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WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST:

WEEKEND MASSES

5:00 pm:	Saturday Evening
9:30 am:	Sunday Morning
11:30 am:	Sunday Morning

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at 1:00 PM on the first Sunday of each month. Arrangements must be made in advance with Sister Mary. Please note that there are no baptisms during Advent and Lent.

Marriages Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and participation in the Diocesan Pre-Cana Program is required. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with Fr. Frank who will discuss the necessary details.

Sacrament of the Sick In the event of serious illness, please call the Rectory and request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Communion for the Homebound Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to those unable to join us for Eucharist. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Confessions First Saturday of the month in the church from 4:00-4:30 PM. By appointment for all other times.

ST. SAVIOUR PASTORAL STAFF

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday	9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM–1:00 PM
Saturday	No Office Hours
Sunday	No Office Hours

To speak with a priest, please call for an appointment. For sick calls, phone anytime.

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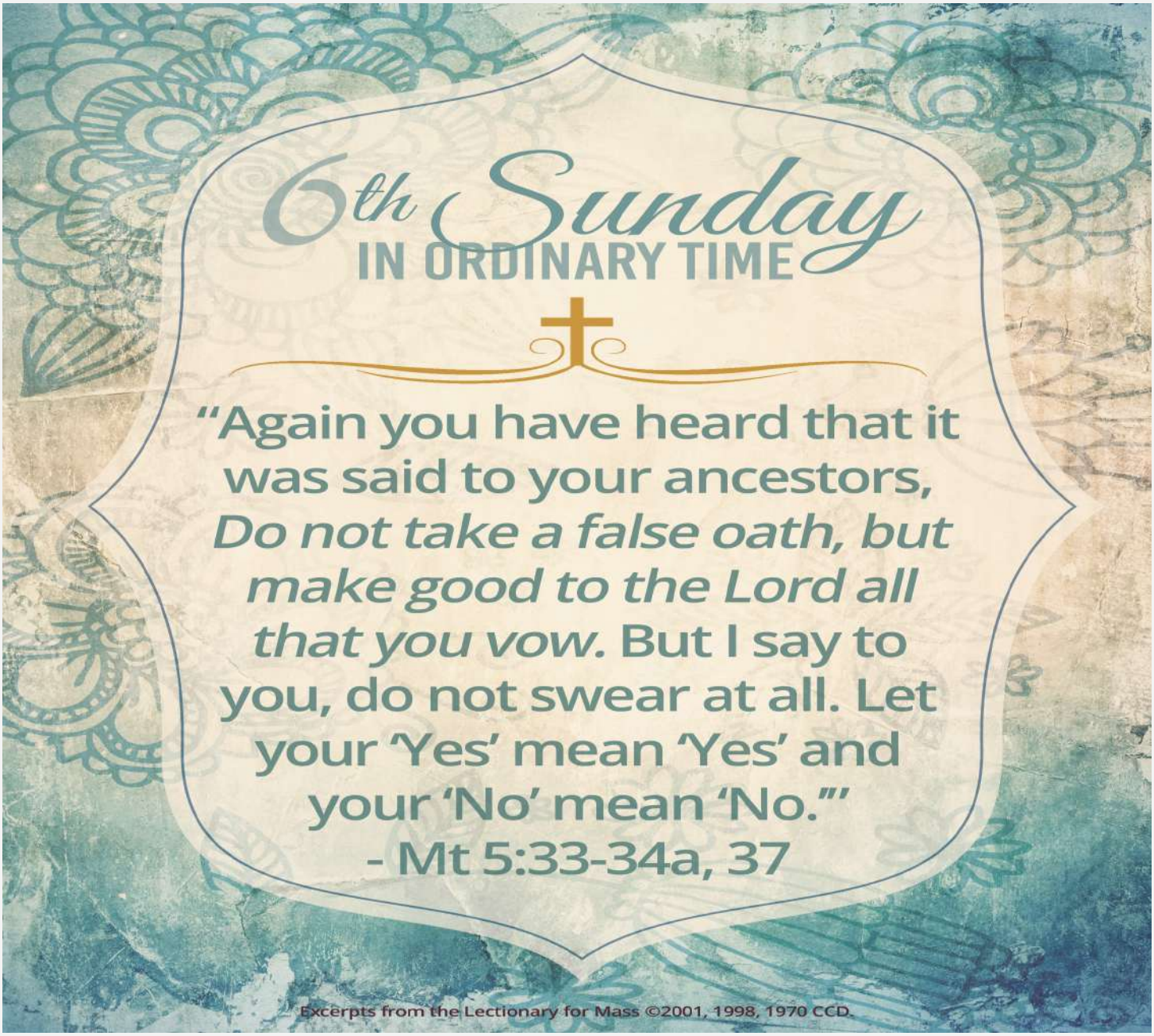
WHO IS WELCOME IN ST. SAVIOUR CHURCH?

