

GOOD NEWS!

FEBRUARY 7, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, laments. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

Does the Church promote adoption as a response to infertility? If so, why?

The Church indeed promotes adoption, but not solely as a response to infertility. Church teaching presents adoption as an alternative way that a couple might direct their generosity and desire to be life-giving through children. While recognizing the suffering of infertility, the Church also sees the great need of children throughout the world who, for one reason or another, haven't been able to live with their biological parents.

The call to adopt and care for children in need, however, is addressed to all believers who are able to help. The theological foundation for reaching out to adopt children is linked to our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we are called to be stewards of the lives of one another. In some instances, people feel called to care for needy children of the world by adopting them and bringing them into a new family to develop and grow.

In other situations, perhaps Christians could show extraordinary love by "adopting" a child or a family of children by supporting them in their own country through assistance to relatives who could not otherwise look after the child. This is obviously not like raising a child in your own home, but think of what it might do for a child in his own home country. A key principle that should underlie the care of orphans is "what is best for the child."



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| Scripture Readings for the week of Feb 8—14 | | | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| Gn 1:1-19 | Gn 1:20-2:4a | Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 | Gn 2:18-25 | Gn 3:1-8 | Gn 3:9-24 | Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 |
| Mk 6:53-56 | Mk 7:1-13 | Mk 7:14-23 | Mk 7:24-30 | Mk 7:31-37 | Mk 8:1-10 | 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45 |



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Paul in our second readings today reminds us: "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!" It is our obligation to share the good news of Jesus with others. We can't keep it or hoard it for ourselves – we have to share it. As we prepare to begin the Lenten season in another week, perhaps we can "equip" ourselves to share the Gospel by joining our weekly Faith Discussions called "The Search" on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at St. Catherine. The link to join virtually is available on our parish website. It will also be sent out via Evangelus Wednesday afternoon each week.

February 17th is Ash Wednesday when we begin our yearly observance of the Holy Fast of Lent. You may be wondering how we will distribute ashes this year during the pandemic. The Vatican has given us the instructions that the ashes are to be sprinkled on each person's head silently (rather than making the sign of the cross on the forehead like we're used to). Actually the sprinkling of the ashes on the head is the common way it is done in Europe – we're just following their custom this year. Ash Wednesday tends to be one of the most popular days of the year. I invite you to consider inviting and bringing a friend to one of the Masses or Services this year.

Here is the Ash Wednesday Schedule (February 17) so you can plan ahead:

9 AM - Mass at St. Gabriel, Black River

12 PM Noon – Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes at St. Anne, Harrisville

4:30 PM – Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes at St. Raphael, Mikado

5 PM – Adoration and Confessions at St. Catherine, Ossineke

6:30 PM – Mass at St. Catherine, Ossineke

This weekend for Mass please welcome Fr. Ron Timock and Fr. Joe Muszkiewicz as celebrants. I will be away for my annual siblings' weekend. We started the tradition last year by renting an Airbnb and spending the weekend with my sisters and their families. It should be fun and relaxing. See you next weekend!



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael

Those persecuted for faith

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine

Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Don Zielinski

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

Courage to proclaim the Gospel

Monday, February 8, St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

9:00 am Mass, St. Anne

Victims of human trafficking

4:15 pm St. Raphael Sodality Meeting

Tuesday, February 9,

9:00 am Mass, St. Anne

The homeless

9:30 -10:30 am Adoration and Confession St. Anne

Wednesday, February 10, St. Scholastica

9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel

Mary Ann Steinbauer

9:30 am Rosary, St. Gabriel

5-6:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Catherine

6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation St. Catherine Hall

6:30 pm Children's Sacramental Preparation Class St. Catherine Hall

Thursday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Lawrence & Ruth Gunderson

9:30-10:30 am Adoration St. Catherine

Friday, February 12,

NO MASS

Saturday, February 13,

3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael

Sunday, February 14, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary is prayed half an hour before all Masses

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael

Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine

Don Zielinski

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Craig Rolston

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

Joe Bielusiak

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10). Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. A portion of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

| | St. Anne | St. Catherine | St. Gabriel | St. Raphael |
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| Needed each week | \$2,144.23 | \$2,593.95 | \$555.10 | \$740.38 |
| Needed year-to-date | \$66,471.13 | \$80,412.45 | \$17,208.10 | \$22,951.78 |
| Actual year-to-date | \$67,438.25 | \$83,918.29 | \$16,129.52 | \$24,228.77 |
| Jan. 31 | \$2,419.83 | \$6,271.00 | \$260.00 | \$468.75 |
| Other Collections: | \$10.00 | \$60.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. Vernon Olmer, OFM

Monday—Rev. Leonard Paul

Tuesday— Deceased Priests

Wednesday— Rev. Alfred Pilarelli

Thursday—Rev. Msgr. John Porter

Friday—Rev. Benjamin Rexroat

Saturday— Most Rev. Walter Hurley

New Parish Website

We are excited to announce to you the launch of our new parish website. Go to www.resurrectionacgr.org to check it out. The home page features aerial views of our churches, easy to find buttons for the video Mass, bulletins, online giving, and much more. You can find an up-to-date calendar of all parish events. On the homepage you will find posted all of the latest news and events. Bookmark the website and check it out for the latest news about our parish.

Volunteers Needed

St. Vincent de Paul in Mikado is looking for volunteers a few days a week. Must be able to price items and operate a cash register. Please contact April or Leo at (989)736-6271 if interested and for more information on the possibility of turning into employment.

We remember all the faithful departed from our parishes and especially those who passed away this past week: **Alice Marciniak**

Saint of the Week- Saint Josephine Bakhita-Feast Day February 8

St. Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan in 1869 and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she was later brought to freedom through the help of the Canossian Daughters of Charity. Through their guidance, she learned about God and served him faithfully until her death in 1947.

Today, the feast day for St. Josephine Bakhita—February 8—is recognized as the annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.

Our Sick: May God shower his love and care upon you, comfort you and encourage you, heal you in body, soul, and spirit and bring you to peace. May we grow in trust in God, accepting his will, putting everything into his hands: Mary Anderson, Mike Moggie, Florence Mishler, Michael Killewald, David Molitor, Kelly Kruttlin, Terry Rizzotto, Diane Bolda, Richard & Donna La-Bonte, Chuck Gauthier, Carol Bandlow, Jerry Killewald, Rick Villabolos, Gen & Barb Spring, Jackie Schrade, Janice Kurt, Irene Shiemke, Ron Harmon, David Simanskey, Christen Buckler, Thelma Schultz, Walter Roman, David Fortier, Christopher Marciniak, Dick White, Sam Rizzotto, Al LaBrecque, Peter Bosca, Bernard Pintar, Nancy Hauss, Dan Kaczmarek, James Banner, Irene Sedoskey, Edwin Paulson, Anna Michel, Paul Forsythe, Gerald Dingledein, Thomas Walter, Greg Robinson, Mary Jane Flieman, Joan Cleveland, Al Sharp, Gloria Kozak, Jim Rigato, George Killewald, Theda & Frank Waldecker, Rick Carstens