



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY  
JANUARY 31  
2021**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**PUBLIC ENTRY BY  
APPOINTMENT ONLY  
MASS SCHEDULE  
(TEMPORARY)**

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:30 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 7:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Director of Religious Education

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

Liturgy/Music Coordinator

Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

Secretary

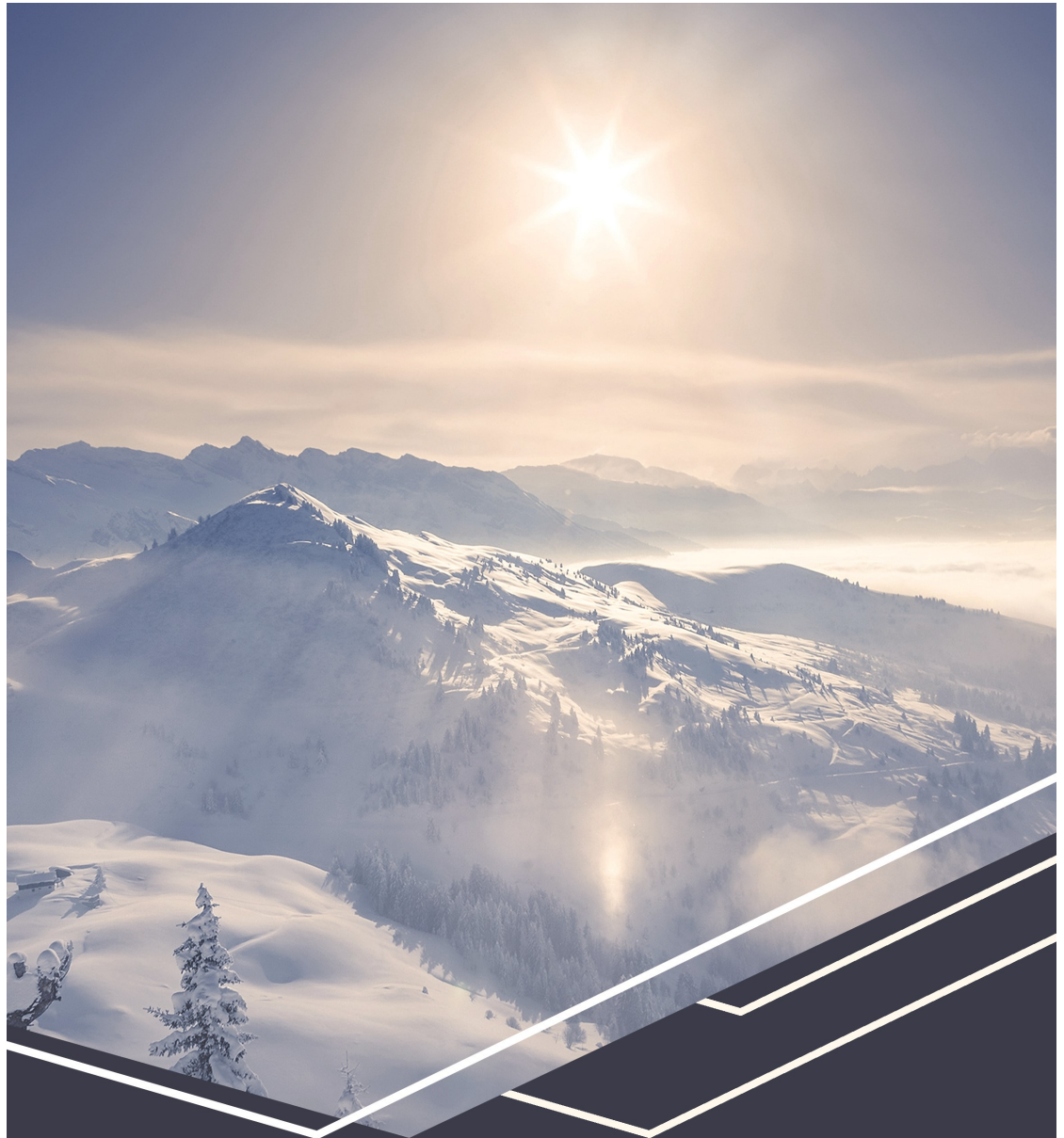
Mrs. Carrie Hannah

Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

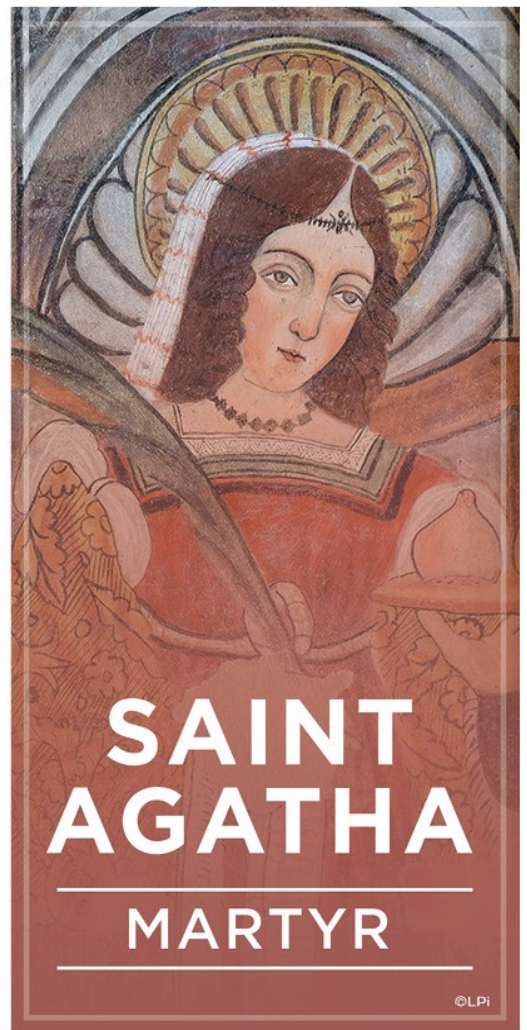
<b>SUN 1/31</b>	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
<b>MON 2/01</b>	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
<b>TUE 2/02</b>	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
<b>WED 2/03</b>	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
<b>THR 2/04</b>	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
<b>FRI 2/05</b>	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
