

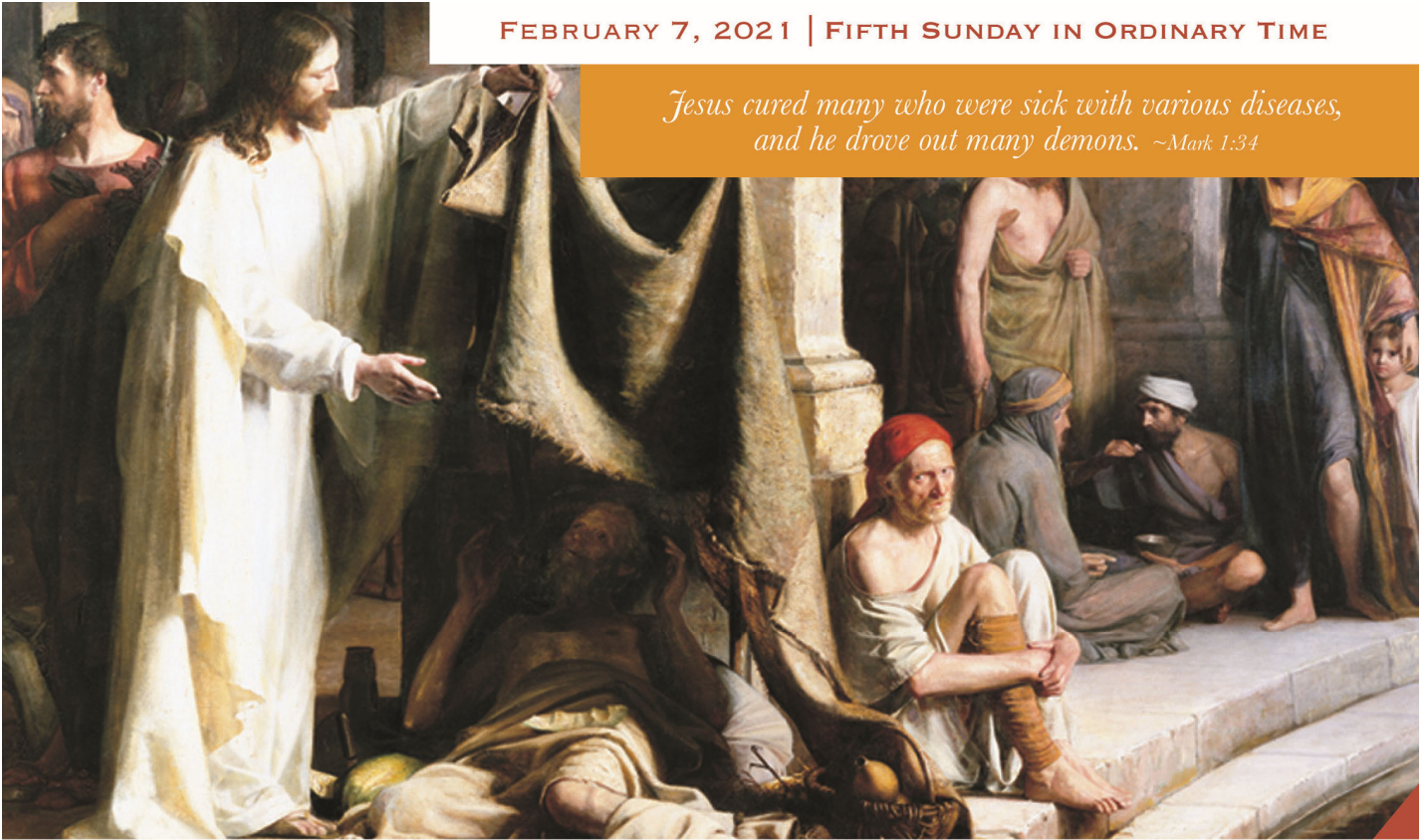
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FEBRUARY 7, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases,
and he drove out many demons. ~Mark 1:34*



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Feb. 7 9:30 am Jim Vranesh †
Feb. 8 9:00 am Johanna Pauplis †
Feb. 9 9:00 am Phyllis Pauplis †
Feb. 10 9:00 am Leonard Pauplis †
Feb. 11 9:00 am Fr. Paulson , Birthday blessings
Feb. 12 9:00 am Margie Mammola, Birthday
Feb. 14 9:30 am Karen Kurpinsky †

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CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Feb. 8 9 am Orlando Villanueva †
Feb. 9 9 am Valerie Jones †
Feb. 10 9 am Earl Jacobs †
Feb. 11 9 am Mary Lou Zabala †
Fr. Paulson, Birthday blessings
Feb. 12 9 am Cecilia Quyen †

Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14

Frenita Agbani †
Vic Remorini †
Maria Quichocho †
CTK & SS Parishioners
Vicente Banaag †
Hildegard Menzhuber †
Rose Saycon Sini-ning †

Dear Friends,

The 40 days of Lent will begin on February 17 and end on April 3, 2021. Lent is a replication of Jesus Christ's sacrifice and departure into the desert for 40 days. Just like everything we have done in this pandemic, Lent assumes its own challenges this year.



Following guidelines released by the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, we will follow precautions for Ash Wednesday that include sprinkling ashes over the head of each person who comes forward, rather than the priest, deacon or lay minister making a cross on each forehead. According to Catholic News Service, sprinkling ashes on the top of people's heads, rather than marking foreheads with ashes, is the customary practice at the Vatican and in Italy. Given the spread of the coronavirus, the practice has the advantage of not requiring the priest or the minister to touch multiple people.

