

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

May 17, 2020

8:40 AM Rosary

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

Monday, May 18th

NO SERVICES

Tuesday, May 19th

9:00 AM **+ Anna, Joseph and Christopher** – by Skubiak & Dressler Families

Wednesday, May 20th

9:00 AM **+ Anne Taras** – by Paul & Pat Romanovich

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

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, May 21st **Ascension of Our Lord**

9:00 AM **H/B for Dwayne Smith** – by Mary Smith

Friday, May 22nd

9:00 AM **+ Parascevia Kostiuk** – by Roman & Mary Kostiuk

Saturday, May 23rd

5:00 PM **H/B for Danielle** – by Mary Smith

Sunday, May 24th

8:40 AM Rosary

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

Guidelines for Parishes upon Resumption of Public Services

1. The church should be cleaned/sanitized before each service when the public may be present, especially areas that are commonly touched (railings, doors, backs of pews, etc.). Please keep the churches well ventilated by opening windows or by turning on air-conditioner.
2. Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained, people are encouraged to wear face masks and gloves:
3. While seating or standing in the pews – between non-family member
4. While standing in line for Communion and returning to the pew
5. Veneration of icons, etc. should done without touching or kissing them.
6. There should be no social gatherings after the services.
7. Parishioners should be reminded that if they are not feeling well that they should stay at home and reminded that they are not bound by the Sunday obligation if they are ill.
8. Parishioners should also be instructed that if they wish to receive Communion they ought to open their mouths wide, do not touch the spoon and do not cough or sneeze upon it. Care should be taken in ensuring the proper sanitization of the spoon. The spoon will be sanitized when needed by wiping it with a cloth soaked in pure alcohol.
9. Collection baskets are to be left in designated places so that parishioners may leave their offerings without passing around baskets.
10. Sacrament of Penance must be administered in safe space with keeping social distance.
11. Celebration of baptisms, weddings and funerals are allowed if all precautions listed above are observed.

Please consider other precautionary measures! As always, use common sense and pastoral prudence to prevent the spread of the virus. For example, if there is not enough space for people to safely attend the Liturgy consider celebrating additional Liturgies that day.

Together, we continue to pray for all who are suffering from Covid-19, for all health care workers and first responders, for all the deceased and their families, and for easing of anxiety and tension caused by this pandemic.

Sincerely yours,

Most Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo

Unfortunately, we came to a hard decision and decided to cancel our Summer Festival which was supposed to be at the end of June. There is some discussion however about preparing some FOOD on a "take out" basis.

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!

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).

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