

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 3, 2019

*“The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives.”*

Lk 4:18



Mass Intentions for the Week

Feb. 2, First Saturday,

The Presentation of the Lord

12:05 Charles & Angela Galipo
5:15 Adonna Schultz

Feb. 3, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Dorothy D'Angelo
11:00 Claude Bauman
12:30 Por la salud de Luca Palmer
6:30 For the People of the Archdiocese

Feb. 4, Monday, Weekday

7:15 Josephine Roux
12:05 Catherine Paris

Feb. 5, Tuesday, St. Agatha

7:15 John & Dorothy Caradini
12:05 Christopher J. Sambuco

Feb. 6, Wednesday, St. Paul Miki & Companions

7:15 The Chico Guzman Family
12:05 Mary Harvey

Feb. 7, Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Thomas Major
12:05 Intention of the Leinker Family

Feb. 8, Friday, Weekday, St. Josephine Bakhita

7:15 Carmela Weiner
12:05 Vincent Sorichillo

Feb. 9, Saturday, Weekday, BVM

12:05 Ann Grasmeder
5:15 Isabel Rusko

Feb. 10, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Claude Bauman
11:00 Francis William Wagner
12:30 Luis Alberto Hurtado
6:30 For the People of the Archdiocese

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday, the Lord announced in the Holy Gospel that, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing (Luke 4: 21).” This revelation invites us to recognize the personal presence of Christ in the Word of God and, with this encounter, to make a personal commitment to live by what we hear. This is the ongoing project of Christian life, to be rooted in the very Word of God. This Sunday in the Holy Gospel, after making and explaining this profound revelation, the Lord experiences rejection on the part of the hearers. This is part of the fall out, if you will, of a Christian life rooted in the Word of God. Our commitment to the teachings of Jesus and his Church may make relationships uncomfortable for us and even cause great pain. We must keep in mind that the same Lord who instructs us with his Word is also our strength and our peace when we are faithful to it.

This Sunday, the annual Catholic Charities Appeal begin: Giving Hope to All. The Catholic Charities benefits countless groups, organizations and agencies in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The appeal is primarily conducted through the mail but it is also possible to support the appeal through the Sunday Collection. Materials to do this will be in the pews for the month of February. Our Cathedral Parish goal for the Catholic Charities is nearly 50,000 dollars. I encourage all of you to be thoughtful and generous to this important endeavor of the Archdiocese. To learn more about the Catholic Charities, please see, <https://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/>.

I am extremely fortunate to have a capable and enthusiastic Parish Finance Council to advise and guide me on the financial matters of our Cathedral Parish. I meet with this group of parishioners several times over the course of the year to discuss, plan and provide for solid financial management of our resources. The Finance Council needs new and additional members at this time. If you have a financial background and have an interest in membership on this Council, please contact me.

Everyone in the Cathedral Parish is encouraged to be a part of the Keys and Sword Event 2019. Please see our Cathedral website for more information, see <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>. Perhaps you or someone you know may want to take an ad in our Ad Book. This year we hope have two to three times as many ads in the Ad Book as last year. *Please tell your family and friends about the Keys and Sword Event 2019.*

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be for the poor and needy in the neighborhood of the Cathedral Basilica. The winter weather often impedes people from attending Mass with good reason. However, we still have our parish bills to pay each week. If possible, please make use of the on-line possibility of making your weekly offering. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish, and the Catholic Charities Appeal.

God bless you!

Father Dennis Gill

Relic Pilgrimage of St. John Vianney's Incorrupt Heart Veneration Schedule



Saturday, February 2, 2019 Sunday, February 3, 2019

<p>2:00 PM Solemn Reception of the Relic <i>Veneration until 5:00 PM</i></p> <p>4:15 PM Confessions</p> <p>5:15 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday <i>Veneration until 7:00 PM</i></p>	<p>7 AM – 6:15 PM Relic Veneration <i>before and after Masses:</i> 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM 12:30 & 6:30 PM</p> <p>9 AM & 5:30 PM Confessions</p> <p>6:30 PM Solemn Mass</p>
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St. John's heart burned with the love of God and he was renowned for his holiness as a parish priest. God, recognizing this love, did not allow St. John's heart to decay. We have the opportunity to venerate and pray to this saint as we gaze upon a physical reminder that he wants to take our prayers to God. A petition that we can pray for as we venerate this heart is for all parish priests since St. John is the patron of parish priests.

