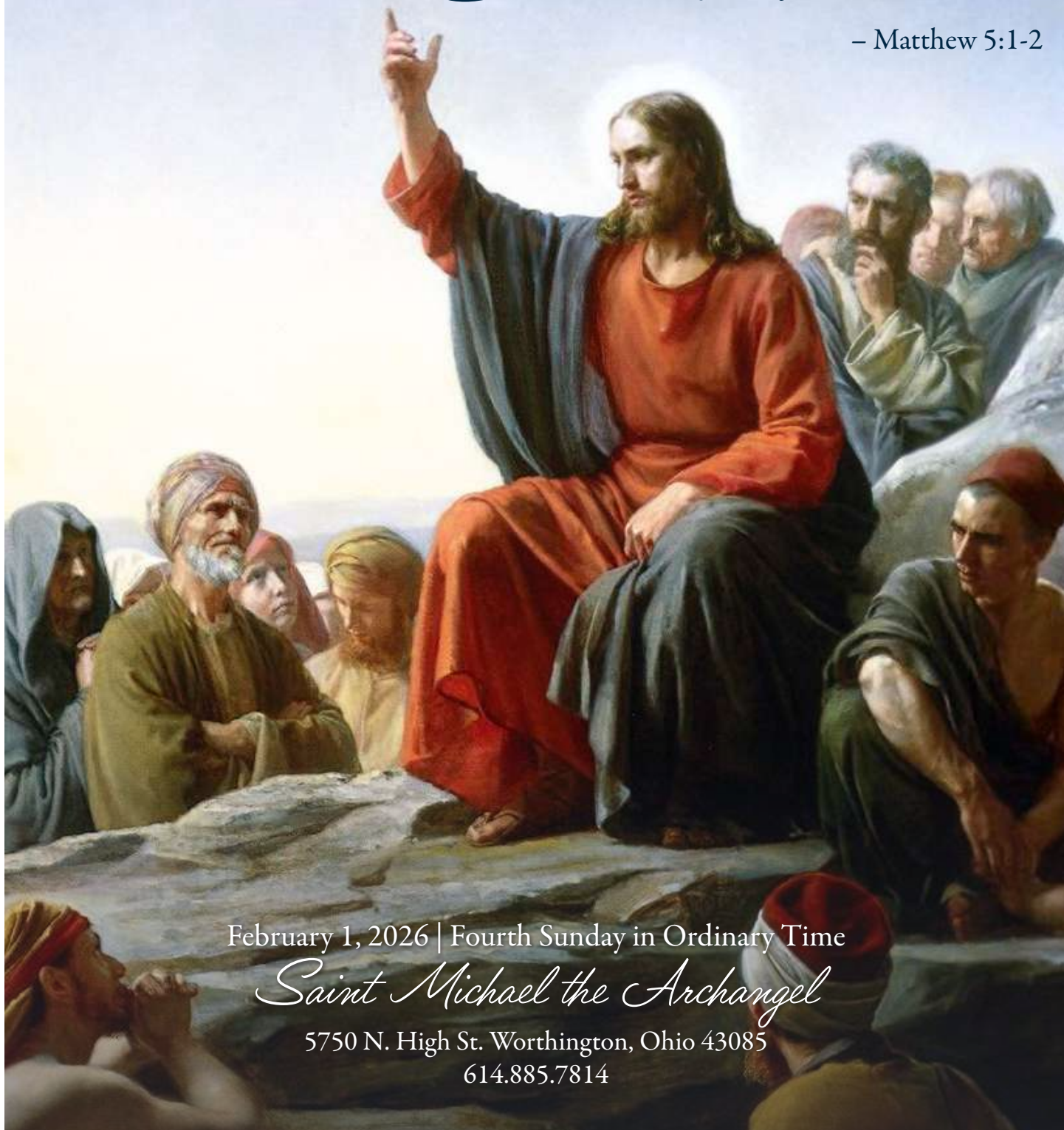


When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are..."

