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READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE THIS YEAR!



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Only 20 Minutes a Day to Know the Power and Wonder of God's Word!

With *Bible in a Year: Your Daily Encounter with God* you can read through the entire Bible in a single year! Three daily readings, one each from the Old Testament, Wisdom Literature and the New Testament, keep you engaged as you make your way through the Bible. In addition, each of the daily readings is followed by a short, insightful reflection that will lead you to prayer and help plant God's Word deep in your heart.

The simple format of "Bible in a Year" features daily readings and beautiful reflections from renowned Catholic Biblical scholars, including Dr. Tim Gray. What's more, it can be started anytime during the year.

- *Bible-in-a-Year* is designed to give you daily selections from the Old Testament, New Testament, and Wisdom Literature to help you read and pray all 73 books of Holy Scripture in one year.

- Each daily reflection is intended to open up the Scriptures and facilitate a deeper meditation that leads to an encounter with God through his Word.

The easy-to-use format will help inspire you to keep reading the Bible every day of the year—day by day, month by month, year after year.

Through the daily reading of Sacred Scripture, you will hear the beauty and majesty of the Word that God intended just for you.

There are several ways you might like to

use the daily readings:

1. Bible in one year, once a day: Follow the plan. Read each day's readings during your daily Bible reading time to finish the whole Bible in a year.

2. Bible in one year, twice a day: Follow the plan, but in two daily sections. Read the Old Testament in the morning and the Wisdom literature and New Testament in the evening.

3. Bible in two years: Read the Old Testament the first year, then the Wisdom literature and New Testament the second year.

2020 PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Another fresh new year is here...

Another year to live!

To banish worry, doubt, and fear,

To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me

To live each day with zest...

To daily grow and try to be

My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity

Once more to right some wrongs,

To pray for peace, to plant a tree,

And sing more joyful songs!

William Arthur Ward (1921-1994)



**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
HOME BLESSING:**

Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord. God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to an entrance:

+20 C M B 20+

This stands for the first half of the current year (+20)

*the Latin phrase **Christus Mansionem Benedicat** - May Christ Bless this House and/or the names of 3 Kings: **Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar** (CMB)*

and the last half of the year (20+)



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The observance starts the **last Sunday in January** and runs all week, which in 2020 will be **January 26 to February 1**. This year's theme is **Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed**. Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

MOSACK'S supports all educators, principals, teachers, class room aides, and parents who challenge and form young minds. Choose from our selection of Inspirational Posters, Religious Stickers, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Catechisms, Prayer Books, Picture Books, Puzzles, Statues, Magnets, and more!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Saint Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. Pope Francis has chosen the theme for this year's observance on Feb. 11th, from the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: "Woman, behold your son ... Behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (Jn 19:26-27).

"To Mary, Mother of tender love, we wish to entrust all those who are ill in body and soul, that she may sustain them in hope. We ask her also to help us to be welcoming to our sick brothers and sisters. The Church knows that she requires a special grace to live up to her evangelical task of serving the sick. May our prayers to the Mother of God see us united in an incessant plea that every member of the Church may live with love the vocation to serve life and health. May the Virgin Mary intercede for this Twenty-sixth World Day of the Sick; may she help the sick to experience their suffering in communion with the Lord Jesus; and may she support all those who care for them. To all, the sick, to healthcare workers and to volunteers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing. (Pope John Paul II)

CHOOSING A BIBLE TRANSLATION THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU—CHRISTIAN BIBLES:

NASB—New American Standard Bible is highly regarded for its literal accuracy. It's great for word study because it pays close attention to the wording and structure of the original Hebrew and Greek and attempts to use words consistently.

AMP—Amplified Bible uses additional words in brackets, parentheses and italics within the text to help readers understand.

ESV—English Standard Version is essentially literal and noted for its “word-for-word” accuracy and capturing the style of each Biblical writer.

KJV—King James Version is the first authorized English translation, published for four centuries. The choice for those wanting a traditional bible, good for study because of the huge selection of reference works that are available for it—also widely used for memorizing verses and for worship.

