel and  
Bruce Gabriel

## Sunday, February 14, 2021

For the people of the Parish and Married Couples

In Memory of: Angel Toups, Isabella Robinson,  
Marie G. Tillman and Harlean Banks



Please remember in your prayers: The intentions of the Holy Father and for:

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Patricia Adam, Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Marie Alexander, Diane Austin, Nathaniel Banks, Nancy Barabino, Hazel Barnes, Barbara Blanchard, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Virginia Butler, Herman Cade, Augustine Cain, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Joyce Coleman, Honora Curry, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Elaine Ewell, Leo Francisco, Cameron Fritz, Beverly R. Gilmore, Gilda Griffin, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Olga Jackson, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Anna Jones, Elton Johnson, Evelyn Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Fern Kern, Ruth Kennedy, Shanna Lucien, Felicia Meyers, Arizona Moore, Germaine Nash, Thomas Phillips, Audrey Pierce, Janice Picou, Bernice Pinkney, Albert Poree, Gertrude Powell, Mildred V. Prudeaux, Joyce Randolph, Nakeisha Rhea, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Angela Simon, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Geraldine Small, Alma M. Smith, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, George Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

## Join Us...



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## Prayer Line

**508.924.5792**

## Noon Prayer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

## Bible Study

Thursdays | 6:00 p.m.

## Rosary

First Monday of Month | 6:00 p.m.



## IMPORTANT PARISH Announcements

- **Adoration:** As we celebrate the Year of the Eucharist, please join us in the edifice or on livestream for Adoration on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 beginning March 10 through November 10.
- **Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:** Mass will be said at 8 a.m., Noon and 4 p.m. The noon Mass will be livestreamed. Ashes will be distributed during all Masses and until 1 p.m. after the noon Mass.
- **Black History Month Observation:** Our Faith Community will celebrate Black History Month on the last Sunday of month. More details to follow.
- **Black History Creative Arts Contest:** Open to elementary, middle and high school students grades 2- 12, "It's Black and Catholic for Me!" is the contest theme. Showcase your performing, visual or written talents to commemorate our community's heritage of faith. Submission by February 19, 2021 at 5 pm. Details will be posted to the Parish's website at [www.bssjaparish.com](http://www.bssjaparish.com).
- **Weekday Masses:** Fr. Chuck has begun celebrating Masses Monday-Fridays at 8:00 a.m. in the Convent Chapel.
- **Novena to St. Joseph:** As we celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, please consider praying the 30 days Novena to St. Joseph. Our faith community will recite the novena during the month of March. Prayer link 2019-30-Days-PrayerPamphlet\_V4.pdf ([josephites.org](http://josephites.org)); hardcopy attached to email.
- **Envelopes:** If you have not done so already, please pick up your Church envelopes from the rectory.



*We pray God's blessings on all married couples. May you both continue to be devoted to one another in love.*

## SUPPORT OUR PARISH FUNDRAISERS

- **DOUBLE GOOD POPCORN FUNDRAISER:** It's 100% contactless, we keep 50% of the profit, and the product ships right to your buyers. We'll be selling Double Good gourmet popcorn from our own Pop-Up Stores. Prices range from \$16 - \$99. It's really delicious! To participate in our fundraiser: - Download the Double Good app - Enter our Event Code VYAHKJ in the app - Create your Pop-Up Store. Our fundraiser begins on March 01 and goes until March 05. To get started, download the Double Good app, available for free on iOS and Android.
- **DRIVE BY FISH FRY:** Save the Date! Our Parish is hosting a Drive By Fish Fry on March 19, 2021. Prepaid orders only. More details to follow.

## PARISH SUPPORT

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