

Dear Family in Christ,

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is Monday, February 11, but we will celebrate her feast as a parish family on Sunday, February 10, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. In addition, on the same day, we will have our annual Rosary March following the 5:30 p.m. Mass with benediction in the church. So, I hope you can join us!

We hold dear to this special occasion to remind ourselves that we are cared for by our creator and loved and protected by our patroness, Our Lady of Lourdes! It is also an opportunity to teach our children and others that our Catholic faith is alive, real and important to our existence as human beings and as daughters and sons of God the Father. Christ, our Good Shepherd and Savior, patiently waits for our love, our reaching out to Him for his guidance each day. I suggest we encounter Jesus daily in meditating on the scripture readings, his holy Word, and in the opportunities which weekday and Sunday Masses give us to receive Him in holy Communion. We also encounter the living Jesus in relationship with other people.

Let us avail ourselves to grow in greater knowledge of our Catholic faith by participating in activities, programs and events sponsored by the Catholic Church, namely Our Lady of Lourdes parish family. Our parish was established for you! It is important to enrich our parish family with your presence, your gifts and your life.

As we celebrate our feast day, see it as an invitation to you and your family to grow in faith, to belong to a Christian community that cares about your physical and spiritual life and wants to accompany you weekly in your relationship with Jesus. As I have reminded us today and in the past, the Catholic Church is here for you and your family.

If I can assist you with the sacraments, marriage preparation, a desire to get involved in a particular ministry, or if you simply would like to speak with me about a particular matter, give me a call at the rectory office, 985-643-4137.

May Our Lady of Lourdes continue to bless our parish family for many, many years to come!

Happy feast day,

Very Reverend W.C. Paysse, V.F.
Pastor