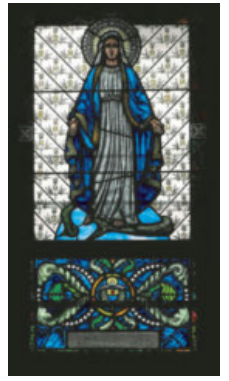




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## St Albert Church W Stewartstown

Masses—Friday: 8AM, Sat: 4:30PM  
Sun: 8AM (Columbus Day to Memorial Day)

## St Brendan Church Colebrook

Masses—Thur: 8AM,  
Sun: 10AM

## St Pius X Church Errol

Masses—Sun: 8AM (Chapel open  
Memorial Day to Columbus Day)



3rd Sunday of Lent — March 20th, 2022

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**Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office for an  
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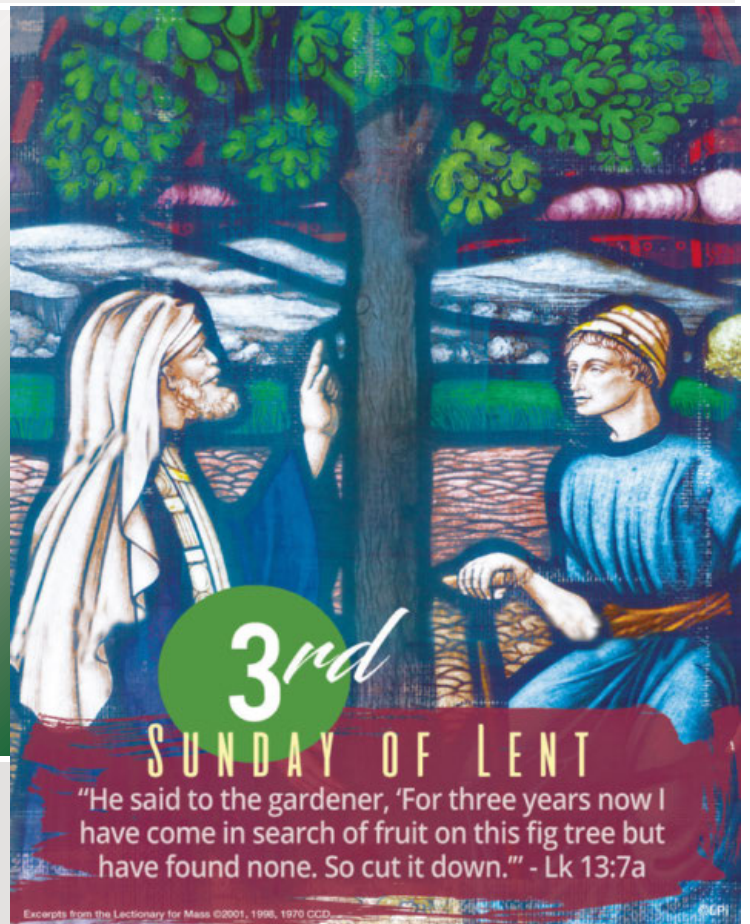
**Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Office 6  
months prior to your tentative date.

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM at St.  
Albert Church or by appointment.

**WELCOME**

### New Parishioners:

If you attend North American Martyrs Parish regularly & consider us your parish, please take a moment to register with us by calling the Parish Office as soon as possible.



3rd  
SUNDAY OF LENT

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I  
have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but  
have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

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**ST. ALBERT**



Sat., Mar. 19th 4:30PM  
**Pauline Rodrigue** Req by Gaston Rodrigue  
**For a Special Intention** Req by a Parishioner

Sun., Mar. 20th 8:00AM  
**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

Fri., Mar. 25th 8:00AM  
**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

Sat., Mar. 26th 4:30PM  
**Pauline Rodrigue** Req by Gaston Rodrigue  
**The deceased of the Rodrigue, Lereche & Cloutier Families** Req by Denis & Michelle Rodrigue

Sun., Mar. 27th 8:00AM  
**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

**ST. BRENDAN**

Sun., Mar. 20th 10:00AM  
**Jean Baptist Gregoire** Req by his Family  
**Albert E. Maruais** Req by Lucille Maurais

Thu., Mar. 24th 8:00AM  
**Lillian Clancy** Req by Phil Gage

Sun., Mar. 27th 10:00AM  
**Lillian Clancy** Req by Phil Gage

**COOS NURSING HOME**

Wed., Mar. 23rd 9:30AM  
**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

**Pope Francis asks for prayers for a special monthly intention. March is for:**

**Christian response to Bioethical Challenges**

“We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.”

<u>Financial Report</u>	3/13/2022
Offertory	\$1080.00
60/40 Fundraiser	29.00
Cemetery Funds	451.00
Donations	2050.00
Fuel Funds	250.00

*Thank you for your support of our parish.*

**60/40 WINNER:**  
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*Please consider participating in our weekly Parish 60/40 Booster Club. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances. Put a DOLLAR in the envelope, fill out the front with your name & address and drop it in the weekly collection. Weekly winner will be mailed a check for their 40% winnings.*

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**St. Albert Church**  
*For the Intentions of the Parishioners*  
**St. Brendan Church**  
*For the Intentions of the Parishioners*

**The Annual Membership Club (\$100 yr) - pick up & fill out an envelope in the back of the Church & drop in the collection. Payable as one lump sum or 10 monthly payments of \$10. Drawing in Dec..**  
**Start yours today!**

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Monthly, 8:30AM First Friday at St Albert Parish



*The Rosary is prayed a 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass at St. Albert (SA) & St. Brendan (SB) Churches. All are welcome to join.*

**Upcoming Rosary Schedule**

May 5	6PM	SA	National Day of Prayer (20 decade) – Theme “Exalt the Lord who has Established Us”
May 13	7PM	SB	Our Lady of Fatima

**Catholic Women’s Club**  
There is a meeting this weekend after the 10AM Mass. For more info about the Women’s Club please call Diane Little (603-237-8062).

