

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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CALENDAR ~ February 6-14, 2021

Sat 6	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Jack & Dorothy Kennedy by Theresa Hambleton
Sun 7	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Barbara Bridges by Kim Tran Mass for ROS Walter & Wanda Chimiak by Nancy Frei Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 8	9:00am 7:00am	Mass for Jackie Knutowski, <i>Happy Birthday</i> , by the Lugo Family Men's Prayer Group
Wed 10	7:00pm 10:30am 7:45pm	Mass for ROS Terexa Pham by Kim Tran Prayer Group, Parish Hall Bible Study, Parish Hall
Thurs 11	12:10pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Mass for ROS Hank Sunderman by Tom & Judy Bonhaus Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel Rosary and Benediction, Chapel
Fri 12	12:10pm 7:00am	Mass for ROS Beverly Axline by Don Axline Men's Prayer Group
Sat 13	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Ed & Elise Lach by Penny Watkins
Sun 14	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Mark & Dianne Watkins by Penny Watkins Mass for ROS Sal Sarate by Wilson Mancipe Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle 289-6336 for information

Sunday Feb. 7: The RCIA Program starts TODAY in the Chapel, following the 9:00am Mass. This program is open to persons who are considering joining the Church. Parishioners who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith are also welcome.

February 8, 2021, the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, please join the Diocese of Charlotte Anti-Trafficking Taskforce, the USCCB's CCOAHT and other organizations for a series of events honoring the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking and learn how the Catholic Church is fighting this crime. You can register for this free event here: <https://www.humantraffickingacademy.org/event/day-of-prayer/>

Feb 14 Next Sunday is Hospice Sunday. Our item to donate is Ensure, any flavor.



Starting Feb 18: Join in a 30 Day Novena to Saint Joseph for the Rights of the Unborn. Pray the Holy Cloak Novena to Saint Joseph with the Lay Carmelite Community starting on February 18th and ending March 19th, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph. This is a private novena, meaning that the prayers are said individually, not in a public gathering. Copies are available in the Narthex, or you can request that the novena be emailed by contacting pjwlmg@gmail.com.

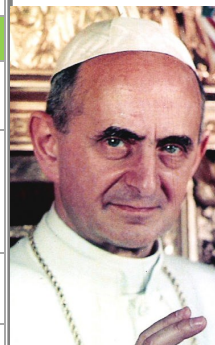
A Retreat Day with Saint Joseph: "Saint Joseph the Contemplative, Living in the Very Presence of God", March 19, 2021

Full-day of prayer and reflection with Saint Joseph that will include talks by each of our three deacons, Morning & Evening Prayer, Mass, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and provides an opportunity to earn a plenary indulgence for the Year of Saint Joseph. 8:30am-4:00pm, in the Main Church. More information to come.

Collection Information for January 31, 2021::

Regular Offering: \$6,396.00

From the Holy Fathers



"Christians must all renew their confidence in the forcefulness and special character of the demands made by the Gospel. The Gospel is not out of date because it was proclaimed, written and lived in a different sociocultural context. Its inspiration remains ever-new"
~ Saint Pope Paul VI ~
In Octogesima Adveniens, 1971

Wisdom of the Saints

"One can neither see nor love Jesus better than by being united to Him in Holy Communion."
~ Saint Catherine de Ricci ~
Dominican Mystic
Feast February 13



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ENTER THE MYSTERY

A Retreat for New and Soon to Be Confirmed Catholics
Sponsors welcome too!

March 26-27, 2021 (with the potential for a person to register for an additional night) at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. This program will help participants to see the world through sacramental eyes through spiritual presentations and guided reflections. Mass, confession and adoration will be available. This program is also available to anyone who is new to the Church as well as those who would like to renew their faith.. Cost: \$150 per person, \$250 per couple, \$75 for commuter. Complete flier and schedule is available through pjwlmg@gmail.com or by contacting the Conference center at info@catholicconference.org or by calling 828-327-7441.



Submit information for the bulletin to Penny Watkins,



THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

You Shall Not Take the Name of the Lord Your God in Vain

Since they express man's fundamental duties toward God and towards his neighbor, the Ten Commandments reveal, in their primordial content, grave obligations. They are fundamentally immutable, and they oblige always and everywhere. No one can dispense from them. The Ten Commandments are engraved by God on the human heart. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC ¶2072)

The Ten Commandments were given to the people through Moses on Mount Sinai. The Israelites refused to speak the name of God as He revealed it "YHWH" (Yahweh) because they referred to God as LORD out of respect for the name. They did not take the name of God in vain.

The Second Commandment requires respect for the LORD's name. His name is holy. But the Second Commandment also governs our speech in all sacred matters. It forbids the abuse of the names of God, Jesus Christ and the names of the Virgin Mary and all the saints. (CCC ¶ 2146) Disrespectfully using a person's name discredits them and careless talk often actually expresses how we feel about a person. If that careless talk is about God, well...we've broken the Second Commandment.

A few examples...The major sins against the Second Commandment are blasphemy, perjury, misusing God's name in oaths as well as taking false oaths.

Blasphemy consists in uttering against God, inwardly or outwardly, words of hatred, reproach or defiance; in speaking ill of God; in failing to respect God in one's own speech; in misusing God's name. (CCC ¶ 2148) Words of hatred and reproach are certainly serious, and might not be something we ever did, but misusing God's name, for many of us, is pretty common. Because it IS so common, some would say that it is no big deal, for example we come out with "Oh, my G_d!" "The ordinariness and frequency of such speech does not change the fact that it displeases God and is forbidden by the Second Commandment." (Eileen Flynn in *The Ten Commandments: Case Studies in Catholic Morality*)

The Second Commandment tells us what not to do, but Flynn further writes: "This commandment also requires us to cultivate an attitude of reverence toward God, Mary and all of the saints." That means taking positive action regarding bad habits of disrespectful speech. The Second Commandment also forbids taking false oaths. After all, taking an oath falsely, with God as your witness, is not to be taken lightly; a false oath calls upon God to be a witness to a lie.

As far as swearing is concerned, the casual "I swear to G_d..." is against the essence of the Second Commandment. It is disrespectful to use these casual phrases. Taking them out of our conversational chatter is worth the effort.

Many of our infractions of the Second Commandment are unintentional. For a lot of us the casual, offhanded use of the name of God was a habit that developed over the years. No serious disrespect to God is meant, and these would be considered venial sins. But consider this true story.

Many years ago a wonderful Sister of Charity, Sister Catherine Mercedes, said: "Venial sins are a lot like tiny pebbles. Mortal sins are like rocks. Which is heavier...a five pound bag of pebbles or a 5-pound rock?" Small infractions do, indeed, add up.

When it comes to examining our conscience regarding sins against the Second Commandment, ask yourself these questions:

Have I taken the name of God in vain?

Do I make use of God's name in an irreverent manner?

Have my words put down God, the Church, Church Leaders, or any of the people of God?

Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

Have I wished evil on another person?

