



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY



*Seek the well-being of the city to which I have sent you. Pray for it to the Lord.  
For in seeking its well-being, you shall find your own. Jeremiah 29:7*

**5TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**  
FEBRUARY 14, 2021

**WEEKDAY  
PUBLIC WORSHIP**  
7:00AM  
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**SUNDAY  
LIVESTREAM**  
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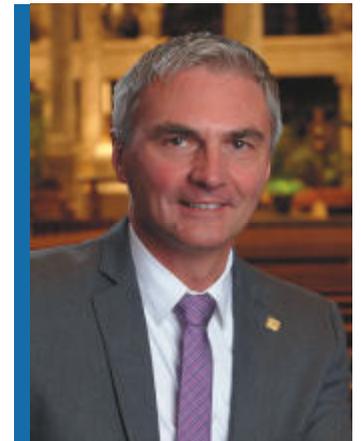
## LENT IS AN INVITATION

This coming week, on Wednesday February 17, we mark Ash Wednesday and thus begins our annual Lenten journey. The symbolic act commonly associated with Ash Wednesday is the Imposition of Ashes. And although Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, many people flock to our churches to receive ashes.

The custom of imposing ashes on Ash Wednesday has Biblical roots. Job, for instance used ashes as a sign of repentance: "Therefore I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6). The Gospels of Matthew and Luke, too, describe the use of ashes as a sign of repentance. In the description of the sending of the 72, Jesus instructs them to kick the sand of their sandals if they are not welcomed in a given city, and to warn them the Kingdom is at hand. Then Jesus compares the fate of these cities with that of the sinful cities of Tyre and Sidon saying that "if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes" (Matthew 11:21).

The liturgical custom of sprinkling ashes which is also penitential in nature originates in the Order of Penitents established during the fourth c. This Order or group of people consisted of those Christians who had committed grave sins and had been admitted into the order by the bishop. The Order of Penitents predates the Sacrament of Reconciliation and was the only recourse Christians had to salvation after they broke their baptismal promises. The rite of admission to the Order of Penitents which happened at the beginning of Lent involved the imposition of ashes by the bishop. When this order was superseded by the Sacrament of Reconciliation the imposition of ashes was retained and expanded. Recognizing that all are sinners in need of repentance all Christians started to present themselves for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday.

The earliest mention of the existence of Ash Wednesday, known as Dies Cinerum or the Day of Ashes dates back to the 10th century. It is believed that the custom itself was observed as early as the eight century.



**Johan van Parys**  
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## A COMMUNITY ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we:

- Practice biblical stewardship
- Share our faith with others in word and deed
- Pursue ecumenical and interfaith relationships
- Rejoice in rich diversity

As the Co-Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, we are committed to provide:

- Inspiring liturgies and sacred arts
- Transforming life-long learning opportunities
- Engaging service to one another and justice for all

## STRATEGIC AREAS OF FOCUS

The Basilica of Saint Mary is committed to the future growth of our parish. The *Our Parish Our Future* plan outlines the three strategic areas of focus for the next five years. This plan builds upon the parish's strong vision, mission, and values.

### The Arts

Move, inspire, and transform individuals and communities through excellence in the arts and creative practices.

### Inclusivity

Build a culture where people feel valued, welcome, integrated, and included.

### Homelessness

Respond to the needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. These three areas of focus were strategically selected through a comprehensive, contemplative process with our parish leadership, staff, and consultants.

The three areas will unify and inspire collaboration across our parish and resonate throughout our commitment to the community.

Learn more about the strategic direction of our parish at [mary.org/ourfuture](http://mary.org/ourfuture).

The imposition of ashes still has a penitential character, even today. With this public act, we indicate that we are in need of forgiveness and that we are committing ourselves to 40 days of fasting, prayer, and charity in preparation of the celebration of the Sacred Triduum.

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from the palms used during the previous year's celebration of Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion. In the Middle Ages these palms were burned during elaborate ceremonies. Today, this is done in a more simple manner.

In the United States, ashes are usually placed on the forehead in the shape of the cross. In other countries such as Italy they are sprinkled on the crown of a penitent's head. This is actually the proper way of doing this as the ritual for the Imposition of Ashes calls for the minister to "place ashes on the head" of the people. During the Pandemic, which prevents us from signing the forehead with ashes, we will sprinkle ashes on the crown of people's head, though not as generously as in Europe. We will just use a pinch.

While imposing the ashes, the minister can use one of two formulas. The second option, which is the more ancient of the two, is inspired by the words God spoke when expelling Adam and Eve from Paradise thus subjecting them to death: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). This option simply reminds us of our sinful nature yet does not invite us to do anything about it.