<b>SAT 2/06</b>	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
<b>SUN 2/07</b>	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

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
<b>Sunday:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?



*Everything and  
everyone is won  
by the sweetness  
of our words  
and works.*

— ST. JOHN BOSCO



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

I will raise up for them a prophet like you  
from among their kin,  
and will put my words into his mouth;  
he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)



## PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not  
your hearts. (Ps 95)



## SECOND READING

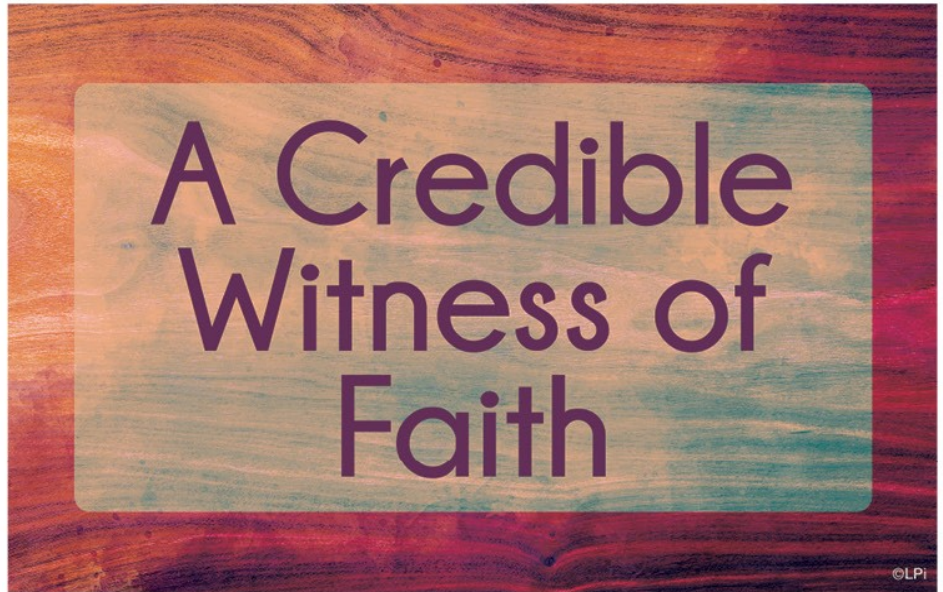
An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious  
about the things of the Lord,  
so that she may be holy in both body and spirit.  
(1 Cor 7:34)



## GOSPEL

The people were astonished at his teaching,  
for he taught them as one  
having authority and not  
as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.