Are you a sinner? Have you been away from the church for a long time? Are you divorced or separated? Are you physically or mentally challenged? Are you from a different culture? Are you not accepted because of your sexual orientation? Are you elderly, a teen or young adult? Are you discriminated against because of your color? Are you feeling broken? Are you poor or out of work? Have you been imprisoned? Have you a feeling that you are left out? **You are welcome here! This is your home, and we are your family!**



I saw a slogan once for an Internet start-up: "There is one rule; there are no rules." In fact, when I searched for this slogan again online, I was surprised at all of the variations on the "no rules" sentiment. Apparently, even Justin Bieber has a documented quote: "I want my world to be fun. No parents, no rules, no nothing. Like, no one can stop me. No one can stop me." Wow. My own kids seldom read my reflections. If they are reading this one, don't get any ideas!

Of course, a society without laws or rules will not exist for very long. The laws of a society are there to protect us from perhaps our greatest enemy: ourselves. We can't just do whatever we feel like. We will eventually hurt others or ourselves. The laws of God and his Church have the same effect. Sinful and imperfect people need parameters. Christians who choose sin or their own will over God's commandments not only break the relationship they have with their God, but they hurt others and diminish the body of Christ.

A stewardship way of life asks of us to live in a certain manner. We sometimes think that our cultivation of gifts and giving them back with increase to God is for God's sake. God's commands do not benefit God, for God is complete and perfect without need for increase. But this way of life is for the benefit of his creation. There is no power struggle here between a God of rules and his children. The cross bears witness to that. Instead, God's "rules" prevent us from destroying ourselves, and give us a path so we may flourish. Whether you are an ordinary Joe or an ordinary Bieber, following God's commands will lead to the real satisfaction in this gift of life.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:
Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:
Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:
"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The heart with which we offer our good deeds matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ, the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

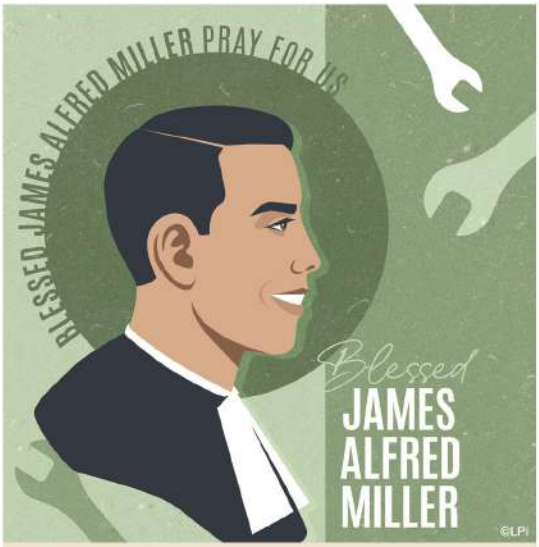
Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Blessed James Miller, the second ever U.S.-born martyr, served as a missionary and educator to the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Shot to death in front of his students in 1982, his legacy of love lives on today through the many schools he started.

Prayer

Official Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC

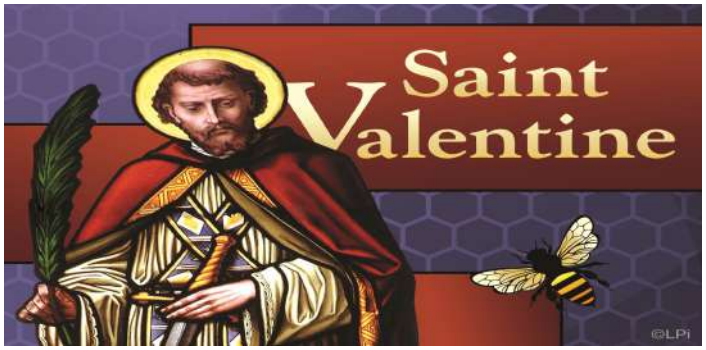
O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever-increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [mention request] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Black & Indian Missions—This Weekend

