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MARCH 20, 2022 • 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**St. Mary Church — 303 West Monroe Street, Tomah**

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am

**St. Andrew Church — 203 May Street, Warrens**

Saturday.....6:00pm

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## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Mary, Tomah

Tuesday.....5:30pm

Wednesday-Friday.....8:00am

During Lent..... Mon at 8am, Wed at 5:30pm

Liberty Village Assisted Living, Tomah

First and Third Wednesdays.....10:00am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday.....4:30pm-5:15pm

Thursday.....5:00pm-6:00pm

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday.....4:00pm-5:15pm

Sunday.....1:00pm-3:00pm (during Lent)

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### **BAPTISM**

Are you a new or expectant parent? Baptism is the sacrament of initiation that welcomes your child into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Parents must complete baptismal preparation prior to their child's reception of the sacrament. Please contact Jon Burbach to schedule a class at 372-4516 x3.

### **MARRIAGE**

At the time of engagement, but not less than six months prior to the wedding, please call the parish office to arrange for marriage preparation and to schedule your specific wedding date.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOME VISIT**

Please contact the parish office for any sacramental ministry (anointing before a planned surgery, severe illness, etc.) or visitation to the sick or homebound.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

*Weekend of March 12-13*

Estimated Weekly Need.....\$13,840.00

Envelopes/Plate.....\$14,797.35

Online Giving/ACH.....\$2,345.00

Weekly Total.....\$17,142.35

## *Gospel Reflection*

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

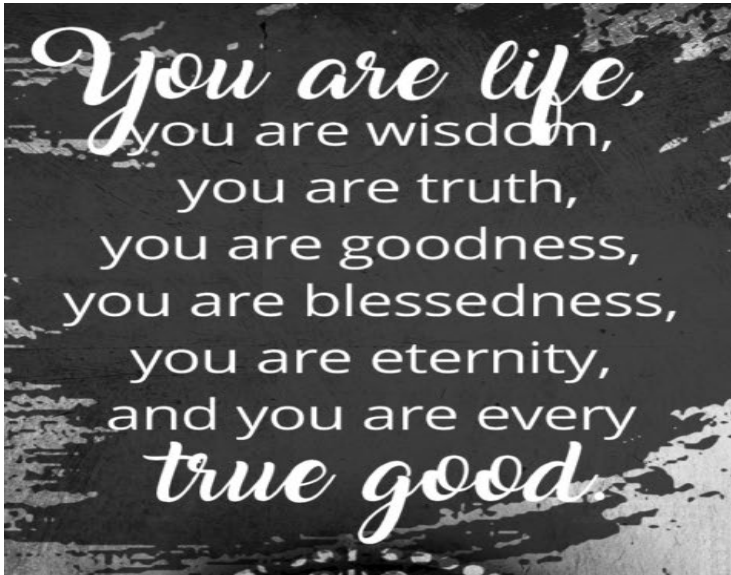
God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

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### Spring Basket Collection

The Disciples Way Freshmen Group is putting together spring baskets for our homebound parishioners. We hope to collect hygienic items, notebooks/pens, word puzzles, adult coloring books, and maybe some tasty treats! There will be boxes for collection in the back of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's for 3 weeks. Only new items, please. Thank you for your support!



