

March 14, 2021

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"CHRIST BESIDE ME,  
CHRIST BEFORE ME,  
CHRIST BEHIND ME,  
CHRIST WITHIN ME,  
CHRIST BENEATH ME,  
CHRIST ABOVE ME."

ST. PATRICK

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Holy Spirit Catholic Community enkindles the fire of God's love in our lives  
through worship, discipleship and service.

## Mar. 14, 4th Sunday of Lent

9 a.m. Lucy Marthaler†

## Mar. 15

## Mar. 16

7:30 a.m. David Reiland†

## Mar. 17, St. Patrick

7:30 a.m. Sister Rosalind Gefre

## Mar. 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7:30 a.m. Fr. Dan Haugan

## Mar. 19, St. Joseph

7:30 a.m. CSJ Community

## Mar. 20

4:30 p.m. Francis Schneider†  
Dennis Connolly†

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Night of Spirit is in desperate need of your help! Due to the pandemic, our beloved auction has fewer items donated than it has in years past. We need everyone's participation to make the auction a success! Visit [nightofspirit.org](http://nightofspirit.org) to donate items and register to bid during the event.

## FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

### *Faithful Departed*

Please remember in your prayers  
the repose of the souls of

#### *Mary Ann Fossing*

whose funeral was on Mar. 8

#### *Elison Oile*

whose funeral was on Mar. 9

#### *Deloris Demarco*

whose funeral was on Mar. 12

## GENERAL ABSOLUTION

Father Haugan will offer general absolution to parishioners in attendance at Mar. 19-21 Masses.

While private, individual penance is the norm, general absolution can be offered in times of crisis or danger. With the COVID-19 health crisis, general absolution may be offered at this time.

Father Haugan will provide a brief explanation, read a few passages from Scripture, and give a short homily. Those receiving absolution should:

- Examine their conscience
- Express sorrow for their sin
- Resolve to abstain from sinning in the future
- Ask God for forgiveness
- Make reparations
- Recite the Confiteor:

*I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul and all the saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray to the Lord our God for me.*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Mass

### Saturday

3-4 p.m. Penance | 4:30 p.m. Mass

### Sunday

9 a.m. Mass

Father Daniel Haugan, Pastor  
[haugand@holy-spirit.org](mailto:haugand@holy-spirit.org)

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Reservations are now being accepted for Palm Sunday and Holy Week Masses at [holy-spirit.org/lent](http://holy-spirit.org/lent). Limited seating is available; pew reservations are **required**.

The deadline to RSVP for Palm Sunday is **Monday, Mar. 22**.  
The deadline to RSVP for Holy Week is **Thursday, Mar. 25**.

If you are unable to RSVP online, please call the parish office at (651) 698-3353 and someone will assist you with your reservation.

### PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

Fri. 7:30 a.m. | Sat. 4:30 p.m. | Sun. 9 a.m.

### HOLY THURSDAY

Apr. 1 | 7 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY

Apr. 2 | 7 p.m.

### HOLY SATURDAY

Apr. 3 | 8 p.m.

### EASTER SUNDAY

Apr. 4 | 8 & 11 a.m.



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## TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit [csricebowl.org](http://csricebowl.org) to learn more.

Holy Spirit will collect CRS Rice Bowls through Sunday, Apr. 18. If you'd like to give online, visit [csricebowl.org/give](http://csricebowl.org/give).

## BRING IN SPRING WITH NEW FLOWERS

Shop safely and avoid the crowds at Gertens by ordering your plants and gift cards through Women of Holy Spirit's spring fundraiser.

A catalog of plants can be found at [holy-spirit.org/wohs](http://holy-spirit.org/wohs). The deadline to order is **Thursday, Apr. 22 at 10 p.m.** All orders must be placed at [gertensfundraising.com](http://gertensfundraising.com) (enter ID: 189).

If you do not have access to a computer, call the parish office at (651) 698-3353 for help placing your order. Please have your card details ready. You may also request a copy of the catalog if you want to preview plants before ordering.

