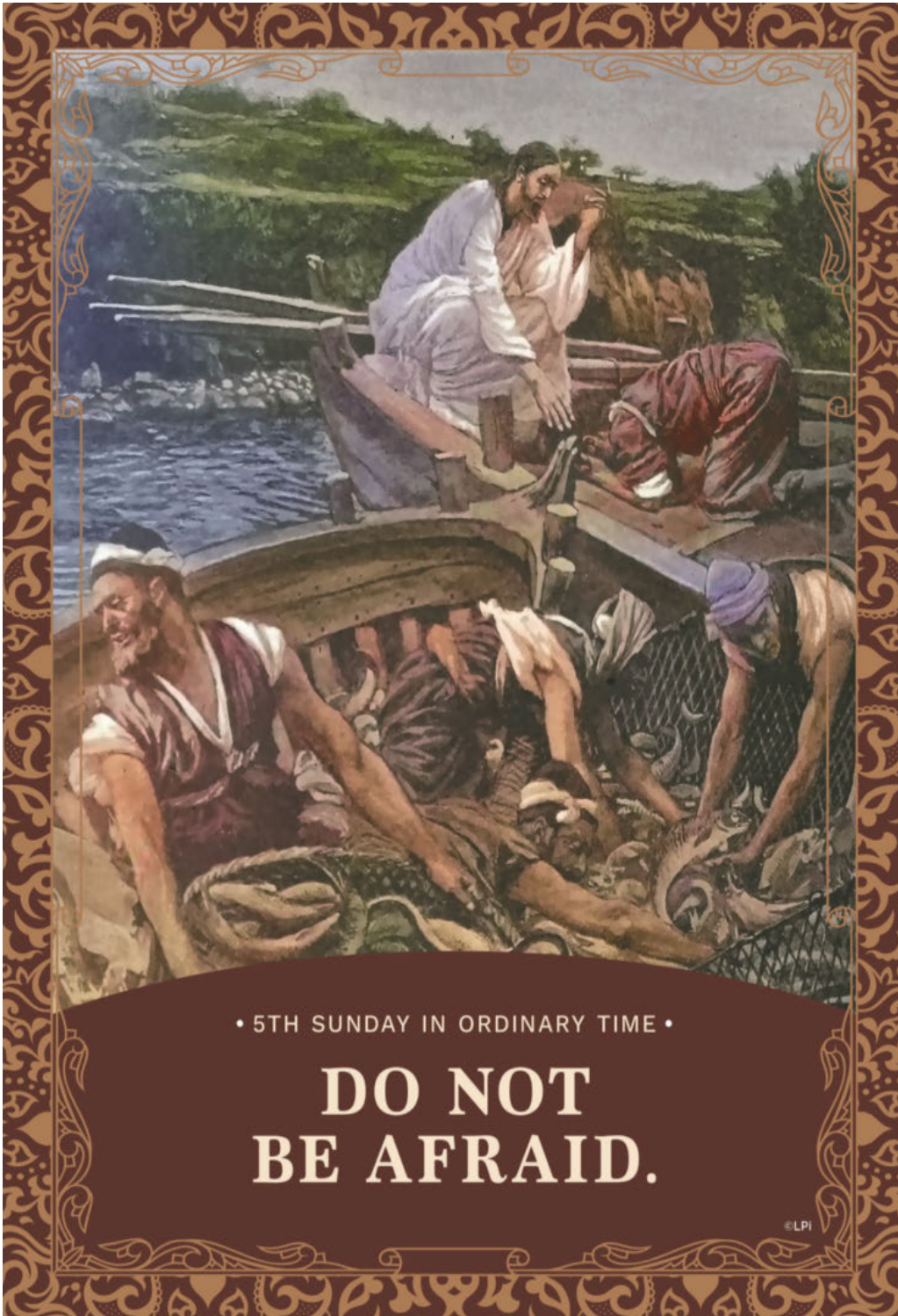


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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

In many passages of scripture, we hear that the message of God through Jesus Christ is endless, and so is the need for messengers to carry that message to "all nations." (*Matt: 28:19*) That is what the Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time are all about: **We are all called to participate in getting God's message out to the world.** Ours might not be so dramatic a calling as was Isaiah's or Peter's or the others. Nevertheless, by this calling, or vocation, we are all given a role in God's Plan of Salvation.

The First Reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (6:1-8). This passage, which came early in Isaiah's life, recounts his being called into the service of God as a prophet. Although it is a very dramatic scene similar to the calling of the visionary, John, in the Book of Revelation, it is not the dramatics of the scene that are important but rather, the response of the one being called. Here, Isaiah answers that calling with his own, "*Here I am, send me.*"

The Responsorial Psalm is (138:1-8). In this brief Psalm we hear the Psalmist give praise to God for the many blessings received. Obviously, this Psalmist was a true messenger for God because, like the prophets, the psalmist also speaks for God. Here he gives praise because "*All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you when they hear the words of your mouth.*"

The Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians (15:3-8, 11). (*USCCB says 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11*) St. Paul's conversion and calling to be God's messenger to the Gentiles was also very dramatic (*See ACTS 9:1-9*). Here, he recounts how he has carried out his responsibilities and the importance of his message for the salvation of all disciples of Jesus Christ. He then goes on to say that he does not do this on his own, but rather, because he was called by Christ to fulfill this special role. Like the apostles in the Gospel reading for today, Paul, once converted, dropped everything and gave his life to the preaching of Christ crucified.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of St. Luke (5:1-11). In this passage we have another dramatic calling of the apostles into the service of God; and again, these three (Peter, James and John), the leaders when called, drop everything and follow Christ. Peter, realizing he was in the presence of divine holiness, utters that strange statement: "*Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.*" Obviously, Peter recognizing his own sinfulness reverts to the old Jewish concept of separation of the sinner from the Holy One. When we are called to serve God, He is always there ready and willing to help us fulfill whatever He asks of us. It is in the fulfilling of our call to service that makes us holy.

It is sad that so many people are lonely or bored without a purpose in life while at the same time, there are so many "needs" by others. Our Catholic faith is built on the idea of community and helping one another. Our call to serve God runs the full spectrum of human needs, both earthly and spiritual, and so we are challenged to answer the question: "*Whom shall I send?*" Hopefully we will respond as Isaiah did by saying: "*Here I am; send me!*"

Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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FEBRUARY 9, 2025 | 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling

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No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

PSALM: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

SECOND READING: Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

GOSPEL: Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

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Sunday - Feb 9th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

10:00 am - †Charlie Bourque (30th Anniversary of Death)
Requested by: Janine O'Doherty

Monday - Feb 10th - St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30 am - †Richard Yurovich
Requested by: The Grochocki Family

Tuesday - Feb 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes

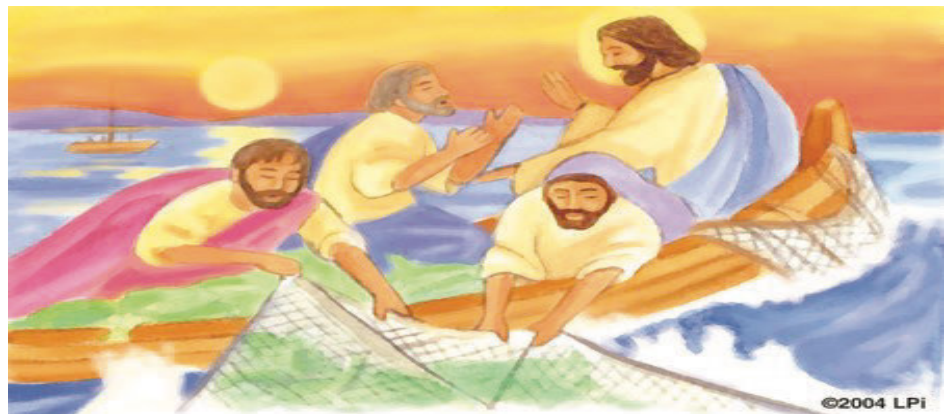
8:30 am - †Jack & Joan Bellisaro
Requested by: Richard & Stephanie Michalski

Saturday - Feb 15th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Jeannie Zernikow
Requested by: Loving Family

Sunday - Feb 16th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Vernon & Vivian Smith
Requested by: Sandra Smith



READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-1

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. — Lk 5:5-6

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 15th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty R., Jerry D., Pam W.

Server: Lucy K.

Sunday, February 16th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Steve B., Karen B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L.

OFFERTORY REPORT

FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (1/19/2024) \$3,380.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - \$(5,035.00)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



THE PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

FEBRUARY 2025 FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan
Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick
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Emily Stefan	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies
Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka	

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

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St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs - Feast Day: February 6th

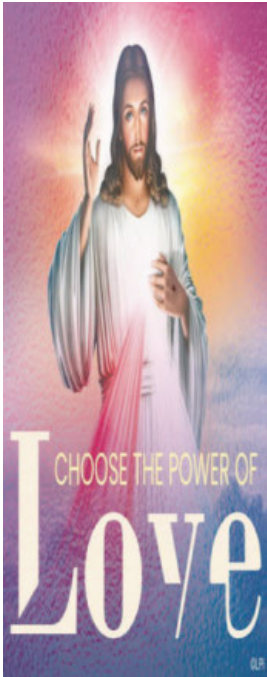
A native of Japan, St. Paul's family converted to Christianity when he was a child. Strengthened by the Eucharist, he proclaimed and defended the Catholic Faith. St. Paul & 25 other Catholics were crucified during a persecution.

While hanging on the cross, St. Paul encouraged spectators to give their lives for Christ & forgave his enemies.

He said: *"Like my Master, I shall die upon the cross. Like Him, a lance will pierce my heart, so that my blood and my love can flow out upon the land and sanctify it to His name."*

St. Josephine Bakhita, Religious, Africa (1869-1947) - Feast Day: February 8th

Following her kidnapping from Darfur, Sudan, St. Josephine was tortured and enslaved. Later, she was bought by a good family, eventually freed, and went to Italy with them at the age of 21. She was attracted to Catholicism because of the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. She converted and became a Canossian Sister. St. Josephine spent many hours daily in Eucharistic Adoration. She said: *"I will send from heaven lots of graces for the salvation of souls."*



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - PRAY FOR YOUR ENEMIES

My daughter, in this meditation, consider the love of neighbor. Is your love for your neighbor guided by My love? Do you pray for your enemies? Do you wish well to those who have, in one way or another, caused you sorrow or offended you?