At the beginning of the distribution of ashes, the priest will address those present and recite once one of the formulas – “Repent, and believe in the Gospel” or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” After that ashes will be distributed for those who would like to receive them, and if you choose not to, that is perfectly fine, since ashes are just a symbol of something more profound. If you come as a family or a couple, we can provide you with ashes in a tiny bag. A parent can administer ashes to your own family, and a couple can administer ashes to each other.

Many of us focus so much on what we give up – a practice not made mandatory by the Church – that we neglect the three pillars of Lent; prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I invite you to focus on these three during the Lenten season, to help us grow in our faith during our 40-day journey to Easter. Pope Francis urged Catholics to use the season of Lent to spend less time immersed in the chatter and noise of the world through television and their phones, and to spend more time in silence and in conversation with God. Pope Francis posed a question: What if we checked the Bible like we checked our cellphones?

The entire schedule for Lent will be given. As of now, I do not know how we are going to celebrate the Holy Week, and so we shall deal with it as we approach the sacred time. With regard to First Reconciliation and First Communion, we will wait until such time, when we can be together again. On Thursdays during Lent, we will have mass in the evening at 6.00pm followed by Lenten talks from 6.30pm to 7.00pm, which will also be livestreamed. In addition to this, Deacon John will offer special sessions on zoom. Stay tuned.

CATHOLIC WOMEN PREACH: I would like to introduce you to a new digital resource for members of CTK and St. Stephen. Catholic Women Preach (CWP) is a deeply faithful, hopeful and joyful initiative intended to build up the church and to further enlighten its members to the beauty of the Scriptures. It is designed to encourage Catholics with weekly messages of hope that renew faith, strengthen us and encourage active engagement in the life of the Church for our work in the world. Catholic Women Preach presents both video and text of qualified and theologically informed women. It can be accessed at <https://www.catholicwomenpreach.org> on podcasts and on Facebook.

Fr. Paulson

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2021

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

The Book of Job is a long parable which grapples with why bad things happen to good people. This question was especially crucial to people of that time because they didn't believe in life after death, and therefore one received reward or punishment in this life. Job has lost his children, his property and his health, and he lives at the city dump. In this passage, he gives an understandably pessimistic evaluation of life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul's enemies frequently criticized him for the least little thing. At a time when most teachers received compensation from those they instructed, Paul was criticized because he refused financial support from the community. Because of this, they discredited him as not being a legitimate apostle. Today we hear his response.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CTK: Monday - Saturday:

9 am Mass ~ Live streamed from our chapel on facebook/YouTube

6 pm Thursday Mass includes devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Christ The King Weekends

Saturdays ~ 3 pm - 3:30 pm Private Confessions are available. Please meet in front of the church.

Saturdays ~ 4 pm Vigil Mass Drive-In/Lawn (note time change)

Sundays ~ 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am and 4 pm drive-in/lawn mass

12:00 noon Spanish drive-in/lawn mass

Note: While communion will be available at all the Outdoor Masses, we will also offer Drive through Communion from 11:30 am - 12 pm Sundays in front of the church.

Saint Stephen Weekends

Sunday Mass ~ 9:30 am Outdoor Mass

Communion only - please arrive at the end of mass, approximately 10:10 am.

St. Stephen Corner

Masses at St. Stephen are now being **live-streamed** on the St. Stephen Facebook page. If you are unable to attend with us in person, please join us through Facebook. A link is on our web site: saintstephenparish.org.

This Saturday, Feb. 6 is our first monthly "**First Saturday**" Mass at **4:00 pm** at St. Stephen. 9:30 am Sunday Mass continues as usual.

Join us for Ash Wednesday with Mass at 9:30 am.

Also starting on Ash Wednesday, we will have outdoor Stations of the Cross available for your private reflection. More details to come.

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 Schedule

9 am outdoor mass and live streamed

12:00 pm bilingual outdoor mass

4:00 pm outdoor prayer service

6:00 pm outdoor mass

(see ash distribution explanation in Fr. Paulson's letter).

St. Stephen Church Mass at 9:30 am



Getting Ready for Easter?

As Lent approaches, we commonly think, "What can I give up this year?" Perhaps we might ask, "How can I prepare to celebrate the triumph of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter?"

Most of us prepared for Confession and Communion as second graders. Between then and now we've had ample time to forget the graces and blessings of these sacraments of healing and spiritual nourishment. CTK & St. Stephen's Adult Education team would like to help revive your memories and provide a spiritual renewal with two short courses on these sacramental "Encounters with God."

Starting the week of February 21, and concluding Tuesday

March 30, we are offering a 3-week course on Reconciliation, followed by a 3-week course on the Eucharist, via Zoom. Each class includes a powerful video, followed by group discussion. Study Guides for each course are available for a donation of \$6.00 (\$12.00 for both Guides), or you can print the Study Guides at formed.org.

To accommodate your busy schedule, each course will be offered twice weekly, via Zoom, once on Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM and again on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM. The final sessions on Eucharist will be on Tuesday, March 30 at 10:00 AM and again at 7:00 PM. (No class Holy Thursday.)

Please use the Sign Up Genius on our website to sign up.
Ctkph.org

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