The first and more recent option is taken from the first chapter of Mark: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." After the death of John, Jesus began his public ministry announcing the Kingdom of God inviting people to "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." These words spoken by Jesus and repeated by the minister are a clear invitation to action. Knowing that we are sinners, we are called to repent and to live according to the Gospel. Or in the words of the Prophet Joel in the First Reading on Ash Wednesday, Lent is an invitation to "return to God with all your heart."

May this Lenten Season and the entire Paschal Cycle be a blessing for all of us.

## SAFELY CELEBRATING MASS

### MASS REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Pre-registration is required and opens 24 hours before each Mass.
- Register at [mary.org](http://mary.org) or call the Director of Engagement at 612.317.3417.
- Registration closes online one hour prior to Mass or if it has reached capacity.
- You may only register for one Mass at a time.
- Be sure to bring a face mask with you, which needs to be worn over your nose and mouth **at all times** inside The Basilica.

The Basilica is our spiritual home—a place of welcome. We want each person who enters The Basilica to feel safe. The Basilica will follow all state health and safety guidelines.

You will see new practices and policies when you return. The policies will continue to change as we monitor the official guidelines. Pre-registration for Mass is required at [mary.org](http://mary.org) or call our Director of Engagement at 612.317.3417.

Please review all of the protocols on the registration form. Your cooperation in these extraordinary times embodies our vision to seek the well-being of our community. Archbishop Hebda's dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass continues.

We will continue to livestream Mass Monday through Friday at Noon and Sunday at 9:30am at [mary.org](http://mary.org) and Facebook live at [facebook.com/BasilicaMpls](https://facebook.com/BasilicaMpls).

Please check-in for Mass at the ground level doors off 17th Street and the circle driveway (except for the 7:00am weekday Mass).



## CHRISTIAN LIFE

### ZOOM: PRISONERS OR PATIENTS?

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1:00PM, ZOOM

The Prisoners or Patients Task Force meets virtually each month for one hour. If you are interested in joining us as we develop a new mentor program to accompany those leaving prison, please contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org).

### ZOOM: AMERICAN REFUGEE PODCAST SERIES

SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 27; MARCH 20, 9:00-10:00AM, ZOOM

Attention all podcast enthusiasts—plus any who want to delve into a podcast discussion. The Immigrant Support Ministry is planning a Zoom podcast club. We will start with Minneapolis' own Sam Graber and his ingenious and disturbing series, *American Refugee*. Join Sam as he tours Minnesota's immigration court at Fort Snelling and its largest detention center concealed at the back of the Sherburne County Government Center. We will discuss episodes 3 (Immigration Court), 8 (Sherburne County Jail, Part II), and 9 (Escape the Room). Moderated by immigration advocates, there will be time in each session for your questions and discussion. Please visit [mary.org/immigrationpodcast](http://mary.org/immigrationpodcast) to register and we hope to see you there!

### ZOOM: SHORT LISTENING WORKSHOP

SATURDAYS, MARCH 6 & MAY 1, 9:00-11:30AM, ZOOM

Emmaus Listening Ministry seeks to bring the gift of listening to the world. For those not quite ready to enter the ministry or commit to the full training, a short listening workshop will be offered on Saturday, March 6 and Saturday, May 1 from 9:00–11:30am to help us become better listeners to those we love and those we work with. Come, experience a couple of the foundational, core principles of listening and learn a few new skills to apply in your personal life. The workshop is free but registration is required at [mary.org/listeningworkshop](http://mary.org/listeningworkshop). Questions? Contact Wendy at 612.317.3474 or [wcaduff@mary.org](mailto:wcaduff@mary.org).

### ANNUAL DISABILITY AWARENESS FAIR IS GOING VIRTUAL!

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 9:00AM-NOON

Virtually sit with representatives from Twin Cities organizations—learn from them and take away resources sent directly to your inbox. Listen to a presentation on Equality, Race and Disability with Aaron Gabriel, moderator, and panelists Kymani Queen, Naa Mensah, and Michael Wolfe, all local artists dedicated to educating about and eliminating barriers in their work. Register at [mary.org](http://mary.org). For more information, contact Janet Grove at 612.317.3508 or [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org).

### ZOOM: HANDS AND HEART TOGETHER WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 10:00-11:30AM, ZOOM

Are you a caregiver for someone you love now or have you filled that role at anytime in the past? Join Basilica parishioner Patricia Hoolihan, author of the book *Hands and Heart Together: Daily Meditations for Caregivers*, as she reads excerpts from her book. Our time together will open up the possibility of story sharing among those gathered, in addition to reflecting upon and writing some of your own experience. The cost is \$20 and includes a copy of her book, which will be mailed to you ahead of time. Registration required at [mary.org/handsandheart](http://mary.org/handsandheart) by March 5. For more information, contact Wendy in the Caring Ministries office at 612.317.3474 or [wcaduff@mary.org](mailto:wcaduff@mary.org).