NKJV—New King James Version maintains the structure of the original KJV, with updated language for today's modern reader.

HCSB—Holman Christian Standard Bible utilizes global modern English while avoiding slang, regionalisms and any social or cultural agendas.

NIV—New International Version is a modern English translation that is easy to understand and rich with detail found in the original language. It is ideal for study, preaching and reading.

NLT—New Living Translation is an authoritative Bible translation which breathes life into even the most difficult passages, it's words speak directly to the heart of readers.

MSG—The Message is an innovative paraphrase of the Bible in free natural language that is often surprising and grabs the reader's attention.

CATHOLIC BIBLES:

NABRE—New American Bible Revised Edition is one of the easiest to understand. It is perfect for everyday use and used at Mass.

NRSV—New Revised Standard Version is a literal English translation with gender inclusive language and uses “God” and “Christ” rather than “he”.

DUEY-RHEIMS BIBLE is a literal English translation from the Latin Vulgate Bible of St. Jerome that pre-dates the KJV. It is considered one of the most beautiful poetic and accurate translations. And is ideal for those who enjoy history and a classical writing style.

NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE is an English translation which stresses dynamic equivalence highlighting the idea and meaning of a text rather than literal translation of words.

IGNATIUS BIBLE uses modern language with an informative commentary that is popular with Catholics interested in studying the Bible. Notes include information on how passages differ from Protestant Bibles.

GOOD NEWS BIBLE uses a very modern dynamic equivalency to communicate the message and idea of the text.

NAVARRÉ BIBLE is put together by scholars at the University of Navarre Spain. It includes informative explanations and commentaries that provide intellectual and historical insight that are ideal for Bible study.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the 5 Languages of Love Series!

Falling in love is easy, however, staying in love is the challenge. How can you keep your relationship fresh and growing amid the demands, conflicts, and just plain boredom of everyday life? In the #1 New York Times bestseller entitled *The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts* by Gary Chapman, you'll discover the secret that has transformed millions of relationships worldwide. Whether your relationship is flourishing or failing, Dr. Chapman's proven approach to showing and receiving love will help you experience deeper and richer levels of intimacy with your partner - starting today. It is as practical as it is insightful. Updated to reflect the complexities of relationships today, this new edition reveals intrinsic truths and applies relevant, actionable wisdom in ways that work. The book includes the Couple's Personal Profile assessment so you can discover your love language and that of your loved one.

5 Languages of Love Books are also available for Children, Teens, Singles, and the Military. Choose the one that fits your loved one!





Repent and Believe the Good News



LENT BEGINS March 6

The word “Lent” comes from an Old English term that means “Springtime”. Like the new life that is born in the spring, the season of Lent calls each of us to renew our life in Christ as we look forward to Easter renewal and the Resurrection. How will we spread the Christian message of salvation? This year, let us use the six weeks of this holy season to join in solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who are praying, fasting, and giving alms as we await the resurrection of the Lord. Together, we can make our world a better place!

PRAYER:

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus: Thessalonians 5:16-18

The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday signify our entering into Lent—we embrace Jesus’ journey: the cross of suffering and the promise of resurrection. Our repentance is a call to proper relationship between God and ourselves and between one another.

Jesus teaches us the importance of prayer. He prays 17 times in the gospels—a model for us today. Scriptures record Jesus praying *often*: in the morning, at meal time, in his encounters with others and at night. He prays during critical events in his life and before ministering to people in need. Prayer was his connection to his Father in heaven. So too, prayer is our connection with God. Open your heart this Lent to God’s Word.



FASTING:

“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward” Matthew 6:16

What areas in your life will involve fasting this year? Food and Drink are common things that we “give-up” during Lent—but what about other things: do we spend too much time with technology, games, entertainment, Facebook and social media? If you can’t go cold turkey for the whole season, try giving-up one thing for one day at a time.