So, when you have an opportunity to venerate this relic, think about the priests you have known and those you do not know, especially those who are struggling to be good holy priests. Pray that all priests will be holy. Pray for more men to become priests and that those priests would come from your families. *Fr. Issac Haywiser, O.S.B.*

For more on relics refer to:

- http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c4a1.htm • <https://www.catholic.com/tract/relics>
- <http://catholicstraightanswers.com/what-are-relics/>
- <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/is-it-weird-that-catholics-venerate-relics-heres-why-we-do-72479>

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*"Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
before you were born
I SET YOU APART"
Jeremiah 1:5*

*Every life is a unique
and unrepeatable gift
of God. Protect it!*

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

February 7, 2019, 7-8:30 PM, Neumann Room

The Second Commandment

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, anyone interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, visit our Religious Education website, www.cathedralre.org/. For additional questions contact Patty Smith at patty.smith@CathedralRE.org or at 267.250.0074 (text messages acceptable).

YOUNG ADULTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Join us for Bible Study on Feb. 8 & 22, 7-8PM in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103. Free parking.

Sign up to receive most up-to-date information on our events please e-mail youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com or search for our facebook page [youngadultscathedral](https://www.facebook.com/youngadultscathedral)

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Financial Support of the Cathedral Parish is the duty of our parishioners. Here at the Cathedral Parish we are greatly supported as well by our many visitors. The offertory collection for 1/21/2019 was \$5,628.5(1st), \$1,455 (2nd).

Thank you very much for your generous financial support to the Cathedral Parish.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:

Mary Remshard, Paige Bednarsky, Ted Johnston, Dolores Bearden, Michael Piotrowski, Beverly Martin, Evan C. Farrington, Darcel Burney, Sergia Hernandez, Marcia Clark, Fruma Ludwig, John Cantwell, Jr., Jeffrey Press, Daniel Kilpatrick, Carol Snipes, Eileen & Herbert Luscomb, Teresa Mirabelli, Megan Marie Douthwright, Janice Holshin, Rose Rippe, Russell Heim, Karen Spadaccini, Pearl Hammond, Sam O'Connor, Mary W., James Pinto, Joan Decker, George Gunning, April DeMatto, Laura Kerr, Cris Burbage, Robin Abate, Bryan Anderson, Glen Jackanis, Susan Silverstein, Joshua White, Susan Kirk, Doreen Quinn, John Zelez, Charlotte McLaughlin, Philip Costantini, David Shea, Christopher & Stephanie Tama, Marilyn Mullen, Carolyn Jacobs, Stephen Garramone, Kim Cantwell, Janet Campellone, Nancy Rice, Frank Byrne, Gerald Leo, Eileen Swartz, Dan Moyer, Rose Johnston, William Zawacki, Carla McCollum, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick. Please call the Parish Office with the name of anyone who is sick, to be included in our prayer list. Por favor llamar a la oficina parroquial para añadir a la lista los nombres de personas que estén enfermas.

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

- Feb 2** World Day of Consecrated Life Holy Hour, Chapel, 11:00 AM
Public Veneration of the Relic of St. John Vianney, Basilica, 2-5PM & 6:30-7PM
- Feb 3** Public Veneration of the Relic of St. John Vianney, Basilica, 7AM – 6:15 PM Relic Veneration, before and after Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM, 12:30 & 6:30 PM
Legion of Mary Meeting, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 12:30 PM
- Feb 5** Adult Faith Sharing, Neumann Room, 2-3:30 PM
- Feb 6** Morning Scripture Reflection for lawyers, Neumann Room, 8 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6PM
- Feb 7** Catholic Schoolhouse Meeting, Neumann Room, 8:30 AM (must register to attend)
Catechetical Session for Adults, Neumann Room, 7 PM
- Feb 8** Young Adult Bible Study, APC, 7 PM

EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

Adoración Eucarística

En Reparación. Feb. 17, 2019, 5:30-6:30 PM, en la Basilica



¡HOY! La Reliquia del Corazón incorrupto de San Juan Maria Vianney, el Santo Cura de Ars esta de visita en nuestra Catedral

No te pierdas de esta maravillosa bendición. Venera esta reliquia con tu familia

Feb 2. Veneración publica de la reliquia, en la Basilica, 2-5PM y 6:30-7PM

Feb 3. Veneración publica de la reliquia, en la Basilica de 7AM – 6:15 PM antes y después de las Misas: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM, 12:30 & 6:30 PM

Los Servicios Sociales Católicos necesitan padres de crianza temporal a corto plazo para el Programa de Niños no Acompañados

Los servicios sociales católicos están reclutando a padres de crianza temporal para que puedan recibir en sus hogares a niños no acompañados de México y América Central. Estos niños preadolescentes han venido aquí y muchos han experimentado un trauma significativo. Lo que necesitan son personas o familias que estén dispuestas a brindar un ambiente de apoyo en hogares durante 2 a 3 meses, mientras que los niños asisten a un programa educativo y de asesoramiento diario ubicado en la escuela anterior St. Bernard en 7340 Jackson Street en el noreste de Filadelfia. Serian preferibles los hogares que se encuentren a una distancia aproximada de media hora de viaje al programa. Habilidad para hablar español sería útil pero no es obligatorio. Póngase en contacto con

Robert Montoro en rmontoro@chs-adphila.org o llame al 267-331-2443 para obtener más información.

