



HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

Stonington & North Stonington, Connecticut

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

SECOND READING:

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

GOSPEL:

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

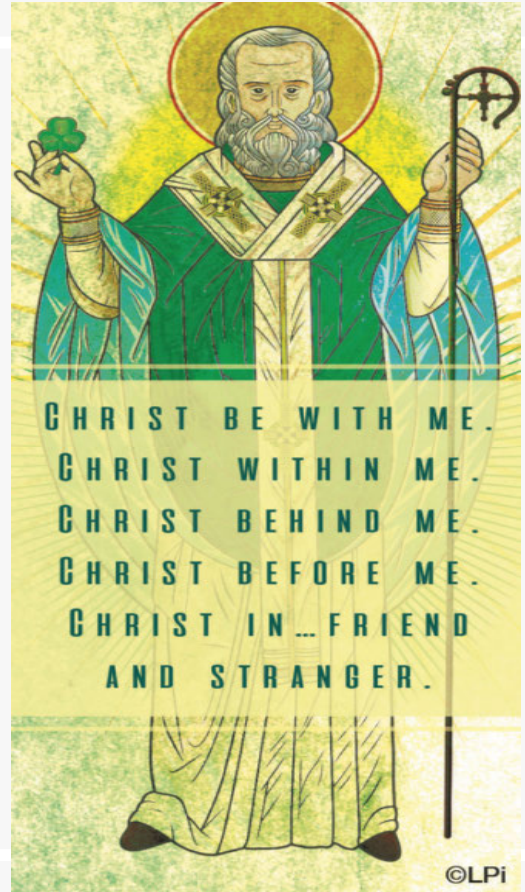
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2022

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on their webpage:
www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In the covenant established between God and Abram (Abraham), the trust and faith of Abraham is described as "an act of righteousness." As we continue the season of Lent, what do you need to trust in from the Lord?

SECOND READING

Paul urges the believers in Philippi to stay focused on Jesus and on our "citizenship" in heaven. How do you think Christians today can succeed in living out this task?

GOSPEL

Peter, John, and James witness the transfiguration that revealed Jesus' divinity. Why do you think the three apostles "fell silent" from this encounter?

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MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 12—VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Caroline Blanda
Requested by her family
- 5:00 pm St. Patrick: † Msgr. Michael Donohue
Requested by a friend of the family
- St. Thomas More: † Phillip Dilorio
Requested by his family
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: Parishioners

MARCH 13—SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Eunice Pasqualini
Requested by William Pasqualini
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Frank Gonsalves
Requested by his wife and family
- 8:30 am St. Michael: † Sheila Dipollino
Requested by the Bovino family
- St. Patrick: Parishioners
- 10:00 am St. Michael: † Alben F. Puhlick
Requested by his family
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: † Marge Brewiniski
Requested by the Balish family
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † John and Margaret West
Requested by family

MARCH 14—MONDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Frances Thibodeau
Requested by her family
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD
- 12:05pm St. Patrick: † Barbara Phillips
Requested by Janet and Richard Przybysz

MARCH 15—TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † The Harrison Family, Living & Deceased
Requested by family
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † John Carezza
Requested by his wife, Irene Carezza
- 7:00 pm St. Michael: † TBD

MARCH 16—WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Sam and Oliva DelMonte and the Lombardo Family
Requested by Anthony Lombardo
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Peter Balestracci
Requested by Cathy Holdridge

MARCH 17—THURSDAY: ST. PATRICK, BISHOP

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Ed and Agnes Murphy
Requested by Linda Palmer
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Michael Pucci
Requested by Susan McMillin

MARCH 18—FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Rosalind Lewis
Requested by the Dowling family
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Inalvis Parra
Requested by Aunt Olivia Tavares

MARCH 19—SATURDAY: ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Manuel and Maria Pacheco
Requested by their nephew Antonio Costa & family

MARCH 19—VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Helen M. Bonomo
Requested by her children
- 5:00 pm St. Patrick: † Intentions of the Giannattassio, Sharble, and Palembas Families
Requested by Loretta Palembas
- St. Thomas More: Parishioners
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: † Frank Gonsalves
Requested by the DaSilva family

