Meatfare Sunday

February 7th, 2021

8:40 AM Rosary **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners** 9:00 AM Monday, February 8th **NO SERVICES** Tuesday, February 9th H/B for Sr. Adalberta - by Mary Smith 9:00 AM 6:30PM **Zoom Book Study** Wednesday, February 10th 5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment) 6:30PM **BIBLE STUDY** Thursday, February 11th H/B for Christopher Selle – by Katherine Taras 9:00 AM 10:00AM **Book Study** Friday, February 12th + Michael & Vera Hoynes - by the Family 9:00 AM Saturday, February 13th + Michael & Vera Hoynes - by the Family 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 14th World Marriage Day

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners

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!

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week Maria Griffiths (2/12) celebrates her birthday. 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!

The Last Judgement:

The parable of the Last Judgement is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for "humanity," yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ's love. We know that all men ultimately need this personal love-- the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that men are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ's love. Thus, on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love, shall we be judged. For "inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me..."

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!

ZOOM BOOK STUDY:

It's not too late! This coming **Tuesday at 6:30pm**, we are thrilled to invite *you and your friends* to our Zoom Book Study. "The Good Listener" by James Sullivan. This is a must read book for anyone in relationship with others -- that means everyone! It points out how our poor listening hurts others, often unintentionally. It is short and easy to read but oh so powerful. Please text your email address to Halyna Shevchuk: 330-645-5585. She is going to send you the link.

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.

Sunday Epistle: 1 Cor 8,8-13;9,1-2 Sunday Gospel: Mt 25:31-46 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).