Fuel Collection—February 18-19

Ash Wednesday—February 22



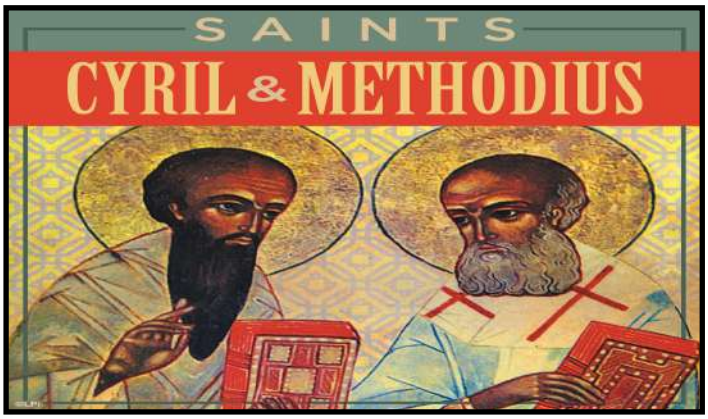
This Tuesday, the world celebrates Valentine's Day, that day on which we get to tell that special someone how important they are to us and how grateful we are to have them in our lives. Yet the person known as Saint Valentine is really shrouded in mystery, as we don't know very much about him. We believe he was a holy priest who was beaten with clubs and beheaded because he was caught marrying Christian couples at a time when being Christian was not tolerated. Other than this, nothing is known about the man whose name people honor on February 14th each year.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

We kindly ask ALL the members of our parish family to remember the poor as they leave church each Sunday. The monies collected in our poor boxes are used to assist in the ministry of our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. These monies enable us to provide food, clothing, and other essential needs to people who come to us seeking assistance. Sadly there are too many Sundays where there is very little in our poor boxes a the back of church. With the season of Lent fast approaching, let's ALL make a commitment to take a little more seriously one of the traditional disciplines of Lent—PRAYER, ALMSGIVING, and FASTING. Thank you so much!

We still have Mass Intentions available for both weekday AND weekend celebrations of Eucharist. Please consider having a Mass celebrated for a loved one or family member—either living or deceased. We are ALL in need of prayers, and there is no greater prayer than the celebration of Eucharist. Each Mass Intention is only $15.00. If you are interested in having a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of someone who is living, please call Emily at the Rectory and she will be more than happy to assist you.

Please continue to support the food pantry at St. Thomas Aquinas. We are especially in need of hot cereal, soup and toiletries, but whatever you give will be most appreciated!



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Click on the collection you wish to donate to.

Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

Lenten Reflections

DAY OF LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION

On Saturday morning, February 25th, Father Pat Griffin will be here at Saint Saviour Parish to lead us in a morning of prayer and reflection. We will begin our time together at 10:00 a.m. in the church with the celebration of Eucharist, followed by Father Pat Griffin's talk and reflections. The theme for Fr. Griffin's Lenten Reflection will be "Carrying Our Lenten Cross." We are confident this will be a spiritually uplifting experience for everyone. ALL the members of our Parish Family are invited to join us for this special morning of prayer and reflection. Fr. Griffin grew up here in Park Slope and attended St. Saviour School. In 1979, he was ordained a Vincentian Priest and earned a Doctorate in Biblical Studies. (He even taught both Fr. Frank & Fr. Kevin Sacred Scripture while they were still Seminarians!) Fr. Griffin later served his community in both Rome and Paris before returning to New York in 2014 where he serves at St. John's University as the Executive Director for the Vincentian Center for Church & Society. We are thrilled to welcome Fr. Griffin home to Park Slope and St. Saviour to lead us in our Lenten Morning of Eucharist, Prayer and Reflection on Saturday morning, February 25th beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Mass in church. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach

The Brownbaggers project serves the poor in NYC during the winter months. Since 2009 we have delivered thousands of lunches. Meeting monthly in the Parish Hall at 12:30pm, we assemble 100 brown bag lunches with food and clothing items donated by our volunteers. We then travel via subway to multiple Manhattan parks to distribute our lunches to those most in need, returning to Brooklyn by 3:30 pm. Dave Beaudry is the current director of our Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach Program.

Volunteers can reach Dave at:davebeaudry@gmail.com

Please RSVP now for March 12, 2023

Children under the age of 18 must to be accompanied by an adult. Please wear comfortable shoes and have your metro card charged.

Twenty-five volunteers are needed for this event. RSVP to: davebeaudry@gmail.com

Please consider donating warm socks, hats or gloves into the Brownbaggers Donation Box which will be located in the vestibule of the church after every Mass. Any donations received will be distributed at that month's Brownbagger event. Also, financial donations used to purchase food items can be made in the Parish rectory.

