

FAMILIA

NEWSLETTER

Weekend Masses

Weekend Masses are offered on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm and on Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the main church.

Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses are offered in the sacristy chapel on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm and Fridays at 12:00 noon.

Rosary

The Rosary is prayed every Sunday before 9:00 am Mass.

Confession

Every Saturday at 3:00 pm.

First Saturdays

First Saturday Mass is offered in the main church at 12 noon. Confessions at 11:00 am with Rosary at 11:30 am.

From the Desk of Father David Jenuwine

Dear Parish Family,

Next Sunday, February 2nd, is the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. This feast day, which is also one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, is traditionally a day when candles are blessed. If you would like to bring candles to Mass on that weekend, I will be available after Mass to do the blessing of candles.

Coming up on both February 4th and 5th at 6:00 pm, Holy Family will be hosting Dr. John Bergsma, a noted Bible speaker, Scripture scholar, and father of eight. He will give talks on that Tuesday and Wednesday on the subjects of "The Bible in One Hour," and "The Gospel of John." The event is free of charge. Please mark your calendars and bring a couple of friends.

We are just a bit more than a month away from Lent 2014. Ash Wednesday is late this year, March 5th. For the five Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday, I will be giving a series of talks on various spiritual topics. I haven't yet decided on a particular theme, but am open to suggestions. Your ideas are most welcome!

February 2nd is also Groundhog Day. Which reminds us of the coming of spring. We've had a lot of extremes so far this winter. Hopefully we get an early thaw. The Farmer's Almanac says we're done with the big snow. I hope it's right!

God bless you! Stay warm and healthy!

Fr. DAVID



The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, which falls on February 2, celebrates an early episode in the life of Jesus. Other traditional names include Candlemas or the Purification. This feast marks the end of the Epiphany season. The blessing of candles on this day recalls Simeon's reference to the infant Jesus as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles"

Saints Cyril and Methodius - February 14

These two brothers were from Thessalonica, Greece. Methodius was born in 815 and Cyril in 827. Both became priests and shared the same desires to become missionaries to the Slavic nations. In 862, just seven years before Cyril's death, the prince of Moravia asked for missionaries. The prince added one more request: that the missionaries speak the language of his people.

The two brothers, Cyril and Methodius, volunteered and were accepted. They realized that they were being asked to leave their own country, language and culture behind out of love for Jesus. Cyril and Methodius invented a Slavic alphabet. They translated the Bible and the Church's liturgy into the Slavic language. Because of their work, the people were able to receive Christianity in words they could understand.

Some in the Church at that time did not approve of the use of a native language in the Church's liturgy. The two brothers faced criticism and were called to Rome to meet with the pope. Pope Adrian II approved their methods and named them bishops. Cyril died before he could actually be consecrated a bishop. He died on February 14, 869 and is buried in the Church of St. Clement in Rome. Methodius returned to the Slavic countries and continued his labors for fifteen more years. He died on April 6, 885.

On December 31, 1980, Pope John Paul II declared St. Cyril and St. Methodius co-patrons of Europe along with St. Benedict.



Bible Basics for Everyone

Dr. John Bergsma - February 4th, 5th

Dr. John Bergsma holds M.Div. and Th.M. degrees from Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and served as a Protestant pastor for four years before entering the Catholic Church in 2001 while pursuing a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Bergsma presents a fresh, fun, and authentically Catholic introduction to the "big picture" of Salvation History. He has appeared as a guest on EWTN's The Journey Home, Franciscan University Presents, and Relevant Radio's Drew Mariani Show.



Saint Blaise - February 3

St. Blaise lived in the fourth century. He became a priest and then bishop of Sebaste in Armenia which is now modern Turkey. With all his heart, he worked to make his people holy and happy. When the governor, Licinius, began to persecute the Christians, St. Blaise was arrested, and sent off to prison to be beheaded. On the way, people crowded the road to see their beloved bishop for the last time. He blessed them all, even the pagans. A poor mother rushed up to him. She begged him to save her child who was choking to death from a fishbone. The saint whispered a prayer and blessed the child. He worked a miracle that saved the child's life. That is why St. Blaise is called upon by all who have throat diseases, and why on his feast day, there is the blessing of throats.