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**Holy Trinity Church (HT)**  
**Collection: \$ 814.00**

**St. Columbkil Church (SC)**  
**Collection: \$ 308.00**

**St. Mary Church (SM)**  
**Collection: \$ 1,073.00**

**Holy Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 17:** 11:30am at St. Mary, 3:30pm and 7:30pm at Holy Trinity

**Lenten Disciplines:** Fridays of Lent—abstinence from meat. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—fasting and abstinence.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent:** Sundays after the Holy Mass at St. Columbkil, Mondays at 6:00pm at St. Mary, and Wednesdays (except Ash Wednesday) at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity. Let us walk in spirit with our suffering Savior!

**Kitui Water Bottle Collection:** This year there will again be a collection to provide water security to those in the diocese of Kitui, Kenya. Please pick up a bottle; fill with change, currency, or a check; and return by the end of Lent.

**Meal-in-a-Bucket:** Last Chance—this is the last week to place an order for “Meal in a Bucket”. Order sheets are in the church entries and your meals will be available after Holy Mass on February 21. All COVID-19 food prep safety protocols will be followed when food is prepared. Thanks for all your support.

**Shoes for the Missions:** There will be a basket in the entry at St. Mary’s to collect gently used shoes for foreign missions. All types and sizes are needed, from babies to adults. Please help them to reach their goal of 2,500 in two months! No slippers.

**Holy Hour for Men:** Sunday, February 21, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!

**Words to Live By:** “If a man finds it very hard to forgive injuries, let him look at a Crucifix, and think that Christ shed all His Blood for him, and not only forgave His enemies, but even prayed His Heavenly Father to forgive them also. Let him remember that when he says the Pater Noster, every day, instead of asking pardon for his sins, he is calling down vengeance on himself.” *St. Philip Neri*

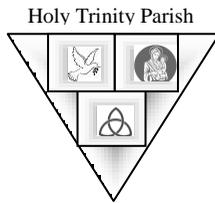
“He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.” *St. Faustina*

“To the extent that you pray with all your soul for the person who slanders you, God will make the truth known to those who have been scandalized by the slander.” *St. Maximus the Confessor*

“For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray - that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy. And when the Last Day comes, we shall be judged from this, and on this basis we shall receive the eternal verdict.” *St. Faustina*

“The Christian law commands that we forgive our enemies and those who have wronged us. I must therefore say here that I forgive Taikosama. I would rather have all the Japanese become Christians.” *St. Paul Miki - one of the Martyrs of Nagasaki*

**The True Value of Fasting:** “For the value of fasting consists not in abstinence from food, but in withdrawing from sinful practices; since he who limits his fasting only to an abstinence from meats, is one who especially disparages it. Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works! Is it said by what kind of works? If you see a poor man, take pity on him! If you see in enemy, be reconciled to him! If you see a friend gaining honor, envy him not! If you see a handsome woman, pass her by! For let not the mouth only fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and the hands, and all the members of our bodies. Let the hands fast, by being pure from rapine and avarice. Let the feet fast, by ceasing from running to the unlawful spectacles. Let the eyes fast, being taught never to fix themselves rudely upon handsome countenances, or to busy themselves with strange beauties. For looking is the food of the eyes, but if this be such as is unlawful or forbidden, it mars the fast; and upsets the whole safety of the soul; but if it be lawful and safe, it adorns fasting. For it would be among things the most absurd to abstain from lawful food because of the fast, but with the eyes to touch even what is forbidden. Do you not eat flesh? Feed not upon lasciviousness by means of the eyes. Let the ear fast also. The fasting of the ear consists in refusing to receive evil speakings and calumnies. ‘You shall not receive a false report,’ it says. Let the mouth too fast from disgraceful speeches and railing. For what does it profit if we abstain from birds and fishes; and yet bite and devour our brethren? The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother, and bites the body of his neighbor. Because of this Paul utters the fearful saying, ‘If you bite and devour one another, take heed that you be not consumed one of another.’ (Galatians 5:15)” *From Homily 3 by St. John Chrysostom*



# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Feb. 13	Parishioners	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Feb. 14	Mass of thanksgiving for 66 years of marriage for Ed & Marge Heppelmann	
	10:30AM	SC		+Charles & Dorothy McNamara	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Feb. 15	Emmanuel & Katherine Szeplieniec	
Tues.			Feb. 16		
Wed.	11:30AM	SM	Feb. 17	+Wayne Schafer	
Wed.	3:30PM	HT	Feb. 17	Joshua Teske	
Wed.	7:30PM	HT	Feb. 17	Ed & Jane McNamara and family	
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Feb. 20	+Dick Banidt	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Feb. 21	Parishioners	
	10:30AM	SC		+Francis McNamara	

**Office Hours:** Wed. 10am-4pm at Holy Trinity.  
**Parish building use request:** Call the office.  
**Confession:** Sat. 5pm at Holy Trinity, Sun. 8:30am at St. Mary, or by appointment.  
**Baptism:** Contact the office at least 3 months before the birth to attend a class and set a date.  
**First Penance/Eucharist:** Register for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Faith Formation classes.  
**Confirmation:** Register for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation classes.  
**Marriage:** Please call Father Kasel at least six months prior to make arrangements.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the office especially if serious or near death.  
**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** If you move to a nursing home/care facility, would like a priest to visit, or are unable to attend Mass and would like communion at home, contact the office.  
**Funerals:** Contact the office.  
**Mass Intentions:** Mail to the office or place in collection. (\$7/Mass suggested.) Indicate preferred date(s), if desired.  
**Bulletin Items:** Email to [holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com) by Wednesday. The business office reserves the right to edit. If interested in **becoming a member** (welcome!) or **becoming a Catholic**, contact the office.  
**Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program Hotline:** (651) 291-4475

**Please pray for:** Vaughn & Therese Bien, Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Peg Edel, Margaret Wagner, Maxine Ryan, Bob & Mary Heppelmann, Ed & Marge Heppelmann, Anne Merry, Carroll Bartholome, Lloyd Ryan, Ray Poncelet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Jen Berg, Dorothy Arendt, Louise Heppelmann, Kyle Poncelet, Brent Hokanson, & Anne Skalicky.

	<b>Behold the Lamb of God!</b>		<b>Faith Formation</b>	
	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held every Monday at St. Mary from 6:30-9:00pm and every Wednesday at Holy Trinity from 9:00am-2:00pm. Come and spend some time with Jesus!</i>		<b>Grades 1-5:</b> Feb. 19: 12:15-1:45pm Feb. 26: 12:15-1:45pm	<b>Grades 6-10:</b> Feb. 17: 7:30pm Feb. 24: 7:30-8:30pm
<b>Calendar/Events</b>			<b>Scripture Quote:</b> “And a leper came to Him beseeching Him, and kneeling said to Him, ‘If you will, You can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, ‘I will; be clean.’ And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And He sternly charged him, and sent him away at once, and said to him, ‘See that you say nothing to any one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to the people.’” --Mark 1:40-44	
Feb. 15	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Adoration	
Feb. 17	HT	9AM-2PM	Adoration	
Feb. 17	HT	7:30PM	Faith Formation grades 6-10	
Feb. 19	HT	12:15-1:45PM	Faith Formation grades 1-5	
Feb. 21	SC	After Holy Mass	Stations of the Cross	
Feb. 21	St. Mi., PI	6:30PM	Men’s Holy Hour	
Feb. 22	SM	6:00PM	Stations of the Cross	
Feb. 24	HT	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross	

## From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Remember that the Season of Lent begins this coming Wednesday, February 17. Please see in the bulletin the Holy Mass schedule. The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Let us ask the Holy Family for the grace of renewed love for God and one another within families throughout the world! This Sunday we celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. I share with you a reflection on our Lord's mercy and desire to forgive. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

**“The Leprosy of Sin: Our Lord has come to cure our most deep-rooted ills. The healing of a leper:** The healing of a leper narrated in the Gospel of today's Holy Mass (Mark 1:40-45) must have moved people very much, and it figured frequently in the preaching of the apostles. The fact that it is related in great detail by three of the Evangelists makes this clear. St. Luke provides the detail that the miracle was performed in a town, and that the disease was in an advanced state. The leper was covered with it: *a man full of leprosy* (Luke 5:12), St. Luke says.

