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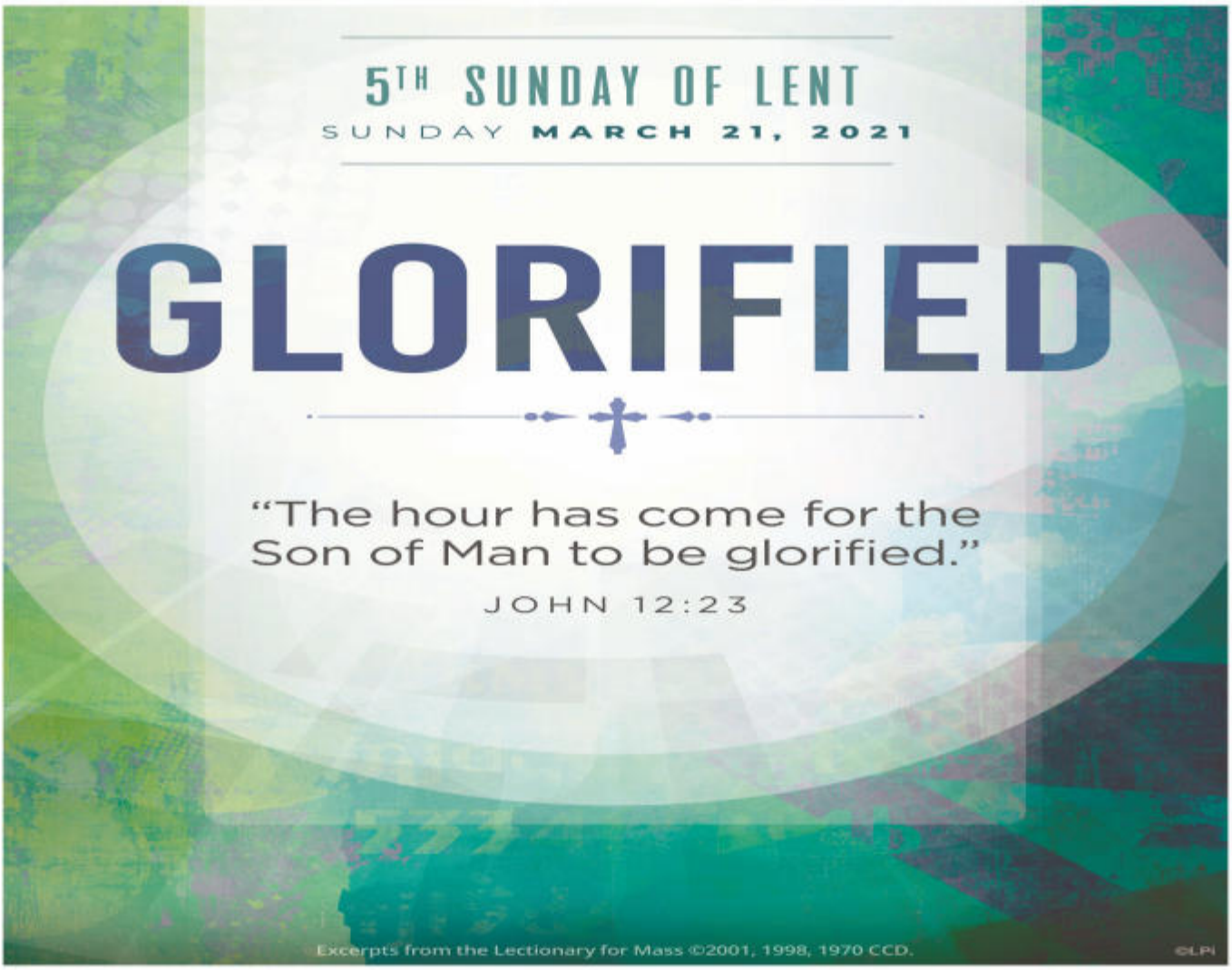
We are a welcoming parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem, you are invited ,welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of St. Joseph's Monastery Parish.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

SUN **3/21**	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
MON **3/22**	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
TUE **3/23**	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
WED **3/24**	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
THR **3/25**	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
FRI **3/26**	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
SAT **3/27**	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
SUN **3/28**	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

