

**SUNDAY OF PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE**  
**PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**

**February 2, 2020**

8:40 AM      Rosary  
9:00 AM      **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners**

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*Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>*

NO SERVICES

*Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM      **H/B for Oleksander Tkalenko – by Syvanych Family**

*Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 PM      Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)  
6:30 PM      BIBLE STUDY

*Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM      **+ Walter & Pauline Halamay – by Ljudmyla & Mykola Radyk**

*Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM      **+ Julia Gaida – by Dan & Karen Crookston**

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*Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 PM      **+ Stefania Fenkanyn – by Raymond & Kathy Klisz**

***Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>* Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

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It is with great pleasure that we announce the creation of the Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church **Emergency Relief Fund**. This fund, created with a generous seed donation from parishioners from St. Francis de Sales parish can provide HGUCC members with emergency financial aid in times of need. Parishioners can contact Father Sal with total confidentiality to request assistance along with prayers and counseling.

We should all be proud of this new initiative and grateful to the members of St. Francis for their generosity. In the same spirit, we encourage all HGUCC parishioners to make contributions to the fund whenever possible in order to keep it as a sustainable asset of our parish. Donations to the fund will be acknowledged in the bulletin and will be tax deductible.

*Today you could be standing next to someone who is trying their best not to fall apart. So whatever you do today, do it with kindness in your heart.*

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

This week **Norma Kopko (2/6)** 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!**

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2020 and in parishes on the weekend of February 1-2, 2020. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

**POINSETTIAS:**

Please help yourselves to the live poinsettias that graced our church during the holidays. They are looking for a good home and a green thumb to nurture them throughout the year. The flowers are located in front of the church for your taking.

**EPARCHIAL CONFERENCE:**

Our Religious Education Office is sponsoring Catechetical Conference entitled "The Eucharist" on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at St Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Parma, OH. Please consider attending this important event in the life of our Eparchy. For more details visit [stjosaphateparchy.com](http://stjosaphateparchy.com)

**Maronite Catholics -- invitation:**

Our Lady of the Cedars of Mt. Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church will host their Annual Family Buffet Dinner in honor of St Maron on Sunday, February 9, 2020 from Noon – 2:00pm.  
507 South Cleveland-Massilon Rd.  
Fairlawn, OH 44333

**PAC MEETING:**

Our next Pastor's Advisory Committee meeting is going to take place on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**PLANNING AHEAD:**

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – First All Souls Saturday  
Feb 24<sup>th</sup> First Day of the Great fast  
April 12<sup>th</sup> Easter

**PYROHY PROJECT:**

February 22nd - Pyrohy  
March 21st - Pyrohy

During the month of January, each year we reflect on the Supreme Court's decision of Roe v. Wade. We pray for the preservation and protection of all human life from the time of conception to natural death.

Every human person who has ever lived, every human person who will be born today, and every human person who will come into existence in the future, is KNOWN and LOVED by our heavenly Father from all eternity. This loving Father in the knowledge, care and compassion that He has for each one of his sons and daughters, has made us unique and unrepeatable. He tells us...

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.”*  
(Jer. 1:5)

We are ‘known’ intimately. There will never be another you or another me... ever! Each one of us has his/her own individual character traits, physical features, personal idiosyncrasies, thoughts, dreams, desires and a million other things that collectively make us who we are as individual human persons. We think differently, we act differently, we have different tastes, different likes and dislikes and it is these things that single us out from the crowd and make us different in our own unique way. Pope Francis puts it this way:

*“We were conceived in the heart of God, and for this reason each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.”* (Laudato Si 65)

Yes, we are wonderfully and INTENTIONALLY made! We are so very unique and it is in our uniqueness that the beauty of every single human person shines forth and in which we can recognize and acknowledge the absolute beauty and gift that is inherent in every single human life. You are unique and unrepeatable – never forget that!

During this month, let us thank our God and Father for the wonderful gift of human life and let us always pray and work to preserve this gift in all of its wonder and glory.

day's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

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).

### **World Marriage Day:**

World Marriage Day takes place on February 9, 2020. World Marriage Day is an observance sponsored by the Catholic Marriage Encounter movement and observed on the second Sunday of February each year. Its purpose is declared to be: “World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.”

Bishop Bohdan Danylo in conjunction with the Department of Family Life of our Eparchy would like to recognize and honor the couples in our parish who are celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, and 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of their marriage during this year of 2020.

**ENVELOPES:**

Please pick up your 2020 envelopes in the Church vestibule. If you wish to have envelopes, please contact Fr. Sal.

**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!**

**DONATION STATEMENTS FOR 2019:** Statements for tax deductible contributions made to the church 2019 are available in the vestibule. Please contact Fr. Sal if you have any questions or if you need your statement mailed to you