

February 7, 2021

FIFTH Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said,
"Let us go on to the nearby villages
that I may preach there also.
For this purpose have I come."

MARK 1:38

The poignant description of human suffering in our reading from the book of Job echoes the cries we have heard throughout the world with the coming of the coronavirus. We grieve many losses: of life and health, of jobs and security, of freedom to be with those we love. We are reminded that many of the psalms are prayers lamenting that the world is often not what it ought to be. In these coronavirus times, we the Church are first called to prayerfully lament: to weep with those who are weeping and to ache for a better world. Our prayer can remind us that, as Paul described in Romans 8, all creation is groaning, and the Holy Spirit is groaning in wordless, shared suffering.

We also live in God's promise to transform our tears into joy. God is eager to bring healing to the world, and we are God's instruments in doing so. We bring God's gifts of creativity, resourcefulness, and perseverance to the task. Our prayerful lamentation reminds us of the urgency of God's work through us.

FREED TO SERVE

The first chapter of Mark's Gospel is very fast-paced, as Jesus begins his ministry on the move. The first scene in today's passage happens so quickly that it's easy to miss: Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, and she promptly begins to serve Jesus and the disciples. This woman is never named, and only noted by her relationship with Simon. But she is the first person in Mark, once healed by Jesus, to clearly respond as a disciple. Her healing frees her to serve Jesus and others, and sparks the healing of many others.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' healings restore health, dignity, and a place in the community. They are also a summons to service. Mark's brief story highlights that God is always raising up persons and communities, healed of illness or sin or sadness, to join in God's healing work for others.

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Today's Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider
PERMANENT DEACON:

MASS TIMES:

Sat., 5:00PM & Sun., 9:00AM

Tues. - Fri. 9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

Tues. & Wed., 9:00 - 10:00AM

Wednesday: 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday: 45
minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
anticipated date 903-769-3235

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Welcome Visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Yvonne Scott. Ulysses Cormier. Szczepanski Family. Bollinger Family. Kate Guthrie. Bob Mailliard. Charlie Parker. Mike Cromley. Molly Dunn. Richard Schuetz. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Frankie Durst. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Ed & Diane Stanley. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Earl Corrigan, brother of Jess Corrigan. Ron Szczepanski, spouse of Carol Szczepanski.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 2/06 Don Corrigan+ (M/M Corrigan)
Sun 2/07 Eliot Jones+ (Mary & Bruce)
Tue 2/09 → NO MASS TUES.—FRI.
Wed 2/10 → Fr. Mike attending the Priests Retreat
Thurs 2/11
Fri. 2/12
Sat. 2/13 Earl Corrigan+ (M/M Corrigan)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts from July through Dec. 31, 2020:
Expenditures \$ 3,882
Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,370

Attendance 1/30 Sat 37 & 1/31 Sun 38
 One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

BEGINNING AGAIN: If I were to begin life again, I would want it as it was. I would only open my eyes a little more.—Jules Renard

ON LOVE: If you would be loved, love and be lovable.
 —Benjamin Franklin

February Pope's Intention:

Violence against women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading: Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel: Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

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 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

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

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22). This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Dispensation: The entire diocese of Tyler remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Holy Spirit Garage Sale: April 9th & 10th

ON CHURCH PARKING LOT

Weather Permitting

We will start pricing and you can **begin dropping off items on Wed., Feb. 3rd between the hours of 9:30—11:30am. NO CLOTHING or ELECTRONICS.** Call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868 if you have questions or unable to drop off items on Wednesday mornings.

Genacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Lenten Confessions

Tues., Feb. 23rd

7:00pm until ???

Priests: Fr. Mike & Fr. Lawrence Love

Come through the front doors of church and follow signs.

ASH WEDNESDAY

FAST & ABSTINENCE

February 17, 2021

Mass at 9:00am & 5:00pm with ashes

Vespers (evening prayers) begins on Friday, Feb. 19th at 4:00pm, followed by the Stations of the Cross.

While the hospitals have enough capacity at this moment, they do not have enough critical care staff to manage the overwhelming number of COVID-19 cases that are coming in.

Bishop Strickland is requesting that you offer your prayers for physicians, nurses, and health care workers during this time—for their protection and for the needs of our hospitals.

Reminder: Bishop Strickland has instructed all persons to wear facial masks during liturgies in the Diocese of Tyler.

Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Sat., Feb. 6th at 5:00pm and Sun., Feb. 7th at 9:00am.

Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Wear a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed. **Enter & exist** double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.
4. **Chairs** set-up 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS.**

February Second Collections

Feb. 6th & 7th: Building & Maintenance Fund

Feb. 13th & 14th: Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Fostering the Mission

*"This is the first official week of the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal: **"Fostering the Mission."***

Throughout the Diocese of Tyler, parishes conduct this appeal to fund many of our ministries. This week we want to introduce Fostering the Mission through brochure's, video, and a pastor's appeal. Also, you have or will receive a letter asking for your support and will have access to an appeal next weekend. May St. Joseph intercede for us to have the resources for generosity and may God guide us in Fostering the Mission."



Please join us as we pray the **patriotic rosary for peace in America.**

The **First Saturday of each month after the 9:00am Mass.**

Beginning Saturday Feb. 6th



Food Donations: Blessings to all our givers! We could use **canned meats (chicken, tuna & spam), soups (especially hearty soups). Peanut butter, pudding and 1lb spaghetti pasta.** Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

NO CONFESSION ON TUES. FEB. 9th & WED. FEB 10th.