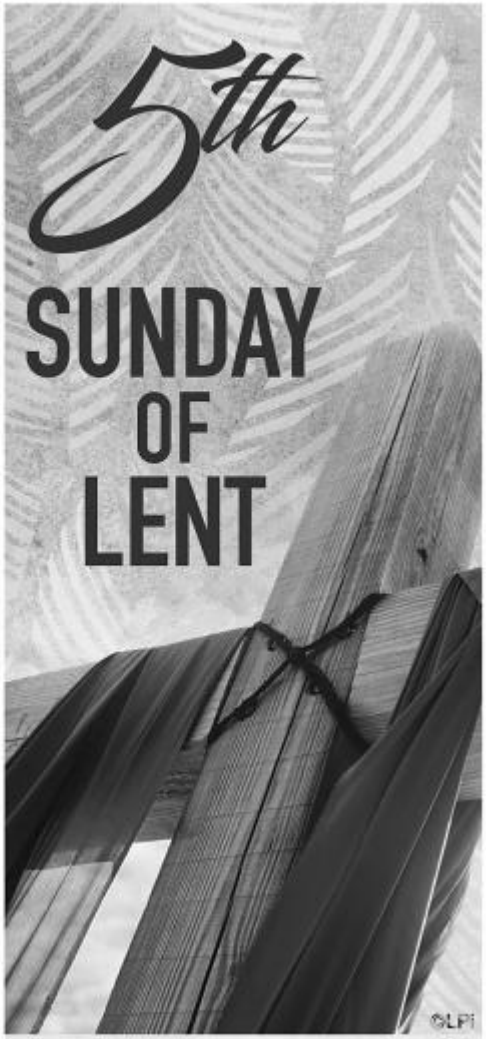
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

Sunday:	5th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Thursday:	The Annunciation of the Lord
Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name," By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.



"Bloom where you are planted."

– ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

All, from least to greatest, shall know me,
says the LORD,
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember
their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

PSALM

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

SECOND READING

Son though he was, he learned obedience
from what he suffered; (Heb 5:8)

GOSPEL

Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to
the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit. (Jn 20:24)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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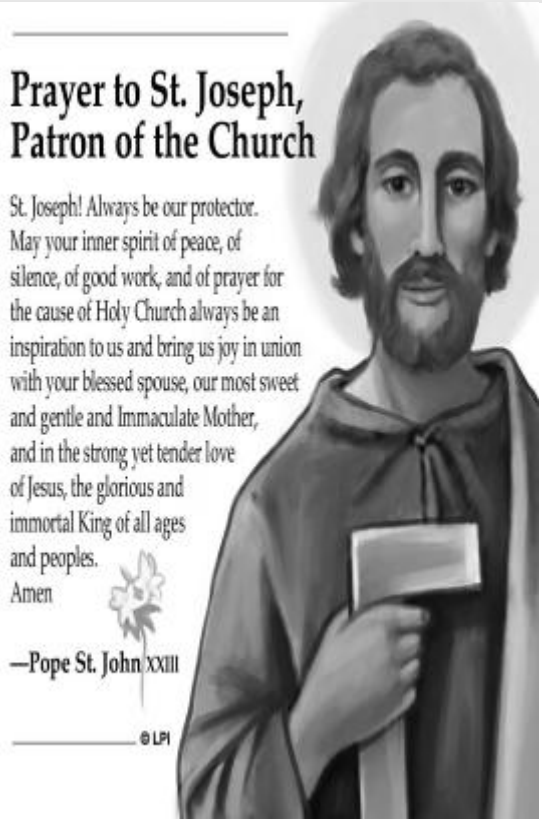

We wish to welcome everyone to become an active member of the St. Joseph's Monastery Parish Family!

Hello! I would like to become a member of St. Joseph's Monastery Parish. Please send me a registration form as soon as possible.

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(Area Code)

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-12) (9:30 a.m..- 10:40 a.m.)

Sunday School ……...9:30 a.m.. - 10:40 a.m.

