

# Welcome to OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH



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(239) 560-6380

**Baptisms**—Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony\*

**Marriages**—Couples must see the Pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date\*

**Visits to the Sick**—Please call the Parish Office

**Religious Education**—Sundays, Sept.-May from 9:30 to 11 am. Pre-K through secondary grades

**RCIA**— (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Please contact the Pastor for more information

**New Parishioners**—Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

**Bereavement Support Group**—No meetings scheduled at this time

**\*Registered parishioners only**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

- ♦ **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
- ♦ **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
- ♦ **Sunday Masses**
- ♦ **September through May**  
8:30 am & 10:30 am
- ♦ **June through August**  
9:30 am
- ♦ **Spanish Mass**  
5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
- ♦ **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:30 pm  
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- ♦ **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass,  
Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
- ♦ **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass.  
Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
- ♦ **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
- ♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
- ♦ **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration

**FEBRUARY 4, 2018—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

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- Mon. Feb 5** +Fred Schoenbaechler  
8:30 am Requested by Carol & Gary Schmidt
- Tues. Feb 6** Jeannie McKenna  
8:30 am Requested by Helen & Mark Justice
- Weds. Feb 7** Members of the Parish  
8:30 am
- Thrs. Feb 8** +Lil Hone  
8:30 am Requested by Toni Anfinzen
- Fri. Feb 9** +Robert Francis Andre, Sr. (8 yrs)  
8:30 am Requested by Marian Andre & Family
- Sat. Feb 10** +Pat Auge  
4:30 pm Requested by Jack & Carol Johnson
- Sun. Feb 11** +Helen Rogers  
8:30 am Requested by The Preston Family  
10:30 am +Robert Krivacs  
Requested by Sylvia Margetak

## Weekly Collections

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**WEEKEND OF JANUARY 20-21, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE -453**

**OFFERTORY-\$7,420.00**

**SECOND COLLECTION-\$1,156.00**

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## This Week

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- Monday, Feb 5, 2018**
- **St. Agatha**
- Tuesday, Feb 6, 2018**
- **St. Paul Miki & Companions**
- Wednesday, Feb 7, 2018**
- **Choir Practice—5:15 pm**
- Thursday, Feb 8, 2018**
- **St. Jerome Emilani;**
  - **St. Josephine Bakhita**
- Friday, Feb 9, 2018—**
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- Saturday, Feb 10, 2018**
- **St. Scholastica**
- Sunday, Feb 11, 2018**
- **Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
  - **NO COFFEE SOCIAL**
  - **Religious Education**
- Monday, Feb 12, 2018**
- **Lincoln's Birthday**



St. Scholastica, Virgin

"Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil."  
-St. Agatha



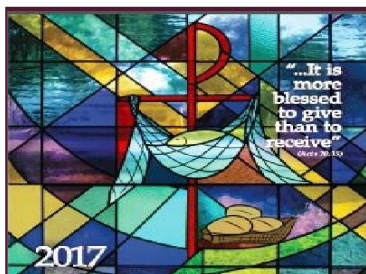
*The fresh cut flowers decorating our Altar this weekend were donated by Judy & Roger Werly in loving memory of Floyd Laskey*



Rose Adams, Tony Ambrose, Carmen & Nilsa Aponte, Joe Arcuri, Glenn Armani, Helen Armani, Babies Laya & Landon, Nora Baker, Barbara Basgall, Jacob Basilotto, Patricia Benson, Peter & Peggy