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- QA PTA

## Intentions for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

### Saturday, March 19 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Barb Grygleski

*St. Andrew — Warrens*

6:00 PM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

### Sunday, March 20 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Mary Weiss

9:00 AM Heidi Weirich

10:30 AM Helen Salzman

*Adoration — 1:00pm-3:00pm*

### Monday, March 21

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Don Rudolph Family

### Tuesday, March 22

9:30 AM *School:* Dec. Members of the McCaskey and Zastoupil Families

*Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm*

*Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm (SM)*

5:30 PM Bev Drew

### Wednesday, March 23

8:00 AM Matt and Tillie Schmid

5:30 PM Tamara Durand

### Thursday, March 24

8:00 AM Andres Lopez

9:30 AM *School:* Liv. and Dec. Members of Rapp, Kirchoff and Zirfas Family

*Confession — 5:00pm-6:00pm (DK)*

*Stations of the Cross — 6:00pm*

### Friday, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM Don and Mildred Baker

### Saturday, March 26 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Mary Lou Evans and Jim Ratliff

*St. Andrew — Warrens*

6:00 PM Jerry and Rosie Haun

### Sunday, March 27 Fourth Sunday of Lent

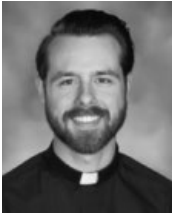
7:30 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

9:00 AM Carla Downing

10:30 AM Karren Seeley

*Adoration — 1:00pm-3:00pm*

Keeping Current with  
**Queen of the Apostles**  
CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL



As I'm sure you're aware, we are just at the beginning of what is arguably the greatest liturgical celebration in the year: March Madness. Each year, 64 college basketball teams compete to see who will emerge as national champion and the way it all shakes out is impossible to anticipate. Hence, 'madness' and the highly enjoyable string of games and unpredictability. Along with the games, there is the yearly ritual of trying to predict the future; I'm currently attempting to swindle family members out of cash by creating a bracket and hoping my picks will be enough to overcome my little siblings and my dad (who is insisting money be turned in before the tournament so he can easily collect his winnings).

So, what's the connection to real life? I think it's easy to fall into the trap of trying to be the master of our own future; to try to map out and determine everything that will happen in our lives. In our wiser moments, however, we know that our lives imitate a mad basketball tournament more than we would like - lots of surprises, twists and turns we didn't expect, even victories that we don't know how to engage. What should we do about all that? Two things; first, remember I'm not in control and, second, remember that the Lord is in control. When I can give things over to God and remember that my loving Father has it all in hand and can make anything work for good for his children, that brings peace even in the midst of uncertainty. Life might bring madness, but God can handle it.

—Fr. Sam



**Tomah Community Blood Drive**  
Thursday, April 7, 2022  
10:45am-5:00pm  
Masonic Lodge, 520 E Saratoga St

Appointments preferred:  
[Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org) or  
608-609-0385

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**Parish Rummage Sale**

The Parish Rummage Sale is back in business, and we want your treasures!! We'll take most clean, unbroken items: toys, clothing, bedding, appliances, hardware, housewares, furniture, paperbacks, etc. (but no TVs, computer equipment, hide-a-beds, or encyclopedias).

Our sale will run Tomah Tractor Pull Weekend (June 24, 25,26). More to come later!

*School News*

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**School Office:** (608) 372-5765

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3:30pm

**Mass Schedule**

Grades 4K-2 — Tuesday, March 22 at 9:30am

Grades 3-5 — Thursday, March 24 at 9:30am

*Religious Education*

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**Sunday, March 20**

Level 9: Small Groups

**Wednesday, March 23**

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm

Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

**Sunday, March 27**

Level 9: Large Group — 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Wednesday, March 30**

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm

Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

**Tips for More Consistent Prayer Time**

Along with fasting and almsgiving, prayer is one of the three main pillars of Lent. When we purposefully pray with a heart that desires to know Jesus and serve Him, our actions move beyond the requirements and rules and will lead to a joyous Easter morning and a true celebration of the Risen Lord!

- Pray daily. Try to start every morning with a prayer. Pray before you fall asleep.
- If you are praying daily already then start adding a few more minutes a day to your prayer time.
- Pray the rosary daily, it only takes about 20 minutes
- Pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy. This is about half the time of a rosary.
- Try Lectio Divina. That is prayerfully reading and meditating on even just one verse of scripture.
- Read a chapter of the Bible every day. What better way to get to know the heart and mind of God.
- Attend daily Mass. "The world could survive more easily without the sun than without the Mass."
- Pray for priests, your parish priest especially, but also all priests around the world.
- Pray for your bishop, all the bishops, and the Pope. They are the shepherds of Christ's church, and successors of the apostles.
- Pray the stations of the Cross. This beautiful prayer can be prayed all year but you'll find it available to be prayed with a group here on Thursday evenings.





