

February 8, 2009

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Sunday



Job's lament is one that fits our time as well as his.

Do we ever feel our lives are drudgery, with months of misery and troubled nights? Do we share Job's complaint that our days "are swifter than a weaver's shuttle"? Our lives too may seem to be fleeting, "like a breath."

Do we dare see the irony in the poignant cry of Job (and in ourselves)? Our days are long and hard—and they go by too quickly! (Do we dare laugh at ourselves?)

Though we get just a glimpse into Job's pain in today's text, a fuller reading of his turmoil places us beside him. We humans in all of our stories feel tossed around from several directions. Dare we ask God why? Job dares to do just that. We do well to realize that God's answer to Job is full of challenges and more questions. Job from his depths comes to recognize that no matter what mess he sees himself in, he is also in God's hands. Not a bad lesson. Not a bad place to be.

## Today's Readings

Jb 7:1–4, 6–7

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23

Mk 1:29–39

We do well too to see a difference between Job's lament and ours. Job in his pain cries, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope." In God's strange explanations, late in the book of Job, Job learns he does *not* end his days without hope. For all of the connection to Job's testing we might find in our own lives, we are offered something now that Job learned late.

We know where even great pain can lead. We can know hope.

We read today the struggles of another servant of God. Saint Paul's days were filled with troubled nights, drudgery, and pain.

He does not deny they are a burden, but he passionately denies they are meaningless. For the weak, he became weak, so they would recognize the Gospel of Christ.

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We can know hope.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

*All Masses are held at the Church on Bethel Road unless otherwise noted*

**Saturday 6:00 PM ♦ Confessions Saturday 5:00 PM**

**Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM (English) ♦ 12:30 PM (Spanish)**

**Holy Days 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

**Daily Mass 8:45 AM**

## WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND VISITORS

*Please complete a registration card at the Welcome Table in the church foyer and return it at your earliest convenience. Thank You!*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 7	6:00 PM	In Thanksgiving	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sunday	February 8	8:00 AM	Casey Stephens, RIP	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Our Community	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>5° Domingo Ordinario</i>
Monday	February 9	8:45 AM	Marlene Fronk	<i>Weekday</i>
Tuesday	February 10	8:45 AM	<b>Communion Service</b>	<i>Memorial of St. Scholastica, virgin</i>
Wednesday	February 11	8:45 AM	Kevin McKenna, RIP	<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
Thursday	February 12	8:45 AM	In Thanksgiving	<i>Weekday</i>
Friday	February 13	8:45 AM	Carol Kunaszewski, RIP	<i>Weekday</i>
Saturday	February 14	6:00 PM	Helene Dalle	<i>Memorial of St. Cyril, monk, and St. Methodius, bishop</i>
Sunday	February 15	8:00 AM	Our Community	<i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Our Youth	<i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>6° Domingo Ordinario</i>

**Marriage** – six months notice required – please see Fr. Casey. **Aviso para el Matrimonio** – seis meses es necesaria

**Baptism Instruction**—English (1st Thursday of each month); Spanish (1st Monday of each month)

**Quinceañera** – three month notice required – girl must be attending CCD and Mass *regularly* – please see Fr. Casey

**Prayer Chain Coordinators**—Ann Allen (817-594-8637) Bette Binzer (817-599-0454) LaVerne Cardwell (817-594-3805)

**Weekly Visitation of the Sick & Shut-Ins.** Contact the church office to be on the schedule.

**Census Information**—Please notify the church office if you are new to our Parish, have a change of address or phone number, or move to another Parish.

**Bulletin Notices** are to be written or typed and in the office at least one week prior to event – notices may be e-mailed – deadline for bulletin is Noon on Tuesday – your cooperation is greatly appreciated – Thank You!

### REGULAR COLLECTIONS

**February 1**

**\$11,631.00**

### SECOND COLLECTION

**Land Purchase**

**\$3,374.00**

### WELCOME TO ALL, INCLUDING VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS.

Please join us this Sunday between Masses for breakfast  
in the parish hall, provided by the Knights of Columbus.

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY

*February 25 (Ash Wednesday)—*

*Church in Central & Eastern Europe*

*February 28-March 1—Black & Indian Mission*

### PROPERTY PURCHASE INFORMATION

Cost of New Property—\$1,631,842.00

Monthly Interest Payment—\$9,700.00

Total Contributions to Date—76,372.59

Interest Paid to Date—\$72,333.21

### 5th Sunday of the Year

Proclaiming the gospel is our Christian mission. Jesus proclaimed  
the Good News and healed because he was rooted in prayer.