– Matthew 5:1-2



February 1, 2026 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Michael the Archangel

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 31

8:15 a.m. +Lois Roycroft
 4:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

Sunday, February 1

8:30 a.m. +Rosemarie Doersam (Luft Family)
 10:30 a.m. S.I. Joshua Adams (Jim & Kris Adams)
 12:30 p.m. +Tom Kalinoski (Kalinoski Family)
 5:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

Monday, February 2

6:30 a.m. +Dolores DiSabato (DiSabato Family)
 8:15 a.m. +Fr. Theodore Blair (Joe Fiala)
 6:00 p.m. +Mireya Rayo (Maria Trejos)

Tuesday, February 3

6:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory (Central Ohio Purgatorial Society)
 8:15 a.m. +Stella Connolly

Wednesday, February 4

6:30 a.m. +Patricia Connolly
 8:15 a.m. +Marshall & Jacquelyn Fields
 6:00 p.m. Souls of Orphans & Unborn Children (Uyen Le Zupan)

Thursday, February 5

6:30 a.m. +Mary Romo
 8:15 a.m. +Joseph & Rosemarie Doersam (Luft Family)

Friday, February 6

6:30 a.m. +Elizabeth Aman (Aman Family)
 8:15 a.m. +Michael Hammontree

Saturday, February 7

8:15 a.m. +Marian Ravine
 4:00 p.m. +Thomas A. Willke (Kathy McKinniss)

Sunday, February 8

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
 10:30 a.m. +Josephine & Carolyn Schmitt (Rechnitzer Family)
 12:30 p.m. +Leo Zupan IV (Zupan Family)
 5:00 p.m. +Weston Sherrer (Mr. & Mrs. J. Ryan)

MARRIAGE BANNS

Congratulations to these couples celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Michael Church

Nicholas Gess and Abigail Ross
 on February 7th, 2026

and

Carson Peck and Anna Wenzinger
 on February 13th, 2026



PARISH CALENDAR: FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, February 1	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) Friendship Sunday after Morning Masses (MH) 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (G)
Monday, February 2	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:00 p.m. Confraternity of Christian Mothers (LMR) 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (UMR) 6:00 p.m. Presentation of the Lord Mass 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 7:00 p.m. Bible Timeline Study (MH)
Tuesday, February 3	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
Wednesday, February 4	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour & Confessions 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
Thursday, February 5	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Mtg (U) 6:30 p.m. Knights of the Altar (UMR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
Friday, February 6	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:30 a.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR) 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus (MH)
Saturday, February 7	6:45 a.m. Men's F&F (UMR) 7:00 a.m. WFF Pietra (LMR) 8:00 a.m. Boy Scouts Leadership Training (UMR-LMR-U) 8:50 a.m. PSR (A) 1:00 p.m. Wedding (C) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C) 4:00 p.m. KOC Hoagie Dist. (MH) 6:30 p.m. Trivia Night (G)
SUNDAY, February 8	9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. PSR (A) 9:00 a.m. KOC Hoagie Dist. (MH) 11:30 a.m. St. Gerard Blessing (C) 2:00 p.m. Baptism Class (UMR) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry (G) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (G)

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance, please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/.
 (U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel, (A) = Atrium

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP JANUARY 25, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 5,856.00
Online Giving	\$ 8,121.86
Total:	\$ 13,977.86

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

This Monday is February 2nd, and as such, it is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is the day we recall and commemorate the moment when Our Lady and St. Joseph took the Infant Jesus to the Temple to "present" Him. The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple was effectively the return of the Divine Presence to the place of worship and sacrifice. Given the symbolism of this event, the Church has used the imagery of light breaking the darkness like a candle being lit and providing light to those before it.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord has traditionally involved the Blessing of Candles, because of the imagery of the Light returning to the Temple and thus, became known as Candlemas.

Here at St. Michael, we will have an additional Mass in celebration of Candlemas at 6:00 p.m. Before the 6:00 p.m. Mass, there will be a Solemn Blessing of Candles; the faithful are invited to bring candles from home for the Blessing. Please bring them in such a way that you can easily identify them as your own after Mass. Following this Mass, there will be a Blessing of all Images of the Infant Jesus; you are invited to bring yours from your home Nativity set for the Blessing.