At that time leprosy was an incurable condition. The limbs of the leper became gradually affected by the progressive illness, which would produce disfigurement to the face, hands and feet, and great suffering. For fear of contagion lepers were driven away from built-up areas and forbidden to use the highways. As we see in the *First Reading* of the Holy Mass (Lev. 13:1-2; 44-46), they were pronounced legally unclean. They had to keep their heads uncovered and wear torn clothes to distinguish themselves, and were obliged to make their presence known when they passed close to any inhabited place. People fled from even members of their own families. Their affliction was generally held to be a punishment from God for their sins. Thus it is strange to find this leper inside a city. Perhaps he has heard of Jesus and has been eagerly looking for a chance to approach Him. At last he has found Him and breaks the strict precept of the old Mosaic Law in ordered to speak to Him. Christ is his hope, his only hope.

It must have been an extraordinary scene. The leper knelt before Jesus. *If You want to, he said, You can make me clean.* If you want to... Perhaps he had prepared a longer speech, explaining things... but in the end this simple blurted-out aspiration, filled with trust, with sincere sensitivity, is enough: *“Si vis, potes me mundare,”* if You will, You can... These few words, stammered out, are in a fact a powerful prayer. Jesus took pity on him, and the three Evangelists describe the surprising gesture of Our Lord: *He stretched out His hand and touched him.* Until now everyone had recoiled from Him in dread and loathing, but Jesus, Who could have healed from a distance as He had done on other occasions, not only did not draw away from him, but even touched his leprosy. It is not hard to imagine Christ's affection and the gratitude of the leper when he saw Our Lord's gesture and heard His words: *I will; be clean.*

Our Lord always wants to heal us of our weaknesses and our sins. And there is no need for us to wait months or days for Him to pass through our city or our town... Every day we can find the same Jesus of Nazareth Who healed the leper. He is there in the nearest tabernacle, in the heart of a soul in grace, in the Sacrament of Penance. *He is our Physician, and He cures our selfishness if we but let His grace penetrate into the depths of our soul. Jesus has taught us that the worst sickness is hypocrisy, the pride that leads us to conceal our own sins. We have to be totally sincere with Him. We have to tell the whole truth, and then we have to say: ‘Domine, si vis, potes me mundare’* (Matt. 8:2), *Lord, if You will - and You are always willing - You can heal me of my sickness. You know my weaknesses; I feel these symptoms; these failings make me feel wretched. We show Him the wound, with simplicity, and if the wound is festering, we show the pus too* (J. Escriva, *Christ is Passing By*, 93); all the wretchedness of our life.

Today we should remember that our very failings and weaknesses can be the opportunity for us to approach Christ as the leper did. From that moment on he would have been an unconditional disciple of his Lord. Do we go to Confession with these dispositions of Faith and trust? Do we have a real desire for purity of soul? Do we make sure we go to Confession regularly? **Leprosy, an image of sin. Priests forgive sins in persona Christi:** Because of its repulsive ugliness and loathsomeness, the separation from others it entailed, the Fathers of the Church saw in leprosy an image of sin (cf. St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on St. Matthew*, 25:2). All in all, sin, even venial sin, is far uglier and far more loathsome than leprosy, and it has far more tragic consequences in this life and in the world to come. *If we had Faith and were to see a soul in the state of mortal sin, we would die of horror.* (St. Jean Vianney, The Cure d'Ars, quoted by John XXIII in the letter *Sacerdotii nostri Primordia*) We are all sinners, although by Divine Mercy we may be free from mortal sin. That is a reality we should not forget; and Jesus is the only one Who can cure us; He alone.

