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LENT 2021

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March 14, 2021

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To Be Appointed

Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Daily Masses (Monday through Friday)

8:00 a.m.

Penance

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals

Arrange with Pastor

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Believe

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sun., March 14th 4th Sunday of Lent
2 Chr. 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10, John 3:14-21

Sat., 4:00 p.m. Special Intention
Sun., 10:00 a.m. Special Intention

Mon., March 15th
Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tues., March 16th
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

8:00 a.m. Helen Karnowski (Laura Richards)

Wed., March 17th St. Patrick's Day
Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Thurs., March 18th
Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Fri., March 19th St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM
II Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Sat., March 20th
Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

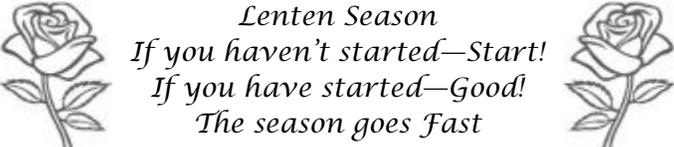
8:00 a.m. No Service
3:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Confessions

Sun., March 21st 5th Sunday of Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

Sat., 4:00 p.m. Special Intention
Sun., 10:00 a.m. Special Intention

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Mid-Lent Laetare Sunday
Pray - Fast - Give
We are half-way through the
Lenten Season
If you haven't started—Start!
If you have started—Good!
The season goes Fast



SUNDAY'S READINGS

Excerpts to think about

First Reading

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects (II Chr 36:19).

The author II Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance. How does the lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

Second Reading

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them (Eph 2:10).

Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us. How are they gifts to us? In what way do you show appreciation for God's grace?

Gospel

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life (John 3:16).

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent his only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. How does he offer salvation? Who in your life needs to hear this message?
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Prayer & Worship Committee: Meeting Monday, March 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall.

Finance/Maintenance Meeting: Thursday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall.



Stations of the Cross

*Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.
An excellent Friday evening practice*

This devotion lifts our hearts and minds to what God has done for us through the death/resurrection of Christ and motivates us to reach out to others with God's love. Scripture, prayers, hymns and silent reflection are included in this devotion. All are encouraged to take part in this processional prayer so appropriate for the Lenten season.

MINISTRIES NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST

4:00 p.m. Reader: G Chiconas
10:00 a.m. Reader: B Spychalski

Last Sunday's Collection: \$2,518.00
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This special envelope is in your February packet. If a memorial, mark the name(s) of the deceased/donor on the envelope.
Please return by Monday, March 29th.
Only such memorials will be published in our Easter bulletin.





St. Patrick's Day, Wed., March 17th!

The Mass for this feast will be celebrated Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Many remember this missionary to Ireland who lived from 385 to 461. As missionary/bishop he brought Christianity to the Emerald Isle. He is remembered especially by the Irish but also by others throughout the world by following his example and celebrating! May the Irish and all who venerate this holy man of God who brought Christianity to Ireland and many other countries! Best wishes to all the Irish on this feast!

Feast of St. Joseph - Fri., March 19th

Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. He is acknowledged as the husband of Mary and also the patron of the Universal Church. We honor the just man chosen by God to be the special guardian of Christ. May we care for others as he showed care for Jesus, the Son of God. Here in our church we have three images, one statue depicts Joseph alone with a lily, one window depicts the Holy Family and one in the vesting room Joseph as a construction worker. Holy Joseph!



Parishioners: Here is your chance to expand your friendship with our pastor, Fr. Larry! At this time, Fr. Larry is not yet allowed to drive. We are working to compile a list of volunteers that Father can reach out to once in awhile for simple errand runs. Parishioners that are willing to, we just ask that you provide your phone number and days during week you are typically available if needed. Please either call the rectory or email with that information. When Father has an outside appointment/errand then he can just look at list and give a call to one of our awesome volunteers. A little help in a small way will go a long way! Thanks!



Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin. The light of Christ brightens the world.

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