

Saint Boniface

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First Sunday of Lent - - February 21, 2021 - - Cycle B

“To share the gifts that God has entrusted to us by being Christ to one another, mindful of his unconditional love.”

Welcome Back to St. Boniface Church Mass
Saturday 4:00, Sundays 10 am, Noon in French

Please arrive early for check-in time before Mass

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We will be livestreaming Sunday 10:00 Mass through:

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Chapel (left side of altar)

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of the Sick:

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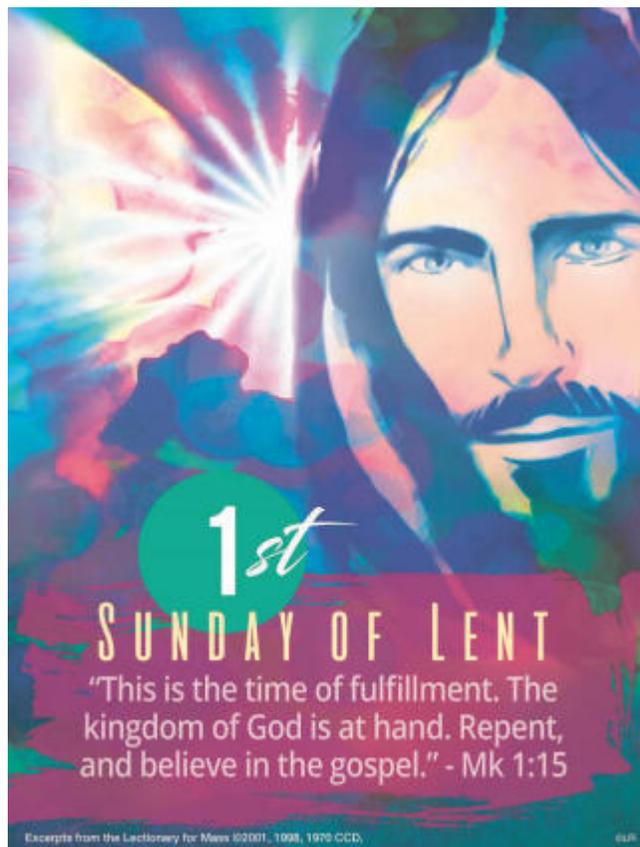
Partners in Prayer

Phone prayer intentions any time to 612.986.3445

E-mail prayer requests to: boniface1858@usfamily.net

St. Boniface, pray for us.

Help us keep the faith for which you gave your life.



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READINGS for the Week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15 | Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
 Monday: I Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
 Sun.: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

PRIVATE CONFESSION

is always available on Saturdays at 3:30pm in our Chapel
 (located left side of Altar).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20, 2021

4:00pm Annie Jo Leitschuh†
 John and Audrey Ringdal†† (HNS)

Sunday, February 21, 2021

10:00am Gladys Krantz†, Audrey Krolkowski†
 12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

9:00am Bob Wrubel (HNS), Larry Boesert†

Thursday, February 25, 2021

9:00am Audrey Krolkowski†
 Deacon Thomas Winninger†

Saturday, February 27, 2021

4:00pm John and Jean Seward
 Guido Dick Family

Sunday, February 28, 2021

10:00am John Water†
 John and Audrey Ringdal†† (HNS)
 12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

Fast and Abstinence During Lent

Abstinence—Catholics 14 years of age and older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Fasting**—Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days one full meal is allowed. Food may be taken at two other times during the day, in order to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted.

Winter Farmers Market - Saturday, March 6, 2021**Consecration to St. Joseph - Feb. 15 to March 19**

Archbishop Bernard Hebda encourages all Catholics in our archdiocese to undertake the 30-day Consecration to Saint Joseph - Monday, February 15 to Friday, March 19 - following the practices in the book "Consecration to Saint Joseph" by Father Donald Calloway.

For more information, visit archsmp.org/synod/stjoseph.

Gospel Meditation — 1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOUNDATION
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On this weekend of February 20-21, you will have an opportunity to **hear** information about the many ministries of the Catholic Services Appeal. Also this will be your time to **participate** in supporting with your **prayers** and with your **gifts** to the Appeal. Envelopes are in the pews for your pledge gifts.

