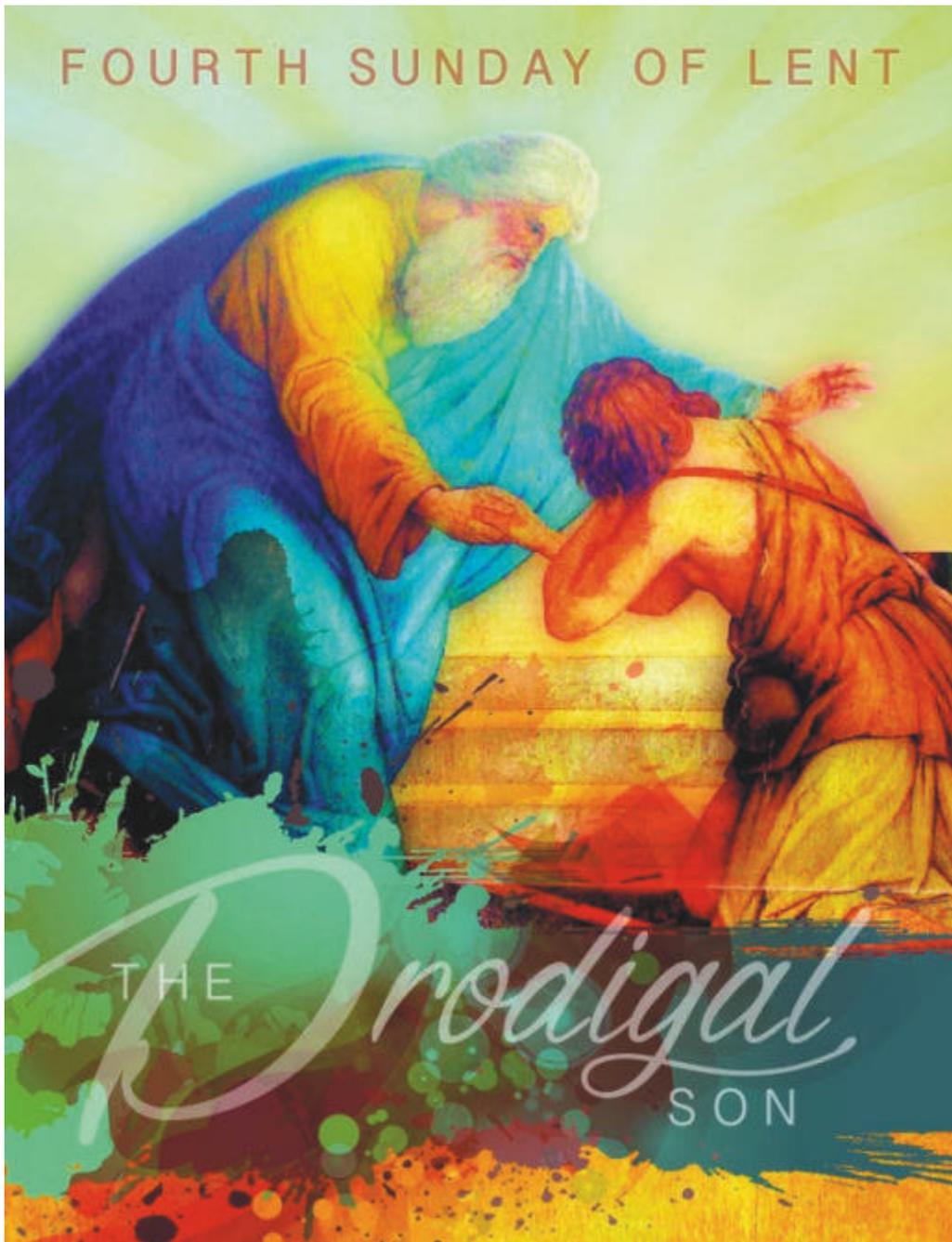


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



WEEKEND MASS

Saturday

4:00 PM Sacred Heart

Sunday

7:30 AM Sacred Heart

9:15 AM St. Philip

11:00 AM Sacred Heart

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday—Thursday

7:45 AM

Sacred Heart

CONFESSION

Saturday

2:45 PM

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

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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April Session #7 - Kneeling Before the Majesty of God

CHANGE: Sunday 4/11 St. Philip 10:30 am



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Ages 3-6 at Sacred Heart Parish Center in the atrium classroom. Helping your children learn about Jesus and their faith in a Montessori style setting. Call the office at 782-8096 for more information. *Sessions observe all guidelines for safety and social distancing. A mask or other approved face covering must be worn by everyone at all times.*

Join Us
LENTEN EVENTS

Stations of the Cross
(Sacred Heart)

Friday at 6:00 PM



Lenten Evening Prayer with Adoration and Benediction
(Sacred Heart)

Sunday at 4:00 PM

Stewardship Offering

March 7 \$ 6,999 (basket)
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This week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. **Help Jesus in disguise** and prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.