Bercik, Wally Bermingham, Angela Biondello, Ami Blachowiak, Patricia Blackwell, Rev. Jim Bok, OFM & Mary Gate of Heaven Parish, Negril; Katy Boylan, Peggy Brick, Dolores Brown, Betty Bulifant, Tom Cabot, Chuck Cabot, Patricia Clemens, Larry DiOrio, Don & Wanda Eck, Wendy Edwards, Aiden Foley, Connor Foley, Michael Fontaine, Justin Fiesta, Leo Hage, Sandy Harrison, Jan Hartman, Harry Haskins, Shawn Heeter, Pete & Alice Herber, Eddie Holloway, Sally Hooper, George & Betty Hoyt, Dave & Carol Humme, JoAnn Ippolito, Everette & Nancy James, Stephanie Jefferson, Diane Jezek, Stan Jock, Arlis Kelly, Jim Kirk, Ken & Ginny Kloiber, Kent Krabill, Zal Kutar, John Lambrecht, Ginny LeClaire, Vito Licari, Anne Lintner, Edward Lodema, Eric Marinelli, Catherine Mazzola, Patti McBride, Jim McCaffrey, Kennedy McCaffrey, Cindy McClure, Kenneth McCurdy, Patty McGlone, Rick McKenna, Jr., Gloria McKeown, Connor McKinnon, Veronica Moran, Gema Moreno, Wes Morris, Regina Mulherin, Rosario Munoz, Ruth Nayard, Elizabeth Nomorosa, Bernadette Nyka, Danny O'Herron, Jack O'Neill, Max & Mila Perez, Tyler Peryea, John Pitale, Shirley Porter, Joe & Catherine Porthouse, Greg Printy, Kristin Ramsey, Tina Reichenwallner, Elly Rode, Jimmy Rosso, John & Janet Rovaldi, Heather Sallstrom Sanchez, Malte Sallstrom, Clarence Schuetz, Paul Sepczynski, Donnie Sheetz, Ann Speitel, Colleen Sullivan, Pat Tweed, Pamela Vadas, Gus Ventimiglia, Melanie Voris, Robert Wallace, Ben Wesorick, Mary Wilcox, Norman Willebrandt, Glen-na Wolshlager





**OLMM 2017 CFA YEAR END**  
 Parish Goal \$85,000.00  
 Pledged \$90,144.76  
 Total Paid \$88,609.76  
**Balance Due \$ (6,609.76)**  
 a/o 01/18/18  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
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### †SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†

**Feb. 5-St. Agatha**—One of the most highly venerated virgins of the Catholic Church, St. Agatha was born of a rich and noble Sicilian family who dedicated her life to God in her early years. A high-ranking diplomat tried to force her to marry him by imprisoning her in a brothel and when that didn't work, tortured and thrown in prison where her wounds were miraculously healed.

**Feb. 6-St. Paul Miki & Companions**—The son of a Japanese military leader, St. Paul Miki was educated at a Jesuit college in Anziquiami. He joined the Jesuits and became known for his eloquent preaching. He was crucified along with 25 others during the persecution of Christians under Taiko Toyotomi Hideyoshi, ruler of Japan.

**Feb. 8-St. Jerome Emiliani**—An unreligious military commander for Venice, St. Jerome captured by the enemy. While chained in a dungeon, he let go of his worldly attachments and embraced God. After escaping, he dedicated himself to the poor and suffering around him, especially orphans.

**St. Josephine Bakhita**—Patron Saint of Sudan, St. Josephine had a happy childhood until she was kidnapped at 12 by Arab slave traders. She was bought, sold and given away over a dozen times over the next 12 years until she was placed in the custody of the Canossian Sisters in Venice where she learned of God. With their help she was eventually freed from slavery and became a novice. She dedicated her next 42 years to the convent, with her last words being "Our Lady, Our Lady."

**Feb. 10-St. Scholastica**—Consecrating her life to God early in life, St. Scholastica founded and governed a monastery of nuns in a Plombariola near her twin brother, St. Benedict, who established his famous monastery in Monte Cassino.



It's that time of year once again! We are now taking your donations for our annual Rummage Sale, which will be held on February 17-18, 2018. You may drop off your donations at the Parish Life Center, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you need assistance with large items, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a pick up. Please, **NO mattresses, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, printers or other electronic devices.** *Thank You!*

### Operational Income Report Fiscal Year-Ended June 30, 2017

|                                                         |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>REVENUE (excluding Diocesan Collections and CFA)</b> |                     |
| Weekly Collections                                      | \$ 276,069.59       |
| Other Revenue (Interest, Stole Fees, Rentals)           | \$ 28,120.32        |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                                    | <b>\$304,189.91</b> |