Take Jesus' lead—pray!

(Mark 1:29-39)

### 5° Domingo Ordinario

Sanando, reconciliando, y proclamando la Buena Nueva: la labor  
de Jesús, la labor de la Iglesia. ¿Te llama Dios a ser sanador,  
reconciliador, proclamador de la Buena Nueva?

*Flowers for the Altar this Weekend  
Are a Tribute from the Ladies Altar Society  
To the Knights of Columbus for  
Their Valiant Fight in Support of Human Life,  
And for Their Exemplary Work in the Parish.*

**LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at 11:30 AM on **Wednesday, February 11** at Cracker Barrel. Please join us!!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Valentine Day Dinner and Dance Saturday, February 14, 7:30PM.** Dinner catered by Babes' Chicken; Prices: \$10; 18 and Under-\$5. *Ketch a Knight to get your Tickets.*

**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING** will be held **Sunday, February 15**, during regular RE class time. Mass time and date, banners, dress and more will be discussed. Any questions, please contact Jeanette Houle, doschicas@att.net or 817-613-8008.

**REUNION PARA PADRES DE NIÑOS QUE TOMARÁN SU PRIMERA COMUNIÓN. El Domingo, Febrero 15**, durante las horas de Educación Religiosa. Trataremos las fechas y horas de las misas, estandartes, trajes, etc. Cualquier pregunta, por favor contacte a Jeanette Houle, doschicas@att.net or llame al 817-613-8008.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** —Elaine Hall Barclay will once more be sharing her knowledge, love and enthusiasm for our faith at our meeting on **February 18**. Her discussion will start at **7 PM in Rooms 1 and 2** and all members of our Parish are most welcome to attend.

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT (ages 18 – 35) - Quo Vadis? Where are you going? Are you stuck at a crossroads in your life? Do you know where you are going? And, more importantly, do you know where God is leading you? Come join the Young Adults of Fort Worth for a weekend of prayer, fellowship, and fun! Find out what helped others to discern their Vocations and get the road map that may help you discern your own Vocation! Let God be your GPS on Friday, February 27 - March 1, 2009, at the Catholic Renewal Center (4503 Bridge Street, Fort Worth).** Contact Jeanette Houle 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net.

**RETIRO DE JOVENES (Edades 18-35) - Quo Vadis? A Donde Vas?** Esta detenido en un cruce de caminos en su vida? Sabe a donde va? Y mas importante que todo, sabe a donde Dios lo esta conduciendo? Unase a los Jovenes de Fort Worth para un fin de semana de oracion, companerismo, y diversion! Descubra que fue lo que ayudo a otros a discernir sus Vocaciones y aprenda cual es el camino que podra guiarlo a discernir su propia Vocacion! Deje que Dios sea su GPS. **Viernes, Febrero 27 - Marzo 1, 2009** en el Catholic Renewal Center (4503 Bridge Street, Fort Worth). Para mas informacion comuniquese con Jeanette Houle 817 613-8008 o doschicas@att.net.

**ATTENTION TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS (9<sup>th</sup> grade and up)** The *Theology of the Body* program is coming to our parish! Using a great mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and references to the culture that teens understand, *Theology of the Body for Teens* answers the questions teens have about their own bodies, issues on sexual morality, and how they were uniquely created for greatness. Part I classes will begin on **Wednesday, February 18, 2009**. Please contact Jeanette Houle to register, doschicas@att.net or 817-613-8008. A 40-minute presentation and summary of the Theology of the Body for Teens program specifically for parents/adults will be given on Sunday, February 15 at 9:30 during RE class time. Please contact Jeanette Houle to register, doschicas@att.net or 817-613-8008.

**CATHOLIC RENEWAL CENTER**  
Marriage Encounter, February 13-15, 817-451-6005  
Engaged Encounter, February 20-22, 817-346-9320

**DE LA JUVENTUD EN FORT WORTH**  
**CAMBIO DE FECHA DÍA**  
Mujeres: 27 de Feb – 1 de Marzo  
Hombres: 6-8 de Marzo  
Empiezan el Viernes a las 7:00 PM  
Termina el Domingo a las 5:00 PM  
  
Nosotros tambien estaremos llamando a todos los jovenes que se apuntaron para este retiro, para avisarles de estos nuevos cambios. Pedimos disculpas por cualquier inconveniente que pudo ser ocasionado por estos cambios!