RCIA …….. 9:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
Mrs. Barbara Dawson: 443-844-1068 bid70x7@aol.com
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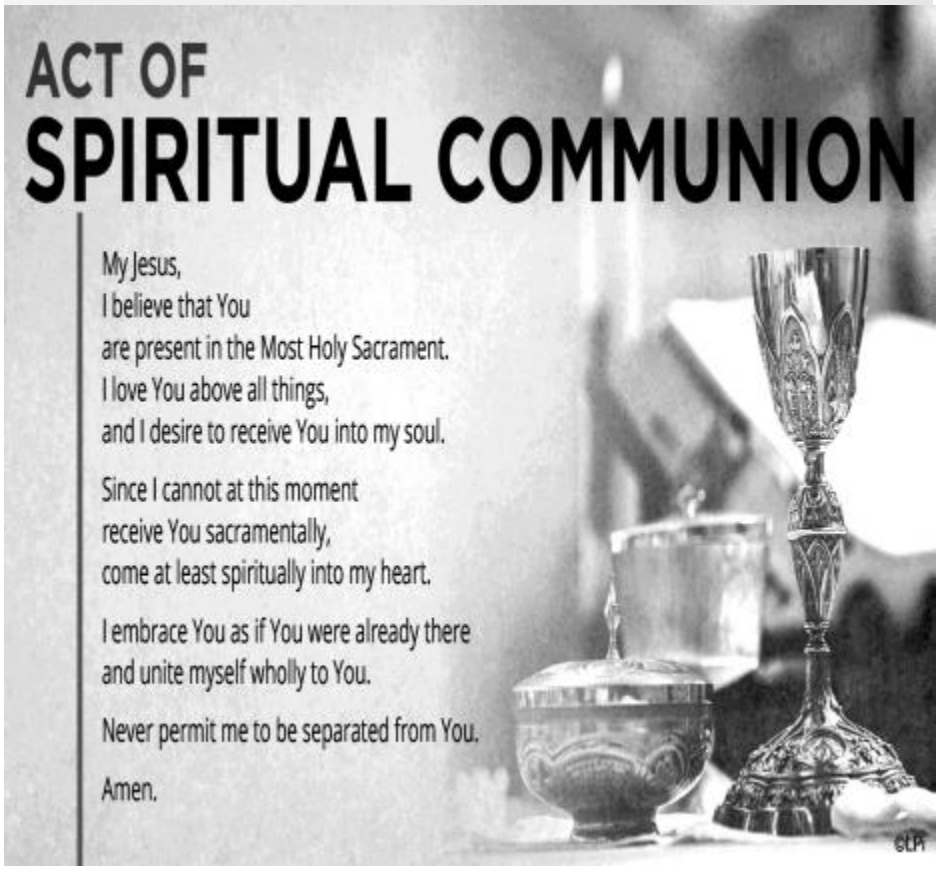
Pastor to be notified 6 months in advance of plan date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements are made with the Pastor



MASS INTENTIONS

BULLETIN MASSES FOR
March 20 – 28,2021

Saturday, March 20,2021
4:00 p.m. Frank E. Ditman (D)
8th Anniversary of Passing
Sunday, March 21 ,2021
8:30 a.m. Lowrey-Leonard Families
11:00 a.m. In Loving Memory of Gemma Allen (D) on the 5th Anniversary of Gemma's Passing and Maurice Allen (D) on the 10th Anniversary of Maurice's Passing
Monday, March 22,2021
8:00 a.m. No Intentions
Tuesday, March 23,2021
8:00 a.m. No Intentions
Wednesday, March 24,2021
8:00 a.m. No Intentions
Thursday, March 25,2021
8:00 p.m. No Intentions
Saturday, March 27,2021
4:00 p.m. Lena Crocetti (D)
Sunday, March 28,2021
8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. In Celebration of
Al & Margaret Renehan on their 73rd Wedding Anniversary

Saint Joseph's Monastery Golf Classic Benefiting Irvington's Saint Joseph's Monastery **May 10, 2021**

Father Mike Murphy is proud to announce the 1st Annual Golf Fundraiser Drive at Rolling Road Golf Club benefiting Saint Joseph's Monastery. We invite you to join the local businesses that sponsor this annual tradition, and sign up for one of the tax deductible sponsorships.

Phil Cooke, Chairman, is a native of Irvington and Graduate of Saint Joseph's Monastery School & Mount Saint Joseph H.S. Phil is retired from Tech Sales and Author of "My Brother, My Keeper" the Biography of his Brother, J.P. Blase Cooke. Please join us honoring Phil as our Chairman.