In addition to the Blessing of Candles before the Mass and Images of the Divine Infant after the Mass, there will also be the Solemn Reception of those women who desire entrance into the Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

Once this Feast Day is concluded, the remaining elements of our Christmas decorations will be taken down and removed from the church.

In Jesus our Lord,

Fr. Stash Dailey



Presentation of Jesus at the Temple (Fra Angelico; c.1440-1442)

LENTEN STATION CHURCHES

During the Holy Season of Lent, the Diocese of Columbus hosts a special practice called “Station Churches” during a campaign of 40 Days of Prayer throughout the season of Lent. This practice originated in the second century and was lived by Christians in Rome, Milan, and Jerusalem. Only in Rome has this practice continued down through the centuries. There is a special church designated for each day and, as such, became the “Statio” for the Christians to pray the Sacred Liturgy with the Bishop of the City. The term *Statio* recalls a soldier’s station while on duty, thus calling the Christians to be aware of their military-like campaign to remain faithful to the Lord during the journey of life. They would gather at one church and after praying would then process to the Statio or “Station Church” of the Day and pray the Holy Mass with the bishop.

THE TRADITION OF THE ROMAN STATIONS CHURCHES CHURCH LITURGY

History

Our modern observance of the stationary liturgy traces its roots back to the practice of the Bishop of Rome celebrating the liturgies of the Church year at various churches throughout the city, a tradition dating back as far as the late second or early third century. One reason for this was practical: With the Church in Rome being composed of diverse groups from many cultures, regular visits by the bishop served to unify the various groups into a more cohesive whole. Another reason, particularly following the legalization of Christianity in A.D. 313 which permitted public worship, was to commemorate certain feast days at churches with a special link to that celebration. Therefore, Good Friday came to be celebrated at the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem and Christmas at St. Mary Major, where a relic of the manger was venerated. In time, the original churches in the city, known as *tituli* (sing. *titulus*) because they often bore the name of the donor, took on an additional significance as the places that held the relics of the martyrs and the memory of the early history of the Church in this city.¹

As time passed, the schedule of these visits, which had earlier followed an informal order, took on a more formalized structure. By the last half of the fifth century, a fairly fixed calendar was developed, having the order of the places at which the pope would say Mass with the church community on certain days throughout the year. In the weeks before the beginning of Lent, the three large basilicas outside the walls were visited, forming a ring of prayer around the city before the season of Lent began. During Lent, the various stations were originally organized so that the Masses were held in different areas of the city each day. During the Octave of Easter, the stations form a litany of the saints, beginning with St. Mary Major on Easter Sunday and continuing with St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Lawrence, The Apostles, and the martyrs.²

The liturgy of these Masses had several elements, many of which developed over time. According to the structure of the late first millennium, the people would gather in mid-afternoon with the pope at one church, known as the *collectum*. There, after some prayers, the group would move in procession to the *statio*, at which Mass would be said. The use of the term *statio* for this ending point has a connection with the practice of fasting on these days.

As most of us cannot make a pilgrimage to Rome and remain there for the entirety of Lent, we are blessed to live the practice here locally in our diocese. During the season of Lent – the 40 Days of Prayer – there will be certain churches designated for public prayer each day.

We will post here in the bulletin a list of the Station Churches in Rome and once the Station Churches in the Diocese have been determined, those will be listed as well.

We will host two presentations here at St. Michael exploring each of the Roman Stations Churches. These presentations will be given by Mr. William Heyer, a famed classical architect who resides here in Central Ohio. Mr. Heyer offered a presentation on the architecture of St. Michael church last fall.

Please see below for a more in-depth article on the history and practice of the Station Churches.

