

March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Rita

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Welcome to St. Rita

We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be happy to welcome you into our parish community.

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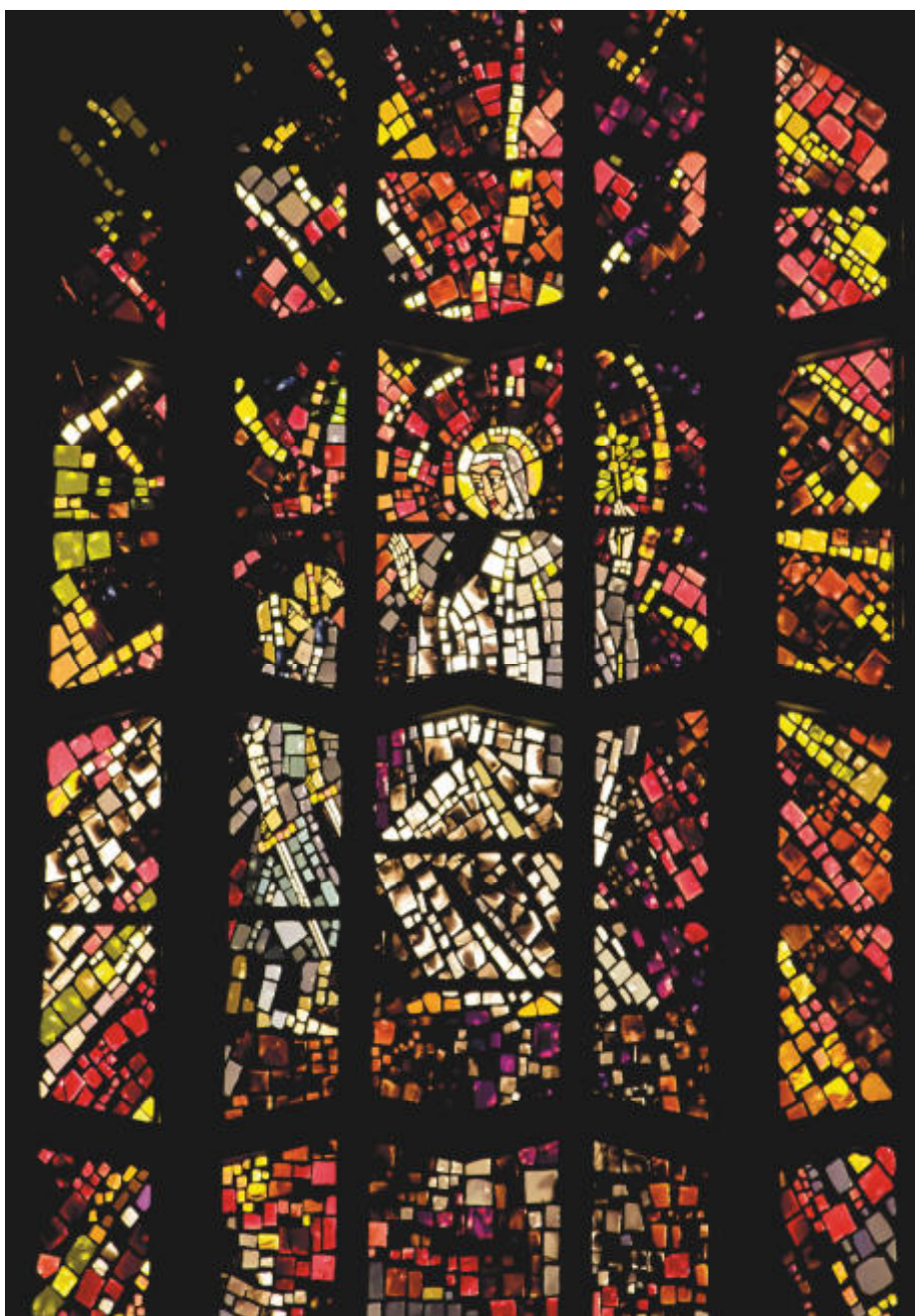
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



Ash Wednesday & Lent

Ash Wednesday and Lent are two of the most powerful traditions of the Church we have come to love. Many of the newer denominations, especially the biblical evangelical churches, do not honor the traditions and practices we hold and maintain in our discipleship.

