

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

February 28, 2021

8:40 AM Rosary

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

Monday, March 1st

5:00PM Book Study in the Church basement

Tuesday, March 2nd

6:30PM Zoom Book Study

Wednesday, 3rd

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

6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, March 4th

NO SERVICES

Friday, March 5th

6:30 PM LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

Saturday, March 6th

9:30 AM **ALL SOULS SATURDAY – Liturgy with Panachyda for Our Deceased Loved One**

5:00 PM **+ John Wolosinczuk – by Wolosinczuk Family**

Sunday, March 7th 3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST- VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:40 AM Rosary

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

Inspiration for the Week:

Throughout history, God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God’s sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God’s covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relations with Him.

Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

PLANNING AHEAD:

March 12 & 13 – Pyrohy Project

Winesburg Meats --Orders need to be placed by Friday March 19th.

THE GREAT FAST :

We are on our spiritual journey through the Great Fast. Let us make every deliberate effort to be more prayerful, humble, merciful and forgiving, abstaining from both food and sin during the next forty days “for now is the season of repentance. Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light” (from *Forgiveness Vespers Stichera*). May our journey through the Great Fast be a true experience of spiritual growth and communion with our God who anxiously awaits our response to his love and forgiveness.

SPEND TIME WITH JESUS:

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.

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: “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!

Sunday Epistle: Heb 1:10-14; 2:1-3

Sunday Gospel: Mk 2:1-12

2021 BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE CONVENTION - MARCH 12TH & 13TH:

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: 2 jam-packed days filled with the nation’s top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, to view the impressive line-up of speakers, and to register, visit www.bringingamericabacktolife.org or call (440) 281-1502. Join us as we Bring America Back to Life!

Virtual Youth Retreat:

Since the in-person youth Lock-In Retreat originally planned for March 6-7 of this year at the Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Church in Parma, OH has been canceled due to the current pandemic, the Eparchial Youth Committee is organizing a virtual Lock-In Retreat via Zoom titled “Hope of the Resurrection” for our young people on Sunday, March 7th (Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross) between 1 and 3 pm. The encounter will be led by our eparch, Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo together with the members of the Eparchial Youth Committee (EYC). The call is also open to all clergymen of St. Josaphat Eparchy. Therefore, if any youth in our eparchy would like to participate in the Zoom call, you are kindly requested to send an e-mail to Deacon Myron Spak, an Eparchial Youth Committee member and the coordinator of the Lock-In Retreat, at mjspark@verizon.net and let him know the young person’s full name, age, the parish he or she belongs to with the city and state, and the e-mail address that he or she would like to receive the instructions for the Zoom call at. The deadline to send all the information in is *March 3, 2021*.

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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).