The Christians of this time made a comparison of their fasting and prayer during Lent with the guard duty of soldiers, seeing their actions as something to be approached with a similar seriousness of purpose. The term *statio* came to be applied to the Eucharistic celebrations that took place on fast days. Later, the term came to be used for all churches at which the major liturgical celebration in the city was to be held on a certain day.³ The order of the stations, originally organized in the fifth century, would undergo several changes over the following three centuries. The current order was essentially fixed by the time of The Council of Trent. Over the last several centuries, two of the original stations have been lost, although most older liturgical books still list their name as the station for their original day. The Church of St. Augustine has taken the place of St. Tryphon, an older church which once stood on a nearby site. The second lost church is that of St. Cyriacus, which originally stood near the Baths of Diocletian. Having fallen into ruin, its stationary day was transferred to Santa Maria in Via Lata, possibly because a monastery, also dedicated to St. Cyriacus, once stood behind this church. The other churches have not passed the centuries without their difficulties either: many have been destroyed and rebuilt; some fell into ruins, being saved only when on the verge of final collapse; all have been modified in various ways throughout the ages. Yet what remains through all the changes is the memory of those past Christians who worshiped at these places. While other cities, such as Jerusalem, Constantinople, and Milan once had similar stationary liturgies, Rome is the only city in which these continue in some regular form. Therefore, just like the writings of the Fathers of the Church and the art of the early Christian era, the stationary cycle comes down to us as a monument of the Early Church, a living connection to those days when the witness of the martyrs was still fresh and the echo of The Apostles’ voices could still be heard in the city’s streets.

¹ pp. 147–153

² pp. 153–158

³ pp. 143–144; 161–162



SAVE THE DATE

*St. Carlo Acutis Pericardium Relic
is coming to the Diocese of Columbus*

FEBRUARY 13-18, 2026

The relic will be at the following parishes:

Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Star of the New Evangelization, Columbus

St. Brendan, Hilliard

St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

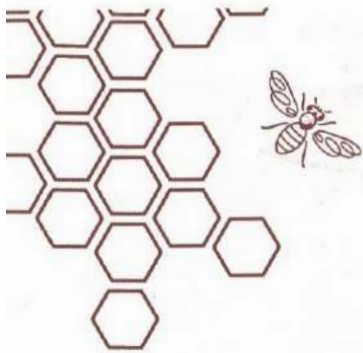
St. Michael, Worthington

St. Paul the Apostle, Westerville

St. Thomas More Newman Center/

Buckeye Catholic, The Ohio State University

More detailed information will be coming soon



THEOLOGY OF A CANDLE

Beeswax candles are used for mass for a very important reason—they symbolize Christ.



THE FLAME
represents Christ as the
Light of the World.

THE WICK
symbolizes Christ's
divinity which is hidden
by His humanity
(symbolized by the wax).

THE WAX
of the candle
symbolizes Christ's
humanity which
hides His divinity
(symbolized by
the wick).

As the candle burns,
it gets smaller and
smaller, in a sense,
it sacrifices itself,
symbolizing how
Christ sacrificed
Himself on the cross
of our salvation.

The wax itself is made
by female worker
bees who never mate
(virgins) and further
symbolizes Christ's
perfect purity.



Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the Rule of Saint Benedict (73:3)

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family + Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saint Blaise, faithful Bishop and Martyr, you showed compassion to the sick and courage in the face of persecution. Intercede for us, that we may grow in faith, serve others with love, and remain steadfast in our trust in God. Protect us from all illness, especially ailments of the throat, and help us use our voices to glorify the Lord. Amen.

+INTERCESSORY PRAYER TO SAINT BLAISE

Monday, February 2 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, / for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: / a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -and you yourself a sword will pierce- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.

And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Meditation: Do you know the favor of the Lord? After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfills the Jewish right of purification after childbirth. Since she could not afford the customary offering of a lamb; she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all good parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favor is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. Do you know the joy of submission to God? And do you seek to pass on the faith and to help the young grow in wisdom and maturity?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be

presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the joy of a life fully surrendered to God with faith and trust?

