

GRAND TRAVERSE ULTREYA NEWS

FEBRUARY 2021

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Feb 14, Valentine's Day
- Feb 15, Presidents' Day
- Feb 17, Ash Wednesday

**Make a friend, be
a friend, bring a
friend to Christ!**

OTHER MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

Feb 1	Freedom Day
Feb 3	National Missing Persons Day
Feb 6	Canadian Maple Syrup Day
Feb 7	Super Bowl LV
Feb 11	National Shut-In Visitation Day
Feb 19	Best Friends Day
Feb 22	Museum Advocacy Day
Feb 24	National Dance Day
Feb 25	Digital Learning Day
Feb 28	Rare Disease Day

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FEELING A LITTLE FRIED?



Don't get too close to the Sun Mr. Seagull!

In his article "Exhaustion meets new beginnings," author Hosffman Ospino talks about the effects of a "tumultuous year 2020" had on him. Yet he's hopeful as a new year begins.

Many of us can relate to "tumultuous!" Our nation was on a roll with a booming economy, lowest unemployment rates on record, strides made for religious freedom and protection of life, and a resurgence of a national pride fitting for a great nation. Conflicts around the world were beginning to simmer

down and long-time enemies getting together to talk peace.

Truly amazing how quick things can change—and hopefully return to normal! Dr. Ospino continues, "In the midst of the widespread feelings of exhaustion, Catholics must redouble our efforts to be beacons of hope in our society. The challenges are big and complex, and they will escape any facile or simplistic response. We must try, nonetheless; and try hard."

As for the pandemic, light *is* at the end of the tunnel! Let us hope and pray that we don't one day look back and realize that the Covid-19 pandemic was the least of our worries.

You can read Dr. Ospino's article [HERE](#).

HISTORY'S GREATEST INAUGURAL SPEECHES

While Fox News Network's Chris Wallace was declaring President Joe Biden's inaugural address the "best" he's "ever heard," cities in California were preparing to remove the names of former presidents from the walls of their schools.

Elise Italiano Ureneck writes in her column for Catholic News Service, "The greatest inaugural address in history is not a political one but a biblical one." You can read her commentary [HERE](#). PS: California is working on removing Jesus as well.

February Ultreya Tuesday Feb 2nd At 6:30pm via ZOOM

Don't spend Groundhog Day alone! Join us for some fellowship—just like the old days. Well, maybe not quite "just like." Come find out and see, and you don't even have to put on your winter coat!

CATHOLICS MUST RECOVER 'IDEA OF WORTHINESS TO RECEIVE

Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco was not only admonishing certain politicians for their lackadaisical reception of The Holy Eucharist, but many "Catholics" in general.

How often have we seen irreverent behavior in the Communion line! Perhaps the problem isn't what "we see," but what "we are." Maybe a little introspection is in order.

We all want God to be our friend, someone we can go out and get a beer with. We need to remember that HE IS GOD and we need to be cognizant of that fact.

You can read the CAN article on the Archbishop's comments [HERE](#).

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February Ultreya ZOOM link: click [HERE](#), or copy [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89265429221?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89265429221?pwd=YWhpcHJQNGRXNjdIRHJSaIFPbmdZz09)

[pwd=YWhpcHJQNGRXNjdIRHJSaIFPbmdZz09](#) in your web browser. Meeting ID: 892 6542 9221 and Passcode: 474544. The meeting will be hosted by Pauline Viall—thanks Pauline!

THE LOOP

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"You are amazed that your guardian Angel has done you such obvious favours. And you should not be amazed: that's why our Lord has placed him beside you."

- St. Josemaria Escriva

WORDS OF THE HOLY FATHER

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

Pope Francis

DIOCESAN ULTREYA SCHEDULE

Cadillac: 4th Tue 6:30pm, St Anne's
 Cheboygan: 4th Wed 7pm, St Mary's
 Gaylord: 3rd Wed 6pm, St Mary Cathedral Hall room A
 Grand Traverse: 1st Tue 6:20pm, Christ the King
 Harbor Springs: 2nd Tue 6:30pm, Holy Childhood
 Manistee: 3rd Thurs 6:30pm, St Joseph hall in Onekema
 Roscommon: 4th Mon 6pm, St Michael's
 Harrisville: *3rd or 4th Sun 12:30pm, St Anne's
 Alpena: *3rd or 4th Sun 2pm, St. Anne's
 *NOTE: Harrisville and Alpena rotate months

Consider sharing your witness with another Ultreya community. Be assured that they would love to have

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 ULTREYA
 COMMUNITY IS ABLE
 TO GATHER AS
 SCHEDULED**

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POPE: SCRIPTURE NOT MEANT TO BE STUCK ON PAPER BUT FIXED IN ONE'S HEART



Pope Francis leads his general audience in the library of the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican Jan. 27, 2021. The pope continued his series of talks on prayer, reflecting on the theme "Praying with Sacred Scripture." (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

In the pope's address on January 27, he said "Praying with Scripture is not meant to be a mindless repetition of biblical quotes but instead is a gift that is meant to be accepted in people's hearts."

"It irritates me a little when I hear Christians who recite verses from the Bible like parrots: 'Oh, yes, the Lord says (this), he wants this,'" the pope said, departing from his prepared remarks.

"But did you encounter the Lord with that verse? It is not a question only of memory;

it is a question of the memory of the heart, that which opens you to the encounter with the Lord. And that word, that verse, leads you to the encounter with the Lord," he said.

Last Sunday, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time has been designated as Word Of God Sunday by Pope Francis. For me it was a reminder that I can do much better listening at Mass and spending a little more time with the Good Book at home.

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On A Lighter Note...

