



MARCH 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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BAPTISMS: A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES: Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

MASS Intentions

This Week

Saturday 3/6/2021 5:30pm Richard Schilling

Sunday 3/7/2021 8:30am Richard Hasselbrink

Next Week

Saturday 3/13/2021 5:30pm Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes

Sunday 3/14/2021 8:30am Belle Piore and Estelle & Russ Jewett

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE



Mass intentions can be scheduled for \$10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Are you unable to attend Mass right now due to the pandemic, but still hunger for the Eucharist? Specially trained volunteers do not come into your home, only to your door, wearing masks and gloves. The sacrament is safely dispensed along with a short prayer card. Contact Heather Warner in the parish office if you would like to receive Communion.



ATTENTION LECTORS AND USHERS!



A schedule to sign up for March and April are available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule. Please let us know if you have any questions.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Easter flowers will again decorate the Worship Space this Easter season. You can choose from three levels:

- Lily Level: \$25
- Hyacinth Level: \$15
- Tulip Level: \$10

Envelopes are in the vestibule.

More than one flower can be purchased.

Memorial envelopes are due by March 28th, but please return them as soon as possible so we can order accordingly.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sunday Mornings - 9:30am until March 28



Experience the way of the cross as you never have before. Rather than meditating *about* Christ's journey to the cross, pray right along *with* him. Jesus, as an observant Jewish man, would have prayed the Psalms throughout the day, and drawn strength and peace from them.

The Way of the Cross: Praying the Psalms with Jesus invites us to step closer to Christ and pray beside him, drawing strength from Scripture during those last moments before the crucifixion.

Each station features:

- A short reading from Scripture
- A brief meditation
- A Psalm to pray **with** Jesus

Participants are welcome to their own copy of the prayer guide. Free will donations are appreciated.

HOLY HOURS DURING LENT

Holy hours are the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

At St. Mary by the Lake, for the entirety of Lent, the Church will be open from 9:00am until 6:30pm on Thursdays, for individuals to come and spend some quiet time in prayer. Participants are invited to bring some sacred reading or devotional prayer to follow in this time of sacred silence. Evening Vespers will be observed at 6:00pm to close the Holy Hours each week.

Please consider setting aside some extra time for the Lord this Lent. Masks and social distancing protocols are required.

FOOD PANTRY

The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:



- Boxes of cereal
- Spaghetti O's
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Pork & beans
- Soup (no cream of)
- Toilet paper
- Hand soap
- Laundry soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

A Season of Renewal

LENTEN COMPANION SERIES

Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year — it is the time when we take stock of where we are in our faith so as to prepare for the death and resurrection of our Savior. Often, we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in ourselves: how hard it is to fast, how we fail at fasting, and just waiting for the season to be over at Easter. Because of this we often arrive at Easter with our lives no more changed than they were on Ash Wednesday.



A way that our parish is seeking to prepare for Jesus and experience true transformation in our lives in this powerful season is by engaging with a new program called The Ascension Lenten Companion. This devotional resource follows the Gospels for each Sunday of Lent 2021 so we can better prepare for Mass and grow closer to Jesus each day. It features daily meditations, space for journaling, original sacred artwork and weekly videos that keep us on track.

The cost of the devotional is \$12 and can be ordered by contacting Heather Warner in the Parish Office and is available for pick up in the Parish Office.

Accompanying videos to this devotional are posted to the Parish website and Facebook page.

This is an opportunity for our whole community to enter into the season of Lent intentionally (in this time of social distancing) and receive the grace God is waiting to give us in this holy season.

SONG OF MY LIFE, THE CHRIST REMEMBERS...

Experience the Stations of the Cross from Jesus' perspective at **St. Matthew Parish on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm in the main church** to reflect, praise and pray in remembrance of Jesus - his life and mission.

What went through Jesus' mind as he carried his cross? What events and people crossed his mind?

Song of My Life, The Christ Remembers allows us to reflect on some of the people, teachings, and miracles in Jesus' life. Join us for a time of reflection and song as we continue our own journey through Lent.

Musical selections will come from Godspell, Jesus Christ Super Star, Gather, and other hymnals.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.



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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

Gospel:

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Presenter: Fr. Pat O'Loughlin

When: Tuesday, March 23

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Where: St. Matthew Church

EASTER MASSES

Easter Sunday Masses for both parishes have been scheduled:

St. Mary by the Lake:

8:00 and 9:30 am

St. Matthew:

8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am

Reservations for these Masses are required and can be made beginning March 20th. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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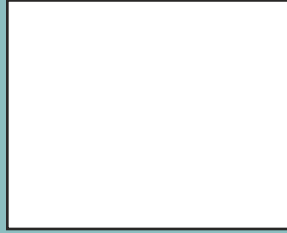
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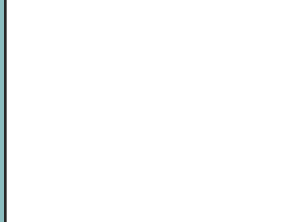
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