

Sexagesima Sunday

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 7

Violet

Septuagesima Sunday, *II Class*

8:00 AM Joseph S. Arena +

11:30 AM Pro populo

Monday, February 8

White

St. John of Matha, Confessor, *III Class*

7:30 PM Roxanne Alex + (anniv.)

Founder of the Trinitarian Order for the ransom of captives, he devoted his whole life and priestly activity to the relief and ransoming of the Christian prisoners of the Muslims.

Tuesday, February 9

White

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop/Doctor, *III Class*

12:10 PM Michael Flynn

One of the great defenders of the Faith against the Nestorian heresy which denied our Lady to be the Mother of God, he presided in the Pope's name over the Council of Ephesus in 431. It was on his instigation that it was defined that in Christ there is only one divine Person and that consequently the Savior is at the same time true God and true Man and that our Lady is indeed the Mother of God. He died in 444.

Wednesday, February 10

White

St. Scholastica, Virgin, *III Class*

7:30 PM Dorothy Mee +

Sister of St. Benedict, she consecrated herself to God as a virgin and embraced monastic life. Of exceptional sanctity, upon her death on February 10, 547, her brother would see her soul ascend to heaven as a dove.

Thursday, February 11

White

Our Lady of Lourdes, *III Class*

12:10 PM Scott McKean +

In 1858, Our Lady appeared eighteen times to St. Bernadette Soubirous in the hollow rock at Lourdes, France and told her that she was the Immaculate Conception. A miraculous pool of water emerged from the ground and has been a place of pilgrimage since where many cures and conversions have been obtained.

Friday, February 12

White

Seven Holy Founders, Confessors, *III Class*

12:10 PM David Hobbs

In 1233 seven members of the Florentine Confraternity founded the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Servites led an austere life, meditating constantly on the Passion of Our Lord and venerating the Blessed Virgin as Our Lady of Sorrows.

Saturday, February 13

White

Saturday of Our Lady, *IV Class*

11:00 AM Bea Beeman

Sunday, February 14

Violet

Quinquagesima Sunday, *II Class*

8:00 AM Fr. Luan Tran

11:30 AM Pro Populo

Season of Septuagesima

We are currently in the season of Septuagesima. From the Latin meaning *seventy* the Church has traditionally used this time as a liturgical preparation for Lent, effecting a transition from the joyful sentiments of Christmas to the somber penitential season of Lent. The three Sundays before Lent are respectively called Septuagesima (70), Sexagesima (60), and Quinquagesima (50), and are so named because in the early days of the Church many communities began the Lenten fast fifty, sixty, or seventy days before Easter in order not to have to fast every day of the forty. Violet is worn on Sundays, the Gloria omitted (although organ still permitted), and the joyful Alleluia will not be heard at any Mass until the Easter Vigil. This is a good period for us all to reflect on our spiritual progress since last Easter and, in turn, begin consideration of a suitable penance for Lent.

Throat Blessings

Throats will be blessed following the Masses today. The translation of the blessing that is given: *Through the intercession of St. Blase, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver thee from sickness of the throat and from every other evil: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

First Communion Registration Due

Registration forms for First Communion are due today. Classes are scheduled to begin next Sunday, February 14. If there is a question about a child's eligibility, please contact Fr. Saguto.

Sunday Evening Mass in Tacoma (Postponed)

Please note the Sunday Tridentine Mass at Visitation Church has been temporarily postponed as there has been an unforeseen hiccup in obtaining the necessary documentation for the arrangement.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday is February 17, marking the beginning of Lent. There will be two Masses that day at 12:10 and 7:30 PM with the blessing and distribution of ashes, the evening Mass being a High Mass.

Special Topics Lecture—February 23

From time to time, a single lecture will be given on topics of specific interest, especially in reference to certain dangers and challenges in society which Catholics need to navigate. Fr. Saguto will present a lecture *Pornography: Its Danger and Solutions* on Tuesday evening, February 23,

from 7:30-8:45 in the school cafeteria. Due to the subject matter, appropriate maturity for attendance.