The Prophets call us with urgency to "return to the way of the Lord." We need to be summoned out of complacency and routines of life. There is certainly security in routine living, but there is always the danger of failing to look beyond the next event as our lives are so governed by the way we always do it. Within this familiarity is hidden the curse of lack of clarity. Yet there are also the real gifts of God which may be dormant due to lack of activation.

Thus we need to gather the assembly to begin a process of self-examination both of our personal lives and our communal witness of the Gospel and the Mission of the Lord entrusted to us. Thus we will gather to confess our need for self-examination and dedicate ourselves and our congregation to a review of our faith. This will take place mindful of those among us preparing for full initiation to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil on that Holy Saturday Night.

It is good to receive Ashes which make us mindful of our dry and lifeless aspects of life. Ashes also remind us that beyond death there is a new life promised to us. This truth is also a reliance and confession that hope does help to restore us to a higher awareness of our life in Christ and the dynamic of the Holy Spirit with us.

In Lent we will look at the framework of the perspectives which will reveal to us other insights into our relationship with Christ. The design of the artwork for the season will be a constant and powerful reminder of the need "to frame our appreciation and relationship with Christ and the Church." May we worship the God who offers us a time of renewal, reconciliation, growth and grace for all.

Fr. Charlie



Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the March 16th / 17th bulletin is Thursday, March 7th no later than 10:00 a.m.

From the desk of
the Pastoral Associate...

Update . . .

Robin is doing very, very well. He continues to gain weight, has passed the 5 lb. mark. Today, (Monday) he had his first two feedings 100% by bottle. If that continues for the rest of the day, or at least two more feedings today, the feeding tube will come out tomorrow!!! Let's hope and pray that the next update says he went home!!!

What If . . . ?

Maybe it is because we have had snow every other day for the past month . . .

Maybe it is because we get restless this time of year . . .

Maybe it is because I have been mulling over some ideas, concerns, possibilities . . .

But . . .

What if we stopped using the phrase, "we always do . . ." for one month?

What if we made a point of talking to one person we do not know before / after Mass?

What if we each decided to get involved in one project, one Committee?

What if we each spend 10 minutes / day praying for the success of this Parish?

What if we truly believed and lived as though we are part of a community of believers, followers of the Gospel?

You are the Body of Christ in our little corner of God's Kingdom.

You are special, you are called, you have much to offer, you are needed:

- ➔ **Human Concerns Committee** - we need to branch out. There is so much more we can do locally, nationally, globally - - - expand our service/outreach;
- ➔ **Formation Committee** - there is so much more we could provide / offer, especially for adults;
- ➔ **Parish Life** - many hands make light work. The more people, the more we can offer.

Also, always needed: acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters and Ushers.

Give me a call - together we can turn "what if" into WE DID!!!

Blessings,

Barbara

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, March 2

4:30 p.m. † Kenneth Kassekert
For the People of St. Rita Parish

Sunday, March 3

8:00 a.m. † Greg Wozney
10:30 a.m. † Fred MacAdam
† Miriam Carrillo

Tuesday, March 5

No Mass Today

Wednesday, March 6 *Ash Wednesday*

12:00 p.m. † Dorothy Wof
6:30 p.m. Pope Francis

Saturday, March 9

4:30 p.m. For the People of St. Rita Parish

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m. † Alvin Dompke
10:30 a.m. † Charles Wolf

March Tabernacle Light

In Loving Remembrance

Week 1: Walter Blatter

Week 2:

Week 3: Charles Wolf

Week 4:



Readings for the Week of March 3rd

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/
2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Grade School Religious Education
Classes Day School

11:30 a.m. Mardi Gras Potluck Arnold Hall

Monday, March 4

6:30 p.m. Bible Study Chapel

Tuesday, March 5

10:30 a.m. Bible Study Chapel

6:00 p.m. First Eucharist Parent / Child Meeting
Church

6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Convent

Wednesday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Earth Angels Convent

6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal Church

Thursday, March 7

6:30 p.m. Parish Life Committee
Parish Office Complex

6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal Church

Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Grade School Religious Education
Classes Day School

9:00 a.m. High School Religious Education
Classes Parish Office Complex

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We realized we have not given you an update on the Simply Said Program since we had the stewardship Drive.

So, if you made any changes to your Simply Said account, (ex. increased your Pledge) you will need to take care of that online, as we unable to access your account.

Sorry for the delay in making you aware, I think all this snow is playing with my brain. Please don't think we do not appreciate your support and generosity, because WE DO . . . THANK YOU!!!

Barbara



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