Novena to
St. Joseph

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DAILY @ 8PM, MARCH 11 - MARCH 19

Join us for prayers, hymns, litanies, and reflections to honor St. Joseph and seek his intercession during this year dedicated to him.

Livestream: www.stjosephnovena.org



Why Wear a Roman Collar?

Question:

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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Men's Lenten Retreat in Biddeford March 19-21

All single, Catholic men over the age of 18 are invited to come together for a retreat weekend in Biddeford on March 19-21. The Men's Lenten Retreat is for individuals who are striving to live out their faith and follow God's will in their lives. The retreat, which will be held at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, will feature Masses, the opportunity for confession, adoration, presentations by local priests and seminarians, and time for prayer and reflection in a beautiful location. To register or for more information, visit <https://forms.gle/u5hdGRBLokX2UQieA>. **If you would like more information about discerning your vocation or would like to connect to others who are discerning, please contact Fr. Griesbach at seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Melanie Creamer, Jeremy Gagne,
Gene & Marlene Keene, Matthew Piper,
Tony Renaud, Carmen White and Bruno Yomoah

SCAM ALERT !

Parishioners have reported receiving text messages and emails from Fr. Lariviere asking for help purchasing items. The text or email mentions he is not available by phone to contact because of meeting or unavailable. **THIS IS A SCAM.** Fr. Lariviere would **NEVER** text or email a parishioner for help in this way. Please delete or block any messages of this type. The scammers are very clever—please be aware of any requests that may appear to be from someone you know.

PLEASE READ

2021 Virtual Gathering for Maine Catholic Women

Sadly, the pandemic is not allowing for the Diocese of Portland to host an in-person Women's Conference again this year. The planning committee, however, is hosting a time for Maine Catholic women to **connect virtually with other women for faith-sustaining prayer, reflection and conversation** on **Saturday, March 20, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** The 90-minute program, which will be available via Zoom, will feature prayer, a live greeting from Bishop Robert Deeley, inspiration from award-winning author Liz Kelly, and opportunities to meet new friends through conversations in interactive breakout rooms. The event is free***, though pre-registration is required as slots are limited. A downloadable poster and registration link are available at www.portlanddiocese.org/olff/gather-women. The registration deadline is Monday, March 15, at noon. Register early as we anticipate available slots to fill quickly!

***HELD-OVER REGISTRATION FEES: Any woman that held over the registration fee originally paid for the 2020 Women's Conference has three options:

- do nothing to continue to hold over the fee as prepayment for the 2022 conference (a \$25 savings);
- request a refund (minus convenience fee if paid by credit card); or
- ask that the fee be designated as a donation toward expenses involved with this year's gathering (this will be added to your donation statement in the Development Office for tax purposes).

You can indicate your choice when registering for the 2021 gathering or by contacting Hannah Gonneville in the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation at (207) 321-7885 or hannah.gonneville@portlanddiocese.org to request a refund or designate a donation.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/13 4:00 pm Sacred Heart
Janet Turcottte by Pat & Mike Bilodeau

Sunday 3/14 7:30 am Sacred Heart
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners
9:15 am St. Philip
Archie Mann by Estelle & Pete Bouchard
11:00 am Sacred Heart
Margaret Roy by Tina Kell

Monday 3/15 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Raymond Whitehouse by Roland Bergeron

Tuesday 3/16 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Deceased Loved Ones of Parishioners

Wednesday 3/17 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Mary Mahoney by Tony & GG

Thursday 3/18 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Normand Bureau by Jackie Lothrop & Louise Chabot

Feast of St. Joseph

Friday 3/19 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Fr. Norm Carpentier by Brothers & Sisters

Saturday 3/20 4:00 pm Sacred Heart
Pauline Turcotte by Margaret Pelletier

Sunday 3/21 7:30 am Sacred Heart
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners
9:15 am St. Philip
James Bossee by Richard & Jo Thibodeau
11:00 am Sacred Heart
Margaret Emmerson Foorman by Jim, Pandora,
Ben & Liz, Lawler



Readings for the Week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps
23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,
6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
[2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn
5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
[37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk
2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/
Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45

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