



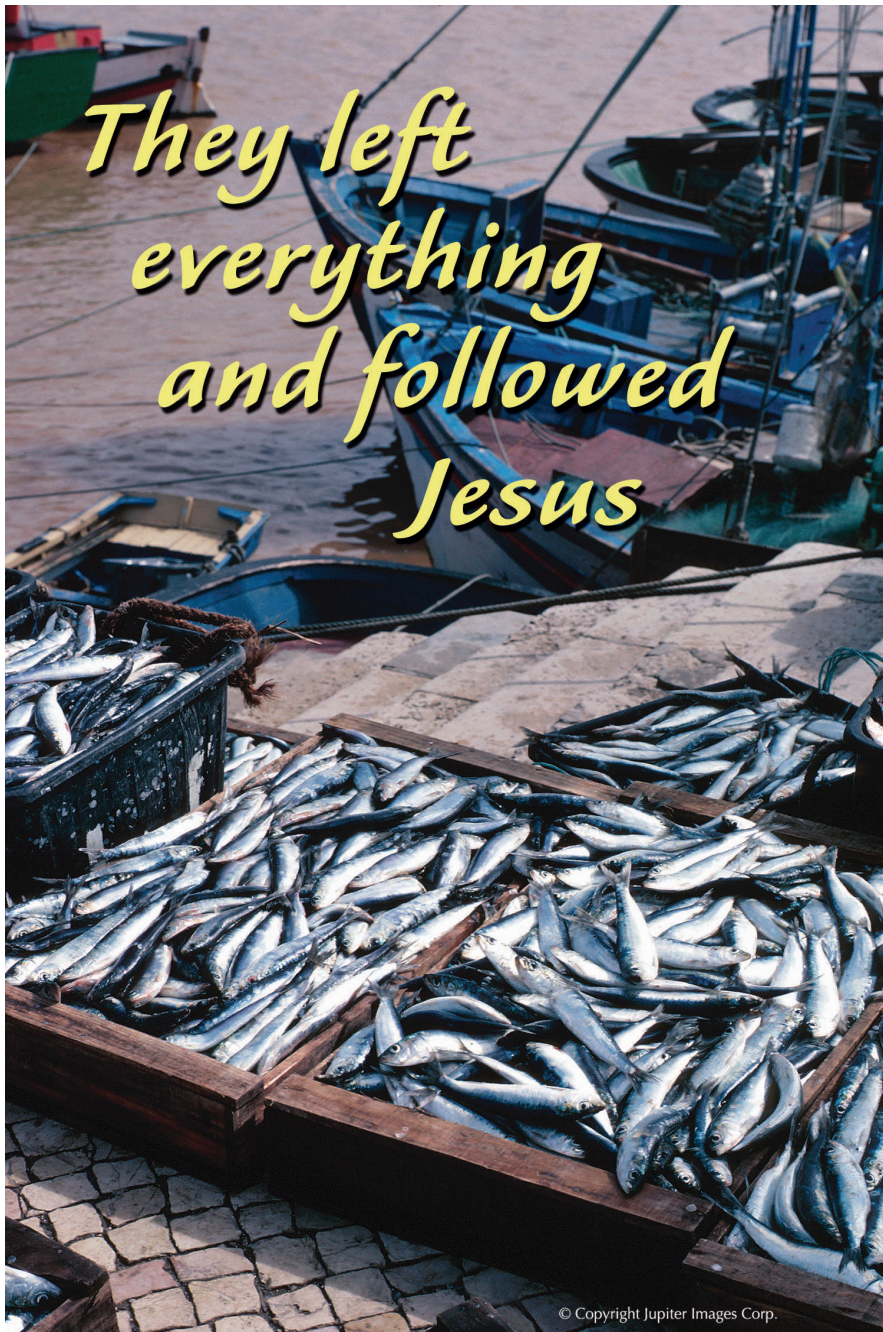
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THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC
CHURCH

February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00 am.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, February 7

7:00 AM† Rev. Edward A. Colohan
5:30 PM In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, February 8

7:00 AM For World Peace
5:30 PM† Theresa Passero

Wednesday, February 9

7:00 AM† Richard Heise
5:30 PM Intentions of Nell & Mark
Bernegert Family

Thursday, February 10

7:00 AM† Rodney Stafford
5:30 PM† Paul Douglas Hartzell

Friday, February 11

7:00 AM† Deceased Members of the Verda Family
5:30 PM† Raffaele, Gilda, Luigi, Teresa, & Juditta
DiScala

Saturday, February 12

5:15 PM† Bridget & Michael O'Gara **Celebrant**
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, February 13

7:30 AM Special Intention Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living &
Deceased Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM† Catena Bemonte Fr. Ralph
5:00 PM† Crescenzo Piro Fr. Ralph



The Sanctuary Candle burns
February 6th through February 13th
for Mario Laracca.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the
Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.
Camila Vita Collazo
Congratulations to her parents, family & friends!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
January 30		
Collection	\$2,314.00	\$2,762.00
On-Line	\$2,500.00	\$2,398.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,636.00)	(\$1,869.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$3,178.00</u>	<u>\$3,291.00</u>
Votives	\$174.00	\$ 108.00

Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on all gross receipts. For our 2022 fiscal year, the annual Cathedral Assessment is \$85,072. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,636. This represents an annual decrease of \$4,633.00 from the prior year.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:
Jean Montana **Jairo Alarcon, Sr.**
Mercedes Fiorella
We extend our sympathy to their
families & friends.