When: Monday, May 10, 2021
Where: Rolling Road Golf Club
814 Hilltop Road, Catonsville, Maryland 21228
410-747-5196

For Questions or more information. Please contact: John McKenna 410-245-8653 or jmckenna@mdglass.net
Frederick Boos 410-978-2715 or fjbnlb@aol.com

PRAYER LIST : Please remember those who are sick, in a nursing or convalescent home, the homebound and their families and caregivers by including them in our Parish Prayer Chain. Please call Frank McGloin 410-566-0877 ex. 215 to add them to our list. If anyone needs visitation, please call the Rectory 410-566-0877 with the names of anyone in the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility or who is homebound.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elaine Farlow and keep the family in prayer. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Marion Russell, sister of Mrs. Doris Lynch. Please keep Doris and the Lynch family in your prayers. Elsie Coyle (Good Health) Richard (Cancer) Joe Summers (Covid) Nadine (Cancer) Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marion R. and please keep Marion's family in your prayers. Tom M.(Special Intentions) Ben Peace (Good Health)

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March 6 & 7 , 2021

Mass Attendance 220

Envelopes	$	3,335.00
Loose	$	1,557.00
Online Giving	$	2,141.050
2nd Collection/Energy	$	2,136.00
Building & Maintenance	$	140.00
Total Offertory	***$***	***9,329.50***

Please consider remembering our Parish in your estate planning and Will. Our Corporate Title is: Saint Joseph's Passionist Monastery Roman Catholic Congregation, Inc.

Thank you for your continued support. Your generosity ensures that we are able to continue with the expenses of the church. Online giving is always available. You may sign up and give as often as you like. If you would like more information, please call the rectory or go online at :**www.osvonlinegiving.com/1708** Give, Serve and Pray while you're away. Online giving helps to sustain our parish Download Our Sunday Visitor from the App Store or Google Play

Pope Francis' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

March - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

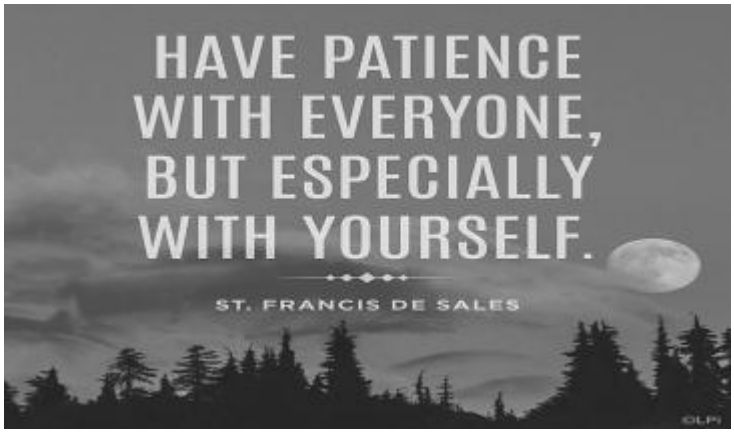
WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:

Question:
What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

Answer:
The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.
Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

Jesus answered them," The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen ,amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." John 12:23:24

"(Lent) is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." -Pope Benedict XVI



God of promise and power, thank you for sending Jesus into the world to die for me and for all and for inviting me to be part of the community of disciples. I pray in gratitude for sharing the gift of Jesus' life, the gift that leads to eternal life. Give me the grace of letting go of possessions, preoccupations, conveniences, and security-all so that others might live more fully. Help me to live well and more fully by giving myself more completely to you. Amen.

ADORATION

Join us 12 – 3:00 pm on Thursdays at the Church or online.

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst…He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." – Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

MASS SCHEDULE

April 1 : Holy Thursday
No 8:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM
April 2 : Good Friday
7:00 PM
April 3 : Easter Vigil
7:30 PM
April 4 : Easter Sunday
6:30 AM Outside Sunrise service
8:30 AM
11:00 AM (This Mass is live streamed)

Confession and Forgiveness

(A moment or two of quiet where we might make our silent confession to God)

Look upon us, O Lord ,and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of thy brightness. Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of thy wisdom.
All our desire is known unto thee, therefore perfect what thou hast begun, and what thy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer. We seek thy face, turn thy face unto us and show us thy glory. Then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace shall be perfect. (Augustine, 354 - 430)

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.
R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.
A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.
R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.
R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

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