Tuesday, February 3 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr**

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:15-20 Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Meditation: Ask yourself: "Lord, what are you saying to me in these scripture passages?" Need some inspiration? Think about this. Saint Mark the Evangelist is honored today. Each of the four gospel accounts gives us a portrait of Jesus, His mission and teaching. Each is different in style, length, and emphasis. But they all have a common thread and purpose -- the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the Apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' last words to His Apostles point to His saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of His saving death and His glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. God's love and gift of salvation is not just for a few, or for a single nation -- it is for the whole world, and for all who will accept it. The Gospel guides us, inspires us, enlightens us, challenges our way of thinking and our ways of life and invites us to share in the life of Christ. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel teachings -- the power to inspire us to conform our lives to Christ?

Prayer: Hear, O Lord, the supplications your people make under the patronage of the Martyr Saint Blaise, and grant that they may rejoice in peace in this present life and find help for life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task -- to be heralds of the good news and be living witnesses to the teachings of Jesus Christ in every place and at every time -- not just when may think it is "convenient." We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission worldwide. So let's think about this. Do I give adequate reflection on God's Word and how these timeless teachings have an application in my daily life? Am I a living witness to others the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection? If not, why not? What must I do to conform my life to Christ, and join in the mission of Christ and His Apostles?

Wednesday, February 4 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-6 Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Meditation: Jesus startled his familiar audience with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. The people of Nazareth took offense at Jesus and refused to listen to what he had to say. They despised his preaching because he was a mere workman, a carpenter, and a layman who had no formal training by a scholar or teacher. They also despised him because of his undistinguished family background. How familiarity can breed contempt. Jesus could do no mighty works in their midst because they were closed-minded and unbelieving towards him.

Prayer: Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The word "gospel" literally means "good news". Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to the afflicted who suffered from physical, mental, or spiritual oppression (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus came to set people free – not only from their physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities - but also from the worst affliction of all – the tyranny of slavery to sin, Satan, and the fear of losing one's life. God's power alone can save us from hopelessness, dejection, and emptiness of life. The gospel of salvation is "good news" for everyone who will receive it. Do you know the joy and freedom of the gospel?

Thursday, February 5 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:7-13 Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick –no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Meditation: Jesus gave his apostles both the power and the authority to speak and to act in his name. He commanded them to do the works which he did – to heal, to cast out evil spirits, and to speak the word of God – the Good News of the gospel which they received from Jesus. When Jesus spoke of power and authority he did something unheard of. He wedded power and authority with love and humility. The "world" and the "flesh" seek power for selfish gain. Jesus teaches us to use it for the good of our neighbor.

Prayer: May the Virgin Martyr Saint Agatha implore your compassion for us, O Lord, we pray, for she found favor with you by the courage of her martyrdom and the merit of her chastity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: This traveling light provision which Jesus shared with his Apostles has solid purpose. This "poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. He wills to work through and in each of us for his glory. The Lord entrusts each of us with his gifts and talents. Are you eager to place yourself at his service, to do whatever he asks you, and to live in witness his truth – *the only truth* – and saving power to whomever and whatever situation he sends you?

Friday, February 6 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary time Saint Paul Miki, Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29 King Herod heard about Jesus, for his fame had become widespread, and people were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead; that is why mighty powers are at work in him." Others were saying, "He is Elijah"; still others, "He is a prophet like any of the prophets." But when Herod learned of it, he said, "It is John whom I beheaded. He has been raised up."

Herod was the one who had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom he had married. John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Herodias harbored a grudge against him and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so. Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody. When he heard him speak he was very much perplexed, yet he liked to listen to him. Herodias had an opportunity one day when Herod, on his birthday, gave a banquet for his courtiers, his military officers, and the leading men of Galilee. His own daughter came in and performed a dance that delighted Herod and his guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask of me whatever you wish and I will grant it to you." He even swore many things to her, "I will grant you whatever you ask of me, even to half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her

mother, "What shall I ask for?" Her mother replied, "The head of John the Baptist." The girl hurried back to the king's presence and made her request, "I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist." The king was deeply distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests he did not wish to break his word to her. So he promptly dispatched an executioner with orders to bring back his head. He went off and beheaded him in the prison. He brought in the head on a platter and gave it to the girl. The girl in turn gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

