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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 31, 2021

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A SCRIPTURAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS BY EDWARD SRI

Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind the Mass? Are you looking to stop going through the motions at Mass? Join Dr. Edward Sri as he dives into the Scriptural roots of the Mass that will help you to pray the Mass like never before.



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy 18:15-20. This central section of this book describes the various offices and officers of the theocratic society which Yahweh, through his servant Moses, is setting up for the Chosen People. The second reading is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 7:32-35. He devotes chapter 7 to answering questions concerning marriage and virginity. In today's extract he emphasizes freedom to serve God fully, freedom from earthly cares which those who choose a life of celibacy have.

The Gospel is from St. Mark 1:21-28. St. Mark makes it clear that, from the very first day of Christ's public ministry, his messianic power began to be manifested to those who saw and heard him. The Jews of Capernaum were "astonished" at his teaching and "amazed" at his power over the evil spirits. "What is this," they asked one another, "a new teaching and the unclean spirits obey him!" But they were still a long way from recognizing him for what he was, the Messiah and Son of God. This is as might be expected, the astounding mystery of the incarnation was way beyond human expectation or human imagination. And it was our Lord's own plan to reveal this mystery, slowly and gradually, so that when the chain of evidence had been completed by his resurrection, his followers could look back and see each link in that chain. Then they would be ready to accept without hesitation the mystery of the incarnation and realize the infinite love and power of God that brought it about. We look back today through the eyes of the Evangelists, and, like them, know that Christ was God as well as man—two natures in one person. We should not therefore be "amazed" at the teaching of Jesus or at his power over the unclean spirits. What should amaze us really is the love that God showed mankind in becoming one of our race.

We are creatures with nothing of our own to boast of. We were created by God, and every talent or power we

possess was given us by God. God's benevolence could have stopped there and we would have no right to complain. But when we recall the special gifts he gave man, which raise him above all other created things, we see that he could not, because of his own infinitely benevolent nature, leave us to an earthly fate. What thinking man could be content with a short span of life on earth? What real purpose in life could an intelligent being have who knew that nothing awaited him but eternal oblivion in the grave? What fulfillment would man's intellectual faculties find in a few years of what is for the majority of people perpetual struggle for earthly survival? No, God created us to elevate us, after our earthly sojourn, to an eternal existence where all our desires and potentialities would have their true fulfillment. Hence the incarnation, hence the life, death and resurrection of Christ, who was God's Son, as the central turning point of man's history. Today, while amazed at God's love for us, let us also be justly amazed at the shabby and grudging return we make for love. Many amongst us even deny that act of God's infinite love, not from convincing historical and logical proofs, but in order to justify their own unwillingness to co-operate with the divine plan for their eternal future. This is not to say that their future, after death, does not concern them; it is a thought

which time and again intrudes on all men, but they have allowed the affairs of this world which should be stepping stones to their future life, to become instead mill-stones which crush their spirits and their own true self-interests. While we sincerely hope that we are not in that class, we can still find many facets in our daily Christian lives which can and should make us amazed at our lack of gratitude to God and to his incarnate Son. Leaving out serious sin which turns us away from God if not against him, how warm is our charity, our love of God and neighbor? How much of our time do we give to the things of God and how much to the things of Caesar? How often does our daily struggle for earthly existence and the grumbles and grouses which it causes, blot out from our view the eternal purpose God had in giving us this earthly existence. How often during the past year have we said from our heart: "Thank you, God, for putting me in this world, and thank you a thousand times more, for giving me the opportunity and the means of reaching the next world where I shall live happily forevermore in your presence"? If the true answer for many of us is "not once," then begin today. Let us say it now with all sincerity, and say it often in the years that are left to us. — Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Reconciliation:

Wednesday and Saturday, 6:00pm,
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Mon., 8:15 a.m.
Wed., 6:00 p.m.

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.

Parish Office Hours: (By Appointment)

Monday, 9 - 4
Tuesday, 9 - 4
Wednesday, 12 - 5
Thursday, 9 - 1
Friday, 9 - 1

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Attendance & Collections

Saturday 55
Sunday (10:30) 90
Sunday (Latin) 42

General \$2078

Second and Special Collections

- January 30 & 31: Church in Latin America
- February 17: Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
- February 20 & 21: Black and Indian Missions

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30, 2021, Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

6:00 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 31, 2021, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass for St. Patrick's and all Catholic Schools
2:30 p.m. Confessions
3:00 p.m.. (Latin Mass) Septuagesima Sunday
Mass for †Joe and Mabel McLaughlin by John & Jackie McLaughlin

Monday, February 1, 2021, Monday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Deborah Garton

Wednesday, February 3, 2021,

5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass for †F. A. Brumley by family

Saturday, February 6, 2021,

6:00 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Mass for †Alexandra Moody Hamrick

Sunday, February 7, 2021, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish
2:30 p.m. Confessions
3:00 p.m.. (Latin Mass) Sexagesima Sunday
Mass for †John Hogan by Vic Folio

Mass Intentions

Having the Holy Sacrifice of Mass offered is more effective than flowers or memorial gifts for your deceased loved ones or as a special intention for a living person or special occasion. Mass Intentions can be placed in a “Mass Intention” envelope and placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Please indicate if the person is living or deceased and the date you would like the Mass to be said. Mass dates are filled on a “first-come, first-serve” basis.

Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- Those who are sick:** Emyle Johnston (Ruby), Joseph Mick (UHC), Jim Arsenault, Nick Bakas, Sr. Jennifer Berridge, Sue Bleigh, Jean Scott Chase, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Tom Fealy, Marsha Garton, Robert Hamilton, Courtney Heimberger, Fr. John Hollowell, Shirley Hubbs, Mary Jo Hull, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Bernadette Law, Julia Marsh, Philomena Martin, Steve Moran, Faye Mullooly, Ed and Mary Ann Murray, Susan Murray, Mary Oldaker, Delores Paugh, Sr. Ellen Poche, Steve Perrine, Raylee Rahming, Catherine Ratliff, John Riley, Mike Riley, Keith Rose, Sheila Sayre, Jim Shaver, Mary Taylor, Helen Tomaro, Philip Woodruff
- Those who have died:** Pat Broschart, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton, Stephen Lindsey, R. Brody Springer, Caleb Stark, Justin Stark, Matthew Stark
- Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- Former priests and religious of our church.**
- Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**
- All diagnosed with Covid 19**
- All health care workers, first responders, mail carriers and essential employees**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Every Wednesday**
6:00 p.m., RCIA begins with Mass in the church

- February 3, Blessing of the Throats at Mass
- February 17, Ash Wednesday

Our Neighbor Collection

January

- Deodorant, feminine products

February

- Shampoo & Conditioner

Items can be placed in the plastic tote on the back porch of St. Patrick Church parish office.

Liturgical Calendar & Scripture Readings

- Sunday, January 31, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
- Monday, February 1, Monday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time, Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord, Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Wednesday, February 3, Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop, Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday, February 4, Thursday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time, Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday, February 5, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday, February 6, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Liturgical Calendar for Traditional Latin Mass

- Sunday, January 31, Sexagesima Sunday
- Monday, February 1, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday, February 2, St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
- Wednesday, February 3, St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
- Thursday, February 4, St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop & Confessor
- Friday, February 5, St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
- Saturday, February 6, St. Titus, Bishop & Confessor



February 2021 - Overview for the Month

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. This year the first 16 days of February fall during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The remaining days of February are the beginning of Lent. The liturgical color changes to purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family.

The Feast of the Presentation (February 2) or Candlemas forms a fitting transition from Christmas to Easter. The small Christ-Child is still in His Mother's arms, but already she is offering Him in sacrifice.

The saints that we will focus on this month and try to imitate are St. Blaise (February 3), St. Agatha (February 5), St. Paul Miki & Companions (February 6), St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita (February 8), St. Scholastica (February 10), Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11), the Chair of St. Peter (February 22) and St. Polycarp (February 23).

The feasts of Sts. Cyril and Methodius (February 14) and St. Peter Damian (February 21), is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy. The feast of the Seven Founders of the Orders of Servites (February 17) is superseded by the Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

St. Blaise

February 3

Patron: Against wild beasts; animals; builders; carvers; construction workers; coughs; Dalmatia; Dubrovnik; goiters; healthy throats; stonecutters; throat diseases; veterinarians; whooping cough; wool-combers; wool weavers.

Symbols: 2 candles; 2 crossed candles; candle; hermit tending wild animals; iron comb; man healing a choking boy; man with two candles; wax; wool comb.

St. Blaise was a physician and Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. He lived in a cave on Mount Argeus and was a healer of men and animals. According to legend, sick animals would come to him on their own for help, but would never disturb him at prayer.

Agricola, governor of Cappadocia, came to Sebaste to persecute Christians. His huntsmen went into the forests of Argeus to find wild animals for the arena games, and found many waiting outside Blaise's cave. Discovered in prayer, Blaise was arrested, and Agricola tried to get him to recant his faith. While in prison, Blaise ministered to and healed fellow prisoners, including saving a child who was choking on a fish bone; this led to the blessing of throats on Blaise's feast day.

Thrown into a lake to drown, Blaise stood on the surface and invited his persecutors to walk out and prove the power of their gods; they drowned. When he returned to land, he was martyred by being beaten, his flesh torn with wool combs (which led to his association with and patronage of those involved in the wool trade), and then beheading.

Blaise has been extremely popular for centuries in both the Eastern and Western Churches and many cures were attributed to him, notably that of a child who was suffocating through a fish bone being caught in his throat. In 1222 the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labour in England on his feast. He is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. He is invoked for all throat afflictions, and on his feast two candles are blessed with a prayer that God will free from all such afflictions and every ill all those who receive this blessing.

- Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

It is customary in many places to bless the throats of the faithful with two candles tied together with a red ribbon to form a cross. The rite of the blessing of throats may take place before or after Mass.

The priest or deacon places the candles around the throat of whoever seeks the blessing, using the formula: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you free from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen."

- Excerpted from Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Septuagesima Sunday

"Why do you stand here all day idle? . . . Go you also into the vineyard" (Gospel).

As athletes of Christ we are called to a competitive "race" (Epistle). As workers with Christ we are ordered into the "vineyard" (Gospel).

It is a "race" with death for the "prize" of life eternal. Only "one receives the prize" by His own right, Christ! But, remember, He still runs in us if we do not lag in this "race," as did Israel under "Moses" (Epistle).

God comes to us "early" in life. Unitl the last "hour" He repeats, "Why . . . stand . . . idle?" Each "hour" brings us nearer to the "evening" of reward, not due to the excellence of our work in itself but mercifully given by God as a recompense (Gospel).

Mullady Scholarship Application

Applications are now being accepted for the Mullady Scholarship Award. This fund was started by Edwin and Mary Mullady to help Catholic students of Lewis County go to an accredited college. Applicants must be Lewis County residents and enrolled in college or graduate school (**no high school students**).

Applications can be picked up in the St. Patrick's Church parish office or you can request an application be emailed to you.

Application deadline is February 15, 2021. Completed applications should be returned to St. Patrick Church, 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Funds will be distributed in late February or March.

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