



Ordinary Time

February 8, 2015 ♦ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ helps us find wholeness no matter what we suffer—
and in him we find our peace and our joy.



Monday
FEBRUARY 9
Weekday
Gn 1:1–19
Mk 6:53–56

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 10
*St. Scholastica,
Virgin*
Gn 1:20—2:4a
Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 11
Weekday
Gn 2:4b–9,
15–17
Mk 7:14–23

Thursday
FEBRUARY 12
Weekday
Gn 2:18–25
Mk 7:24–30

Friday
FEBRUARY 13
Weekday
Gn 3:1–8
Mk 7:31–37

Saturday
FEBRUARY 14
*Sts. Cyril, Monk,
and Methodius,
Bishop*
Gn 3:9–24
Mk 8:1–10

Sunday
FEBRUARY 15
*Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Lv 13:1–2, 44–46
1 Cor 10:31—11:1
Mk 1:40–45

Illness, depression, and misfortune can make us feel alone and afraid. We wonder whether anyone can understand what we're going through or help us.

The first five chapters of Mark's Gospel give us several healing stories in which Jesus, by touch or word, restores individuals to wholeness. He casts out demons, as we heard last week. He cures the sick, like Simon's mother-in-law. The stories confirm what our faith tells us—that God's healing power is for all people and that Good News lifts us and gives us joy.

But for those touched by the loneliness of infirmity of mind, body, or spirit, the stories alone might not be enough. Instead, the fervent prayer of the psalmist might be our grace: "The LORD...[heals] the broken-hearted" (Psalm 147:2–3). Or, our peace

might rest in the simple knowledge of two often overlooked lines in the Gospel: "They brought him many who were possessed by demons" (Mark 8:16) and "The whole town was gathered at the door" (Mark 1:33).

Simply put, everyone came, and no one was alone. No matter *what* our condition, we are not alone. Christ is there in our pain and suffering to give us the grace to endure. We're not always cured by human standards, but Christ helps us find wholeness no matter what we suffer—and in him we find our peace and our joy.

Isaiah told us that the name given to the Messiah was *Emmanuel*, which means "God with us."

In Christ, we see the evidence that God's promise has come true.

Today's Readings

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

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5th Sunday In Ordinary Time



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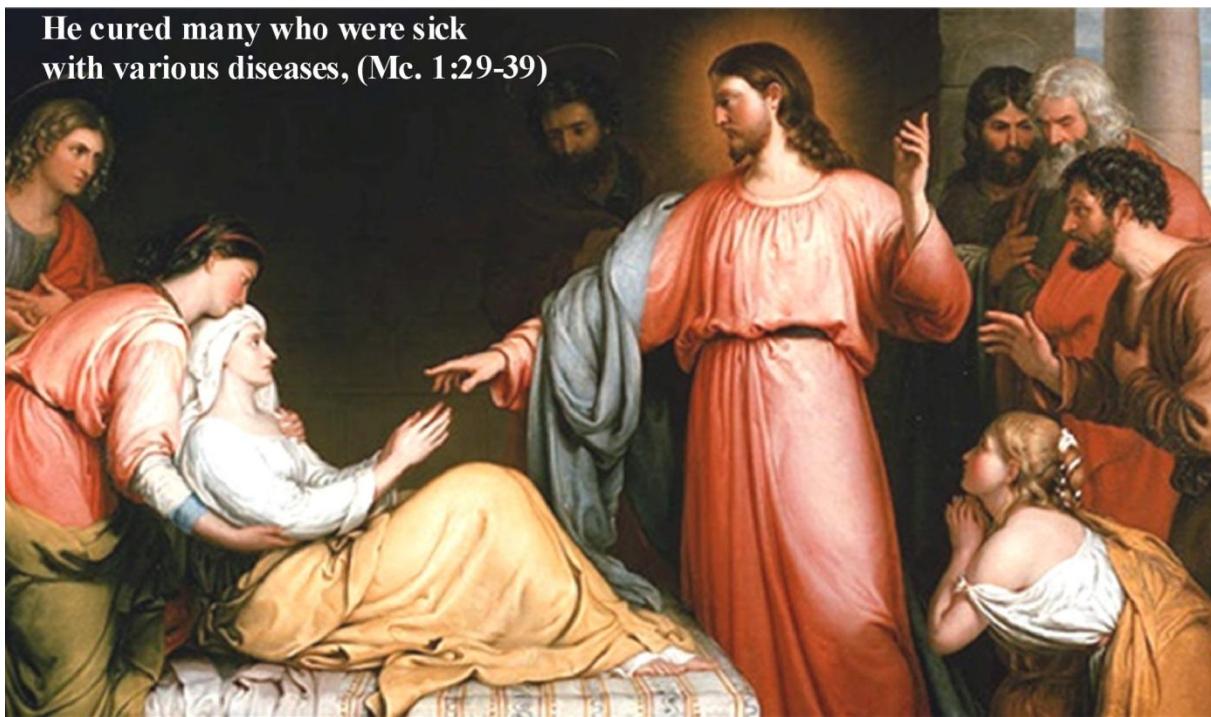
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**He cured many who were sick
with various diseases, (Mc. 1:29-39)**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m
**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 4:00 pm Our Parish Family
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am +Kathy Grabowski
Tues 8:00 am +Vera Fernald
Wed 6:00 pm +Fr Pete (spec int)
Thu 9:00am +Fr Pete (spec int)
Fri 8:00 am +Fr Pete (spec int)

