

	Mass Schedule	Diocesan Bishop	Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D.	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.		Pastor	Fr. Greg Schmidt	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.		frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com	
Sunday	9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 11:00 a.m.	Deacon	Deacon George Newman	
	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment	Director of Music	Dr. David Holler	
Saturday		Maintenance	Jim Salmon	
Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		Administration	Christine Buckley	
			Cheryl Wood	

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## February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants. In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our home, parish, and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.



Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach. He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, 'Make me humble, Lord.'

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# Parish Calendar

Monday, February 5 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Robert Peabody †

Tuesday, February 6 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Cliff Booker † Joseph Kobe † 7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, February 7 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Theresa Koch †

#### Thursday, February 8 - No Mass

Friday, February 9 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Alan Leveigne † Alphonsus Power †

#### Saturday, February 10

**5:00 p.m. (Livestream) -** Marlene DeRose † Robert Peabody † | Intentions of the Neary Family

#### Sunday, February 11 - Coffee Social

9:00 a.m. - St. Peter Family Mass Maria & Giuseppe Quaresima † Maria & Antonio Ierace † | Biaggio Procopio † Serafina & Angelo Procopio † Richard McNelis † | Special Intention 11:00 a.m. - CWL Gathering Mass Mass for the People

## Are You Being Called?

"Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed." If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

### Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session



#### "The Commandments 4-5"

Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 pm, in our Divinity Room

### **Income Tax Receipts**

2023 Income tax receipts are available for pick up in the church lobby. Receipts not picked up will be mailed out on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



#### General Membership Meeting: Wed. March 7 at 1 pm in the Divinity Room.

• Parents night out February 9th from 5:30 pm—8:30 pm.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of February

## REPROUVAILLE A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

For the terminally ill:

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment..

St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church will hold a Valentine Dinner on Tuesday February 13, 2024. at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 and must be purchased/ reserved in advanced.

For more information please call the parish office at (905)-937-3393

## Mark your Calendars for our Healing Mass

On Monday, February 12 at our 8:30 am Mass, we seek the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes for help and healing. At this Mass we will also celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick – all for help and healing. Retrouvaille Weekend: Support for your Marriage

Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress?

The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.

For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce, the next Retrouvaille weekend is March 8-10, 2024. For more information, call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com



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