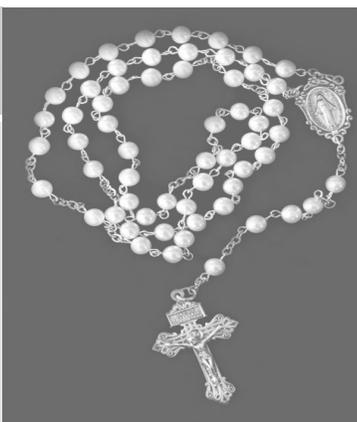




February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent



Church of the Holy Rosary

365 Undercliff Avenue, Edgewater, NJ 07020

PARISH OFFICE AND CHAPEL

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Trustee: Joan Maniego

Parish Secretary: Barbara L. Brady

Mass Times

Daily Mass (Monday-Friday): 8:00AM
Saturday Evening Mass: 5:30PM
Sunday Masses: 8:00AM & 11:00AM (in English);
12:00PM (in Spanish)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church at 365 Undercliff Avenue. The Exposition begins at 12:00PM and ends at 3:00PM, followed by the Divine Mercy. All are welcome to attend.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00-5:00PM (Church)
Baptism: Baptisms have resumed. Please be advised you must be a member of Holy Rosary Parish in order to receive a sponsor certification for Baptism.

Holy Rosary Parish is a proud Co-Sponsor of **Christ the Teacher Interparochial School**, 359 Whiteman St., Fort Lee, NJ 07024 (201-944-0421)

Assistance attending Mass

If you are a senior or disabled, and you would like shuttle transportation to and from the 11:00AM Mass on Sundays, call the Parish Center for information. **(Temporarily suspended)**

Religious Education

For information on our CCD program, please see the "CCD Corner" section of this bulletin.

For the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), please call the Parish Office.

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
in the Church

Minister of Music:
Bill Jones



Catholic Community Services—Social Services Helpline
1-800-CCS-7413

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God is asking me to be poor with the poor in order to bring them to Christ.

St. Angela of the Cross
Spanish foundress of a religious community. She devoted her life to serving the local poor and ill until her death in 1932.

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you are attending Mass at Holy Rosary and consider Yourself a parishioner, but haven't registered, we invite you to do so. Knowing who our parishioners are helps us adapt our parish programs to your needs. It is also important to be registered for Baptisms, Marriage, to be a Sponsor/Godparent, etc.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

New Registration

Request Envelopes

Address Change

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 27
5:30 PM *In Thanksgiving (Brian Jahn)*

Sunday, February 28
8:00AM *Joan Nolan (Patty & Joe Criscuolo & Family)*
11:00 AM *Edward DeLuca (Paul & Alexandria Ramsahai)*
12:00 PM *Those Effected by CoVid-19*

Monday, March 1
8:00 AM *Vittorio Valenta (Silvana Maric)*

Tuesday, March 2
8:00 AM *Robert W. Benden (Kaaren E. Beckmeyer)*

Wednesday, March 3
8:00 AM *Those Effected by CoVid-19*

Thursday, March 4
8:00 AM *Simon Maric (Silvana Maric)*

Friday, March 5
8:00 AM *Robert W. Benden (Sue Fava)*

Saturday, March 6
5:30 PM *Those Effected by CoVid-19*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those suffering in any way from the CoVid-19 pandemic.

Also James Allocco, Phillip Armstrong, Edward Baldino, Cheryl Bostyan, Jean Braden, Rick Brouillette, Louise Bruce, Chase, Pat Caruso, Sharbel Chaoul, Anna Corrado, Danny Coyle, Gary Devila, Marie Ferrie, Ginny Frasco, Kenneth Galfo, Joelle & Juliana Gedeon, Annmarie Gilmartin, Madeline Goodwin, Joe Heatter, Agnes Hoffmann, Bobby Jordan, Rosemary Kaminski, Eileen & Donald Kopczynski, Diana Lucio, Isaiah McLean, Heidi Monico, Humberto Norena, Conception Ortiz, Rebecca Papadopoulous, Phyllis & Joseph Palermo, Rich Richinski, Rebecca Rigolosi, Antoinette Ring, Boris Reznik, Frank Romero, Desi Santos, Anthony Saporito, Jack Sweeney, Jenna Szandrocha, Phillip Tarabola, Ruth Weis, Krista Wilkinson, Kyle Wilson, Mark Winnie.

“Here I am!” he answered.”- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOSE

As we continue to prepare ourselves for the coming celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ, His triumph over all our human death, I would like to encourage everyone not to let this moment pass by. Do not let the occasions of this event pass by and not let yourself give way to it. Events in life are always there as opportunities of reminding us of God’s presence. Truly, He is our Way, our Truth and our Life. In all circumstances pray and you will always discover the fidelity and faithfulness of God.