MARCH 20—THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † William Pasqualini, Jr.
Requested by William Pasqualini
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Deceased Members of the Prendergast and Osetek Families
- 8:30 am St. Michael: † Dee Mooney
Requested by the Bovino family
- St. Patrick: Parishioners
- 10:00 am St. Michael: † Francesco Ritacco
Requested by his wife and family
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: † John Feeny
Requested by Kathleen
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Nelson Tavares & Maria and Joseph Pacheco
Requested by their parents

**Saint Mary
Stonington**

22 BROAD STREET

Sunday Mass

5:30 pm (Saturday), 8:00 am

Weekday

8:00 am Monday—Friday
except Thursday



**Saint Michael
Pawcatuck**

60 LIBERTY STREET

Sunday Mass

4:00 pm (Sat.), 7:00 am,
8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am
(Traditional Latin Mass)

Weekday Mass

7:00 am Monday—Saturday

Confessions

3:00—3:45 pm Saturday



**Saint Thomas More
North Stonington**

87 MYSTIC ROAD

Sunday Mass

5:00 pm (Saturday)



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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barbara Arenth, Keelin Arseneault, Dale Barile,
Jason and Margaret Bennet, Michael Botello,
The Botello Family, Lauren Brant, Michael Brennen,
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Russell Coupland, Robbie Damask, Douglas Delaney,
Tom Dowling, Alfred Fratoni, John Fratoni, Barbara Fuller,
Gerry Gianutsos, Alice Harrison, Thomas Harrison,
Karen Hess, John Hesse, Margaret Hickey,
Francesca Kinnecom, Martha Kowack, Paul Kowack,
Helen Lauterio, Ledyard Lewis, Sean Madden,
George McCullen, Keith McGrath, Justin McKenna,
Joseph Pacheco, Nancy Pampel, Brenda Pavo, Michael Quick,
Raoul Roy, Judy Schiller, Brandon Smith, Jerome Ward,
Margaret Ward, Jennifer Flaherty Whipple

*Please pray for the sick of our parish and for
those who serve our country.*

STEWARDSHIP

ST. MARY • ST. MICHAEL • ST. THOMAS MORE

March 6, 2022

Weekly Offertory_____	\$	12,499.00
EFT_____	\$	4,734.93
Mortgage/Christmas Challenge _____	\$	3,238.00
Ukrainian Relief _____	\$	300.00
Operation Rice Bowl _____	\$	177.00
Cemetery _____	\$	100.00
Annual Catholic Appeal _____	\$	69.00
Easter _____	\$	14.00
Easter Flowers _____	\$	14.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

Electronic Funds Transfer

For your convenience, the churches of St. Mary, St. Michael and St. Thomas More offer the option of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your weekly offering. For more info, contact Amy at abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com.



Keep up to date with parish information through Flocknote.

To register **simply text MILO to 84576** or contact Anita in the parish office at akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com or 860-599-5580.



Daily Mass Schedule

7:00 am Mon. – Sat. St. Michael
8:00 am Mon. – Fri. (exc. Thur.) St. Mary
12:05 pm Mon. – Fri. (exc. Thur.) St. Patrick
7:00 pm Tue. St. Michael

Holy Hour

6:00 pm Thur. St. Michael

Foundations of Our Faith

6:00pm Fridays St. Mary

Stations of the Cross and Benediction

7:00pm Fridays St. Mary

Confessions

3:00 – 3:45pm Saturdays St. Michael
4:15 – 4:45pm Saturdays St. Thomas More
6:30 am Sundays St. Michael
7:30 am Sundays St. Mary
11:15 am Sundays St. Michael
6:30 pm Tuesdays St. Michael
6:00 – 7:00 pm Thursdays St. Michael



FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

The Son of Man became human and lived among us as the greatest mission of mercy ever carried out. Join us at St. Mary Church on Friday, March 18th, at 6pm where we will discuss **Mercy**. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7 pm.

OPERATION RICE BOWL COLLECTION

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. **This weekend, please return your envelope for CRS Operation Rice Bowl** and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord’s sisters and brothers.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Lena Harrell, Willow Harrell, Joshua Herrador, and Edith Puryear as they received their First Holy Communion during Mass last Sunday. May God’s light guide you as you continue on your faith journey.