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>           |                     |
| Salaries                      | \$ 77,909.72        |
| Payroll Benefits / Taxes      | \$ 43,687.53        |
| Utilities                     | \$ 26,041.34        |
| Maintenance                   | \$ 32,277.81        |
| Property Insurance            | \$ 31,477.44        |
| Liturgy                       | \$ 8,487.52         |
| Religious Education           | \$ 3,512.10         |
| Rectory Operations            | \$ 8,924.65         |
| Office, Parish Activities     | \$ 12,654.04        |
| Donations - Catholic Entities | \$ 19,582.50        |
| Miscellaneous                 | \$ 3,033.36         |
| Future Projects               | \$ 36,601.90        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>     | <b>\$304,189.91</b> |

### Operational Assets / Equity Report Fiscal Year-Ended June 30, 2017

|                                                 |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                   |                       |
| Checking / Savings                              | \$938,065.86          |
| Other Current Assets (CFA / Insurance Prepaids) | \$95,788.22           |
| Long Term Assets (Bldings minus depreciation)   | \$2,623,247.14        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                             | <b>\$3,657,101.22</b> |

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> |                   |
| Unsaid masses                 | \$1,955.00        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>      | <b>\$1,955.00</b> |

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>EQUITY</b>           |                       |
| Retained Earnings       | \$3,618,544.32        |
| Net Income Current Year | \$36,601.90           |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>     | <b>\$3,655,146.22</b> |

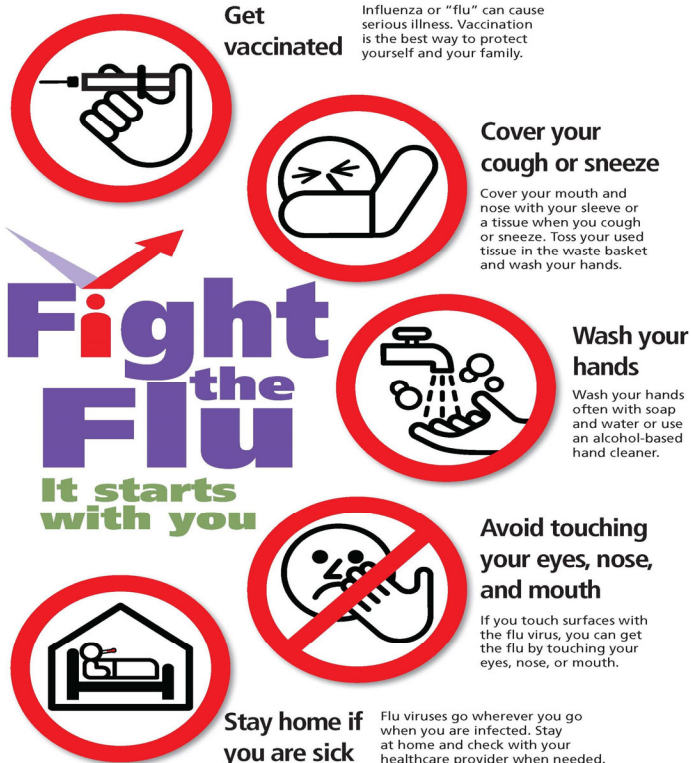
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| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b> | <b>\$3,657,101.22</b> |
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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

**Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Roger Bolduc, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Dr. Lou Mauney, Kathryn McGuineas, Leo Miller, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Victor Zawadski**

*"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."*





### Couples Celebrating Marriage

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, **February 17** at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, and 10:00 a.m., Saturday, **March 10** at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs. Contact the Parish Office to register.

### **TELEVISED MASS TO THE HOMEBOUND**

WFTX-TV FOX 4 – Sundays at 10:30 am

Donations may be sent to:

TV Mass, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285  
For questions call 941-486-4714

### **PARISH CALENDAR**

February 6—Ladies' Guild Monthly Gathering  
February 14—Ash Wednesday  
February 17-18—Rummage Sale  
March 11—Confirmation-OLMM 10:30 am  
Luncheon to follow  
March 17—St. Patty's Day  
March 20—Ladies' Guild Monthly Gathering  
Spring Luncheon/Fashion Show  
March 30—Good Friday  
April 1—Easter  
April 10—Ladies' Guild Facilitators' Meeting  
May 6—First Communion 8:30 am Mass  
May 13—Mother's Day  
May 28—Memorial Day  
June 17—Father's Day



