

# World Marriage Day

February 14, 2021

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners**

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*Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>* **FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

6:30 PM *CANON OF ST ANDREW OF CRETE canceled due to snowstorm*

*Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>*

**6:30PM Zoom Book Study**

*Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)

6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

*Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>*

10:00AM Book Study

*Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM PART 1 - PEELING & PREP OF ONIONS AND POTATOES

6:00 PM PART 2 - ADDITIONAL PREP

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*Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM PYROHY PROJECT PART 3 - PINCHING

5:00 PM + – by the Family

***Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>*** **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners**

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## **Spiritual Regulations for the Great Fast:**

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today: **Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast (Feb. 15) and on Good Friday (Apr. 2). Abstinence from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday (Apr. 3).** [It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast.]

**Reception of the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.**

The Fasting and Abstinence regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinence regulations. All the faithful are urged to attend the Lenten services such as the Presanctified Liturgy and the Commemoration of the Deceased (Sorokousty). Such good deeds as almsgiving, visitation of the sick, Bible reading and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are most earnestly recommended to all the Faithful.

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

This week **Steve Simich (2/17)** and **Emily Szijarto (2/17)** celebrate their birthdays. We wish you a wonderful celebration, and a year of health and blessings flavored with pure joy, and **many blessed years... mnohaya i blahaya lita!**

## **BRING YOUR ICONS TO BE BLESSED:**

Next Sunday is the **First Sunday of the Great Fast**, also known as the **Sunday of Orthodoxy**. We celebrate the victory over the iconoclasts by blessing icons. It does not matter whether your icons have been already blessed or not. Bring them! As many as you have!

## **In the School of the Holy Spirit:**

As we enter into the Lenten season, I'm thrilled to present to your attention another great book written by Fr. Jacques Philippe: "In the School of the Holy Spirit."

What do we have to learn from the Holy Spirit? Through Sacred Scripture, the Spirit consoles us against our weaknesses and failures. We are led back to the right path when we are lost. We learn that the Holy Spirit is essential to our Christian life and is needed to progress on the path on which God leads us.

If you promise to read this book, you can pick it up at no cost – a gift from the parish! Please consider joining our Book Study club on Thursdays based on this book.

## **UKIE STORE:**

If you want to buy something from our ukie store, and there is no one to assist you, please remember to put your money in the envelope and write what you bought and the price as it appears on the price tag. Thank you for your cooperation!

## **DONATION STATEMENTS FOR 2020:**

Statements for tax deductible contributions made to the church 2020 are available in the vestibule. Please contact Fr. Sal if you have any questions or if you need your statement mailed to you.

Our Church is open every Wednesday and Saturday between 9:00am-7:00PM. Please come and spend some time with Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist! If for some reason the Church is locked when you come, please call Fr. Sal immediately.

***Nothing makes us so like God as our readiness to forgive the wicked and wrongdoer. For it is God who has made "the sun to shine on the evil and on the good." St. John Chrysostom***

This Lent, our first Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts will be celebrated next Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Sunday Epistle: Rom 13,11-14;14:1-4**

**Sunday Gospel: Mt 6:14-21**

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

1. **Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.
2. **Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.
3. **Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.
4. **The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.
5. **Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.
6. **The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.
7. **The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.
8. **You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.
9. **What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?
10. **Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective."(Hebrews 4:12).

*The Church was a mother to you in life, providing for your spiritual needs; please remember the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma in your last will and testament. The wording to do this is as follows: "I give and bequeath to the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma, located in Parma, Ohio, \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_]."*Thank you!