**ATENCIÓN ADOLESCENTES Y JOVENES ADULTOS (Grado 9no para arriba).** El programa *La Teología del Cuerpo* se presentara tambien en nuestra parroquia! Usando historias, ejemplos reales de la vida, actividades, oraciones y referencias a la cultura que los adolescentes entienden, *La Teología del Cuerpo para Adolescentes* responde las preguntas que los adolescentes tienen acerca de sus propios cuerpos, moralidad sexual, y como fueron creados unicamente para engrandecimiento. La Parte I de las clases comenzaran el **Miercoles, Febrero 18, 2009**. Por favor contacte a Jeanette Houle para registrarse, doschicas@att.net o 817 613-8008. Tambien se presentara un resumen de 40 minutos del programa de *La Teología del Cuerpo para Adolescentes* especificamente para padres/adultos el **Domingo, Febrero 15** a las 9:30 durante las clases de Educación Religiosa. Por favor contacte a Jeanette Houle para registrarse: doschicas@att.net i 817 613-8008.

**“HELP WANTED”**  
Couples on Friday afternoon, 1-4 PM  
for Parker County Jail Ministry.  
**Wages:** Countless Blessings  
and a good deposit in your Heavenly account.  
**Contact:** Paul or Barb Claffey at 817-220-2681.

**TEEN CORNER**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27:** Youth Fun Night. Keep the date. . .watch the bulletin for more details.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
(All activities held at Bethel Road)

<b>Sunday February 8</b>	
9:15 AM	Religious Education Classes (English)
9:15 AM	Adult Catechism (Room 19)
9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study (Room 3)
11:15 AM	Religious Education Classes (Spanish)
2:00 PM	Leave for <i>Pure Reality Youth Rally</i> in Arlington
<b>Monday, February 9</b>	
6:30 PM	Young Adult Bible Study
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #72
7:00 PM	RCIA
7:00 PM	Grupo de Oracion
<b>Tuesday, February 10</b>	
9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (Rm. 1 & 2)
7:15 PM	Knights of Columbus
<b>Wednesday, February 11</b>	
11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch (Cracker Barrel)
6:00 PM	Youth Group
6:30 PM	Choir Practice
6:45 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>Thursday, February 12</b>	
10:00 AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 AM	Quilting Group (Pro Shop)
7:00 PM	Grief Group
7:30 PM	Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe
<b>Saturday, February 14</b>	
7:00 PM	Cursillistas Ultreya—Spanish
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner Dance

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## Who were the Pharisees?



Who were the Pharisees, and what was their sin?

Esther

Dear Esther,

Some writers say the sin of the Pharisees was hypocrisy, probably because Jesus calls them hypocrites.

The Pharisees were the heirs of the legal tradition in Judaism. They saw the Law as the only way to live out the covenant. If something seemed right, they would put it in stone (like Moses' tablets) and make it a law, because the Law was God's will (or Torah).

Jesus was critical of that Pharisaical approach to righteousness through the Law. Jesus came to fulfill the Law, implying that the Law was incomplete or inadequate alone.

Look at Jesus' severest criticisms of the Pharisees to see why he was so critical of them: *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth* (Matthew 23:27). That gives us an important clue to the difficulty Jesus had with the Pharisees.

The Pharisees' sin was that they changed only their behavior. Thus, they were beautiful on the outside, but not on the inside.



Jesus is calling us to much more. We are to become "new creations" (2 Corinthians 5:17) so our mind and will become one with God.

Remember Jesus' severest criticism of Saint Peter: *Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things* (Matthew 16:23). Jesus is calling us, not just to change how we act, but to change how we think.

John Murray, C.Ss.R.

**Monday**



February 9

Weekday  
Gn 1:1-19  
Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday**



February 10

Saint Scholastica, virgin  
Gn 1:20-2:4a  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday**



February 11

Weekday  
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17  
Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday**



February 12

Weekday  
Gn 2:18-25  
Mk 7:24-30

**Friday**



February 13

Weekday  
Gn 3:1-8  
Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday**



February 14

Saint Cyril, monk, and Saint Methodius, bishop  
Gn 3:9-24  
Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday**



February 15

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46  
1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
Mk 1:40-45

