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MASS SCHEDULE

ALL MASSES ARE IN THE CHURCH

Weekends

Saturday — Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday — 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 12:00 pm

Weekdays

Mon -Wed, Fri -Sat — 9:00 am

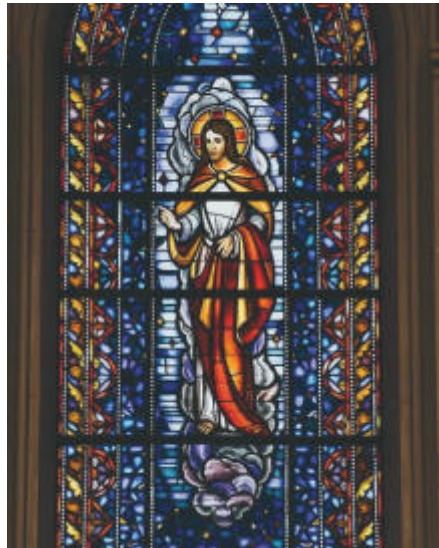
CONFESSION SCHEDULE

ALL CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD IN THE CHURCH

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri — 8:40-9:00 am

Tuesdays — 5:45-6:45 pm

Saturdays — 8:40-9:00 am; 3:00-3:30 pm



MASS INTENTIONS (MARCH 1-7)

Monday (9:00 am) Thanksgiving for the year 2021

Tuesday (9:00 am) John Kelly

Wednesday (9:00 am) +Irene Castro

Friday (9:00 am) +James & +Caroline Curran

Saturday (9:00 am) Special Intention

(4:00 pm) +Allie Gaye Fanning

Sunday (8:00 am) Parishioners

(10:00 am) Special Intention

(12:00 pm) Sodality

2nd Sunday of Lent

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

Mark 9:7-8

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

Francis Barnes, Mary Ann Boyer, Mary Burton, Laura Chesnick, Rosita Dietrich, Cynthia Graham, Larry Hudson, James Kaufman Jr., Beverlee Lee, Ida Mullikin, Terrence O'Brien, Jr., Earl Perry, Norma Perry, Norma Raffaele, GERALYN ROBerson, Mickey Ryan, Barbara Shipp, Doreen Darzinski, and Shirley Mackessy.



The Lenten Vocations Tree is back again! Pick a seminarian card from the tree in the back of the church and pray for that seminarian daily during Lent. The seminarians are very grateful for your prayers and you will be blessed too! New this year, there are virtual vocations trees available online at dcpriest.org/vocations-tree-project or saintjohnneumann.org/vocations-tree where you can download and print a card. Thank you for your prayers for our seminarians!

Local Need for Donations Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bowie has a program called "The House on the Hill." Through this program, clothing is given away, free of charge, to those in need. The House has been closed due to COVID restrictions, but is now open on a limited basis. The House on the Hill is next to Sacred Heart's Rectory Office (next to the Chapel on the hill). The mission is open **Tuesdays (9:00-11:00 am), Wednesdays (1:00-3:00 pm) and Thursdays (12:00-2:00 pm)**. If you have any questions, contact Sue Curran at the Sacred Heart Parish Office (301-262-0704). Thank you for your generosity.

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Congratulations! This week's raffle winner is

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**WASH YOUR
HANDS**



**DON'T TOUCH
YOUR FACE**



**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE**

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

—Greetings from Fr. Tim—

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend Paul urges us to consider Jesus' death: "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?"

Paul wants us to reflect upon the consequences of Jesus' death. By His death, Jesus won for us the grace to be restored to God's friendship; since He was obedient unto the end, Christ's "yes" is answered by the Father's "yes" to restore us to the supernatural life lost by Adam and Eve. Christ both shows us how to obey God and obtains for us the grace to do so. And once we are living in this "state of grace," we share the eternal life of God, so the worst anyone can do is take away our earthly life; they can't deprive us Heaven. As Paul asks: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Of course, this means we need to "remain" friends of God: avoiding serious sin so we do not lose Christ's friendship; using Confession whenever we do; and avoiding venial sin, which wounds this friendship. But it also implies growth in such friendship: obeying Christ's commands, spending time with Him, trying our best to follow His example with the help of His grace. This implies the use of the other sacraments -- especially the Eucharist -- but also Scripture reading, and prayerful meditation. By meditating on Christ's example, we learn how to act, because everything Christ did and said was according to God's will. "Christ reveals man to himself," St. John Paul II often said; Jesus shows us how to be truly human.

Of course, during Lent we meditate above all on Christ's passion. There we see Christ's patience -- how to endure great sorrows -- but more deeply, how to love: "for the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross, heedless of its shame" (Heb 12:2). Our restoration to the Father is that "joy" -- Christ was thinking of you, transformed by His grace, and living eternally happy in heaven, when He carried the cross. The more deeply we realize this, the more fully we can respond in kind.

God bless,

Fr Tim

Reminder of our weekly Confession and Adoration times during Lent

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9am Confessions	8:40-9am Confessions	8:40-9am Confessions		8:40-9am Confessions
9am Mass	9am Mass	9am Mass		9am Mass
				<i>9:30am Children's Stations of the Cross</i>
<i>3pm Adoration</i>				<i>3pm Adoration</i>
<i>Adoration</i>	5:45-6:45pm Adoration and Confessions			<i>5:45-7:15pm Adoration and Confessions</i>
<i>Adoration</i>	7-8:30pm RCIA			<i>7:30pm Adult Stations of the Cross</i>
<i>Adoration</i>				<i>8-9pm Adoration and Confessions</i>
<i>9pm Benediction</i>				<i>9pm Benediction</i>

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