### ZOOM: UNDERSTANDING INVISIBLE DISABILITIES WORKSHOP

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 3:00-4:30PM, ZOOM

Presenters Cindy Edwards and Annie Montemayor have developed a unique virtual workshop to educate people on the most common invisible disabilities in the workforce today, discuss how to build a culture of disability awareness, provide resources and options that protect people with invisible disabilities, and teach conversation skills for discussing invisible disabilities in the workplace and beyond. Register at [mary.org/invisible](http://mary.org/invisible) for this free event and to receive Zoom login details.

## COMMON GOOD

### BASILICA NEIGHBORHOOD RACIAL JUSTICE PILGRIMAGE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

As part of celebrating Black History Month and continuing our work for racial justice, The Basilica will be hosting a walked pilgrimage on Sunday, February 28. The 2.2 mile pilgrimage route will take us through the Sumner and Lowry Hill neighborhoods and include the site of the former St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in North Minneapolis. The group will meet in the Theresa of Calcutta Hall on The Basilica campus at 2:00pm for a brief presentation by Will Peterson, founder of *Modern Catholic Pilgrim*, who will speak about the practice of pilgrimage in the Catholic tradition and pilgrimage as an exercise in racial reconciliation. There will also be time for individual prayer (Visio Divina) with the original stained glass windows from the St. Martin de Porres parish. The group will then depart together and return to The Basilica to celebrate the 4:30pm Sunday Mass. Please note that this event will follow all Basilica protocols for managing risk related to COVID-19. Participants will be required to wear masks during the event and participate in a health screening upon arriving at The Basilica campus. Registration and further information can be found at [mary.org](http://mary.org). Please reach out to Mara Stolee Cable at [mara.stolee@gmail.com](mailto:mara.stolee@gmail.com) with any questions.

### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Two new resources are available:

- Allied Against Opioid Abuse and the National Hispanic Medical Association have partnered to create a new bilingual toolkit and video focused on promoting the safe use, storage, and disposal of prescription opioids in the Hispanic community; and
- A new website, *Family Bipolar Stories*, presents collected research to help any person seeking information, support, and reassurance in their journey caring for a loved one with mental illness. In addition, we have close collaborative relationships with Mental Health Connect, NAMI MN, and Westminster Counseling Center, who are here to help you. Please contact Janet Grove at 612.317.3508 or [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org) to ask for resources for any mental health help you might need.

## BYA

### BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

#### BYA BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON AGAIN!

THURSDAYS, 6:45-8:15PM  
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

We are back in person for our weekly Bible study! Like earlier in the fall, we will again be meeting in our Theresa of Calcutta Hall, on the lower level. For everyone's health and safety during this time of COVID-19, we will do a quick health screening and temperature check and take down participant's information ONLY for potential contact tracing purposes. Please email [bya@mary.org](mailto:bya@mary.org) if you would like to join us.

### PRAYER RESOURCES

Vespers and Prayer services recorded live are available on at [mary.org/vespersandprayers](http://mary.org/vespersandprayers).

Pray the Rosary together either in person or virtually with us; we have made a virtual Rosary available on our website at [mary.org/rosary](http://mary.org/rosary).

## LEARNING

### FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

#### ZOOM: FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 11:30AM

Contact Michelle for more details at 612.317.3414 or [mbarry@mary.org](mailto:mbarry@mary.org).

#### ZOOM: LENTEN BOOK STUDY FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 20, 27, AND MARCH 13

9:00AM-10:30AM

COST IS \$10 PER INDIVIDUAL OR COUPLE

Parents with small children or in our faith formation classes are welcome to join together for the beginning of Lent to read and discuss Fr. Ronald Rolheiser's book *Domestic Monastery*, which connects family life and religious communities in the Church. It is a very readable, short book with lots of good spiritual insight and should hopefully lead to good discussion and sharing of family wisdom from the group. Register at [mary.org](http://mary.org) or email Ben at [bcaduff@mary.org](mailto:bcaduff@mary.org). Registration will include a copy of the book that will be mailed to you prior to the group meeting.

