



St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday : 5:00 p.m.

First Friday of the Month – 6:00 p.m.

Hour of Adoration following Mass

First Saturday Devotion

On the First Saturday of the month after 4:00 p.m. Mass we will have a Holy hour with Benediction and the Rosary.

NO HEALING MASS AT THIS TIME

A notice will be posted when the Healing Mass will resume.

Baptism: By Appointment

Confession: Before every Mass or by appointment

Marriages: Arrangements must be made with the Priest eight months before the marriage date in accordance with Church Law

Sick Call: Anytime requested

Funerals: No funerals on Sunday and days of obligation



**From the Homily
of
Father Jose**

“The Beatitudes”

Beatitudes are the important teachings of Jesus. St. Luke uses his beatitudes to make clear the way life is to be lived inside God’s Kingdom.

The beatitudes are not suggestions. They are commandments. They are so important and central to Christian living. Gandhi, The Father of India, lived according to the beatitudes.

St. Luke gives a warning, “woe” to those who ignore Jesus’ direction. A woe is an expletive. It is a curse so it is very serious. We have an obligation to help build the Kingdom of God and that means finding those who are outside and bring them in.

Hunger is a sign of need and neglect. How much do we think about hungry people? When we are feasting many are starving and dying.

If we ignore the poor, the hungry, those in pain and those who have been excluded we will be in disfavor with God.

This is a very serious warning. Let us follow the beatitudes and build up the Kingdom of God.



Cibin Mathew, Teresa Maniyangat, Saneep Lalit, Sanjo Lalit, Lois Tobin, Rajamma Lalit, Gloria Cantrall, Carol Tharpe, Eleanor Wellons, Bert Kramer, Angela Vallencourt, Anna Moluf, and the sick and travelers of the Parish.

Lectors

Feb. 13th – Carol Tharpe Feb. 14th – Maria Allen
Feb. 20th – Bert Kramer Feb. 21st – Lois Nelson

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 13 th	+Joseph Maniyangat
Sunday, February 14 th	+Frank Sekerak
Monday, February 15 th	Jacinda Tran
Tuesday, February 16 th	+Sarah Joseph
Wednesday, February 17 th	+Mansur Kehdi
Thursday, February 18 th	Schmeider Family
Friday, February 19 th	Souls in Purgatory

CCW Car Wash

The CCW will have our first Parish Jubilee Pre-Spring car wash on **Saturday, February 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Volunteers are needed. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

40 Days for Life Rosary

40 Days for Life will have a Rosary Procession beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17th and ending March 28th from Prince of Peace Church, 6320 Bennett Road to A Jacksonville Women’s Health Center (AJAX), 4131 University Blvd. S. Jacksonville, FL. **Deacon Ken Cochran** will lead the Life Rosary on **Friday, February 19th**. If you are interested in joining him and representing our parish on this date contact him or for more information, contact Trudy Perez-Poveda at tamaha@bellsouth.net



News from Father Jose

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday occurs forty-six days (forty days not counting Sundays) before Easter. It is a moveable feast falling on a different date each year because it is dependent on the date of Easter.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. The ashes are gathered when the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned.

In the Roman Catholic Church ashes are sacramentals and may be given to any Christian as opposed to Catholic Sacraments which are reserved for church members except in cases of grave necessity.

Ashes were used in ancient times according to the Bible to express mourning. Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent's way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults.

Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance and marks the beginning of 40 days of Lent. It is a time for us to enter the desert and to fast and pray just as Jesus did.

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Golden Jubilee

We will have our first meeting **Sunday, February 14th immediately after Mass in the church** to discuss our upcoming Church Golden Jubilee. Ideas and volunteers are needed to help make this a joyous occasion for our church.

Ash Wednesday

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. and ashes will be distributed following the Mass. Ash Wednesday is *not* a Holy Day of Obligation. **Every Friday during Lent we will have Mass and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.** The Knights of Columbus will have a **fish fry on the Church grounds every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. during Lent.** Everyone is welcome.

Lenten Regulations

Weekdays of Lent: There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent): All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Good Friday: Is a day of **FAST and ABSTINENCE from meat.** There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

On days of fasting one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If a person is unable to observe these regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition. After you have received your First Holy Communion Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.