Just a reminder that all adults must be VIRTUS trained to attend.

"Pure love is capable of great deeds, and it is not broken by difficulty or adversity. As it remains strong in the midst of great difficulties, so too it perseveres in the toilsome and drab life of each day. "- Saint Faustina

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On Wednesday, February 22nd, we begin the liturgical season of Lent with our observance of Ash Wednesday. Our schedule for distribution of ashes is as follows:

8:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist

12:05 p.m. Celebration of Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Celebration of Eucharist

*Ashes will NOT be distributed at any other time on Ash Wednesday – so please make every effort to join us for one of these three opportunities being offered in church this year.

BRING BACK THAT OLD PALM!

Everyone wonders what to do with that old palm they received last year on Palm Sunday. Well, wonder no more! We invite ALL members of our parish family to bring back their old palm right here. You may bring back old palm to create the ashes that will be distributed here in church on Ash Wednesday—which happens to fall this year on February 22nd.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Richard Bast
11:30 a.m. Frances & Nicholas Cavalluzzi

Monday, February 13, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Tuesday, February 14, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Wednesday, February 15, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Thursday, February 16, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Friday, February 17, Saint Scholastica
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, February 18, Weekday
5:00 p.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli/
Bridget O'Meara/William Greene

Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli
11:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli/
Intentions of Judy Judge

Candle Memorials - February 10-24

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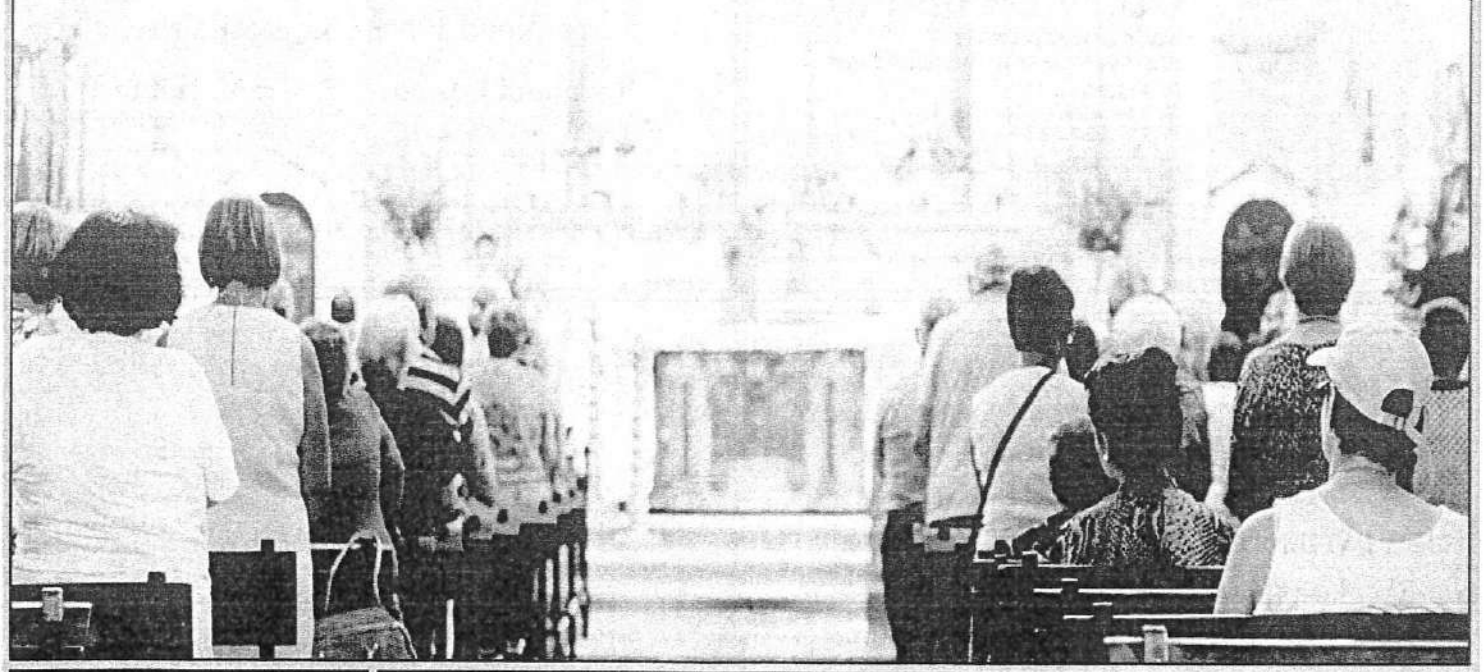

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