

Month of  
The Passion of Our Lord



5th and 6th Sundays in O.T., Year B  
Feb. 4 and Feb. 11, 2024

## ST. AGNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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AND COMPANIONS  
MARTYRS

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### REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER'S DESK...



5th Sunday of O.T. (B)

#### MINISTRY AND PRAYER:

On entering Simon's house and being immediately told about Simon's mother-in-law being down with fever. Jesus takes her by the hand and lifts her up. The fever leaves her and she began to serve them. Those whom Jesus touches and are healed are ready to serve. Indeed, service to others is assign of being touched by Jesus who came to serve and not to be served.

From one individual who is healed, Jesus now has to deal with all the sick and those possessed by demons who gathered together at the door. There must have been a crowd seeking to be healed from demonic oppression. Many were healed of various diseases and many liberated from the devil. Jesus heals both the ills of our body as well as those of the soul. Those gathered at the house had not recognized Jesus but the demons did. Jesus did not permit them to speak because his hour had not yet come.

Despite a day packed with preaching in the synagogue, healing of Simon's mother-in-law, curing the crowd who crowded at the door and freeing those oppressed by demons, Jesus leaves the house early in the morning while it was still dark. Jesus departs and goes to a deserted place and there he prays. Intense and even prolonged ministry can never be substitute or an alibi for the personal prayer.

HELP SOMEONE, YOU EARN A FRIEND.  
HELP SOMEONE TOO MUCH,  
YOU MAKE AN ENEMY.

### SACRAMENT TIMES

#### Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES resume Feb 13

#### Confession:

Saturday 4:00 pm  
or by appointment

#### Adoration

No adoration until Feb. 22, 2024

#### Youth Adoration:

Last Friday / month 6:30 pm

#### Rosary

20 min. before masses

# PARISH MINISTRIES

## Lector Schedule

10:00am

- Feb 4 Maria & Keith
- Feb 11 Lynne B. & Fran
- Feb 14 Lynn &
- Feb 18 Toryn & Maria
- Feb 25 Karin & Pat

## Church Cleaners

Crystal (403)827-9353

Check emails or schedule at the back of the church.

## Altar Serving

Contact Fr. Newton

## Family Fun Night (Potluck)

Feb. 10, 2023 6:00 pm

## Music Ministry

Crystal (403) 827-9353

## Confirmation Session

Feb 25, 2024 11:15 am  
in the rectory basement.

## Faith Formation

Tuesdays 7:00 pm  
in the rectory bsmnt or by email.

## Parish Council

Feb. 29, 2024 7:00 pm

## YOUTH CHOIR

Contact: Crystal Campbell  
February date TBD.



## LADIES AFTER DARK: 18+ SOCIAL

The adult women of the parish are invited on Feb, 7 2024 at 7:00 pm to gather at a local eatery for community time.



## FAITH FORMATION STUDY

Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls (Via Email or In-Person)  
January 9th to February 27th, 2024, Tuesdays 7:00pm



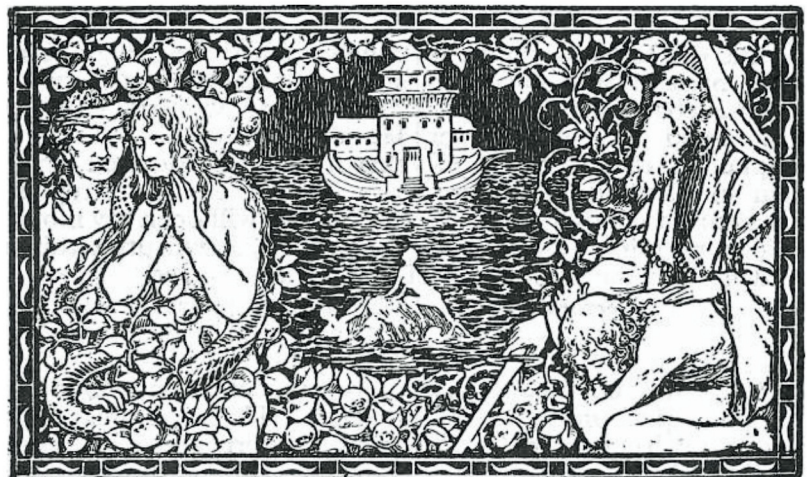
## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

We will be celebrating The World day of the sick on both Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am Masses. We shall have a parish coffee weekend as well, if anyone would be so kind as to help prepare food and beverages for after the masses.