## St. Katharine Drexel Church 2018 Feast Day Celebration

Feast Day 2018 is a 3-day celebration beginning on Friday, March 2 with a concert performed by the SKD Choir. Saturday, March 3rd continues the celebration at a Dinner Dance (BYOB). Sunday, March 4th is the festival from 1-4pm. Chow down on the BEST food in town cooked and served by SKD parishioners. For the kids there will be the exciting ZORB ride, a bounce house, games and more. We will have music and a photo booth for you to enjoy. There are incredible Baskets to bid on at our Basket Bonanza. The drawing of the winners names will be held on Sunday, March 4th @ 4:30 p.m. and the winner must be present in order to win. (No contribution necessary but we depend on your help). Also this year come join us for 90 minutes of BUNCO. Cape Coral SWAT Team and K9s will be there with an incredible demonstration. For information, contact Lora McCann @ 239-560-9673 or [lmccann198@gmail.com](mailto:lmccann198@gmail.com).



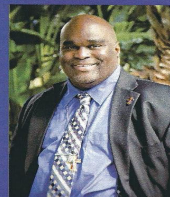
The new 2018 offertory envelopes are located in the rear of the church and are in alphabetical order. If you requested envelopes, please pick yours up. If you would like to start using envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

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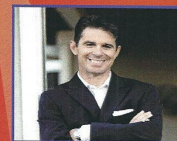
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## Men's Conference

February 24, 2018



**Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers**  
— known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon"  
— is a powerful and passionate preacher of the Good News, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to challenge and inspire those who hear him. He travels the globe speaking to everyone of all ages who desire to know Jesus intimately and enjoy a deeper personal relationship with Him.



**Patrick Coffin** is the host of The Patrick Coffin Show: an independent, listener supported podcast that features weekly interviews with A-list influencers and outliers in the effort to recover the Judeo-Christian roots of the culture. Patrick is the Canadian-born former host of Catholic Answers Live, and he has raving fans around the world. He injects these fascinating interviews with his own distinctive blend of depth and levity.



**Bob Rice** desires to share the love of God using every talent with which he has been blessed. He's an internationally known speaker, acclaimed musician, inspirational teacher, and innovative writer. He is an associate professor of Catechetics and the director of the Masters of Arts in Catechetics and Evangelization at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

9 AM – 3 PM. Cost: Pre-registration: Adults \$20, Students \$5.  
At the Door: Adults \$30, Students \$10.

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For more information, call 941-484-9543 or  
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## 4 de febrero de 2018 • Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las historias que escuchamos hoy son historias reales de la vida. El libro de Job es la historia de un hombre al que se le prueba durante la enfermedad, la muerte de seres queridos y, la perdida de amistades y amigos. Muchos de nosotros podemos relacionarnos con Job. Probablemente hemos tenido momentos cuando nuestras vidas se sienten como pesadas cargas o, cuando despertamos en medio de la noche y no podemos volver a dormiros. No todos deseaban escuchar la Buena Nueva de san Pablo. Ellos cuestionaron sus motivos y no entendían su compromiso de compartir la novedad de Jesús con todos. No siempre es fácil vivir como un discípulo en el mundo de hoy. No todos entenderán nuestro compromiso de vida cristiana. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús sana a la suegra de Pedro y a muchas otras personas enfermas. Aquellas personas que tienen alguna necesidad lo buscan. Aun cuando él se retira para orar, sus discípulos van a encontrarlo. Jesús no parece tener mucho tiempo para él mismo, lo que cualquier padre, hijo, amigo o persona comprometida al servicio puede entender cuando pone las necesidades de los demás en primer lugar. ¡La verdadera vida puede ser desafiante!