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Gospel today is from Mark and describes the visit of Jesus to the ailing mother-in-law of Peter. In his love for detail the evangelist tells us that Jesus walks into the room, takes her by the hand, and helps her out of bed. She was restored to health and immediately went about her "ministry" of serving the guests. Towards the end of this account Mark relates how, in his casting out of the demons, Jesus ordered them to remain silent because they knew who he was. The point is being made that a lot of preparation had to be done by Jesus before the people would be capable of accepting the reality of the Kingdom being inaugurated through his preaching and teaching.

In fact Jesus would go about demonstrating the great love and compassion of his Father for humanity even though human beings themselves refused to have much faith in his mission. When the people would begin to see that Jesus, the Son of God, was willing to do whatever needed to be done to ease human suffering and lift humanity from its unredeemed condition, then they might be ready to listen to the Gospel and recognize the most divine act of all: the Crucifixion. In effect, the evangelist is reminding us, the listeners, that we will not be able to fully embrace the gift of salvation in Christ unless we walk the way of the Cross with him.

The central point of the stories about healing in the Gospel is not primarily of demonstrating divine power but of revealing how Jesus entered completely into our human condition and reached out to other human beings to ease their sufferings. The invitation is also made to us as disciples to learn to do the same for our brothers and sisters in need. The Gospel of Mark reminds us that people need preparation in order to understand this "good news" of salvation in Jesus. The Lord

continues to proclaim that he is the Messiah and Savior and he asks his Church to prepare the way for his Gospel. No one will believe that their lives are truly touched and shaped by a gracious and loving God if we, the followers of Jesus, do not give them the opportunity to experience that reality through our ministry of service and care. Pope Francis reminds us that we convert people to the Lord, not by proselytizing, but **by attraction**, namely through the witness of our lives.

Lenten Season is coming soon, it's not too early to begin to think about Lent. If we wait until the last minute to think about it, we run a big risk of doing nothing, and ruining the whole experience. For this reason, I hope that along with me you'll give some "advance thought" to that upcoming, classically Catholic penitential season. The "first" Lenten practice is attendance at Mass on **Ash Wednesday: 8am & 7pm**. We all know that we can do better in living out our faith, and the beginning of Lent is the best opportunity we're likely to have all year to "turn things around" in our lives.

May God pour out His blessings upon you!

...Fr. Khoa

Lenten Fish Fry: We will have a meeting **this Sunday February 08** after 9am mass to discuss the Lenten Fish Fry. I invite all ministries: Altar Society, Youth, Knights of Columbus, Men & Women Club, other ministries, and volunteers to come and discuss. Thank you very much.

Catfish Festival 2015: The date for the upcoming festival will be May 28th-31st. Please help this festival by donating food and supplies. See the attachment for more information. **Robbie and Monica Robinson** are Festival Chairpersons Thank you very much.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Feb 07 4:00pm	Dr Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta, Lenell King, Doris Snowden	Katelyn Casey McKenna	Doug Ladner Ira Necaize	Patricia Lizana
Feb 08 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Feb 08 9am	Katelyn Moran	Dale Babin , Carolyn Brewer, Kim Wood	Carson Kaison McGill	Robert David	Jason & Lisa Necaize Family
Sat Feb 14 4:00pm	Richard Dunlap	Mike West, Ellen West, Kay VanPelt	Boots Moran Katie Ladner	Doug Ladner Kermit	Helen O'Neal & Gloria Armand
Feb 15 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Feb 15 9am	Chantel Crabtree	Marlow Ladner Helena, Derek Trosclair	Lilly Conner	Robert Pat Leimer	David Crabtree Family

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:** **76**Identifiable:
\$2,033.00; Loose: **\$2,239.00**; Total: **\$4,272.00**;
 Children: **\$21.00**, Saltillo Mission: **\$12.00**
 Building Fund: **\$237.23**

OUR LADY OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:
 Identifiable: **\$305.00**; Loose: **\$130.00** Total:
\$435.00.

Amount needed weekly **\$2,908.84
Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES

The Word Among Us Lent Reflections is available at the Church entrance. The reflections begin with Ash Wednesday and carry through the Lenten season. Pick up your copy today.

Friday Stations of the Cross: Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations begin at 6:00p.m. at both Holy Spirit and Christ the King and end with Benediction.

Altar Society: Meet on second Sundays. Please contact **Lenell King**.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:
 Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Annette Moran, Darlene Billingsley, Janet Thompson, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, and Julia Perronne.

Parish Council: meet on 3rd Saturday.

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Congratulation to our Newly Baptized last Saturday: Marleigh Smith.

GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN OBSERVANCE:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.

Abstinence binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence during Lent, the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not allowed. The Church strongly encourages the observance of Friday abstinence throughout the year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful. Lent is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, recite the Rosary, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.