Visit www.GiveCSAF.org today to share with those in need. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to support the most vulnerable among us.
P.S. Please take a moment to learn more about our independent foundation and the 20 Designated Ministries it funds, in the enclosed brochure and online at www.CSAFSPM.org.

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Our St. Boniface Church

It's time for a little TLC for St. Boniface. Maintaining our beautiful church, much like any home, requires persistent care and upkeep. We are grateful for generous donors, patrons and parishioners who support our parish. The unique beauty of our church would not be preserved without your generosity. In the near future, certain items will need to be addressed. You may want to consider becoming a benefactor for any one of these such as the:

- Bell Tower,
- the Blessed Virgin Mary stained glass window,
- electrical repairs,
- organ bells and chimes,
- repair of sacristy chairs
- or replacement of the roof, among others.

The Parish Finance and Pastoral councils, together, will be developing a plan with more information coming. We do not have plans for a capital campaign but contributions in any amount would be gratefully accepted along with your intention for its use. Look for additional details in future bulletins when we will be highlighting the details of one issue each week.

Thank you!

Patty Griffin, Chair, Parish Pastoral Council
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St. Boniface Church Parish Council Meetings

The Pastoral Council's constitution requires 8 meetings a year (only 4 are required by the Diocese). Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6pm and will be held via Zoom until further notice. The tentative schedule for the rest of 2021 has been set as follows:

- March 9 - April 13
- May 11 - August 10
- October 12 - November 9

The date for each meeting will be confirmed at the end of the prior meeting. Look for confirmation in the bulletin about a week before each next scheduled meeting. The St Boniface Parish Pastoral Council welcomes comments and suggestions from all our parishioners. Please contact the Council Chair if you have something you would like to share or if you would like to be invited to an open forum section in a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Synod at Home: Tips and Tools for Growing in Faith
(weekly, February 18 - March 18, 2021)

The Synod at Home is a five-week series of videos with tips and tools for growing in faith based on four pillars: Prayer & Sacraments, Lifelong Learning, Generosity & Service, and Traditions & Fun. Families and individuals are invited to create a lasting and flexible faith plan using a template to make goals in each of the four pillar areas.

Find the videos, and the synod materials every week on the archdiocesan Synod web page, archspm.org/synod and you can also sign up to receive the videos by email (archspm.org/synod/updates) or access them through the extra special Synod app: text APP to 88202, download, then in the app under “Find my Parish” search for Archdiocesan Synod.

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Add a Spiritual Practice During Lent

Go to Mass. Make the commitment to add a Friday Mass (or Monday, or Tuesday . . .). Take the time to learn more about the beauty of the Mass.

Make a Holy Hour. If you don't regularly to Eucharistic adoration, start spending an hour (or thirty minutes) each week in front of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Boniface Church has Adoration on Thursdays, 9:30 to 10:30am.

Read Scripture. One way to keep our minds focused on Lent and preparation for the Resurrection is to read and reflect on the Sunday Mass readings. Walk with the Church on her journey through the Passion to Easter Sunday.

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A Prayer When One Cannot Receive Communion

My Jesus, I believe that even before I was born, you have been with me knitting my very being, day by day, into the garment of your love, clothing me with grace every moment of my life. And on the day of my baptism you poured your love into my heart through the Holy Spirit who unites me eternally to you.

Through that same Spirit I pledge my love and adore you, present in your Most Holy Body and Blood. Though I cannot consume you in this sacred banquet let me be consumed by your complete desire for me so that my longing for you may be filled by your love alone and your mercy overflow through me into this world so in need.

On that joyful day when I do receive you in the Eucharist, may I remember that this precious gift is still but a foretaste of the holy gifts that await your holy people at your heavenly altar. There, with the saints and angels, we shall see you face to face and give you perfect praise for ever.

Amen.

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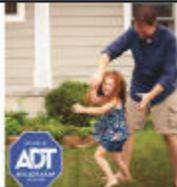
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