Our Lord has come to heal the sick, and only He can judge and measure the offense of sin in all its gravity. So we are moved when He approaches the sinner. He who is Holiness itself is not filled with anger, but is genuinely concerned and respectful. *This is Jesus' way. He came to fulfill, not to destroy.*

*When He heals, when He cures us of leprosy, Our Lord performs great miracles. These miracles reveal God's power over the sicknesses of the soul - over sin. The same reflection is developed in today's Responsorial Psalm, which exactly describes and proclaims what joy there is at the forgiveness of sins: ‘Happy the man whose offense is forgiven’ (Ps 31:1). Jesus cures the physical illness, and at the same time frees from sin. In this way He shows Himself to be the Messiah Whose coming had been*

*foretold by the Prophets, Who ‘has borne our infirmities’ and ‘taken our sins upon Himself’ (cf. Is. 53:3-12) in order to set us free from all that subverts our spiritual and material health...*

*For this reason a central theme of today's liturgy is purification from sin, which is ‘the leprosy of the soul.’* (John Paul II, *Homily*, 17 Feb. 1985) *Jesus tells us that this is why He has come - to forgive, to redeem, to set us free from sin, the leprosy of the soul. And His forgiveness is a sign of omnipotence, a sign of a power that belongs to God alone.* (cf. Matt. 9:2) *Every Confession expresses in its absolution the power and the mercy of God. The priest exercises this power not in his own name, but in the name of Christ. He acts in persona Christi - as an instrument in His hands. Jesus identifies us with Himself to such an extent in the exercise of the power He has conferred on us, said John Paul II to priests, that our personality, as it were, disappears in the presence of His. He it is Who acts through us... It is Jesus Himself Who in the Sacrament of Penance pronounces the authoritative paternal words: Your sins are forgiven.* (John Paul II, *Homily*, Rio de Janeiro, 2 July 1980) In the voice of the priest we hear Christ speak.

In Confession we approach Christ Himself with veneration and thanksgiving. In the priest we must see Jesus, the only One Who can heal our illnesses. *‘Domine!’ - Lord - ‘si vis, potes me mundare’ – if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean.*

*What a beautiful prayer for you to say often, with the Faith of the poor leper, when there happens to you what God and you and I know! You will not have to wait long to hear the Master's reply: ‘Volo, mundare’ I will: be thou made clean!* (J. Escriva, *The Way*, 142) Jesus treats us with the deepest affection and love when we are most in need because of our failings and our sins.

**Apostolate of Confession:** We must learn from this leper. He goes before Our Lord sincerely and *kneeling* (Mark 1:40), admits his disease, humbly asking to be cured. Our Lord said to the leper: *‘I will; be clean.’ And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.* We can imagine the huge joy of the cured leper. So great was his happiness that in spite of Our Lord's warning he began to tell everybody what had happened and spread the news of the great good that had been done to him. Such blessings were too great for him to keep to himself; he had to share his good fortune with others.

We must have the same attitude towards Confession. Through it we too are cleansed of our illnesses, however great they may be. Not only is sin washed away, but the soul receives a new grace, a restored youthfulness, the renewal of the life of Christ in us. We are united to God in a special and distinct way. We must enable everyone, particularly those we love, to share in the new life and new joy we experience in each Confession. It is not enough for us to have found the Master ourselves. By means of personal apostolate we must spread the news to many who do not know they are ill, or who imagine that their illnesses are incurable. Take many people to Confession. That is one of the great responsibilities Christ lays upon us in these times when great hordes of people have turned their backs on what they need most of all: the forgiveness of their sins.

In some cases we shall have to begin with an elementary catechesis, advising them to read some simple books, and explaining the basic points of faith and morals in words they can understand. We can help them to see that the empty sadness they notice has its roots in the absence of God from their lives. With great understanding we will help them to make a deep examination of conscience, and encourage them to go to a priest, perhaps the one we normally make our own Confession to. We should show them how to be simple and humble and tell everything that is holding them back from God. He is waiting for them. We shall pray for them, offer up hours of work and some mortification for them, and make sure we are regular in our own confessions. In this way we shall obtain new and effective graces from God for those people we want to go to the Sacrament, to Christ Himself. It must have been an unforgettable day for the leper. Every meeting of ours with Christ is equally unforgettable. Our friends, those we have helped along the pathway to God, will never forget the peace and joy of their encounter with the Master. They in turn will become apostles who spread the Good News, what it is to know the joy of a good Confession. If we turn to Mary, our Mother will inspire us with joy and a spirit of urgency as we tell people of the great benefits God - the Father of Mercies - has left us in this Sacrament.” (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Virgin most Powerful, St. Joseph, and St. Columbkil, may we all have the grace to make a good Confession in the coming Season of Lent! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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