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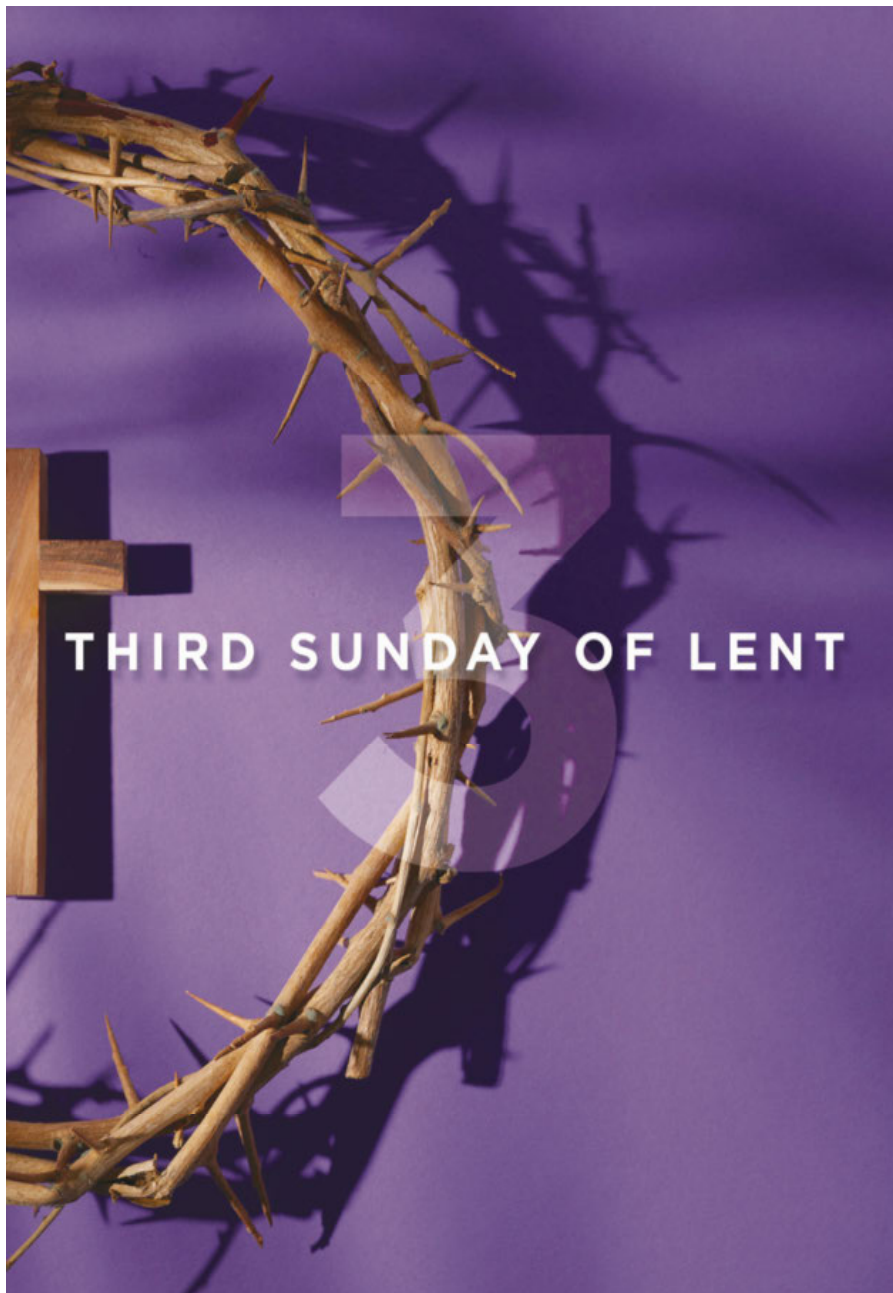
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WEEKEND MASSES:


Saturday—4:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Hours:

Sundays—11:00 AM until 11:00 PM
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE


Holy Thursday	7:00pm
Good Friday	1:00pm
Easter Vigil	8:00pm
Easter Sunday	7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am