#### ZOOM: FRIDAY FAMILY FISH NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 6:30-8:00PM ZOOM

All families with kids in our Faith Formation and children's choirs are invited to join us for **Friday Family FISH night**. This free, virtual evening of ZOOM fun will feature: FINGO...with fish names instead of numbers, Hokey Pokey song breaks, adult Catholic trivia breaks (Are YOU smarter than a 4<sup>th</sup> grader?), and FISHY favor bags and FINGO cards (which a parent will need to pick up before the event.) We expect some special guests to join us. Register at [mary.org](http://mary.org).

#### BAPTISM FOR INFANTS & CHILDREN AGE 6 AND YOUNGER

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 6:30-8:30PM

If you are expecting, or in the process of adopting a child, please attend one of our baptism preparation classes currently online. We offer classes approximately nine times a year for parents who are registered members of The Basilica and plan on having their child baptized here. Godparents are welcome too. For more information call the Learning office at 612.317.3439. Please register online at [mary.org](http://mary.org).

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR UPDATES

FEBRUARY 14

No classes, Presidents' Day Holiday

# LANDMARK

## THE BASILICA LANDMARK



In 2020, The Basilica Landmark has funded the following projects:

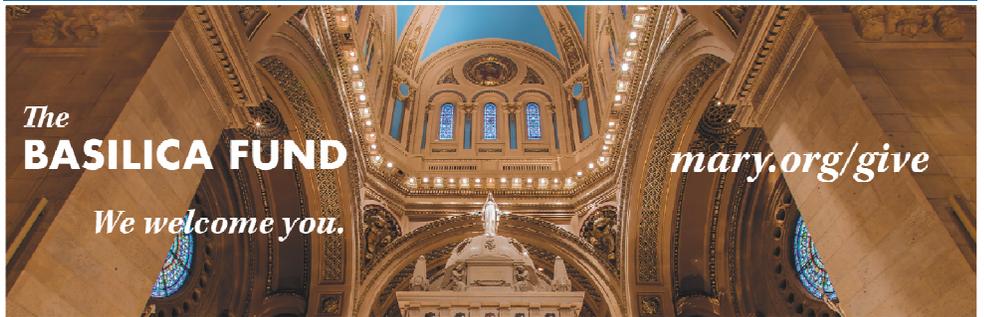
- Tuck-pointing the exterior façade on the upper western side of the Church
- Performing the necessary maintenance and the installation of a new blower unit for our organ
- Installation of two needlepoint bipolar ionizations units to remove viruses (including SARS and COVID-19), allergens and mold from the air of Church, lower level, and choir room
- Acquire equipment, cameras, lighting, computers, software and training for livestreaming

We invite you to join our efforts by making a gift to The Basilica Landmark's Annual Fund today at [thebasicalandmark.org/give](http://thebasicalandmark.org/give) or by contacting Stephanie at 612.317.3472.

## SWEETEST BINGO CANCELATION

Each February, The Basilica looks forward to hosting its annual Sweetest Bingo, a fundraising event to support our many ministries. Due to COVID-19, this even is unable to take place. If you would still like to support our fundraising efforts, please consider making a gift at [mary.org/give](http://mary.org/give).

# DEVELOPMENT



## BASILICA FUND

### We welcome you wherever you are

As we kick off our 2021 giving year, we invite you to make a recurring gift and help us plan our budget for the year ahead.

The Basilica Fund represents 79% of our operating budget. Our ministries, along with the daily work of this parish, are not possible without you and your support of The Basilica Fund.

To make a gift, please visit [mary.org/give](http://mary.org/give) or contact Stephanie at 612.317.3472. Secure online giving is simple; no need to remember cash or a check. It also means less paper and lower administrative costs, enabling your contribution to go further.

## SAVE THE DATE: LANDMARK SPARK

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Landmark Spark will go on as planned on Saturday, May 15, but in a virtual capacity. This year, we will be live-streaming the event straight into your home.

Tickets start at no cost. Sponsorship packages are available to purchase. Please visit [thebasicalandmark.org/spark](http://thebasicalandmark.org/spark) for more information.

## JOIN THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Have you considered a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark? By giving a legacy gift, you can help preserve and restore our church and its campus for generations to come. Planned giving is for anyone, regardless of age, income level or assets. Strategies for making a planned gift can be tailored to meet a broad range of goals and circumstances.

For more information on the Landmark Legacy Society, please contact Monica at 612.317.3429 or [mstuart@mary.org](mailto:mstuart@mary.org).



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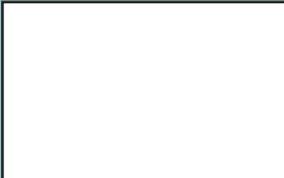


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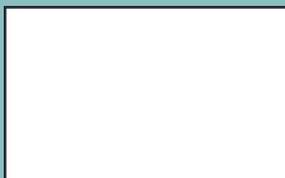


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