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

EL DINERO

Comencemos por lo obvio: La Iglesia tiene que tener dinero y nuestra parroquia lo mismo. Sin dinero no hay ministerio. Nuestra parroquia necesita dinero para ayudar a quienes están sufriendo de cuerpo, mente y espíritu; necesita dinero para pagarle al clero y al personal; necesita dinero para educar a los jóvenes y para pagar los gastos diarios de operación, como electricidad, agua, gas y mantenimiento. Al igual que nuestros propios hogares, no puede funcionar sin una entrada financiera. ¿De dónde viene el dinero? No hay impresoras de dinero en la oficina del obispo ni vienen camiones blindados desde el Vaticano a entregar dinero cada semana. El dinero para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo por medio de la Iglesia viene, única y exclusivamente, de todos nosotros—los discípulos del Señor Jesucristo. El dinero de por si no es ni bueno ni malo; ni limpio ni sucio; sin embargo, la manera en que usamos el dinero o cómo permitimos que el dinero nos use determina la moralidad del mismo. Compartir desinteresadamente nuestros recursos, ya sean financieros o de otra clase, es una acción muy poderosa y liberadora, que nos hace mejores a nosotros y al mundo. Enciende el televisor cualquier día de la semana y te encontrarás con algún televangelista con éste o similar mensaje: “Haz una contribución financiera y Dios te bendecirá abundantemente”. El mensaje de la corresponsabilidad cristiana, basado en las Escrituras, es absolutamente lo opuesto. Dios es quien da primero—la vida, la salud, un techo, el alimento y mucho más. Nada de esto logramos por nuestros esfuerzos solamente, por eso devolver una porción de nuestros recursos financieros en el ofertorio de la parroquia es una manera de expresar nuestra verdadera gratitud por lo que ya hemos recibido. Si nunca has contribuido regularmente al ofertorio de la parroquia, comienza ahora. Si ya has hecho un compromiso pequeño, trata de ver si puedes aumentarlo un poco. Si Dios te ha bendecido con mucho, mucho debes devolver.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Dale a Dios de sobra—no de lo que te sobra.

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The Cathedral Parish is hosting a trip to Oberammergau

May 29 through June 6, 2020

Father Kenneth Brabazon and Father David Friel are the spiritual directors. Details to come.

There will be an information session for the trip on 2/27/19 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17th St. Philadelphia



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Cathedral Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or who are already baptized Christians and would like to become Catholic, or who are already baptized Catholics and would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions. Please contact the Parish Office for more info.



HOSPICE SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Please remember to bring your food donations for **St. John's Hospice**.

Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued generosity,
God bless you.

GIVE TO GROW

Together

What is Faith? - "I Believe"

"Faith is man's response to God's initiative."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 26

In this short statement by the Catechism, we find a profound truth about the gift of faith. This truth was echoed by Pope Benedict when he said, "The heart indicates that the first act by which one comes to faith is God's gift and the action of grace..." (*Porta Fidei* 10). What we find expressed here is that faith - our ability to say 'I believe' - comes about in our hearts only as a *response* to something that God does *first*. The words we speak, "I believe", do not come about in a vacuum, or as a result of our own initiative. Rather, our words "I believe" are the result of God's having first initiated an offer of love to us. This truth that *faith is a response to God's initiative* can be likened to the response of a woman who hears the man she loves ask her to be his bride. The man initiates the gift of love by asking her to be his wife. Her words "Yes" are a *response* to the initiative of the man who loves her. The gift of faith is much like this loving dialogue that takes place between a woman and a man in love. Faith has this *spousal* quality to it. God is the Bridegroom who reveals himself to man and the human race is the Bride who responds to this gesture by saying "Yes, I believe."

