



St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

“Never have so few done so much so well for so long!”

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Septuagesima
St. Ignatius

♦ Announcements ♦

Today starts the season of Septuagesima. It is also the first Sunday of February and the blessing of religious articles will take place after both Masses.

We will have the blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise, whose feast is on Tuesday, February 3rd.

Next weekend is the First Friday and First Saturday of the month of February. See the bulletin for scheduling details.

Set Your Missal:

Mass: Sexagesima, 1st Comm. St. John of Matha, Trinity Preface

Collection Totals:

High Mass: 52 souls, \$1138.95

Low Mass: 18 souls, \$100

§ **The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the following intention: **Beatrice Schwab (Neil Schwab)**

Serber Schedule

Friday February 6th: **AC1:** Christopher Scheeler **AC2:** Dominic Scheeler

Saturday February 7th: **AC1:** Andrew Kimpel **AC2:** Elias Larson

Sunday February 8th: **High Mass:** **MC:** Timothy Sandberg **TH:** Andrew Kimpel **AC1:** Christopher Scheeler **AC2:** Elias Larson **CB:** David Sandberg **TB:** Dominic Scheeler, Bennett Larson, Sam Kimpel, and Connor Friel **Usher:** Tonu Tobias **Low Mass:** **AC1:** Seamus O'Connor **AC2:** Volunteer **Usher:** Chad McGinnis

Meditation Sixty

1 Corinthians 10:1-5 “For I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea. And all in Moses were baptized in the cloud, and in the sea: and did all eat the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink: (and they drank of the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ). But with the most of them God was not well pleased.”

Ye Angels bright, pluck from your wings a quill.
Make men a pen thereof that best will write.
Lend me your fancy, and angelic skill
To treat this theme, more rich than rubies bright.
My muddy ink, and cloudy fancy dark,
Will dull its glory, lacking highest art.

An eye at center righter may describe
The world's circumferential glory vast
As in its nutshell bed it snugs fast tide,
Than any angel's pen can glory cast
Upon this drink drawn from the rock, tapped by
The rod of God, in Horeb, typicly.

Sea water strained through minerals, rocks, and sands
Well clarified by sunbeams, dulcified,
Insipid, sordid, swill, dishwater stands.
But here's a rock of *aqua vitae* tried.
When once God broached it, out a river came
To bath and bibble in, for Israel's train.

Some rocks have sweat. Some pillars bled out tears.
But here's a river in a rock up tunned
Not of sea water nor of swill. It's beer.
No nectar like it. Yet it once unbunged
A river down it runs through ages all.
A fountain oped, to wash off sin and fall.

Christ is this Horeb's rock, the streams that slide

A river is of *aqua vitae* dear
Yet costs us nothing, gushing from his side,
Celestial wine our sinsunk souls to cheer.
This rock and water, sacramental cup
Are made, Lord's Supper wine for us to sup.

This rock's the grape that Zion's vineyard bore
Which Moses rod did smiting pound and press
Until its blood, the brook of life, run o'er.
All glorious grace, and gracious righteousness.
We in this brook must bath: and with faith's quill
Suck grace, and life out of this rock our fill.

Lord, oint me with this petro oil. I'm sick.
Make me drink water of the rock. I'm dry.
Me in this fountain wash. My filth is thick.
I'm faint, give *aqua vitae* or I die.
If in this stream thou cleanse and cherish me
My heart Thy praising pipe shall be.

-Edward Taylor

Prayer to Our Lady for the Feast of the Purification By St. Alphonsus Liguori

O holy Mother of God, and my Mother Mary, thou wast so deeply interested in my salvation as to offer to death the dearest object of thy heart, thy beloved Jesus! Since, then, thou didst so much desire to see me saved, it is right that, after God, I should place all my hopes in thee. O yes, most Blessed Virgin, I do indeed entirely confide in thee. Ah, by the merit of the great sacrifice which thou didst offer this day to God, the sacrifice of the life of thy Son, entreat Him to have pity on my poor soul, for which this Immaculate Lamb did not refuse to die on the cross. I could desire, O my Queen, to offer my poor heart to God on this day, in imitation of Thee; but I fear that, seeing it so sordid and loathsome, He may refuse it. But if thou offerest it to Him, He will not reject it. He is always pleased with and accepts the

offerings presented to Him by your most pure hands. To thee, then, O Mary, do I this day present myself, miserable as I am; to thee do I give myself without reserve. Do thou offer me as thy servant, together with Jesus to the Eternal Father; and beseech Him, by the merits of thy Son and for thy sake, to accept me and take me as His own. Ah, my sweetest Mother, for the love of thy sacrificed Son, help me always and at all times, and abandon me not. Never permit me to lose by my sins this most amiable Redeemer, Whom on this day thou didst offer with so bitter grief to the cruel death of the cross. Remind him that I am thy servant, that thou willest my salvation, and He will certainly graciously hear thee. Amen.