9:30—10:30AM. DUE TO THE COLD WEATHER FR. MIKE WILL HOLD CONFESSIONS IN HIS OFFICE BY THE WATER FOUNTAINS. PLEASE CALL HIM 903-490-3883 TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT. WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND HIS OFFICE DOOR IS CLOSED PLEASE HAVE A SEAT IN CHURCH UNTIL HE IS READY FOR YOU.

If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call his cell # 903-490-3883.

NO Weekday Mass Tues. — Fri. of this week. Priests Retreat

Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
2. **No socializing** in the Narthex. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
3. **In church alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
4. **Limited seating maximum 31.** In order for the households to maintain at least 6 feet separation.



40 Days for Life—Tyler *Will you take up your cross and pray with us?*

40 Days for Life is a prayerful, peaceful, community-based campaign that draws attention to the injustice of abortion through prayer, fasting, and community outreach. Beginning February 17th through March 28th, you're invited to join other Christians in prayer and fasting to end abortion. The prayer vigil is held across the street from Planned Parenthood, located at 601 Turtle Creek Dr., Tyler. To sign up for vigil hours and for more information, please visit 40daysforlive.com/tyler or in front of Bridget's office is a sign up sheet. Sponsored by the Sanctity of Life Office for the Diocese of Tyler.

Announcements from Diocese of Tyler

[Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass](#)

Saturday, March 6th, 2021

Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul (Tyler, Texas)

All couples in the Diocese of Tyler who are celebrating their 5th, 15th, 25th, 40th, or 50th+ anniversaries in the year 2021 are cordially invited to attend the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Strickland. More info and registration following this page.

[Three to Get Married](#)

The 2021 Three to Get Married retreat schedule is now available. Please visit <https://stphilipinstitute.org/three-to-get-married/> for the full schedule of English and Spanish retreat weekends. These retreats are one part of the marriage formation process for engaged couples and are also available to couples who are already civilly married and are seeking a convalidation. If you have any questions please contact Angelina Estrada at Aestrada@st.philipinstitute.org or (903)630-5055 EXT 117

[From the Beginning: God's Search for Man](#)

Have you ever tried to read the Bible from cover to cover, only to wind up confused and frustrated? Have you ever fought your way through Lent by making tough sacrifices like giving up a bad habit, only to reach Easter and feel like you missed out on something? This Lent, join the St. Philip Institute for an exciting program, From the Beginning: God's Search for Man. Starting on Ash Wednesday, read selected passages from the Bible and in just 47 days you can learn the big picture moments of salvation history and how they all fit together and point us toward the mystery of Christ's Passion. Short reflections for each reading will help you see the way God constantly reaches out to save us and will allow you to enter deeply into the story of salvation history. Sign up today at www.stphilipinstitute.org! Available in English and Spanish.

[CET](#)

The Catholic East Texas will begin publishing weekly articles online.



February 17 - March 28 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

HELP SAVE LIVES IN TYLER!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results over 27 coordinated campaigns:

- **18,000** babies saved from abortion
- **211** abortion workers converted
- **107** abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Across the street from Planned Parenthood, 601 Turtle Creek Dr.
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Ann Kohls, (607) 280-6525 amkohls@gmail.com
- **Learn more** ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/tyler



ST. PHILIP INSTITUTE OF CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION

DIOCESE OF TYLER | 1015 ESE LOOP 323 | TYLER, TX 75701 | (903) 630-5055

January 26, 2021

Dear Parishes of the Diocese of Tyler,

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Saturday, March 6 at 11:00am** at the Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul in Tyler. All couples in the Diocese of Tyler who are celebrating their 5th, 15th, 25th, 40th wedding anniversaries and couples who are celebrating 50 or more years of marriage in the year 2021 are invited to attend the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Strickland.

Due to COVID-19 precautions we are limiting the Mass to those celebrating specific anniversaries, and we will not have a reception afterwards. We will live-stream the Mass on the St. Philip Institute Facebook page. All couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage will receive a certificate signed by Bishop Strickland in the mail.

Enclosed is a flyer with information regarding the celebration, as well as a registration form for couples interested in attending. Please include this in your parish bulletins and announcements over the coming weeks.

You can also invite parishioners to visit www.stphilipinstitute.org/events to register online. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Event Coordinator, Angelina Estrada at aestrada@stphilipinstitute.org or (903) 630-5055 Ext 117.

Thank you for helping us to promote the Diocesan Anniversary Mass! We are looking forward to celebrating the beauty and joy of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony as a diocesan family.

In Christ,

Deanna M. Johnston
Director of Family Life



ST. PHILIP INSTITUTE
OF CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

Chapel of Saints Peter & Paul
Tyler, Texas

All couples in the Diocese of Tyler who are celebrating their 5th, 15th, 25th, 40th, or 50th+ anniversaries in the year 2021 are cordially invited to attend the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Strickland.

Deadline to Register: February 26, 2021

Please complete the form below to participate. An online registration form is also available at www.stphilipinstitute.org/events.

(Please print clearly and make sure your **address is correct**)

NAME OF COUPLE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____, TEXAS ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ PARISH _____

Are you planning to attend the Mass? (YES/NO)

We will celebrate our _____ wedding anniversary on _____ in 2021.
Month Day

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance for this Mass is limited and we are unable to host a reception afterwards. We will live stream this Mass celebration on the **St. Philip Institute Facebook page** and we will mail certificates to all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage.

Please mail this form to:
St. Philip Institute Family Life Office
Anniversary Mass
1015 ESE Loop 323
Tyler, TX 75701