Know that whatever good you do to any soul, I accept it as if you had done it to Me
(Diary, 1768).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help me to pray for my enemies and for those who have caused me sorrows. Teach me to live Your word: *"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me"* (Mt 25:40).

Get daily meditations emailed to you at forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM [PROLIFECORNER.COM](https://www.prolifecorner.com)

Even though Roe v Wade is no longer a federal law, we still face abortions every day.

However, due to the individual states deciding their own abortion regulations, abortions have thankfully decreased somewhat. We must continue to work and pray diligently to end abortion in our nation and save God's beautiful unborn babies.

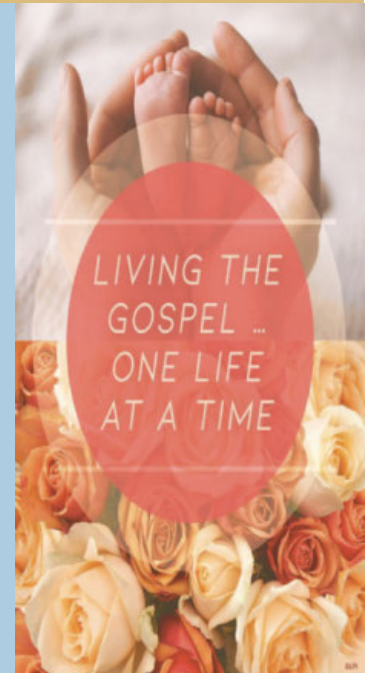
It is our hope that these quotes will inspire you to share them and to join pro-life.

Continue to pray to end abortion.

Think about this:

"Find the courage to proclaim Christ, and the unchanging truths which have their foundation in Him. These are the truths that set us free! They are the truths which alone can guarantee respect for the inalienable dignity and rights of each man, woman and child in our world - including the most defenseless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother's womb."- Pope Benedict XVI.

Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!





MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

upon the death of retired Diocese of Cleveland priest,
Father William Jerse on February 1, 2025.

*May Fr. Bill's soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

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CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 2/16

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Please join CCA at one of our free, monthly grief support groups
either In-Person at 3 pm & Virtually at 5 pm via Zoom on the same day.

Find strength, hope and a voice for your grief.

Meetings are open discussion with a topic or whatever is in your heart.

**The February Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 16th
with the closest location at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon at 32789 Detroit Rd.**

The Topic is "What's Normal in Grief"

Your RSVP is appreciated but not required. Please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 for more info
or sign up for the virtual group at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

Visit www.clecem.org for the most updated schedule of events with the CCA.



SAVE THE DATE - 3/9, 3/10 & 3/11

THE 2025 LENTEN COMBINED PARISH MISSION

This Lent, The Reverend Father Jared Orndorff, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Cuyahoga Falls
will lead us in a reflection on Sacrifice: the key to reaping the wealth of God's Love!

There will be 3 talks:

Sunday, March 9th from 7-8 pm (*Sacrifice: in Scripture*) at St. Anthony Church

Monday, March 10th from 7-8 pm (*Sacrifice: Why Jesus Came*) at St. Teresa Church

Tuesday, March 11th from 7-8 pm (*Sacrifice: in my life, as an encounter with God*) at St. Anthony Church

About Our Speaker:

Akron native, Fr. Jared P. Orndorff became Pastor at St. Joseph Parish in 2013. Before being assigned to St. Joseph's, he served as parochial vicar at St. Mary's Parish in Chardon & St. John Vianney in Mentor.

Fr. Jared grew up in the Kenmore area of Akron as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish.

After graduating from Archbishop Hoban High School, he received an Associate degree from the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts. He worked as a chef prior to pursuing his vocation as a priest.

Fr. Jared earned an undergraduate degree in philosophy & history with a minor in Catholic studies from John Carroll University. He then attended St. Mary's Seminary & Graduate School of Theology in Wickliffe where he earned a Master of Arts degree in Church History & a Master of Divinity.

He was ordained a Priest in 2008 in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

He is also currently the Chaplin of the First Catholic Slovak Union in the Diocese of Cleveland.

(Fr. Jared is pictured to the left with his black Labrador retriever, Monsignor)



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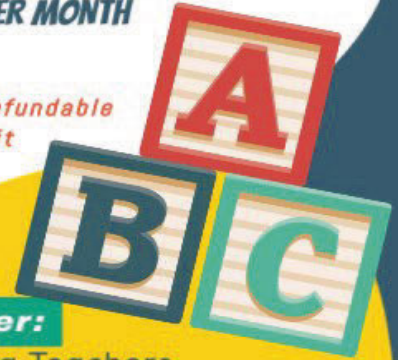
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