Prayer for Septuagesima

O most benign God, who, out of pure grace, without any merit of ours, hast called us, Thy unworthy servants, to the true faith, into the vineyard of the holy Catholic Church, and dost require us to work in it for the sanctification of our souls, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may never be idle but be found always faithful workers, and that that which in past years we have failed to do, we may make up for in future by greater zeal and persevering industry, and work being done, may receive the promised reward in heaven, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Note from Father

Dear Faithful,

Well, for once the weather we received lived up to the hype which was built up before the storm. We received over a foot of snow here at St. Gertrude's. The biggest issue was that it started late Saturday and continued throughout the day on

Sunday. Because of this, we only had between 40-50 people attend Mass on Sunday. The plow man came early and often and kept our parking lot accessible, but it was very difficult for people to actually get from home to the parking lot. It was very quiet throughout the day here. It was also quite surreal to preach throughout the day to nearly empty pews...I kept reminding myself that the eyes and ears are there, just veiled by the camera's lens.

With lots of snow, came our fair share of shoveling. We had to extricate our own cars from the areas the plow could not reach, the walkways and other common areas, and the long walk from the rectory to the church offices all required multiple passes. Fr. Brueggemann and I also had to go liberate Sr. Eulelia's car after she got stuck on the street in neighborhood across from the church, which was not plowed until sometime on Monday. There was a slight incident during this work where our rescue vehicle was backed up into Sister's car, though thankfully not causing any damage. I won't tell you which of us was backing up the rescue car, but since I am relating the story and could have said nothing, I will let you draw your conclusions, haha! To be fair, the visibility was poor and Sister's car is small.

It seemed to certainly be the correct, (although undesirable), decision for me not to travel down to Dallas last Sunday, as well. I saw pictures and videos from down there and it seemed like there was quite a bit of ice which coated everything and ground the city to a stop. In fact, it seems air travel was a disaster for several days in and out of Dallas. Sometimes discretion is the better course of valor, and I think it was a prudent for me to not attempt to travel down last week.

However, Fr. Simpson did make it down for this weekend. He endured cold last week in Milwaukee but managed to miss the snow...the young Father seems to be charmed when weather is involved.

In Christ,
Fr. Stephen McKenna

This Week's Schedule

Mon	2/2/26	Purification of Our Lady Candlemas Day
Tue	2/3/26	St. Blaise, BpM
Wed	2/4/26	St. Andrew Corsini, BpC
Thu	2/5/26 6:00 PM	St. Agatha, VM Holy Hour
Fri	2/6/26 5:00 PM 5:20 PM 6:00 PM 7:50 PM	St. Titus, BpC St. Dorothy, VM Exposition, Rosary, Sacred Heart Devotions Confessions Mass, Holy Face Devotions, Adoration <i>Anthony & Kathryn Friel (Steve & Joanne Heckenkamp)</i> Benediction
Sat	2/7/26 7:30 AM 8:00 AM	St. Romuald, Ab Rosary, Confessions Mass, Benediction (+) <i>Roseanne Clancy (Mark Cash)</i>
Sun	2/8/26 8:00 AM 8:45 AM 10:45 AM 11:15 AM	Sexagesima St. John of Matha, C Rosary, Confessions High Mass <i>Conversion of Paul Schwab (Neil Schwab)</i> Rosary, Confessions Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Hugh</i>

General Information

Baptism: By appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsors must be practicing Roman Catholics who attend the Traditional Latin Mass exclusively.

Confession: Before Mass on Sundays, and other times as indicated in the weekly bulletin.

Confirmation: Solemnly administered periodically in the year and may be administered privately by request. Catholics who received confirmation in the post Vatican II rite (1971) should arrange to receive confirmation conditionally in the traditional rite.

First Holy Communion: Administered each year on the Sunday after Corpus Christi. Adequate knowledge of the catechism is required.

Matrimony: If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest before you set a date. At least one of the parties must be a practicing traditional Catholic and member of this parish. Weddings are forbidden during Advent and Lent.

Communion for the Sick: Please contact the pastor or coordinator when a church member is hospitalized or too ill to attend Mass.

Extreme Unction: Do not put off making arrangements until the last moment, but contact the pastor or coordinator promptly if a church member is gravely ill or in danger of death.

Decorum in Church: Respect for God in the Blessed Sacrament requires a reverent silence. Please turn off cell phones and keep children well behaved. Both young and old should wear dignified and modest clothes in church, and women should wear a dress or skirt, and a veil or hat. Veils are available in the vestibule. Men should wear shirt and tie as well as a jacket or sweater.

Holy Communion: Only baptized practicing Catholics in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion. You must be fasting:

- Three hours from solid foods and alcoholic beverages.
- One hour from other liquids.
- Water may be taken at any time.

The communicant kneels at the communion rail, and receives the Blessed Sacrament on the tongue. The communicant does not say "Amen" after the priest says "*Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen.*"

Singing: The faithful are invited to join in singing any hymns preceding or following the Mass, but only the choir sings during the course of the Mass.