## LA VERDADERA FE

Las historias que escuchamos hoy son también historias de la verdadera fe. Cuando casi esta orillado hasta sus límites, Job no se rinde y confía en Dios para estar con él todo lo que dure su enfermedad, tragedia y soledad. Job sabe que él verdaderamente no está solo. Dios está con él. De la misma manera, san Pablo actúa según discernió. No hay duda, él tuvo momentos de soledad y sintió la presión de los juicios de las personas, pero no desconfió del amor de su Señor. Como en todas las cosas, Jesús nos muestra que hay que hacer. En momentos de enfermedad, soledad y dolor, cuando se necesita un sentido en la vida, volver a Dios en la oración. Confiar en el toque sanador del Señor, ya sea una sanación física o sanación emocional para soportar el sufrimiento y el dolor. Jesús sanó a muchos que se acercaron a él y, el continúa acercándose a nosotros en nuestras necesidades. Confía en Dios con verdadera fe para enfrentar las circunstancias a menudo complicadas de nuestras verdaderas vidas.

Lecturas de hoy: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Sal 147 (146):1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mc 1:29-39

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**Saint Katharine Drexel Council of Catholic Women** Invite you to our Fashion Show. Fashions by Chico's, a delicious lunch, fantastic raffle prizes await you Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at Palmetto Pine Country Club in Cape Coral at 11:30am. Call Jule (616)-481-0392 or Thelma (239)-458-

0834. Reserve your seat or table at only \$30 per person. Don't delay, we sell out early. Bring your friends for an enjoyable afternoon! All donations go to CCW Scholarship Program and local charities.

## **Know Your Immigration Rights Conozca Sus Derechos de Inmigración**

La Conferencia Estado Unidos de Obispos Católicos (USCCB) ha proporcionado un video en español y en inglés sobre los derechos de los inmigrantes. Por favor vaya a [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org) y haga clic en el banner "Conozca Sus Derechos" para ver los videos.

## **V Encuentro, Sesiones del Decanato Norte**

La Oficina del Apostolado Hispano de la Diócesis de Venice organiza una serie de sesiones por decanatos para continuar el proceso del V Encuentro. Los fieles del Decanato Centro están invitados a participar a la siguiente reunión que se realizará en: Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, Martes 25 de Julio, 6:30 p.m., La alegría de ser discípulos misioneros. Información: [pastoralhispana@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:pastoralhispana@dioceseofvenice.org).

## FEBRUARY 4, 2018

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

[The LORD] tells  
the number of the  
stars and calls each  
by name.

— Psalm 147:4

[El SEÑOR] dice  
el número de es-  
trellas y llama a  
cada uno por su  
nombre.

— Salmo 147: 4

#### TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;  
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;  
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;  
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;  
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;  
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

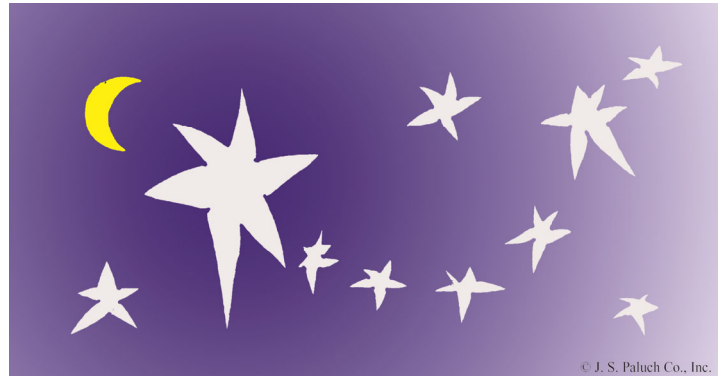
Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day for Consecrated Life;  
Boy Scouting Sunday

Monday: St. Agatha

Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Saturday: St. Scholastica



#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

#### HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman

"If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today... The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone... we must be compassionate!" —St. Josephine Bakhita



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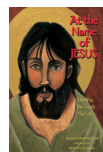


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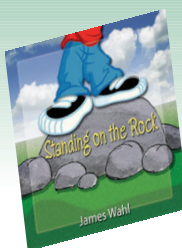
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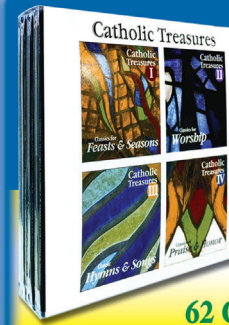
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