

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF SCHROON LAKE AND OLMSTEDVILLE**

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 29, 2012**



**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Schroon Lake**

**Saint Joseph's Church, Olmstedville**

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**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Sat. (Ant.) 4:30pm (OLL)

Sun. 10:30am (OLL)

Sun. 8:30am (SJC)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Sat. 3:15 to 4:00pm (OLL)

Sun. 8:00 to 8:20am (SJC)

**BAPTISM:** By Appointment    **MARRIAGE:** Arrange six months prior to the wedding date

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Sat., Jan. 28	4:30pm (OLL)	Paul R. Provoncha by Ann Dedrick
Sun., Jan. 29	8:30am (SJC)	John Sullivan by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Leddick
	10:30am (OLL)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes
Mon., Jan. 30	8:30am (OLL)	Paul R. Provoncha by Mr. & Mrs. Martin Thompson
Tue., Jan. 31	8:30am (SJC)	The Clark Family by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Leddick .
Wed., Feb. 1		No Scheduled Mass
Thu., Feb. 2	8:30am (OLL)	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Colleary
Fri., Feb. 3	8:30am (OLL)	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Patricia Wilber
Sat., Feb. 4	4:30pm (OLL)	For all Parishioners of Both Parishes
Sun., Feb. 5	8:30am (SJC)	Fred Repp by Kevin Purtill
	10:30am (OLL)	Frank Wanits by Ena Harmer

**LAST WEEK'S INCOME**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

Envelopes	\$1,073.25
Plate	<u>167.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,240.25
Respect for Life Collection	\$626.00

**Saint Joseph's Church**

Envelopes	\$1,211.00
Plate	<u>23.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,234.00
Respect for Life Collection	\$248.00

## **SPEAKING WITH AUTHORITY**

Moses is a prophet that speaks of God's Word. He is teaching the children of Israel about the religious institution of prophecy, an aspect of religious faith that would play an important role in the implementation of God's will for His people. The prophets proclaimed God's word - "Thus says the Lord..." It was going to be through the prophets that God would instruct His people. We see in Mark's Gospel (1:21-28) that Jesus begins His public ministry teaching with confidence, with authority, like an authentic spokesman for God. He was giving them on-going instruction, direction about God's will to help His people to know that the Kingdom of God was at hand. The Church, as a family of faith, continues to listen to the teaching authority of the Church. It is the thorough power of the Holy Spirit that continues to guide us to be witnesses of the Gospel and to proclaim and to preserve the truth of the Gospel. Who are the prophets among God's people today? How can authentic prophets be identified? "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts" (Psalm 95).

## **A REASON TO ATTEND MASS IN ADDITION TO SUNDAY**

The Eucharist is meant to be God's regular nourishment for us, that is, daily manna to keep us alive within the desert condition of our lives. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the Eucharist is the new manna, the new bread from heaven, the new way that God gives us daily sustenance. The Roman Catholic practice of daily Eucharist takes its root here. That is why in the Catholic Church, unlike much of Protestantism, the Eucharist has not generally been called "the Lord's Supper." Since it was understood not as an extraordinary ritual to commemorate the Last Supper, but as an ordinary daily one given to us as sustenance from God just as God fed the Chosen People in the desert long ago. How does the Eucharist give us daily sustenance? The Eucharist nurtures us by giving to us God's physical embrace (the Real Presence). God feeds us by physically touching and embracing us. What could be more nurturing to the soul? In Roman Catholic theology and spirituality we are invited to, ideally, receive this touch daily, or as often as we practically can. God's touch, the Eucharist, is the new manna, the bread that comes down from heaven.

(Edited and taken from Father Ronald Rolheisers's book, *One Great Act of Fidelity*)

## **FIVE WAYS TO PREPARE FOR MASS**

- 1) Know why you are there and where your place is in the Body of Christ
- 2) Reflect on the Scripture readings proclaimed at Mass.
- 3) Think about what you wish to offer to God and to ask Him
- 4) See yourself as part of the community that has come to worship
- 5) Enter in to God's presence by quietly letting go anxieties you brought with you

## **GOD SAID NO**

I asked God to take away my bad habits. God said NO. "It is not for me to take them away, but for you to give them up."

I asked God to grant me patience. God said NO. "Patience is a by-product of troubles, it isn't granted. It is learned."

I asked God to give me happiness. God said NO. "I give you many blessings. Happiness is up to you."

I asked God to spare me pain. God said NO. "Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said NO. "I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things."

I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me. God said, "At last you finally got the idea."

(Could you add anything to this list?)