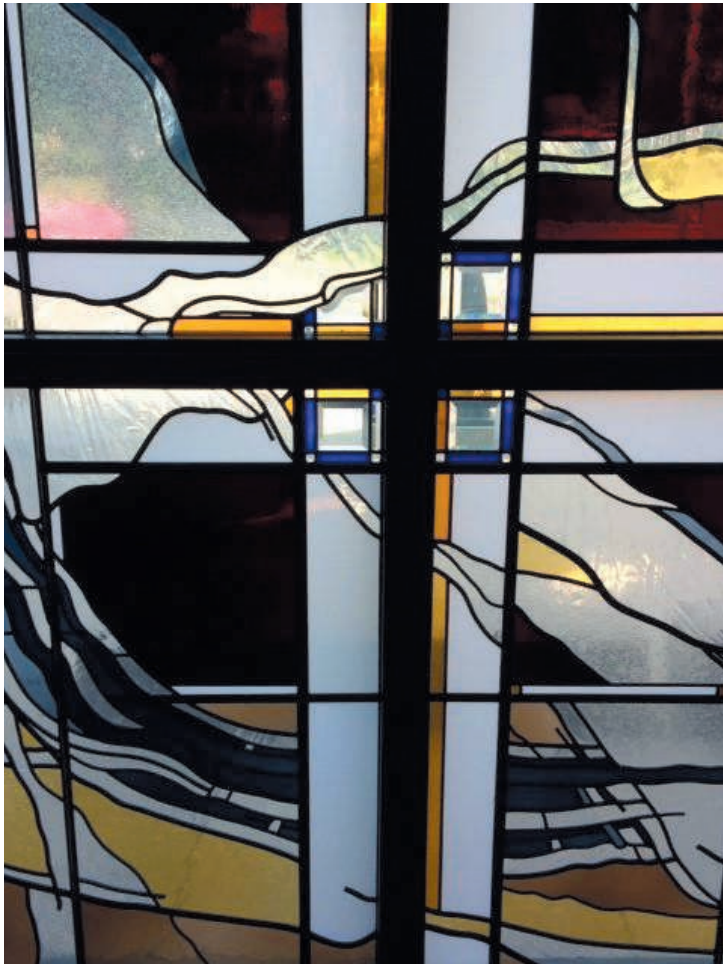


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**February 4, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### **Sacraments**

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

#### **Bulletin**

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

#### **Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday** - 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday** - 10:00 a.m.

#### **Reconciliation**

**Saturday** 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

#### **Prayer Line**

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#### **Readings for the Week of February 4, 2018**

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10

## MIRACLES HAPPEN



On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, the gospel invites us to look at our belief in miracles. When it comes to miracles, it seems to me that there are three prevailing outlooks. The first one is that miracles take place every day. People who have this outlook believe in the marvelous power of prayer. For them, Jesus Christ, the healer, is always present for those with sufficient faith. Prayer makes things happen and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick yields actual healing be it for body, mind, or spirit. The words "Miracles Happen" express the outlook of these people.

The second outlook is that miracles never happen. People who have this outlook believe in accepting reality and might pray for the strength to do so. For them, Jesus Christ, the redeemer, is the hope in which they place their trust. For these people, prayer is primarily an act of submission and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a preparation for death. The words "Stuff Happens" express the outlook of these people.

The third outlook lies somewhere between the first and the second ones. It is the outlook which is the operative spirituality for the gospel reading we hear today. Notice that Mark's gospel does not want us to concentrate on the miracles that take place. Peter's mother-in-law does not immediately jump up and go out to proclaim that a miracle has happened for her. Instead, she goes to work providing care for her family and hospitality for their guests. And Jesus does not remain to cure people he proceeds to the neighboring villages to proclaim the Good News. In Mark's gospel, this emphasizes the fact that, "Yes, miracles do affect a few people" but more importantly the salvation of the cross affects all people. The words "Jesus Is Lord" express the outlook of these people.

A miracle is a vehicle of meaning, a sign, which challenges us for a personal response, invites us to conversion, and comforts us in our struggles. If I were to ask you, "Have you experienced a miracle?" What would be your response? "Well, of course!" "Well, I don't know?" If at this moment you are living and breathing, then you are experiencing a miracle.

On a clear night, step outside your home and look up into the sky. The vastness of the heavens is a miracle. Everything that you see in the heavens belongs to one galaxy. There are hundreds more beyond our own. Maybe thousands...some much larger than ours. Let's limit our miracle just to our own solar system...a tiny fraction of the universe above us. Because it is impossible to grasp the astounding distance, we need analogies, like those used in grade school science books, to assist us.

