



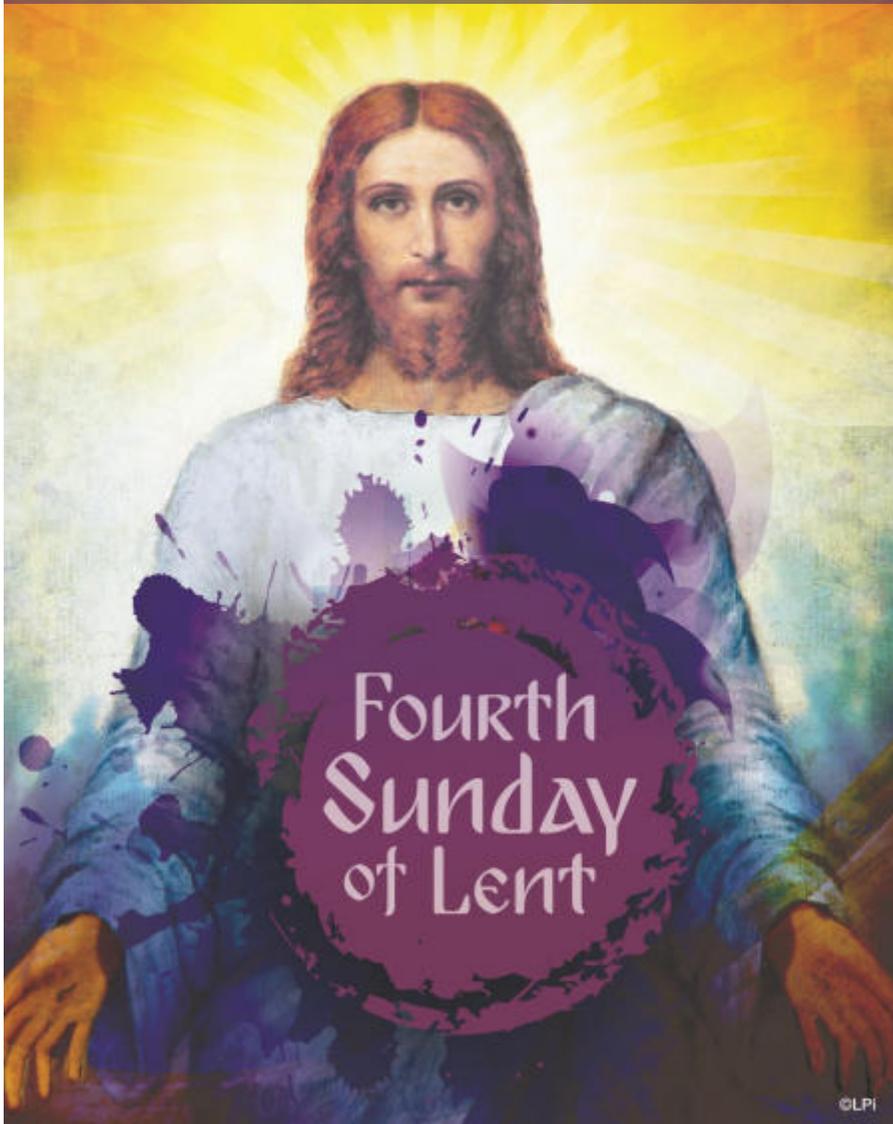
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Welcome

Our mission is to *Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples*. Many hands, feet, and hearts come together to make our Christian community vibrant. We invite you to join our Saint Bonaventure community in worship and fellowship.

March 14, 2021



Worship

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Daily Mass Times

Tuesday—Friday 8:45 a.m.

**First Saturday of each month.*

Adoration

Adoration is open all day every day
EXCEPT FOR the following times:

Sunday, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Sunday March 21

Reconciliation

Service: 4 p.m.

Communal reconciliation with general absolution (Form 3) and no individual confessions. Sign up to attend Reconciliation Service: 952-854-4733, saintbonaventure.org/lent--easter

Individual Confessions:

5 - 6 p.m.

