

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2010

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

MEMORIAL - ST. PAUL MIKI

(1Kings3.4-13, Mark6.30-34)

5:00 Margaret & Harry Mariasine by their family
Lorraine West & family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010

(Isaiah6.1-2a, 3-8, 1Cor15.1-11, Luke5.1-11)

10:30 Lorraine West & family
Brock F. Clarke by Dorothy Wickham

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010 - NO MASS

(1Kings8.1-7, 9-13, Mark6.53-56)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010

(1Kings8.22-23, 27-30, Mark 7.1-13)

5:00 Elizabeth Prévost & family (Estate)
Lorraine West & family (Estate)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010

MEMORIAL - ST. SCHOLASTICA

(1Kings10.1-10, Mark7.14-23)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010

(1Kings11.4-13, Mark7.24-30)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010

(1Kings11.29-32, 13.33-34, Mark8.1-10)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

(1Kings12.26-32, 33-34, Mark8.1-10)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

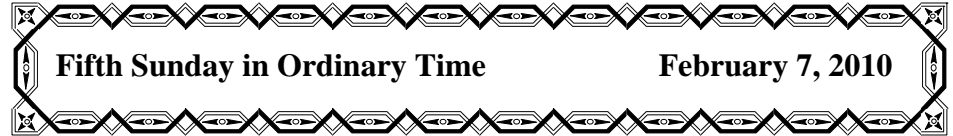
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010

(Jer17.5-8, 1Cor15.12, 16-20, Luke6.17, 20-26)

10:30 Lorraine West & family (Estate)
Ed & Kate Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

This Week at Ascension

- Monday: **Christian Meditation** at 7 p.m. in the East Sacristy for information call 931-5536.
- Wednesday: **Sunday Scripture Reflection** with Fr. Pat in the Parish Room of the Rectory at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.
- Thursday: **Choir Practice** at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.
- Saturday: **Diocesan World Day of the Sick** on Saturday, February 13th from 9 a.m. to noon in the Church



Next weekend we will hand out recipes and pans for a meal to be served at **Benedict Labre House on Sunday, February 21, 2010.**

If you would like to help, please see a volunteer at the back of the church after Mass next weekend. Donations to defray the cost of the extras for the meal will be most appreciated. For more information, contact Aletha Thompson at 514-482-5660.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Luke 5:1-11*)

Today's Gospel contains one of the best known stories in the New Testament. After preaching to the crowd on shore while drifting in shallow water in Peter's boat, Jesus tells Peter to throw his net overboard. Peter does as Jesus says but he doesn't expect to catch anything. To his surprise, the net fills with so many fish he needs help hauling it in. Peter and his friends then leave their boats and follow Jesus. Fishing and fishermen have played an important role in the history of Christianity. Some of the twelve apostles were fishermen (Matthew 4:18, Luke 5:6-9, and John 21:3). Although Peter and his partners immediately left everything and followed Jesus, we should not conclude this means they gave up fishing completely. On one occasion, Jesus tells Peter to cast a line into the sea. Peter then finds a coin in the mouth of the fish he catches and uses this coin to pay the Temple tax for himself and Jesus (Matthew 17:27). In another incident, the apostles are in the upper room when Peter announces he is going fishing. A few of the other apostles join him and, while they are in their boats, the resurrected Jesus appears to them (John 21:1-14). These passages suggest the apostles were active fishermen even while they were Jesus' disciples.

A fish also became an early symbol of Christianity because Greek was the most common language in the Roman empire and the letters of the Greek word for fish are i-c-h-t-h-u-s. These are the same letters that begin the Greek words for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior" (z'esous c/iristos flieou huios soter).

The early Christians hung an anchor, another fishing-related symbol, on the door of the houses where they gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. Because it resembled a cross, this secret symbol identified a place where the followers of Jesus could meet to pray and to hear the Word of the Lord.

For Reflection: Peter left his boat behind and followed Jesus because Jesus was even more important to him than his job. What are the three most important things in your life? Does anything come before Jesus?

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

Who should receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Everyone needs to make their own decision as to when to ask for this sacrament. Anyone who is in danger of death, as well as those who are seriously ill (anyone whose health is seriously impaired), someone who is going to have surgery or elderly persons (“if they have become weakened though no serious illness is present”) should ask to be anointed when the need arises. By no means is this an exhaustive list. Someone may be young in age or look “perfectly healthy” but suffer from some type of chronic illness that seriously impairs their health (alcoholism or other addictions, bulimia or anorexia, depression, cancer, heart disease or other ailments. There is no time limit or expiration to this anointing. As the *Apostolic Constitution on the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* states, “This sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after anointing and then falls ill, or if, in the course of the same illness, the danger becomes more serious.” One definitely should not wait for impending death to receive this sacrament. In fact, the Church encourages the celebration while the person is conscious and aware. This allows the sick person to realize that God’s healing love is to them not only in the person of the priest, but also in the love and presence of their family and friends as well as in the ministrations of the medical personnel who aid the sick person in their illness.

When this sacrament was revised in 1972, various options that had developed over time were consolidated so that the Sacrament of the anointing of the Sick would be uniform throughout the Catholic Church. The Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated three different ways: the ordinary rite of anointing a sick person which takes place either when a priest visits a sick person or during a regularly scheduled Mass or Prayer Service; the rite of Viaticum (word from Latin for necessities for the journey) which involves the the reception of Holy Communion by one who is dying or in danger of death; and the rite of the sacraments for those near death, which is a continuous rite of the sacraments of Penance, Anointing and Viaticum.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will take place at the weekend Masses of February 13th and 14th.

Parish Support

We encourage all parishioners to use the regular Sunday envelopes. These are mailed to parishioners four times a year. To obtain envelopes please call the parish office (932-3131) or fill in the form below and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Msgr. Harty & Fr. Donnelly after Mass.

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