

## Calendar

### Monday

February 13

Weekday

Gn 4:1-15, 25

Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday

February 14

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and  
Methodius, Bishop

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10

Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday

February 15

Weekday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22

Mk 8:22-26

### Thursday

February 16

Weekday

Gn 9:1-13

Mk 8:27-33

### Friday

February 17

Weekday

Gn 11:1-9

Mk 8:34-9:1

### Saturday

February 18

Weekday

Heb 11:1-7

Mk 9:2-13

### Sunday

February 19

Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48

# Dear Padre,

**Does suffering please God? I've heard we should "offer it up," but to me, God is never pleased with pain.**

Some think God sends suffering into our lives as retribution. In fact, God asks certain things—difficult things—of us so we can avoid suffering in our own lives, in the lives of others, and after death.

When a mother says, "Don't touch that! It's hot," and her child touches it anyway, the mother didn't cause the burn. She knows the consequences of that action and warns her children not to do it. If they disregard her, she doesn't stop loving them. In the same way, God tells us how to live so we can avoid being hurt, and God never stops loving us.

Some suffering is unavoidable no matter how well we love and obey God. This suffering is the hardest to accept. Some is the result of our humanity.

Many seek to assign blame; others want to know why things happen. The truth is, sometimes there is no why, no clear purpose. When there is, we don't feel it any less. We can only trust that God will turn it into something good.

God's power turned a "meaningless" crucifixion into the means of our salvation. This is what "offer it up" means: By turning toward and imitating Christ, we find new depths of faith and hope.

Fr. Joe Nolen, CSsR  
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## A Word From Pope Francis

*"The word of God constantly shows us how God challenges those who believe in him...Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel."*

—The Joy of the Gospel (*Evangelii Gaudium*), I, 20



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# Assumption of Our Lady



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February 12, 2016

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Hay River, NT

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

### Weekday Masses

Mon.-Thurs. 5:30 pm

Friday 12:00 noon

Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Don for any other sacraments or funerals.



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& St. Anne, Katloodeche

Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

| Date   | Readers                                | Collection                       | Gift Bearers            | Eucharistic Ministers                                 | Coffee & Snacks             |
|--------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Feb 05 | Julia Flumerfelt<br>Sherry DaRosa      | Emmanuel Da-Rosa<br>Paul Delorey | Eva & Merv Templeton    | David Delorey<br>Tessie Gonzales<br>Shirley Gutierrez | Marshi & Jaigene            |
| Feb 12 | Katherine Lenoir<br>Sheila Ryan-Hachey | Andrew Cassidy<br>Kyle Reid      | Engen Family            | Louisa Schrumm<br>Doris Caudron<br>Doug Swallow       | Grace                       |
| Feb 19 | Andrew Cassidy<br>Sancie Gostick       | Horst B.<br>Doug Swallow         | Whittle Family          | Bea Lepine<br>Kyle Reid<br>Theresa Swallow            | Please sign-up<br>See Grace |
| Feb 26 | Doris Caudron<br>Ruth Boden            | Darm Crook<br>Paul Delorey       | Jonathan Mac-kenzie Zoe | Bea Lepine<br>Kyle Reid<br>Theresa Swallow            | Please sign-up<br>See Grace |
| Mar 05 | Lisa Capulso<br>Michaela Crook         | Kyle Reid<br>Doug Swallow        | Steinwan Family         | Sylvia Boyer<br>Julia Flumerfelt<br>David Delorey     | Please sign-up<br>See Grace |

## CWL NEWS

### New National Theme: Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

**Lap Quilt Challenge:** The members of the CWL nationwide are making lap quilts for residents in nursing homes and the patients in hospice. Whether you sew, knit, crochet, patch or quilt, your efforts and prayer-in-action will be most appreciated. Anyone interested in creating a lap quilt is invited to do so. We are hoping to have these quilts ready for our Diocesan Convention at the end of April.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD

At the time of Jesus, people were very strict about obeying and carrying out the Jewish laws and God-given commandments. Sometimes their preoccupation with fulfilling such laws actually prevented them from loving God and one another as they should. Jesus came to complete and deepen their understanding of the commandments they already had, and to show them, by example, how to love and how to live. Jesus challenged people to follow a different set of values that would change their relationship with God for ever.