ALMSGIVING:

“For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” Matthew 25:35-36

Almsgiving goes hand in hand with fasting—what we “save” in fasting (time, money, food, etc.) we “spend” in almsgiving. During Lent make an effort to volunteer at a local hunger center instead of watching TV, clean out your closet and donate clothing to the needy, visit the residents of a local nursing home, send care packages to the military — do **SOMETHING** that personally connects you to those less fortunate!



PALM SUNDAY

Hold your palms high as you recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at church today – then continue the celebration at home.

Jesus Centerpiece: place a statue or picture of Jesus at the center of your dinner table and lay palm branches around it.

Talk about ways to make Jesus the center of your life and your faith.

Blessed Palms are respected as sacramental, place them behind the crucifix in your home



GOOD FRIDAY

This day commemorates the crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus. It is the most solemn and sorrowful day of the Church Year.

Spend time in church: pray the Way of the Cross, attend services of the reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Seven Last Words, and Communion

Quiet time: Tradition places the events of Good Friday between 12 noon and 3:00 pm, turn off the computer or social media and read the bible account of Jesus' death.

Forgive: Imitate Jesus and reach out to someone who has hurt you. Forgive and forget!

Talk About those who have died and how we believe that, because of Jesus, we hope to rise to new life in heaven.



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HOLY WEEK PREPARATION DAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Clean the House: Think of spring housekeeping as a prayerful preparation for Easter and celebrate all that is fresh and new.

Buy a Lily: The white flower heralds the resurrection of Jesus – share a plant with someone who needs to hear “good news”.

Color eggs: Decorated eggs are a symbol of new life that comes with the resurrection. Try writing “Alleluia” or “Christ is Risen” on the eggs with a crayon before coloring them.

HOLY THURSDAY

This day recalls the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and shared a sacred meal with them. It reminds us that we are called to serve one another. Here are some ideas:

Attend church service: Listen to the readings that mark the beginning of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Share a meal: If your church doesn't have a community meal, plan your own with neighbors or friends.

Read and reflect: Read one of the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper and reflect on how this encounter with Jesus changed the disciples. How does it change you?



HOLY SATURDAY

This day commemorates the time of darkness and waiting when Jesus was in the tomb.

Volunteer as a family: Help decorate the church for Easter, or deliver baskets to the homebound.

Talk about the symbols of fire and water, signs of Jesus the light of the world and fountain of new life.

EASTER SUNDAY!

Celebrate the Risen Lord with the singing of the Gloria and Alleluias, the renewal of baptismal vows, a sprinkling with Easter water and receiving the Eucharist.

MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU

St. Patrick's feast day is March 17th. Born in Scotland Patrick was kidnapped when he was a teenager and taken by barbarians to Ireland. He was forced into slavery for 6 months as a shepherd. He escaped and returned to his own country for a few years only to be made captive again. This only lasted 2 months and he again returned home to his parents. During this time God gave him many visions and wanted Patrick to return to Ireland in order to teach the people about God, for the worshiping of idols was greatly practiced there. Patrick went throughout the country teaching the faith to the people and baptizing them into the faith. He is commonly pictured holding a shamrock, which he used to preach to the people about the Trinity.



*May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be ever at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

The feast of St. Joseph falls on March 19th and is widely celebrated throughout the world. In fact, many Dioceses allow this feast day to be a break from Lenten fasts. St. Joseph is the foster father of Jesus, and chaste husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

Pope Francis is a strong believer in God's dependability on St. Joseph while he is sleeping. The Pope has his own wooden Sleeping St. Joseph figure that he keeps to place written prayers under every day.

