February is dedicated to the Holy Family
Our Lady of the Cove Catholic Church
Kimberling City, Missouri
2016

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family.

Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity, for it typically begins in one Liturgical Season (Ordinary Time), ends in another (Lent), and contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter)!

In addition, the faithful may receive in February three of the four major public sacramentals that the Church confers during the liturgical year: blessed candles, the blessing of throats and blessed ashes. The Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is "the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins." Candles, symbolizing Christ our Light, will be carried in procession this day, as will be the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy. "The Light of Revelation" shines more brightly with each successive Sunday of Ordinary Time, until its magnificence – exposing our sinfulness and need for conversion – propels us into the penitential Season of Lent. We prepare to accept the cross of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday (February 10) and plunge ourselves into the major exercises of Lent – fasting, prayer, almsgiving – laying our thoughts and prayers on the heart of our Mother Mary. She, who offered her Son in the temple and on the Cross, will teach us how to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow after her Son.
1. According to the Gospel of Matthew (19:16) Jesus said: “If you wish to enter into life, _____________.” a. Be assured of your salvation  b. Keep the commandments

2. According to the Bible, what is “the pillar and foundation of truth”?  
   a. The Church  b. The Bible

1. (ANSWERS ON PAGE 8)

JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY

The meeting was opened with prayer.
Old business: Hwy 13 sign, Oxygen supply, AED maintenance, all was resolved.
New lectors failed to follow up with Terry. The bell tower cost is still being researched by Jim.

New business: An additional sign is needed for bathroom in annex. Bathrooms in vestibule need new paint. Bulletin distribution was discussed and on-line bulletin. A position for Youth Minister is still open. Mary Lippert is looking to fill it. Electronic tithing was discussed, Chuck will look into this, and other ways to use. Loaves & Fishes will continue into March. The Parish Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday May 10, 2016. The budget for this will be determined by Fr. Suresh. A program needs to be developed for each church committee. Cash prizes for parishioner recognition will be decided later. Jim Faber will act in Terry’s absence next month.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting is Tuesday February 9, 2016.

FEBRUARY SAINTS

1. St. Ansgar
2. Presentation of the Lord
3. St. Blaise
4. St. Jseph of Leonissa
5. St. Agatha
7. St. Colette
8. St. Josephine Bakhita
9. St. Jerome Emiliani
10. St. Scholastica
11. Our Lady of Lourdes
12. St. Apollonia
13. St. Gles Mary of St. Joseph
14. St. Valentine
15. St. Claude de la Colombiere
16. St. Gilbert of Sempringham
17. Seven Founders of the Servite Order
18. Blessed Joh of Fiesole
19. St. Conrad of Piacenza
20. Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto
21. St. Peter Damian
22. Chair of St. Peter
23. St. Polycarp
25. Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio
26. St. Maria Bertilla Boscardin
27. St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
28. Blessed Daniel Brottier
29. St. Oswald
MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

The Gaze of Love
Meditations on Art and Spiritual Transformation
by Sister Wendy Beckett

Britain’s delightful television-star nun offers arresting insights into the soul of modern art – featuring color images of works by artists such as Klee, Hopper and Rivera.

Already adored by thousands of British television viewers, Sister Wendy will captivate American readers with her wide-eyed enthusiasm and profound insights into the spiritual dimensions of art.

From the author’s conviction that nonreligious art has the power to “carry us away from limitations of what we already know and believe and set us free in the infinities of a deeper vision.” The Gaze of Love pairs beautifully reproduced images of twentieth-century paintings with simple reflections on these works that evoke and celebrate the spirituality of contemporary art. “Art that is not specifically religious expresses this truth,” writes Beckett, “if we do not see the Lord everywhere, however unconsciously, we shall find it hard to recognize Him when we look into His face at prayer time.”

Sister Wendy encourages us to look at the paintings and read the reflections before we pray and then to keep the book open, so that when we return to the images, “desire springs afresh and we are centered.”

Affirming, clear and utterly inspirational, The Gaze of Love explores the uncharted soulful terrain of secular art, promising a truly individual experience for each reader.

This book is a wonderful through a neglected domain of modern art, its exploration of the spiritual or sacred. Sister’s uncanny communion with the inner meanings of these paintings opens readers to art’s transformative potential.


Find this book in the OLC Library
Outreach Ministry/Chuck-a-Buck

Chuck-a-Buck is one of the programs that operate under the “Outreach Ministry” at Our Lady of the Cove. Many people don’t realize what their donations are used for so we thought we would give you some briefs examples to clear things up. Did you know that Chuck-a-Buck donations have helped some of our very own parishioners!

- Electric/water bills
- Assisting with house payments
- Assisting with prescriptions
- Minor repairs in their homes

YOUR donations make all this possible. We are constantly amazed at the needs of our surrounding community, and how you help by getting involved.

- A wheel chair was needed/one was donated by a parishioner.
- A gas card was given so a lady could go to her job interview. (she got the job)

A woman with a 3 year old boy walked to our church seeking help; she had no money, no car, no home and a small boy with no shoes. All her worldly possessions were in a garbage bag. Because of Chuck-a-Buck we were able to help.

We helped another young girl only 22 with a 4 year old, a set of 2 year old twins and a 10 month old after the father had left her in a motel with no money, transportation or food. YOUR donations made a difference! These are only a few of the ways Chuck-a Buck have made a difference in people’s life's. Without YOUR continued support we could not do this.

Our finances: Income $5,781.07
Expenses $4,772.26
Balance $1,008.81

If you would like to make a monthly donation by check please make it out to Our Lady of the Cove/Chuck-a-Buck. (It’s tax deductible.). This ministry has been blessed with wonderful volunteers, help us continue!

Five Steps to a Good Morning
By uCatholic September 10, 2015

(This is 2 of 5 series)

Step 2: Foresight

This is simply a preview or conjecture of all that could happen during the course of the day. This, with the grace of Our Lord, we will wisely and prudently anticipate occasions which could take us by surprise.

Taking a mental glance at the day’s calendar, we preview what awaits us in terms of places to go and things to do and people to see. Here we activate the insightfulness of Salesian spirituality namely, that the responsibilities of our personal vocation constitute the real place where we act out the devout life.

But this conjecture involves more than simply pondering our to-do list for the day. As an act of prayer, this foresight considers our daily tasks as occasions for living out our Faith or, conversely, as occasions that might tempt us to do otherwise. In the familiar words of corporate strategic planning, we envision “opportunities” and “threats,” but here they are to be considered in terms of our being a disciple of the Lord this day. To live that discipleship well, we take the next step.

(Next month step 3 Plan of Action)

Note: This article is adapted from Fr. Dailey’s Live Today Well: St. Francis de Sales Simple Approach to Holiness, which is available from Sophia Institute Press.
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Trivia Answers from page 2

1. THE ANSWER IS...B....keep the commandments

2. The Answer is ...A....the Church is referred to as “the pillar and foundation of truth”.

“But if I should be delayed, you should know how to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth.” (1 Tim 3:15)

Catholics believe that only through the Catholic Church do we have an assurance of the truthful interpretation of the Bible. For Jesus told his apostles the Holy Spirit would guide them into “all truth”. (Jn 16:13) As Catholics, our Church is led by direct successors of the apostles in an unbroken line.