Questions? Contact Sue at [cssmlyons@gmail.com](mailto:cssmlyons@gmail.com) or (651) 699-6878.

Watch our virtual Stations of the Cross  
at [holy-spirit.org/lent](http://holy-spirit.org/lent)  
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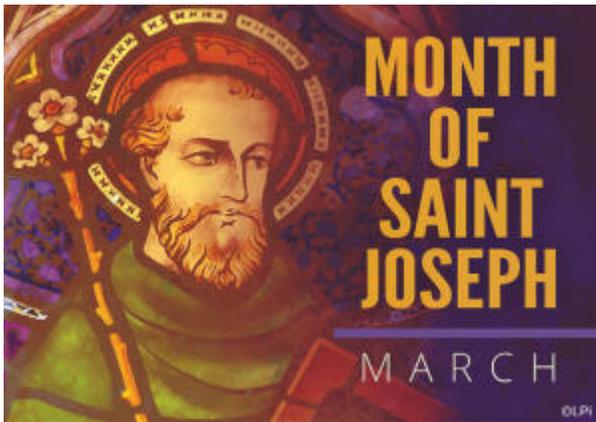
## THANK YOU, HOLY SPIRIT!



SPO missionaries step into the gap to renew culture and to make Christ known. We celebrate the hope found in Jesus Christ, who is alive and active! God is mightily working in the hearts and minds of young people who heroically respond to God's invitation to live in a deep relationship with Him and others.

We are grateful to you for your event sponsorship! Thank you so much for all of your support for SPO. Your help made our virtual banquet a huge success!

- Saint Paul's Outreach



**MAR. 19**

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

Visit [archspm.org/synod/stjoseph](http://archspm.org/synod/stjoseph) for more on the Year of St. Joseph, including the upcoming series called *Cuppa Joe*. All are encouraged to visit the ten St. Joseph pilgrimage parishes and sites during the year. Remember that Pope Francis offered a Plenary Indulgence for the Year of St. Joseph, to which Archbishop Hebda added our own Partial Indulgence.



**PATRICK'S PRAYER**

*May the strength of God pilot us,  
 May the power of God preserve us,  
 May the wisdom of God instruct us,  
 May the hand of God protect us,  
 May the way of God direct us,  
 May the shield of God defend us against  
 the snares of evil and the temptations  
 of the world.*

**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

*Heart to Heart:*

**Exploring Women's Vocations with Archbishop Hebda  
 Mar. 16 | 6:30 p.m. | Virtual Event**

Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Cozzens, and Father Blume, Director of Vocations, invite women (ages 16-35) who are discerning consecrated life to join us! Join us for an evening of prayer and conversation with women who will share their testimonies and tips on discernment. To register, visit [1000vocations.org](http://1000vocations.org) or call the Office of Vocations at (651) 962-6890.

*Fratelli Tutti*

**Mar. 23, Apr. 27 & May 25 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Virtual event**

The Center for Mission is hosting a five-part series to dive into the important encyclical from Pope Francis. This online series will feature specially-selected speakers to help us discern how *Fratelli Tutti* can influence and enrich our lives. The series is open to all. Visit [centerformission.org/whats-new](http://centerformission.org/whats-new) to register! Email Adam at [fitzpatricka@archspm.org](mailto:fitzpatricka@archspm.org) for more information.

**Cuppa Joe: 10 Talks on the 10 Wonders of St. Joseph  
 First Tuesday each month, March-December | 4 p.m.**

Cuppa Joe is a series of 10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of St. Joseph, taking place at the locations in the archdiocese entrusted to the patronage of our spiritual father. These talks will premiere on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m.—just in time for your afternoon coffee! Talks will be posted on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram and at [archspm.org/synod/stjoseph](http://archspm.org/synod/stjoseph).

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.

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## MAR. 14 GOSPEL MEDITATION

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little



things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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### AWAKE, O SLEEPER!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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