MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (unless noted in bulletin)

Devotions
First Friday
Adoration/Benediction at 10:00 a.m.
First Saturday
Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass (unless noted in bulletin)

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FEBRUARY 4, 2024
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He Cured Many who were sick with Various Diseases

MARK 1:34

This week's Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

Next week's Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45
"TO BE HEALED FROM BROKENNESS"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

These past two weeks have been very overwhelming for me. A very close “Nana” passed away. One whom I admired for her love and support not only for me but for many priests whom she had known. Besides this incident, my sister-in-law had a stroke, and to this day, she remains in the hospital, unable to speak with my brother, my nephews, and my grand nephews. So often, when we speak through video calling, we cannot take hold of ourselves, and tears roll down our cheeks, most especially mom. Yes, as much as I can hold on, I try my best to be strong as a priest of the Lord for our family, but I am overcome by sadness. When many thought that we priests could be strong emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually, we, too, can be affected by brokenness and left with unanswered questions: why?

The beauty of having a community with much faith in Jesus can be a source of strength and courage because you know that many pray with you and drive you to be stronger. The love and care can continue to draw you more to Jesus and to keep trusting and believing in His great power and will.

There is no doubt that many of us, or even all of us, feel such brokenness. The many facets of life that we experience from day to day can cause this brokenness. Parents feel it when they see their children falling away from family. Children experience it when they lose their parents through sickness, falling away relationships, or death. Many experience it when sickness comes, losing a job, or an unexpected turn of events in life through calamities or harsh treatment from other people. Brokenness can indeed be overwhelming, but it should not control us or determine our future.

Jesus has shown us the way and assures us always that He is with us through thick and thin of life. Like Job, who expressed his brokenness to God because of the many disheartening situations he experienced in life, like the many people who had been longing for healing from different ailments, and all of us going through very challenging situations in life, we approach the Lord with our brokenness and allow Him to heal us, give us strength and purpose. And it may be brokenhearted.

Our love for the Lord gives us hope. Our trust in Him gives us courage. Our faith in Him gives us purpose.

Journeying with you in the Lord,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector
SCIENTIFIC

His words are dismal, but Job never really despairs. Read the whole book and you see that, despite undergoing trials, our hero perseveres, trusting God, knowing he can’t question God’s ways. Many commentators on today’s readings focus on Paul. It is tempting, because his call to be all to all is attractive and easier to dissect than Job’s solemn dirge. But there’s a reason why the First Reading is paired with the Gospel. Despair gets us in its clutches when we lose hope, and hope is lost when we forget who we are. Circumstances change: we’re up one day and down the next. What helps us survive is remembering who we are when we fall. When we remember, despite the circumstances, that we are children of God — unique, beloved, and irreplaceable — we can survive.

Jesus’ mission in the Gospel reminds us of our identity. Yes, he heals, but even he can’t cure all the sick of our identity as sons and daughters of God. That’s why Jesus came, not to remove all troubles, but to remind us that God’s love can and will sustain us through the vicissitudes of life.

SHARING FAITH

Jesus often went off alone to a deserted place. Why do you think he had this need for solitude? Do you need it in your life? Do you make time for it?

There is a deep restlessness in Job. When have you experienced restlessness in your life? How has restlessness motivated you?

LIVING THE LITURGY

You probably know someone who has lost hope and is in the grip of despair. Try to reach out to that person by reminding them of who they are, emphasizing their uniqueness and irreplaceability.

Count the number of times someone does something for you and the number of times you do something for being served?

Increase your family’s familiarity with the Gospel that we preach by inviting each family member to tell a favorite Gospel story in his or her own words. Provide drawing materials, and invite family members to draw pictures of their favorite Gospel stories. You might also play a game of Gospel or parable charades.

REFLECTION

“Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come” (Mark 1:38).
ICSC STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER

THE MISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL IS TO FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STEWARDSHIP IS UNDERSTOOD, ACCEPTED AND PRACTICED THROUGHOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the gift of the new year.
You have entrusted us with the coming days, weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan; to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever growing confidence in your Kingdom to come.

We ask for humility to reform our lives; the courage to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost; and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others.

Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and show us how to share your love so that we may bring hope to a world in need of your justice and peace.

We pray to e a sign of your grace in this new year through your son, Jesus Christ, who lies and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, our God, Foreer and eer.

Amen

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

Pope Pius LX, (1792 - 1878), Immaculate Conception Dogma, Feast Day, February 7

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
January 22 - 28, 2023

Offertory Collection
Sunday $6,155.07
Weekday $1,003.28
Feasts, Solemnities + Christmas $110.00
Online Giving $982.12
Total Offertory $8,250.47

Other Collection
Repairs & Maintenance $44.85
Diocesan Collection $2,089.38
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.) $1,052.75
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.) $839.00
Total $12,345.45

The Glorious Freedom
2024 is your year to be set free from all that is holding you in bondage and wants to set you free to be the amazing YOU He made you to be!

of celebration, song, teachings, prayer at a whole new level, a journey of remembrance on the pathway to freedom, and participation in a dramatic musical presentation.

Happening on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Auditorium located at 712 N School Street from 8:00am – 4:00pm.
Please register at www.newlife4u.live

There is no charge for attending, but you must register to receive all the books and materials.

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