**Please join us for Lectio Divina**

Every Wed. 6-7pm. We pray, read & discuss the upcoming readings for the next Sunday.  
Link: us02web.zoom.us Select—’JOIN A MEETING’ -  
Meeting ID: 865 5109 7328 Password: 156599

**You will be surprised how Sunday’s readings come alive!**

If you would like to be added to the reminder emails—please share you email with the parish office.





## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mo:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30  
**Tu:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35  
**We:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19  
**Th:** Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23  
**Fr:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
**Sa:** Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Link for reading information as well as other pertinent Universal Church resources:  
<http://uscgb.org/bible/readings>.

## Observances for this week:

**Mo:**  
**Tu:**  
**We:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
**Th:**  
**Fr:** The Annunciation of the Lord  
**Sa:**  
**Next Su:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



## CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice continues for the Easter Triduum. We meet Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. March 14, 21, 28, April 4 & the last one on April 11th. All rehearsals at St. Brendan's.

## LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION

God clearly reveals his identity as "I am who am." God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply "is" as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we to bear fruit and return.



## Sharing Your Faith— Priest Vestments

**Question:** Why do priests wear vestments? Do they have a special meaning?

**Answer:** Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions, and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.



## Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the

end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

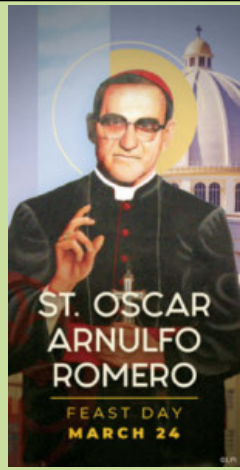
Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible? — *Tracy Earl Wel-liver, MTS*



**SAINT OF THE WEEK –**

**St. Oscar Romero | March 24**

When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.



On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart.

Calling him a "a martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.

**First Reading:** (Ex 3:14) In his initial encounter with the Lord, Moses learns the name of God, "I AM." What insight does this give us into the nature of the divine?

**Second Reading:** (1 Cor 10:11) Paul believed that the past mistakes of the ancient Israelites in the desert served as an example of the dangers of too much self-confidence. How can one best avoid arrogance in faith?

**Gospel:** (Lk 13:5) In the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus taught the crowds of the need to repent in order to bear good fruit. For what do you need to repent in this season of Lent?

Please remember our parish is participating in the Pathways Pregnancy Care Center's baby bottle campaign again this Lenten season. Please pick up a baby bottle at the church entrance and fill it with loose change during Lent.



Pathways provides many support services for women and families facing emotional and physical crisis and ministers God's grace to hurting people.

Please return your filled bottles during Holy Week and accept our THANKS for participating.

When you return your bottle please consider donating a package or two of diapers. The Center has stated that they regularly run out. North American Martyrs can assist the Center tremendously by consider donating. We will have boxes wrapped in baby shower paper in the back of each Church. Let's consider 'showering' them with our generosity.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR LENT

Please mark your calendars!

**Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent @ 5:30PM (SB) & 7PM (SA) except on Good Friday Stations will be at 3:00 (SB).



## **OUR LENTEN RETREAT PROGRAM CONTINUES!!!**

**(33 Days to Merciful Love**  
**(<https://www.allheartsafire.org/>)**

Session 4 will be Wed 3/23 6:30pm at St Brendan

Session 5 will be Wed 3/30 6:30pm at St Albert

Session 6 will be Wed 4/6 6:30pm at St Brendan

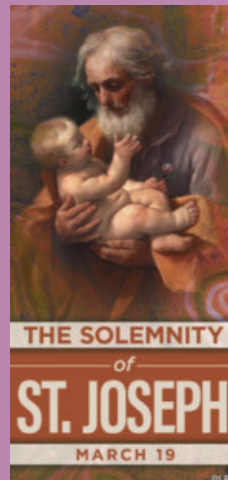
We are holding on to Wednesday 4/13/22 in case we have a snow day to make up for.

Our Consecration to Divine Mercy Ceremony (Prayer Service) will be on Friday 4/22/22 @ 6:30pm followed by a gathering for refreshments in the SA Parish Hall.

For more info contact:

Helen Clogston 538-6330 / rhclogston@yahoo.com or  
David McGuigan 538-9662 / pappadmeg@yahoo.com or  
You can contact the Parish Office.

Make this LENT a time of reflection on YOUR relationship with God.



“Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my

natural inclinations; to work with gratitude and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop, by means of labor, the gifts received from God, disregarding difficulties and weariness; to work, above all, with purity of intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes death, and the account which I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after your example, patriarch Joseph. This will be

my watchword in life and in death. Amen.”



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