**Confirmation** classes continue. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament. The celebration of Confirmation will take place **May 6, 2027 at St. Ann's** and **May 7, 2017 at Assumption Parish.**

The celebration of **First Reconciliation** will take place **THIS Friday evening, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** and **First Communion** celebration will be **NEXT Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. Parishioners are invited to share in this celebration with a potluck luncheon following Mass. Contributions of food dishes will be appreciated.

### OPPORTUNITY for SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The week-end of February 24, 25, 26, a **12 Step Pilgrimage week-end** will be held at Assumption Parish. For more information see the poster at the entrance to the church or see Father Don.

**SNACKS** Please see Grace or call to (876-1063) to sign up.

| : <b>Weekly Revenue</b>                |                       |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$2,089.01                             | Collection            |
| \$0.00                                 | Hall Rental           |
| <b>\$2,089.01</b>                      | <b>Revenue Total</b>  |
| <b>\$1,764.00</b>                      | <b>Expenses Total</b> |
| <b>\$325.01</b>                        |                       |
| Expenses are based on the 2015 average |                       |

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

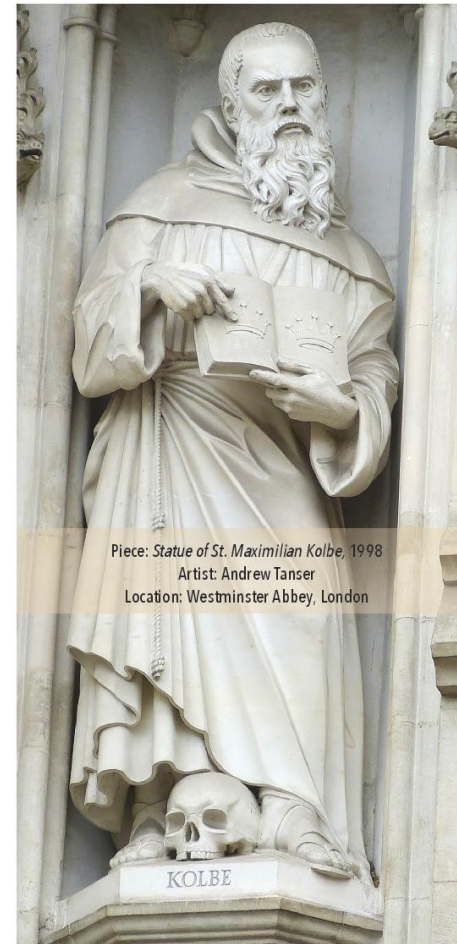
February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37



Piece: Statue of St. Maximilian Kolbe, 1998  
Artist: Andrew Tanser  
Location: Westminster Abbey, London

## St. Maximilian's Choices

Saint Maximilian Kolbe died in 1945 taking the place of another prisoner in Auschwitz, but his martyrdom started many years before. As a young boy, he was quite a handful—so much so that at one point his mother cried out, “What will become of you?” Shaken by his mother's grief, Maximilian went to the town church to ask our Lady what would become of him. He wrote that the Virgin Mother appeared to him holding two crowns: one white and one red. The white crown meant he would remain pure, and the red meant he would be a martyr. Our Lady asked Maximilian which one he would like. He chose them both.

We are offered choices as well. Sirach says that whatever we choose will be given to us, but what Jesus offers is challenging. Jesus offers each of us a new heart, a new spirit, a new love, and a new trust. Jesus defines what it means to be his follower, and it is a challenging task. This standard is not lowered for Christians, nor is it defined by what is legal in a country or popular in a social group. In fact, we are not only asked to live this life but we are called to teach it to others.

The rewards, however, are equal to the challenge. What Christ promises to those who love and teach his gospel is a glory and reward greater than any we have ever seen, heard, or imagined. Maximilian Kolbe knew this, and he fought earnestly for the truth in Nazi Germany, even though it led to his arrest and death.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

What choices did Jesus place before me this week?  
How have I been an example of Christ to others this week?

*“Set before you are fire and water; to whatever you choose, stretch out your hand. Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them” (Sirach 15:16-17).*