

## **ST. VALENTINE'S**

### **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4th SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY, (ROSE)**

#### **BLESSING OF THROATS FOR ST. BLAISE**

**9:30AM** Mass for the soul of the departed Dorothy & Alfred Karolkiewicz: Offered by Karen & Trish

### **MONDAY FEBRUARY 5th ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR (RED)**

**8AM** Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family.

### **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6th ST. TITUS, BISHOP, (WHITE)**

**8AM** Mass for an increase of Vocations.

### **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7th PRE-LENTEN WEEKDAY, (ROSE)**

**8AM** Mass for the health of the sick.

### **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8th PRE-LENTEN WEEKDAY, (ROSE)**

**8AM** Mass for Peace.

### **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9th ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP & DR., (WHITE)**

**8AM** Mass for the soul of the departed Michael Borsuk; from All Soul's list.

### **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11th QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY, (ROSE)**

**LESSON:** Hosea 2:16-17, 21-22 **LESSON:** 2nd Cor. 3:1-6 **GOSPEL:** St. Mark 2:18-22

**9:30AM** Mass for the soul of the departed Sophie Szarrana; From All Soul's List

**MARK YOUR CALENDERS: FEBRUARY 14th** Ash Wednesday, Great Lent begins;

**FEBRUARY 19th** Presidents Day

**SACRED VOCATIONS:** Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

**LET NOTHING STOP YOU:** When someone wants to get to Jesus, they let nothing stop them.

In the Gospel today, we see Jesus' reputation has grown, what He has said, what He has done. People came to Him from everywhere. Jesus is at someone's home, tradition tells us it was the home of St. Peter. Jesus was there for dinner, and word got around He was there. Some men come with a man on a mat who needed healing. They could not get in the door, so they went on the roof and began to open it. The roof was a thatched roof, so just had to remove enough

over the place where Jesus was standing. Image what went through Peter's mind was his house was being taken apart. Now comes the conflict. Jesus sees the man and says, "your sins are forgiven." The religious authorities present, (they were always present watching Jesus), they were appalled that Jesus would say this. Although they kept their thoughts to themselves, Jesus was aware. He says to them, "which is easier to say? your sins are forgiven, or stand and walk?"

Illness was thought to be the result of sin. They do not answer, Jesus does not get upset. The man stands picks up his mat and leaves. We are not sure whose faith it was, either of the man or his friends. But he was cured. Nothing should get in our way to keep us from Jesus. We need to keep trying until we get to Jesus who alone can heal us and take away our sins. Ask yourself what is it that stops you from going to Jesus? Are we afraid he will judge us? He will not. Jesus loves us and does not judge us. Is it our sins that cripple us, or fear? Go to Jesus He alone can take away our sins that cripple us and make us whole.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Joan Pianka.