Sunday Catechism Presentations

Taking into consideration the distances traveled for Mass as well as the difficulty at times to make a class on a weeknight, Fr. Saguto will present a catechetical series of lectures on the explanations and ceremonies of the Latin Tridentine Mass on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 in the school cafeteria beginning Sunday, February 21. If you ever wondered why the priest does all the things he does at the altar, these will serve to answer a lot of those questions. All are invited.

Young Adults Group Interest

As there has been some interest and initiative recently in the parish to form a young adults' group, we are now looking to see what level of overall interest there is for the purpose of development. The group would be open to Catholic adults between 20 and 30 years of age who are interested in meeting other Catholics once or twice monthly for Scripture study, topical discussions, and social activities. If interested, please contact Thomas Osen at (406) 580-1683 or a cetmsu@gmail.com.

Sunday Potlucks Help

Potlucks follow the 11:30 Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the months in the school cafeteria. These prove successful in building camaraderie in the parish and providing a forum to meet new parishioners and visitors. Please be sure to bring a lunch dish to share so there is plenty to go around! Also, those attending are asked to simply make sure the area around where they ate is tidied before leaving as this will greatly help with the general cleanup. Thank you!

Please Keep In Your Prayers:

David Hobbs, Rosemary Newton, Anna Schindler, Brian Buttigieg, Charles Barber, Jr., Mary Lynn Kenary, Louis Leclezio, Anita Aylard, Liz Rote, Carolyn Barber, Stephanie Brusich, Mai-Trang Thi Huynh, Nicholas Scheetz, Mary McKinsey, Mark Hillis, Ralph McNerny +, Marie Miller +, Patricia Fazio +, John Hillis +, Alfredo Du +, Helen Groves +, Judith Hilterman +

Contributions *May God reward your generosity.*

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Calendar of Events

February 14	First Communion Classes Begin
February 14/28	Potluck
February 17	Ash Wednesday
February 21	Sunday Catechism begins
February 23	Special Topics Lecture

A Final Thought...

He who gives freedom takes a risk, but it must be taken. God foresaw the risk of making man free and planned redemption from the slavery of sin. Parents, too, run a risk when they give their children liberty. In the course of history there are two extreme errors: one, of too little freedom; the other, of too much. One would dam up a river, the other would destroy its banks and make it a swamp.

There are also the two extremes of: "Don't you do it" and "I don't care." Life for some children is one perpetual "don't." [...] The other extreme is "Do whatever you please" attitude. A child who always played games that had no rules and "out of bounds" began to hate life that was too capricious. He finally complained to his mother: "Must I always do what I want to?"

[...] Too often freedom is regarded as the source of all indiscipline. Repressive measures are then resorted to which create fuel for rebellion. St. Augustine recalled the bitterness of his first days of school. He wrote: "I would prefer death rather than to be a child again." Liberty often permits indiscipline, but it does not cause it. Liberty is merely a condition, and out if it may come slavery or self-government. Liberty is the condition for both obedience and disobedience.

Liberty manifests itself sometimes in sheer negation on the part of the child and sometimes by bare affirmation. To will to destroy this liberty under the pretext of order is to destroy the child. Nothing inferiorizes the child more than brutal imposition of constraint which prevents the unfolding of personality. The education of liberty then in a child must possess two qualities: it must be gradual; it must be associated with the moral order. It must appeal to the conscience of the educator and also to one who is educated. There is a gradual unfolding of liberty according to the age of a child and the peak of moral authority is in the attitude of the parent who says, "I ask for obedience because I am responsible before God for you." The child in his turn, if morally educated, will have in his heart the sentiment, "I will obey my parents because they take the place of God in my home." Where there is love, there is obedience; where there is obedience, there is the discovery of happiness.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