MON 2/1 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	John B. Hornyak [Wife, Mary Lou]
TUES 2/2 9AM	Ann Zurko
WED 2/3 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Ed & Alice Donnelly
THU 2/4 9AM	SCRIPTURE & COMMUNION
FRI 2/5 9AM	Fr. Robert Schriefer
SAT 2/6 9AM	John Ford
SAT 2/6 4PM	Fran Sok
SAT 2/6 6PM	Mass for the People
SUN 2/7 8AM	Bob Nicolls
SUN 2/7 10AM	Fr. John Hagerty
SUN 2/7 12PM	Bill Furey



SAT 2/6 4PM	Lector <b>K. Wagner</b>	Eucharistic Min. J. Miller or J. Trenga
SAT 2/6 6PM	Lector <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Eucharistic Min. <b>NOT FILLED</b>
SUN 2/7 8AM	Lector J. Pursel	Eucharistic Min. T. Brandenstein or R. Mentrek
SUN 2/7 10AM	Lector F. Hannah	Eucharistic Min. A. Orndorff or S. Puhl
SUN 2/7 12PM	Lector K. O'Brien	Eucharistic Min. R. McGoff

**\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS**

## PRAYER Line

Keeping those in need in our prayers. If you, a family member or a friend are in need of prayer please call the prayer line with your request.

**Prayer Line,  
Kathy Higgins #724-342-7858**

## LUMINARIA

Due to COVID and the weather conditions last month the luminaria candles were not lit. All funds will be directed toward Easter and the names of your loved ones will be acknowledged at that time.

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of those who have lost a loved one. Please keep in prayer those who have entered into eternal life:

**Patricia Burnett**



*Altar flowers  
are donated In thanksgiving to God  
and in Memory of  
**Mary Frances Stawaisz***

*On Behalf of:  
Stawaisz Family*

## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to join our parish and become part of the Notre Dame Church family, please complete this form and return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

### REQUEST FOR PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## MID-WEEK EVENING PRAYER

Join us for this New Virtual Prayer Opportunity!

Looking for a mid-week pick-me-up? Consider joining other Catholic Christians in community prayer.

Please join Frank Hannah and others each Wednesday from 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM for virtual evening prayer.

Virtual prayer via Zoom. Use the following link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88954943015>

Who do I contact if I have trouble connecting?

Frank Hannah | 724-977-8655 | [gatorsnpa@gmail.com](mailto:gatorsnpa@gmail.com)

## NEW CHURCH OF NOTRE DAME

## WEBSITE

Church of Notre Dame Parish is unveiling a new and improved website <http://notredame-pa.org>

The website will have a new display that will cover six focus areas:

- Celebrate With Us
- Join Us
- Pray With Us/Adoration
- Serve With Us
- Online Giving
- Faith Formation

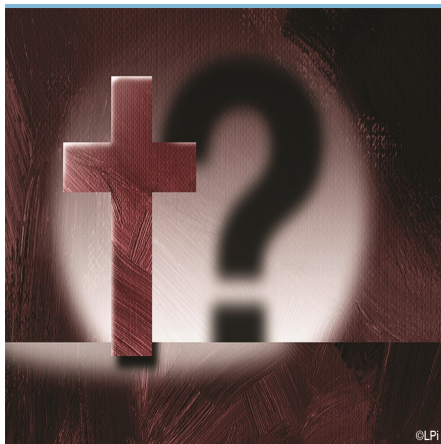
The site also will include a video module that allows parishioners to view the videotaped Sunday Mass on the website.

Other features of the new website:

- Opportunities to make online Sunday giving
- Mass schedules
- Church bulletins
- New areas for parish and Catholic Church news
- Sign-up opportunities for a monthly email newsletter
- Faith Formation programs
- Information for receiving the sacraments
- Messages from the Pastor
- Staff and program information

Changes were incorporated to bring more information to parish members and those interested in Church of Notre Dame Parish Faith Community in an appealing, readable and coordinated manner.

Please take time to view the new website and to get familiar with many new features. Feedback and suggestions are always welcomed. Feel free to email your thoughts to [churchoffice@notredame-pa.org](mailto:churchoffice@notredame-pa.org)



### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin?  
How can I be more attentive?

#### Answer:

The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us “no!” This is probably the oldest

and most common problem in the spiritual life-dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just “re-collect” ourselves. If some worry or concern just won’t leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won’t come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.