Priests will be available if you prefer to have your confession heard individually (Form 1)

Order of Worship

Entrance

Greeting

Penitential Act

Priest: ...And so to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries:

Deacon: Lord Jesus...Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus...Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus...Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen

Collect Prayer

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm 137

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

Homily

GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 14, 2021—4th Sunday of Lent

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 builder, 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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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*profound bow through “and became man”*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and Became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Prayer of the Faithful

Our response: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Prayer Over the Offerings

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people rise and reply

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name for our good and the good of all his holy church**

The priest prays the Prayer Over the Offerings, and we acclaim

All: Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right and just

Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith (Memorial Acclamation)

Priest The mystery of faith.

A **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.**

B **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

C **Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

Lord's Prayer

Priest At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ

All **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever**

Sign of Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always
All **And with your spirit**
Deacon Let us offer one another the sign of peace
All exchange a sign of peace with a nod or a friendly wave.

Lamb of God

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Communion Rite

Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb
All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Distribution of Holy Communion during Mass

Please socially distance as you approach the minister in your section. Masks must be worn until after you receive the Holy Eucharist in your hand, then step to the side, remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, replace your mask and return to your pew for closing prayer and final blessing.

Prayer After Communion

Concluding Rites

Priest The Lord be with you.
All **And with your spirit.**

Priest May almighty God bless you; the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen**

Immediately following Mass, the church is cleaned and sanitized in preparation for Adoration and other scheduled events. This process takes time, so we respectfully ask you to leave the church immediately after Mass. If you are seeking fellowship, we invite you to visit outdoors.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

A Lenten Journey Through the Mass - The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Just as the Liturgy of the Word has eight parts, so does the Liturgy of the Eucharist: Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar; Prayer over the Offerings; Eucharistic Prayer; The Lord's Prayer; Sign of Peace; Lamb of God; Communion; and Prayer after Communion. However Part Three, the Eucharistic Prayer, is sub-divided into five: Preface; Holy, Holy, Holy; First half of prayer, including Consecration; Mystery of Faith; and Second half of prayer, ending with the Doxology.

Earlier in our journey, I referenced Fr. Alan Phillip's book, *Our Hearts at Sunday Mass*. He suggests that we prepare for Mass with humble and forgiving hearts. He then says in the Gathering or Introductory Rite, we should have a welcoming heart. The Liturgy of the Word stresses a listening heart and a seeking heart. And now, in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we should bring grateful, transformed and committed hearts.

During the preparation of the gifts, we begin with the collection (after all, we have bills to pay too!) and then the gifts are processed forward: the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Jesus and then the financial contributions we have made. As the bread and wine are presented to God, a prayer (often silent) is said over each: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread (wine) we offer: fruit of the earth (vine) and work of human hands, it will become the bread of life (our spiritual drink).

You may have noticed the priest or deacon puts a small drop of water into the main chalice. I overheard someone say once that this is to dilute the wine, when in reality there are words said as this action takes place and they explain what is happening: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity."

Next comes a rather odd ritual – the washing of hands. In the 4th century, when food and such were given to the priest, it made sense to wash hands before proceeding. Though it is now symbolic, the priest again says a silent, humble prayer: "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." Then the priest asks that our sacrifice be acceptable to God.

The Eucharistic Prayer then begins with the Preface, a prayer of praise. And believe it or not, there are 50, yes 50 different prefaces. Some are specific to seasons, like the two for Advent, the three for Christmas, the four for Lent, the two for the Passion, the five for Easter and so on.

There are prefaces for Mary, Apostles, Saints, and Martyrs. Then there's the eight options for the Sundays in Ordinary Time and the six common Prefaces for weekdays in Ordinary Time and the five for Masses for the dead. So, you see, in most cases, there are lots of choices.

There are four main Eucharistic Prayers, plus two Prayers for Reconciliation and four Prayers for various needs. I use the first Prayer for various needs when I am trying to get across a message of unity, because the words of the Prayer capture the essence of what is needed to walk that path to unity. Finally, there are three Eucharistic Prayers for Children.

