

Sunday after Theophany

January 10, 2021

8:40 AM Rosary

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

Monday, January 11th

NO SERVICES

Tuesday, January 12th

9:00 AM **H/B for Victor Bolcavage** – by the Martyniuk & Griffiths Families

Wednesday, January 13th

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

Thursday, January 14th

9:00 AM **H/B for Bernadette Crookston** – by Katherine Taras
10:00AM Book Study

Friday, January 15th

9:00 AM **+ Marianne Mastropietro** – by Ed & Debby Durkee

Saturday, January 16th

5:00 PM **H/B for Luba Malanij and Family** – by Annette Dressler

Sunday, January 17th Sunday of Zacchaeus

8:40 AM Rosary

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

Regarding masks when attending the Divine Liturgy:

In accordance with this directive and for the safety and comfort of all of our parish family we are asking that you please wear your mask when attending the Divine Liturgy. If you are sick or not feeling well, please consider staying home and watching us live on Facebook. If you do become sick with Covid-19 please let us know as soon as possible!

2021 Church Calendars

are available for you in the vestibule.

CHRIST IS BORN! - GLORIFY HIM!

“The most terrible poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved.”

Mother Theresa

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Diane Sperko (1/12)** 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!**

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS (SOROKOUSTY):

We cannot believe that the Great Fast is going to start next month already! First Day of the Great Fast is February 15th. Therefore, the first All Souls Saturday of 2021 will be on **February 6th**. There will be a general **Divine Liturgy** at **9:30 AM with Panakhya for All +Souls** submitted to the pastor for prayers. The corresponding green envelope is dated January 1st in your new envelope boxes, or you can use any other envelope and give it to Fr. Sal.

Sunday Epistle: Eph 4:7-13

Sunday Gospel: Mt 4:12-17

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you wish to become a member of Holy Ghost Parish, you may fill out a registration form or call the rectory office. The completed form can be placed in the church collection basket or dropped in the rectory office mailbox.

DIRECT TO YOUR EMAIL BOX:

Don't miss the weekend bulletin because you are out of town, ill, or unable to come to Holy Ghost. Fr. Sal will be happy to deliver your bulletin via email. Just send your request to pastor@hgucc.org.

BIBLE STUDY—COME AND SEE!

We will resume having our Bible Studies on **Wednesday January 20th at 6:30 PM**. As always, everyone is welcome to attend! Interesting commentary and questions about real-life issues from our reading material and from each other help us to discern God's Voice in the midst of our busy lives. Please join us.

ENVELOPES:

Please pick up your 2021 envelopes in the Church vestibule. If you wish to have envelopes, please contact Fr. Sal.

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.

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).