Imagine a perfectly smooth glass pavement on which the finest speck can be seen. Then shrink our sun from 865,000 miles in diameter to only two feet...and place a soccer ball on the pavement to represent the sun. Step off 82 feet and to represent proportionately the first planet, Mercury, put down a tiny mustard seed. Take 60 steps more and for Venus put down an M&M. Walk 78 more steps...put down a green olive representing our earth. Step off 108 steps from there and for Mars put down one speck of glitter. Sprinkle around some fine dust for the asteroids and take 788 steps more. For Jupiter place an apple on the glass at that spot. After 934 more steps, put down a kiwi for Saturn. Now it really gets involved. Mark 2,086 steps more, and for Uranus put down a jellybean. Another 2,322 steps from there you arrive at Neptune. Let a cherry represent Neptune. All this will take two and a half miles and we haven't even talked about Pluto! If we swing completely around, we have a smooth glass surface five miles in diameter, yet just a tiny fraction of the heavens--excluding Pluto.

On this surface, five miles across, we have only a seed, M&M, olive, speck of glitter, some dust, an apple, kiwi, jellybean, and a cherry. Guess how far we would have to go on the same scale before we could put down another soccer ball to represent the nearest star. Come on guess! We would have to go 6,720 miles before we could arrive at this star. And this is just the first star among millions. All this in one galaxy among perhaps thousands, maybe billions of galaxies. And all of it in perpetual motion...perfectly synchronized...the most accurate timepiece known by us.

Don't tell me miracles don't happen! It is obvious that they do. Remember that for most of us a miracle is a vehicle of meaning, a sign, which challenges us for a personal response, invites us to conversion, and comforts us in our struggles.

# News and Events

## BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW

The bells at Saint Matthew will ring on February 8th for Tina Saucedo Baker. The bells will ring in on February 11th in memory of Consolation & Jovito Guiwan.

## FALL FESTAL 2018

The Silent Auction Committee of the Fall Festival, which will take place on September 22-23, 2018, thinks it is never too soon to start planning for the next silent auction. We are hoping that by starting early it will help ease the last minute crunch. We also want the parish community to know how they can help us now. We would like to have handcrafted items in the auction. So, if you are a quilter, knitter or wood worker, can you make something? Do you have a hobby but don't know how you can do something for the auction? We are happy to talk with you to see what we can work out. The first group of solicitation be sent to corporations. (Theaters, museums and sports teams). Most of these organizations have online forms to be filled out. If you are comfortable using a computer, would you consider helping with these forms? We will supply the information. You will just have to fill it in. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Ann Contreras 651.292.9440.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULING

We will be writing the next Ministry schedule on Feb. 7. **Please check your schedules and let us know, by Feb. 5** any dates you cannot serve, or any dates you want to be scheduled. This schedule will run from Feb. 14 (Ash Wednesday) through the last weekend in May. (A separate schedule will be written for Holy Week). Thanks for your continued help. Jan Lackner [JML3242@AOL.COM](mailto:JML3242@AOL.COM)

## SAVE THE DATE

The 50th anniversary of the Church fire is Sunday, April 15. Watch the bulletin for further event details.

## METROPOLITAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On Sunday, February 11th at 3:00 p.m. the orchestra will present a one hour family friendly concert of "The Music of Heroes". Come hear the music from Star Wars, Harry Potter and Superman. Enjoy the sounds and adventure of Pirates of the Caribbean and so much more. *The concert is free, donations are gladly accepted.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 3

4:00 pm Eugene Gonsowski†

### Sunday, February 4

10:00 am Our Parish

Claudette Borgan, Special Intention

### Monday, February 5

8:00 am Arthur Geis†

### Wednesday, February 7

8:00 am Tina Saucedo Baker Special Intention

### Friday, February 9

8:00 am Poor Souls

### Saturday, February 3

4:00 pm Raymond Galep†

### Sunday, February 4

10:00 am Our Parish

Consolation & Jovito Guiwan†

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Saturday, February 3

4:00 pm Mass

6:00 - 9:00 pm COS Fund Raiser SH

### Sunday, February 4

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass

11:00 am Coffee Sunday

4:30 pm Men's Club "Big Game" SH

### Monday, February 4

8:00 am Mass

### Monday, Feb. 5-Friday, Feb 9

5:00 - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

### Wednesday, February 7

8:00 am Mass

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC

6:30 pm Faith Formation

7:00 pm Men's Club Board Meeting SH

### Thursday, February 8

9:30 am Mass COS

### Friday, February 9

### Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am Mass

### Saturday, February 10

4:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, February 11

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass

11:00 am Coffee Sunday

3:00 pm Metropolitan

Symphony Orchestra C

Children's Corner

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 01-28-2018

Parish			
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,807	School	\$ 70
Electronic Giving	\$ 902	Retired Religious	\$ 1
Vigil Lights	\$ 23		
Fuel	\$		
Bells	\$		
Faith Formation	\$ 20		
Mass Stipends	\$ 35		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,636</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 71</b>
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## PLEASE REMEMBER

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE



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GENTILE  
HOLY SPIRIT  
GOD THE FATHER  
PERSECUTE

PRAY  
TITHE  
MINISTRY  
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