The climax of the Eucharistic Prayer, no matter which one is used, is the institution narrative, where we are told the story of Jesus' institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. It includes the words Jesus spoke when He gave the disciples His body and Blood. The narrative comes from Scripture, but isn't directly from any one book of the New Testament. Because there are so many varieties of the Prayer, the narrative is not the same at every Mass. The story is always the same but it may be told in more elaborate or abbreviated ways.

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the Great Amen. You may be asking yourselves what's so great about this Amen versus all the other Amens we say during Mass. Well, Michael Dubruel reminds us that with this particular Amen, we are assenting to the prayer, the Eucharistic Prayer, which has literally brought Christ into our midst. Let me finish today with a word about gluten.

The Church has authorized the use of low-gluten hosts for those who are gluten intolerant. Notice I said low-gluten and not gluten-free. In order for the bread to be wheat, there has to be at least some gluten. Thus, hosts with very low gluten (ours are 99.95% gluten free) are okay. Next week we'll finish our journey with the end of the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Concluding Rites.

Fr. Bob

Giving Update

Collection for the week of March 7, 2021

Actual: \$ 29,109.26

Year to Date Actual: \$ 558,429.60

Budget for March 21: \$ 17,250.00

Year to Date Budget: \$ 519,250.00

Catholic Service Appeal Update: Our parish Goal is \$46,734 and as of March 8, 2021 we have \$30,350 pledged.

Ministry Activities

Opportunities to Serve

We have received good news! Those over 65 who have received their vaccination(s) (2 of Pfizer or Moderna, 1 for J & J) may resume serving in ministry. If you meet this requirement and would like to join us as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), Lector, or Welcoming Attendant, please contact Patty, pattys@saintbonaventure.org, 952-297-8420.

Save the Date and Your Items! – Garage Sale Update

Our annual Garage Sale supports the Social Justice activities for our community. Clean out your closets, donate what someone else could use and help our community at the same time. The garage sale is always full of fun treasures so make sure you also check out what you could use too! Mark your calendar for the first week of May and stay tuned for more details!

Memorial Mass Association

In 2002, we began the Memorial Mass Association at Saint Bonaventure. For a donation of \$60 (per listing), a Mass a month (total of 12 Masses) will be said for all those who are enrolled individually or as a family. Those being remembered will be listed in the bulletin every month for a year. Enrollment can start any month of the year.

Jeff Anderson	Lewis/Schlicht Families	Brazil/Lenneman Families
David J. Geyen	Tyree/Swanson Family	Kleve/Chwialkowski Families
Bisson/Davey Families	Stibal/Fratzke Families	Gores/Ludwig/Lensing Families
Peter Herold Family	Jack Sorteberg Family	Smith/Akers Families
Hertell/Laframboise Families	Boner/Beresni Family	George & Cel Christian/Ron Enos
Bergum/Decker Families	Gloria Barry	Marlyn Ferencik
Madonna Demenchetti	Larry Hill	Vivian Boyle
Drabek/McKinley Family	Annette Waugh	Atkins/Gores/Lensing Families
Meliton & Flordeliza Cabrera	Eusebio M. & Beatriz Mangaliman	Gonimil/Daculan Families
Gerlach/Hanf Families	Betty Bostrom	Kathy Bach
Mr. Vandersteeg	Brisson Family	Ihrig Family
Lorraine Clarke	Chuck Guy	Barb Gould
Krausert Family	Renolds Family	Pam Deshaw
Phillis Wood	Karen Ford	Mary Kerns
Mrs. Mary McCurnin	Daisy Druhl/M.L. Dinnen	Mr. & Mrs. George Clark
Mrs. & Mrs. Howard Hyde	Beatrice and Sylvester Buettner	Marge & Elmer Elhoffen
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George Durno, Jr.	Montbriand & Zick Families	Mike Montgomery
Maria Dinh Don Family	Gioanbaotixita Dinh Dinh Family	Maria Hoang Tac Family
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Althan/Laudenslager Families	Jirak/VonHagen Families	Oster/Mahoney Families
Anne McGlone	Ernesto Jaromio	Robert Springer
Judy Schwab	Caola/Adams/Fallon Families	Nguyen/Ngo/Bui/Dong Families
Rung & Phuong Nguyen	Nghia, Quat & Duyen Bui	Mary Tuat & Anna Huong
Beckman/Trenda Families	Hayes/Meyer Families	Graff/Barnes Families
Thomas Roszak	Robert J. Willis	Carmel & East Oshima
D'ete Derhaag	Eusebio M. & Beatriz Mangaliman	Meliton Jr and Flordeliza Cabrera
Mrs. Linda Hirte	Sandy/Wayne Otto	Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hyde
The Goodwin Family	St. Theresa Classmates	St. Joseph Classmates
Jefferson Teachers	Washington Teachers	