April Bulletin Announcement Deadlines

So that our bulletin printer may allow their employees time off for Good Friday, our deadlines for announcements are due by **noon** on the following dates:

Bulletin Date:	Deadline Date:
April 10—Palm Sunday	March 31
April 17—Easter Sunday	April 7

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022



As of March 15, 2022

Target Amount:	\$91,495
Amount Paid & Pledged:	\$74,820
Amount Paid:	\$74,191

Week at a Glance

Sun., Mar., 20 Gr 9 HSRE 6:30pm

Wed., Mar., 23 Lenten Evening
.....Mass 6:30pm

Wed., Mar., 23 Gr 10 HSRE 6:30pm

Wed., Mar., 23 Communal Rosary
.....following 6:30pm Mass


Fri., Mar., 25 Stations of the Cross
.....following 8:00am Mass

Spiritual Adoption Program Month 2

Please keep praying for me! My mother and father too! I am two months old now and about 2 inches long. Look! You can see my eyes, nose and mouth. My fingers and toes are fairly well defined, and fingerprints, a unique and defining feature of every human being, are permanently engraved on my skin. All of my organs are present, complete, and functioning (except my lungs).

A reminder:
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Prayer by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Please remember our diocesan seminarians in prayer. In particular this week we pray for **John Duranso**.

Parish Stewardship for March 13, 2022

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online	\$ 16,960.74
Students	\$ 100.76
Plate	\$ 920.17
Automatic Direct Donation avg	<u>\$1,711.75</u>
<i>Total for the week</i>	<i>\$ 19,693.43</i>

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites:
I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

SECOND READING:

These things happened to them as an example,
and they have been written down as a warning to us,
up on whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

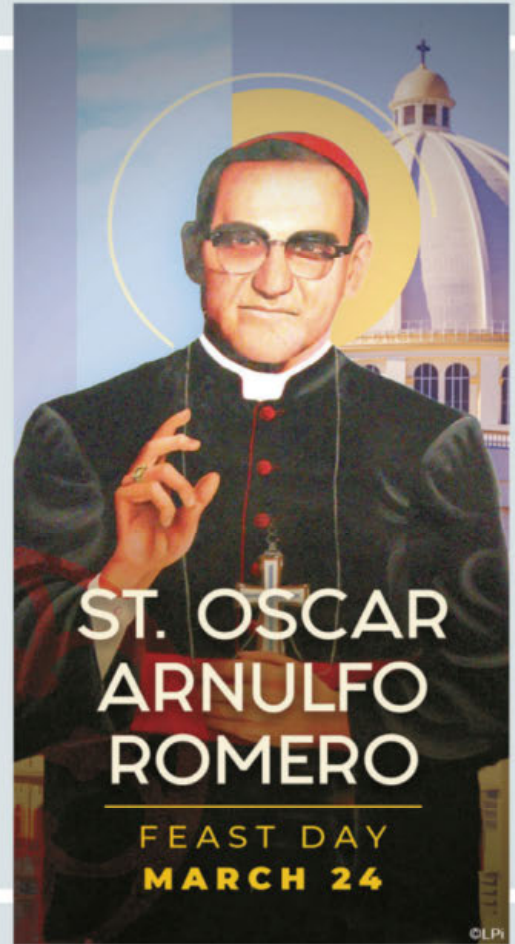
GOSPEL:

"But I tell you, if you do not repent,
you will perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent



Saint of the Week

When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart.

Calling him a "a martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.



Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ’s love. To live Christ’s love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

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Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.

The effects of adoration: Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

***Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.**

SACRAMENTS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Weekdays

Holy Mass is offered most days. A Communion Service is scheduled at 8:00AM on weekdays when the Mass is not celebrated.

Baptism

Preparation classes will be held each month in the church meeting room. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

Reconciliation

Anytime by request.

Marriage

Couples desiring marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by request.

- Regular visits are made to the hospital. Families may notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized.

- If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office.

- If you are interested in the religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood or lay ministry, please contact the pastor for further information.

- All adults (anyone beyond high school age) living within the parish and regularly participating in the liturgy may register as parishioners. To register, please contact the pastor.

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