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February 21, 2021

MASS

Mass is now being celebrated
at 9:00 am every Sunday

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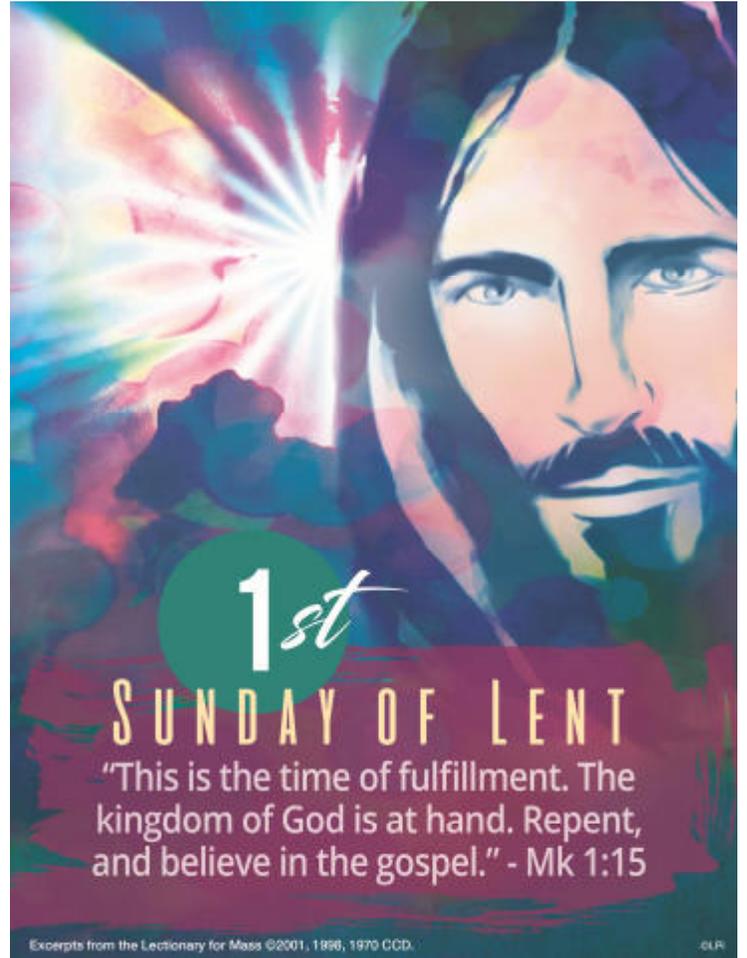
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Blessed by the assurance of

Heaven's Love,

we, as the people of God,

witness to

Christ's life-giving presence in our

communities and the world,

through Word, the sacraments

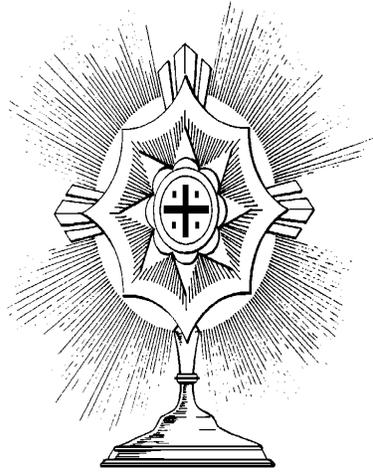
and our service.



In your prayers...

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Are you or someone you know in need? Our church office has information for any family in need to help put food on the table. Please call the office for information on the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program. Free and confidential assistance is available to help complete the application process.



New Parishioners
If you are moving into our parish or have recently started worshipping with us, please introduce yourself after the liturgy, and welcome!

Diocesan Appeal

Every day throughout our diocese, faith filled individuals go out into their communities in the name of Jesus to love and to serve others in a variety of ways. Some minister to those who are homeless and hungry, to those who are ill or aging. There are teachers who nourish the minds and nurture the faith of our youth in Catholic schools and faith formation programs. There are men and women pursuing vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in service to the Lord and His people.

You may send your donation to:

Diocesan Appeal
40 North Main Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Please make your donation or pledge!

Catholic Quotes

“Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life...” *Pope Benedict XVI*

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Mass Intentions 02-21-21
+ **Joseph Augatis** by the Family
+ And for the People of the Parish

Our 2021 Mass Book is open

Please stop by the office and have a Mass said for loved ones or intention!

Feb-Mar 2021



LECTORS

- 02/28– Victoria Palmer
- 03/07– Elaine Watkins
- 03/14– George Olsen
- 03/21– Peter Beyer
- 03/28– Donna Lamb
- 04/04– Victoria Palmer

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Whitehall, NY- Our Lady of Hope	Friday 4:00pm- 5:45pm Saturday 3:00pm- 3:30pm
Ft Ann, NY- St. Ann's	Sunday 4:00pm– 5:45pm

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The Sunday Collection Summary for the week of February 14th was not available at the time of publication of this weeks bulletin.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.

Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.

But the LORD'S messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD'S messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said:

I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—
all this because you obeyed my command"

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: 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? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. 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. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Unlikely Suspects-

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

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