In the midst of our Lenten season we arrive at another special feast day -- the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25th. This feast commemorates, in the first chapter of Luke's gospel, the angel Gabriel appearing to the young virgin, Mary to announce that she will bear a son conceived by the Holy Spirit to be named Jesus who will be called Son of the Most High.

We are so familiar with this story that perhaps we fail to grasp what truly has taken place. Mary is the first among all human beings to hear of God's decision to come and dwell among us as one like us. She is greatly troubled by the angel's greeting but is told not to be afraid. Before the angel's departure she moves from fear to acceptance of God's Word. God's Word has been spoken and is now within her womb. How wondrous a moment for her and for all humanity. For, on behalf of all of us, Mary, who has found favor with God, welcomes with faith God incarnate into the world.

The Annunciation, the first of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, should indeed call us to rejoice. For now, in a world beset by a pandemic and war, we too might be afraid. We must hear the voice, not of an angel, but of the Lord himself who continually calls his disciples to not be afraid because he would always be with them -- the Son of the Most High.

*Msgr. Bill Duncan, stsebastianmi.org*



Attention Men: You're invited to join the 2022 Men of Christ Conference, "Reawakening The Catholic Man", which will be held right here at Queen of the Apostles Parish via live stream. The morning will feature well-known speakers and fellowship.

**When:** Saturday, March 26, 2022

**Time:** 8:00am Rosary with program to follow, ends after lunch at 1:30pm

**Register:** MenOfChrist.net or contact Jon Burbach

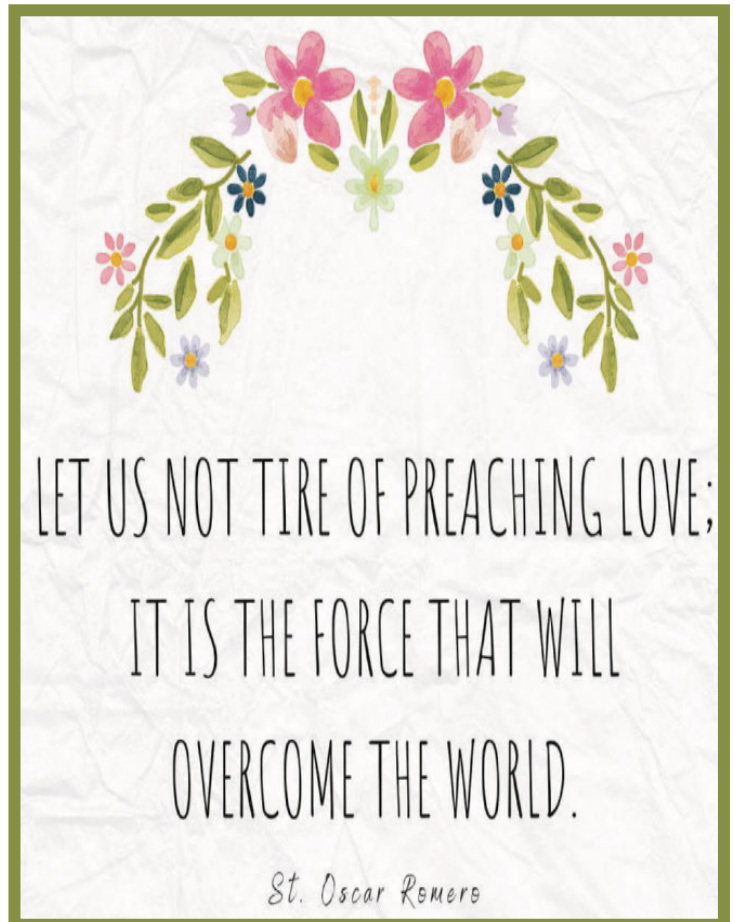


**St. Oscar Romero**  
March 24

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.



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