The March Memorial Mass is March 20 at 4:30 p.m.
The April Memorial Mass is April 18 at 8 a.m.

Perpetual Adoration in the Church



Adoration is open all day every day
EXCEPT FOR the following times:
Sunday, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
Monday - Friday, 8-11 a.m.
Saturday, 3-6 p.m.

Monday, March 15

12 p.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8
7:30 p.m. AA in Room 8

Tuesday, March 16

8:45 a.m. Mass († Alice & Charles Brenna)
9:30-11:30 a.m. Craft Group in Room 1
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. SVdP Food Shelf drive thru
12 p.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8
2 p.m. Staff Meeting in Youth Room

Wednesday, March 17

8:45 a.m. Mass († Tung Dihn)
12 p.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8

Thursday, March 18

8:45 a.m. Mass († Tri Ngo)
9:15 a.m. Prayer Group in Youth Room
12 p.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8
6:30 p.m. WINE Zoom Meeting

Friday, March 19

8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Corpus Christi Home School
8:45 a.m. Mass († Deceased Franciscan Friars)
9:15 a.m. Stations of the Cross
12 p.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8
2 - 4 p.m. SVdP Food Shelf drive thru
4:30 - 7 p.m. K of C Fish Fry Curbside Pick-Up at KC Hall

Saturday, March 20

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Spring Boutique in Ambrose Hall
9:30 a.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8
3:15 - 4 p.m. Reconciliation in St. Francis Room
4:30 p.m. Mass (Memorial Mass Association)

Sunday, March 21

8 a.m. Mass († Eugene Meuwissen)
8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Spring Boutique in Ambrose Hall
9 - 9:30 a.m. Drive Thru Communion Distribution
10 a.m. Mass (Saint Bonaventure Community)
7 - 8 p.m. Youth Group in Ambrose Hall
8 p.m. AA in Room 8

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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

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VEAP

VEAP's Annual Food and Fund Drive and Ongoing Volunteer Needs

VEAP is one of the ministries supported under Saint Bonaventure's Social Justice Commission. We call special attention to their services and needs every year during their Annual Food and Fund Drive, which runs from March 1- April 11, 2021.

In 2020, VEAP provided services to 9,674 households including a total of 29,299 individuals. This was a 20% increase over 2019! About half of VEAP participants were from Bloomington in 2020, followed by 25% Richfield, 7% Edina, 6% Minneapolis and 12% homeless or out of area. Over 4.6 million pounds of food was distributed in 2020, along with over \$3.5 million in rental and utilities assistance locally.

This year our parish will not collect products onsite for VEAP, but we encourage you to make a financial donation directly to VEAP or drop off food and household products at their location, 9600 Aldrich Ave S.

Financial donations provide VEAP with the greatest flexibility for food and social services, especially with fluctuations due to COVID-19. You can donate on their secure website at veap.org.

A group of Saint Bonaventure Parishioners also volunteers monthly at VEAP, packing supplemental food bags for the Student Hunger Collaborative. VEAP works with local schools to identify kids in need of food while school is out of session, and these supplemental food bags are distributed to those who need them. Contact Ann and Brian Shields, 612-707-7514 if you are interested in volunteering with this group on 3rd and 4th Wednesdays from 2-4:30 p.m., which runs through April and will start up again in the Fall.

VEAP continues to need volunteers year-round for their Basic Needs Department. You and your family or youth group can sign up with VEAP's Volunteer Dept at volunteerdept@veap.org / 952-955-8323.



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