The 2022 MASS BOOK is
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office to reserve your masses
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Prayer Requests

If you are in need of prayer, for any reason, please contact the St. Thomas Prayer Ministry to pray for you and with you. Please call Sue Wegiel, (203) 838-4088, or email her, wegiesj@hotmail.com.

If you cannot reach Sue, please call the Rectory at (203) 866-3141.

If you would like to be added to the bulletin list, please call or email the office:
stthomwanorwalk@optonline.net

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Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura
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Monday: 7:00pm

Saturday: 4:45pm

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REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

The Dr. Phil Show, a popular daytime television program, premiered on September 16, 2002. One important aspect of the show, one could argue, involves an interaction between two or more people, usually family members, who confront a particular problem, sometimes quite serious; and through an exchange of admission and recognition, either reconciliation or a potential solution to a particular problem is brought to the fore with the intention of improving relationships or the quality of someone's personal life.

Now, we are all aware of the disciplines of psychology and therapy, and, due to my very limited knowledge with these and other such professions, I will not presume of myself to criticize their effectiveness for helping people cope with difficult relationships and personal psychological and emotional issues. However, apart from the more professional realm involving psychological and emotional reconciliation and healing, there are numerous technological platforms available today that involve nothing more than people exposing, if not every event in their personal lives, very intimate and often inappropriate practices that are best left altogether unknown to the rest of us.

In regard to the readings for this weekend, one observation that we can make is that while people are so eager in our time to reveal very personal things about themselves to the entire world, there is, at the same time, no eagerness to bring the most intimate and personal part of their lives to God. This could be for a variety of reasons. Perhaps it's because of guilt or shame; perhaps it's because of pride; perhaps it's because they either don't believe in God at all, or the spirituality they ascribe to does not involve a relationship with a God that can actually see or hear them.

Generally speaking, what we can learn from the scriptures is that God sought to communicate and reveal His will through real people, and in regard to every figure in the Bible who allowed God to be a part of their lives, at some point there was a moment of realizing a personal shortcoming, and with faith and humility, they brought who and what they were to God. Then and only then was God able to make all the difference in their lives and fulfill His will for the sake of the individual and for the sake of human redemption. The patriarchs, the matriarchs, the prophets, and especially the apostles of Jesus Christ at some point had their moment in which they admitted who they were, what they were lacking, what they needed, and revealed it to God.

Admittedly, this is not always an easy or simple thing to do; certainly not at first or right away. But we must strive to remember that even Jesus Himself, out of great, great love, submitted to the will of the Father for our sakes. He entered into the human condition, subjecting Himself to the elements, to hunger, thirst, the need for work, housing and clothing. He submitted Himself to baptism at the Jordan River. He subjected Himself to direct temptation from the Devil. He submitted Himself to the authorities, the laws, the customs, and proprieties of culture. He cooperated with the way of life, faith, and worship of the Israelite people. He even submitted Himself to false accusations and unjust punishment though innocent. But most important of all, He opened His heart to us without any deception whatsoever.

So now it is for us to follow His example and reveal the most intimate parts of our lives and open our hearts to Him. But this can be intimidating; it can be a cause for apprehension, or perhaps even fear. It requires faith and humility. It's a single and simple moment that requires a degree of honesty that is in no way commensurable with today's popular notion of exposing ourselves to the world on the internet. At first, it's a private matter; but then it can become a witness to the world of God's goodness and love. But we can't do it alone and through our own resources. Ultimately, it requires wisdom, grace, and the power of God. We must always strive to keep in mind that, as Jesus Himself said to St. Paul, who, in his turn had to submit himself to the truth: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor 12:9)

Fr. Ralph

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY

We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful links on our "Senior Info" & "Useful Links" pages. We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. Most questions can be answered by visiting the website. The main menu is located by clicking the 3 bars located on the homepage in the upper right-hand corner of the page. We have also added buttons for pages at the top of the homepage. **If you know of any organization that may be useful to our community, please contact the office so we may add it to our website upon approval.**

SACRAMENTS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday: 10:00am to 3:00pm Friday: 10:00am to 12 Noon

Prayer Requests!

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Baptisms or Weddings

Please call the Rectory during regular weekday business hours for more information or to make arrangements. To reserve the church for your desired wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 9 months to 1 year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Weekdays: By appointment



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PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to be added to or removed from this prayer list, please email or call the office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish that may be restored to health and that all who ASSIST and CARE for them will be given the strength to continue their Christian service. Please remember the following in your prayers:

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