Each evening, write out your prayer requests and place them under this Sleeping St. Joseph figure. While you both sleep, St. Joseph and God will be working hand-in-hand to help answer those beautiful prayers.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

GIFTS & RESOURCES

AVAILABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Communion Dresses * Suits * Veils * Gloves * Socks * Purses
- Ties * Tie Clips * Lapel Pins * Jewelry * Patron Saint Medals
- Four-Way Medals * Sports Medals * Rosaries * Rosary Boxes
- Wall Crosses & Crucifixes * Statues * Figurines * Valencia
- Seraphim Classics Angels * Joseph Studio Collection St. Statues
- * Willow Tree * Precious Moments* Communion Dolls
- Plaques * Music Boxes * Holy Cards * Communion, Confirmation and RCIA Candles
- Adult & Children's Books & Music * Prayer Books
- New Missals * Bibles for All Ages
- Communion & Confirmation Photo Frames & Photo Albums
- Invitations * Thank You Notes * Party Goods
- Greeting Cards



As First Communion season approaches this year, we invite you to visit our Catholic Store or shop online at www.mosacks.com. Find the items and gifts that will help your family members and friends on their journey with Christ. Our embossing and engraving service is very affordable and adds a personal touch to your keepsakes. Our courteous staff is looking forward to serving you!

CONFIRMED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

WISDOM is the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit because it is the perfection of the theological virtue of faith. Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world, and wisdom helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake.

UNDERSTANDING is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a hard time understanding (*no pun intended*) how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us to grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith.

COUNSEL, the third gift, is the perfection of the virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

FORTITUDE is ranked as the fourth gift of the Holy Spirit because it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel. While fortitude is sometimes called *courage*, it goes beyond what we normally think of as courage. Fortitude is the virtue of the martyrs that allows them to suffer death rather than to renounce the Christian Faith.

KNOWLEDGE, the fifth gift, is often confused with both wisdom and understanding. Like wisdom, knowledge is the perfection of faith, but whereas wisdom gives us the desire to judge all things according to the truths of the faith, knowledge is the actual ability to do so. Like counsel, it is aimed at our actions in this life. In a limited way, knowledge allows us to see the circumstances of our life the way that God sees them. Through this gift of the Spirit, we can determine God's purpose for our lives and live accordingly.

PIETY, the sixth gift, is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love, the way that we desire to honor our parents and do what they wish.

FEAR OF THE LORD, the seventh and final gift of the Holy Spirit is often misunderstood. We think of fear and hope as opposites, but the fear of the Lord confirms the theological virtue of hope. This gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him. Our desire not to offend God is more than simply a sense of duty; like piety, the fear of the Lord arises out of love.



Once again, we come to the time of year when catechumens, candidates, and students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This important step toward full initiation as adult believers brings powerful gifts of the Holy Spirit. Read through the list at the left side of this page to welcome these graces –or to refresh your memory if you have already been confirmed!

MOSACK'S carries a wide selection of Patron Saint medals, statues, biographies and holy cards perfect for Confirmation Students and RCIA Candidates. Bibles, Prayer Books, Crucifixes, Rosaries and other inspirational items are wonderful gifts to encourage new found faith. Visit us online at www.mosacks.com for a look at our selection of Confirmation Gifts.



CONGRATULTIONS WINNERS!

November and December were exciting months for our customers. In the true spirit of the season, MOSACK'S awarded a My Saint My Hero Lord's Prayer Morse Code Necklace to Karin G. on Dec. 16th.



The Ne'Qwa Art Angel Ornament was awarded to Mary O. in a drawing held on Dec. 16th. These beautiful hand-painted glass ornaments are a wonderful addition to any Christmas Tree!



Our Fontanini Nativity Set signed by Emanuele Fontanini was raffled off on December 16th. Our lucky winner, Mary A. has a keepsake to cherish for years to come.

Kathy T. won a Willow Tree Beautiful Blessings Figurine. Join us next year for more special events raffles and contests!



MOSACK'S PARTICIPATES IN CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH BOXES OF JOY

MOSACK'S was proud to serve as a Drop-off Center for the Cross Catholic Outreach effort to share the JOY of Christmas and the love of Jesus Christ with needy children around the world. The boxes gathered will be going to Haiti, Guatemala, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and El Salvador. Cross Catholic hopes to reach 70,000 impoverished children this year. MOSACK'S Staff, customers, area schools and parishes collected over 30 boxes this year! We hope to build on that success and participate again next year!



Blessings in the New Year

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