In this spousal dialogue between God and man, it is God who acts *first*. It is God, whose desire to be known is even greater than our desire to know him, who makes himself known. He does this, not in a purely abstract way, but rather in a real context in history. The whole of salvation history from Genesis onward is the story of God enacting his desire to make himself known to us. Salvation history tells us that God first revealed himself to the People of Israel and then definitively in the coming of the Son of God in the flesh. In Christ, we find God's act of total and complete self-disclosure to us. God reveals who he is *in fullness* when he takes on human flesh, suffers and dies for us, and rises from the dead in glory. What we understand from this is that man is not left alone in his search for God. God desires to be found, known and loved. It is for this reason that he initiated a covenant with us and established the Church so that he may be approached. This initiation of self-revelation on the part of God is at the heart of the Christian mystery. The Church has pondered in awe for 2000 years the wonder of God's desire to be known by man and his act of self-revelation in the person of Jesus Christ.

Faith, then, is our response to this initiation on the part of God. It is he who says, "This is who I am" and we respond by saying "I believe." We should keep this mystery of love very close to our hearts every time we pray the Creed. Each time we stand at Mass and say "I believe...", let us be aware that these words are proceeding from our lips as part of a loving dialogue between God and us. Our words are a response to a profound gesture on the part of God to make himself known to us. We are not speaking these words in a void. We speak them because we have first been loved and as a response we say with all our being, "I believe."

Meghan Cokeley, Office for the New Evangelization,
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Retrouvaille for Stressed or Troubled Marriages

Friday-Sunday, February 8-10, 2019

A healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope that it is not too late for a different and better marriage.

Location: Malvern Retreat House, McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center, 315 S. Warren Avenue Malvern, PA 19355
More information: Visit helpourmarriage.org

"Adventures of a Vatican Astronomer" Lecture

Monday, February 11, 2019, 5:30-7:00 PM

Join us for an evening with Br. Guy Consolmagno, head of the Vatican Observatory. Br. Guy is both a Jesuit brother and a planetary scientist at the Vatican Observatory, splitting his time between the meteorite collection in Rome and the Vatican telescope in Arizona.

Speaker: Br. Guy Consolmagno, head of the Vatican Observatory. Location: Bodeck Lounge, Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania. More information: Admission is free, but seating is limited, so please register in advance online at eventbrite.com/e/adventures-of-a-vatican-astronomer-tickets-54670504952



PREPARE FOR LENT EVENT: FIVE KEYS TO FREEDOM

Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 7-9 PM

Speaker: Meghan Cokeley,

Cathedral Parishioner and Director, Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Chapel Hall, below the Chapel.

Light refreshments offered by Parishioners Mark & Terry Zubert. (See bulletin insert for details)

Please RSVP here: cathedralphila.org/freedom
or by calling the Parish Office at 215-561-1313

Talk: Katharine Drexel

"An Ordinary Individual Before a Saint"

The Solemnity of St. Katharine Drexel

Sunday, March 3, 2019, 2:30 PM-4:30 PM

Presenter: Ms. Melissa Foo

"Her passionate love of God and God's love of her opened the eyes of her heart wide to see the face of God in all, but very especially in the poor among the Black and Native American peoples. She was God's instrument for evangelization and justice." Sr. Consuela Marie Duffy, S.B.S.

This is an opportunity to grow spiritually, to learn how to be witnesses of our faith, and encourage one another in growing towards sainthood. All are welcome to come.

Location: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Room 1307.

Light refreshments provided by the Legion of Mary of the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul

Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

THE "M" WORD

Let's begin with the obvious: The Church has to have money, and our parish has to have money. No money, no ministry. Our parish needs money to help those who are hurting in body, mind, and spirit; it needs money to pay clergy and staff; it needs money to educate the young and to pay the bills for everyday services, such as electricity, water, gas, and maintenance. Just like our own homes, it cannot operate without it. Where does the money come from? There are no presses printing money in the bishop's office; there are no weekly armored-truck deliveries from the Vatican. The money to do Christ's work through the Church comes solely from all of us—disciples of the same Lord Jesus Christ. Money in itself is neither good nor bad, neither clean nor dirty. Yet how we use money, or how we let money use us, determines its morality. Selfless sharing of our financial and other resources is a powerful, liberating activity that makes us and the world a better place. Turn on the TV any day of the week and you can find a televangelist with the message, "Give a financial contribution, and God will then shower blessings on you." The message of stewardship, based on the scriptures, is the absolute opposite. God gives first—life, health, a roof over our heads, food to eat, and much more. We do not achieve these by our efforts alone, so returning a portion of our financial resources in the parish offertory is a way to express our real gratitude for what we have already received. If you have never made a regular contribution to the parish offertory, begin now. If you have made a small commitment before, see if you can increase it a little. If God has blessed you greatly, give greatly in return.

Living Stewardship Now

Give to God what's right—not what's left.

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Tours of the Cathedral Basilica

A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass**. Please gather in front of the Side Altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the Main Sanctuary.