## INTERESTING CATHOLIC FACTS

<https://wdtprs.com/2024/01/ask-father-how-can-septuagesima-and-sexagesima-be-70th-and-60-it-doesnt-add-up/>



The Fall  
(Septuagesima)

The Flood  
(Sexagesima)

Abraham's Sacrifice  
(Quinquagesima)

Reflection from Fathers Desk for the 6th Sunday of O.T. (B)

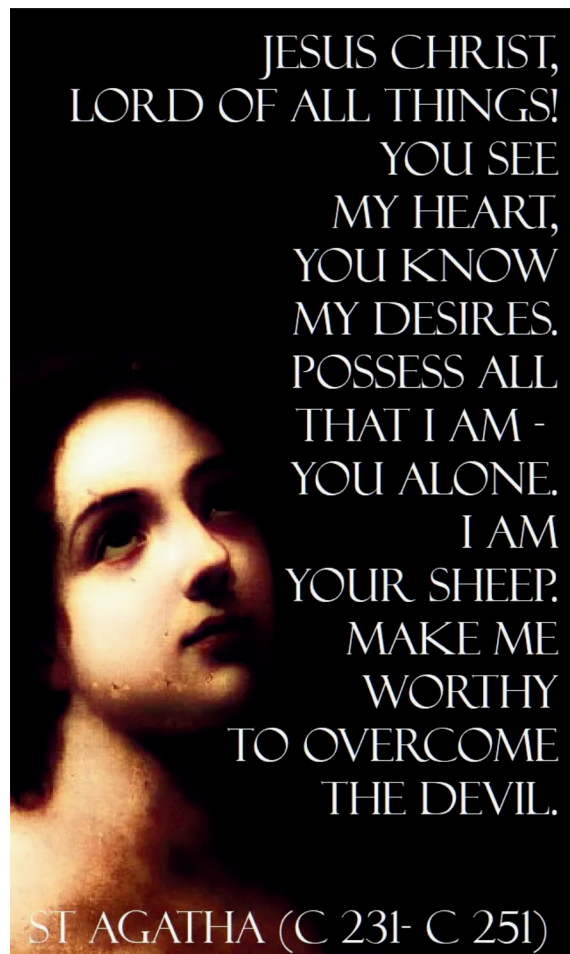
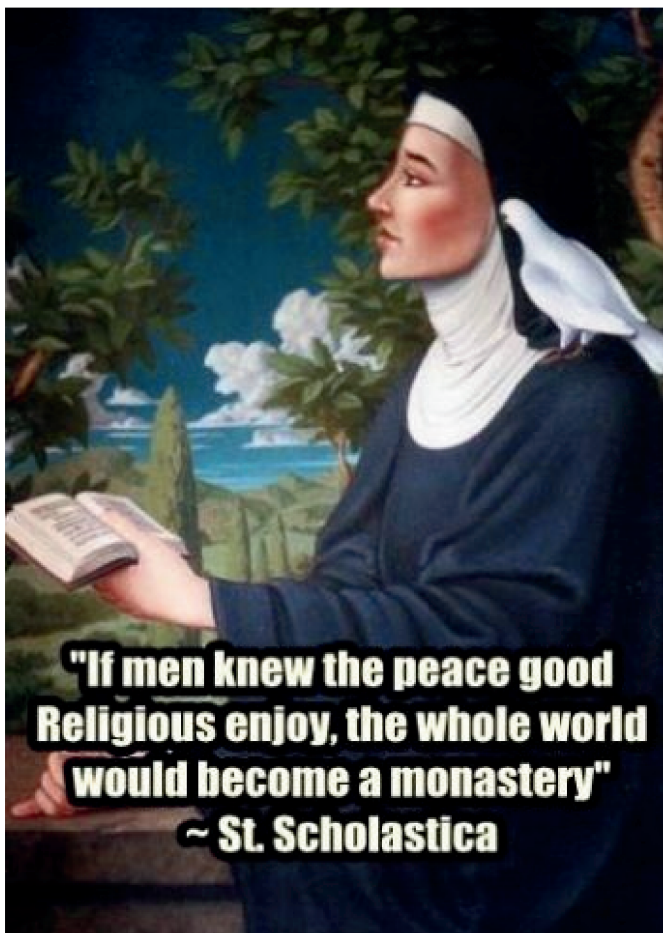
**TOUCH ME AND HEAL ME, LORD:**