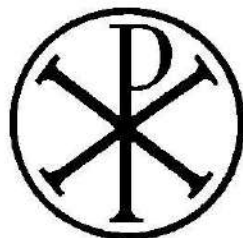
Meditation: What better way to shut someone up permanently than to have them beheaded? Why have John the Baptist silenced? For telling the truth! His was blunt, honest truth which Herodias did not want to hear about the sinful relationship she was living. Herodias, the daughter of Aristobulus and Bernice, was first married to her uncle, her father's half-brother, Philip (Mark 6:17). While living in Rome, they had a daughter named Salome. Herodias later left Philip and married Herod Antipas, Philip's brother, thereby making her the wife of two of her uncles. Herod Antipas was the tetrarch of Galilee during the life of Jesus. John the Baptist, a fearless and righteous servant of God, did not shy away from proclaiming the truth – in this case publicly condemning the incestuous and adulterous behavior of the ruler of the land. For this John was arrested, and at the instigation of Herodias was beheaded. The infamous "head of John the Baptist on a platter" was her idea out of revenge – revenge for John the Baptist telling the truth, instead of being politically correct and not saying anything about this sinful relationship.

Prayer: O God, strength of all the Saints, who through the Cross were pleased to call the Martyrs Saint Paul Miki and companions to life, grant, we pray, that by their intercession we may hold with courage even until death to the faith that we profess. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: How many times have we embraced the "politically correct" route in this world versus embracing the truths contained in sacred scripture? How many times have we let personal opinion ("here is what I think" or "here is how I see it") or personal feelings ("this is how I feel") trump any law of God, any teaching of Jesus Christ, or any teaching of the Catholic Church? In other words, am I just as guilty of turning away from the truth by turning a blind eye or a deaf ear to a situation in my own life or in the life of family members or friends – only so that I can be politically correct? Have I followed the route of Herodias and tried to have the truth silenced, just as she had John the Baptist silenced by having him beheaded? Or if not silenced, have I simply ignored the truth, or taken a sarcastic approach to the truth, or the convenient approach to the truth by thinking that I'm sophisticated and modern, and thus in my mind thinking that the truth has become "old fashioned" and out-of-step with modern times? The laws of God and the teachings of Christ do not have a shelf life. Always remember what Jesus tells us in John 14:6: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me..." and in John 14:15: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Folks, we need to embrace the truth with much more zeal and confidence. We cannot think that others apart from Christ have a solution to life's challenges or think that their way of living is acceptable when it is contrary to Christ. The truth is worth living, promoting and defending. We have one life, and we must turn away from the compromise of Christ's truths and instead embrace his teachings and let him be our shepherd and guide – not what's deemed popular or "okay to do" according to today's culture. Each compromise is a twisting of the truth so that it is no longer truth. So let's ask ourselves... Do I embrace, promote and defend the timeless truths of Jesus Christ? As a disciple of Christ, do I let Jesus Christ reign fully in my life? Do I let myself be challenged by the truths of Christ and, in doing so, change my present way of living to conform by mind and heart to that of Christ?

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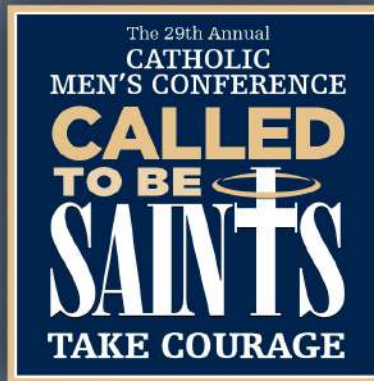


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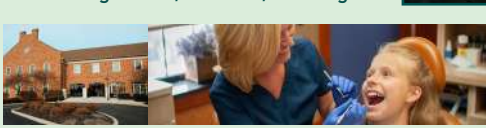
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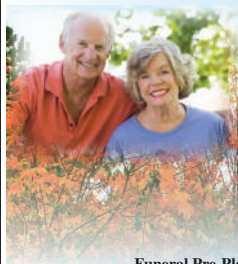
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