Again, may God bless you for all your efforts in making our church a place for everyone to rest and find comfort in the Lord.
~~God Bless...Fr Jose

ALTAR APPOINTMENTS

A special way to remember a loved one is to donate the monthly Altar Bread and/or Wine in honor of their memory. You may also choose to remember a loved one by donating a weekly Sanctuary Lamp in either the Church or the Chapel. Sanctuary Lamps burn day and night to illuminate the Blessed Sacrament, serve as an emblem of Christ's abiding love, and as a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return.

- * The **Altar Bread** for **March** is donated in loving memory of **the deceased members of our parish.**
- * The **Altar Wine** for **March** is donated in loving memory of **the deceased members of our parish.**
- * The **Sanctuary Lamp** in the Church this week is in memory of **the deceased members of our Parish.**

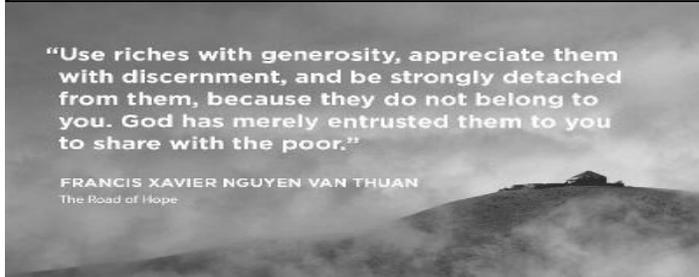
HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

“Use riches with generosity, appreciate them with discernment, and be strongly detached from them, because they do not belong to you. God has merely entrusted them to you to share with the poor.”

FRANCIS XAVIER NGUYEN VAN THUAN
The Road of Hope



THE WORD OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Thursday: St. Casimir

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955)

March 3

Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a "gift on loan" to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest-friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order. When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, "My child, why not become a missionary yourself?" Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized "Mother Drexel," praising her "excellent example of practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics."



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Ever loving God, you called Saint Katharine Drexel to teach the message of the Gospel and to bring the life of the Eucharist to the Black and Native American peoples. By her prayers and example, enable us to work for justice among the poor and oppressed. Draw us all into the Eucharistic community of Your Church, that we may be one in You. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

WORKS OF CHARITY

TIME & TALENT

FOOD PANTRY:

Parish members assist in supplying approximately 45 families with food every month. Thank you to all who donated and helped in any way! The **Food Pantry** is open the last MONDAY of each month from 11:00AM-12:00PM.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS:

Normally, Holy Rosary Parish members feed the homeless on the second Monday of every month. This has been temporarily suspended due to current CoVid-19 pandemic. We will resume as soon circumstances allow.

TREASURES

YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS: The work of Christ at Holy Rosary is supported by parishioners who have embraced the biblical ideals of Stewardship Tithing.

Current Holy Rosary Fundraiser Proceeds: The current proceeds from our ongoing fundraising efforts for a church cooling system are as follows: A/C Fundraising (ongoing): \$26,127.50; Four bake sales: \$989; Tricky Tray (12/8/19): \$1,470.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words "Let us pray," followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a "collect" because it gathers or "collects" the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy — noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals — date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or "Let us pray"; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, "yes," "may it be so," making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

**If God is for us, who can
be against us?
— Romans 8:31b**

**Si Dios está a nuestro fa-
vor,
¿quién estará en contra
nuestra?
— Romanos 8:31b**

Take the Love of God with You as You Go.....

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

> Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

> On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

> The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Pascal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

**Canon 920,§1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

A Prayer for Lent

Loving God,
there is so much darkness in my life
and I hide from you.
Take my hand
and lead me out of the shadows of my
fear.
Help me to change my heart.
Bring me to your truth
and help me to respond to your gener-
ous love.
Let me recognize the fullness of your
love
which will fill my life.
Free me from the darkness in my heart.
Amen.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please regularly refer to holynosaryedgewater.org for the most up-to-date information about our Parish. To get in touch with Parish staff, please do so only by sending an email to holyrosary@aol.com. Thank you.

Christ the Teacher School: The school is registering students for the 2021-2022 school year. They can be reached by phone at 201-944-0421 or by email at info@christtheteacherschool.org. Tours are by appointment only.

THE CCD CORNER

A Student Prayer



*Thank you, God, for giving me a mind that can know and a heart that can love.
Help me to stay focused on my studies, and encourage me when learning is difficult that I may grasp the truth that is held out before me.
Grant me the grace to put my knowledge to use in building the kingdom of God on earth that I may find the courage to follow Your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

CCD Registration for children and young adults between grades one through eight is open. Classes began October 18, and are being held remotely by Zoom this year. To register you can download registration forms from our website or pick up blank forms at the back of the church. There is no registration fee this year; only a suggested voluntary donation.

ABOUT CCD AT HOLY ROSARY

Religious education classes begin in First Grade and conclude after the Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Ninth Grade. **Enrollment for all parish children within this age group is strongly encouraged.**

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The Holy Rosary Parish website provides information, as well as spiritual reflections, that exceed the space limitation of this bulletin. Visit our website www.holyrosaryedgewater.org