The Gospel text is somewhat short and simple but it has a world and wealth of meaning. The leper comes to Jesus. This is the first step to healing. We need to come to Jesus. The leper implores Jesus. He does not merely make a request. He begs earnestly. He senses the urgency and necessity of entreating Jesus knowing his own personal condition. We will be healed when we are aware of who and where we are and who Jesus is. Having come and implored Jesus, the leper kneels before Jesus. By kneeling he acknowledges the Lordship of Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean" the leper humbly and honestly says. The 'If' does not mean that he doubts the power of Jesus but rather that he does not impose his entreaty but respects the freedom of Jesus to respond.

How does Jesus respond? "I will, be clean." Jesus is more ready to give than we are to ask. He is never immune to our sickness, insensitive to our suffering or indifferent to our situation. He stretches out his hand and touches the leper! He literally reaches out to him taking upon himself his uncleanness. Jesus bears our burdens, carries our crosses and shares our struggle.

The leper becomes a proclaimer as he spreads the good news of his being healed. Does this say something to our hearts?

**WHEN YOU TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR ATTITUDE,  
YOU TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE.**



## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 3,	5:00 pm, For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Sunday February 4,	10:00 am, For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Tuesday to Saturday	No Week day Masses till February 13, 2024
Saturday February 10,	5:00 pm, For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Sunday, February 11,	10:00 am, For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Tuesday February 13,	5:00 pm Rep. of the soul of John Osterling
Wednesday February 14	9:00 am Rep. of the soul of Hendrik Gerritsen
Wednesday February 14	6:30 pm, Rep. of the soul of Maria Osterling
Thursday February 15,	9:00 am Rep. of the soul of Vinzenz Wasch
Friday February 16,	9:00 am Rep. of the soul of Ralph Harty
Friday February 16,	6:30 pm, Rep. of the soul of Ian Keppie
Saturday February 17,	9:00 am, Rep. of the soul of Dennis McTappart
Saturday February 17,	5:00 pm, For the Parishioners (Pro Populo).
Sunday February 18,	10:00 am, For the Parishioners (Pro Populo).

### THE POPE'S INTENTION: FEBRUARY 2024

#### For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

#### LOCAL COMMUNITY PRAYER INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE  
INTENTIONS OF: MIKE WATSON,  
ROSANNA M., KARIN RABER,  
AND PETER GILLIS

### DIOCESAN INFO

[HTTPS://WWW.CATHOLICYC.CA/NEWS.HTML](https://www.catholicyc.ca/news.html)



### SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Feb 04	10:00 am	Job 7.1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9.16-19, 22-23; Mark 1.29-39	(5th Sunday of O.T.)
Feb 05	no mass	1 Kings 8.1-7, 9-13; Mark 6.53-56	(St. Agatha, M)
Feb 06	no mass	1 Kings 8.22-23, 27-30; Mark 7.1-13	(St. Paul and Companions, M)
Feb 07	no mass	1 Kings 10.1-10; Mark 7.14-23	
Feb 08	no mass	1 Kings 11.4-13; Mark 7.24-30	
Feb 09	no mass	1 Kings 11.29-32; 12.19 Gospel: Mark 7.31-37	
Feb 10	05:00 pm	1 Kings 12.26-32; 13.33-34; Mark 8.1-10	(St. Scholastica, M)
Feb 11	10:00 am	Lev, 13.1-2, 45-46; 1 Cor. 10.31-11.1; Mark 1.40-45	(6th Sunday of O.T.)
Feb 13	6:20 pm	James 1.1-11; Mark 8.11-13	
Feb 14	9 & 6:30	Joel 2.12-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18	(Ash Wednesday)
Feb 15	9:00 am	Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 9.22-25	
Feb 16	9:00 am	Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 9.14-15	
Feb 17	9:00 am	Isaiah 58.9b-14; Luke 5.27-32	
Feb 18	10:00 am	Genesis 9.8-15; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.12-15	(1st Sunday of Lent)