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE EXTENDED

ONLY \$16,500 TO GO!

AS OF MARCH 4TH, WE HAVE RAISED \$133,500!

*An anonymous donor has put forth a fundraising challenge for the parish. All donations or new pledges to the Capital Campaign for the new St. Michael Church, as well as proceeds from the monthly Mortgage Collection, will be matched up to a grand total of \$150,000. **The deadline has been extended to March 27, 2022.** With a successful Christmas Challenge, we can bring the balance to \$500,000! We have been witnesses to truly miraculous things over these past 10 years!*

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE

Bishop Cote has authorized a voluntary appeal for financial support to assist in the relief efforts resulting from the humanitarian crisis that is unfolding in Ukraine and the surrounding countries. **The collection will be taken up this weekend, the Second Sunday of Lent.** As will all special collections, please make checks payable to the parish and clearly mark the donation for the Ukrainian collection.



Saint Patrick Church

32 East Main Street, Mystic, CT 06355

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stpatrickmystic.org

Sunday Mass:

5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil), 8:30 am and 10:15 am

Weekday Mass:

12:05 pm Monday — Friday except Thursday

Confessions:

4:00 pm — 4:45 pm Saturdays

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm First Tuesday of month

Rev. Kevin M. Reilly, Pastor

Kim McGowan, Parish Secretary

secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org

Richard Georgetti, RCIA Coordinator

Elizabeth Limkemann, Organist

Richard Schumacher, Choir Director

The Rectory office will be closed from Monday, March 14th, through Friday, March 18th, and will reopen on Monday, March 21st, at 9am.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER FUNDRAISER THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH

Dinners will be available for curbside pick-up in the church parking lot between 1pm–3pm on St. Patrick's Day. For those who are homebound and unable to venture out, delivery will be available, please let us know. Email Richard Georgetti at georgetti8@att.net.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella will be sponsoring "Lenten Soups to Go" on Saturday, April 2, 2022, in the St. Patrick Church Center from 3pm to 6:30pm. A variety of fresh and delicious homemade soups will be available for take-out. Suggested donation is \$8.00 per 16oz container, served with bread or crackers. Proceeds will go toward the New Center Kitchen amenities.

The Daughters of Isabella are once again selling Portuguese Sweet bread, \$7.00 per loaf. To order, please call or email Joan Balestracci at 860-536-2308 or email joanbalestracci@gmail.com, or call Irene Romanella at 860-536-0453. Deadline for ordering is April 8th. Bread can be picked up after 1pm on April 14, 2022 at the K of C Hall, 43 Hatch St., Mystic. Proceeds to benefit St. Michael's School and Sacred Heart School.

STEWARDSHIP

March 6, 2022

Offertory _____	\$	6,189.00
EFT _____	\$	1,735.75
March Cemetery _____	\$	1,041.00

Campaign Paid to Date _____	\$3,135,657.65
Pledge Total _____	\$3,368,415.46

We are grateful for your generous support!

COLLECTION FOR THE UKRAINE

This weekend, March 12th and 13th, a second collection will be taken to provide financial support to assist in the relief efforts for the victims of the war in Ukraine.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you for your past support of the Annual Catholic Appeal which provides funds for many of the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Norwich. As we embark on our 2022 ACA, *One Faith, One Family*, we thank God for the strength and love we have received from him during this past year. The ACA in-pew collection will take place in our parish on March 26 & 27, 2022. Please give prayerful consideration to your gift.



Lenten Schedule

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Tuesdays during Lent: 12:05pm Mass, Confessions 5—6pm

Fridays during Lent: 12:05pm Mass, and Stations of the Cross at 7pm, confessions to follow.

Saturdays (usual Mass times): Confessions from 4—4:45pm, Mass @ 5pm

Sundays (usual Mass times): 8:30am and 10:15am

*Catholic
Classical
Education*



**CATHOLIC CLASSICAL EDUCATION
FOCUSES ON THE TRUTH**

As I mentioned last week, Classical education focuses on literature and history. Literature is chosen for its moral themes and the lessons we wish the students to understand. For this reason, Grade Five is undertaking a study of CS Lewis, reading first his most famous work, *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and now enjoying its prequel, *The Magician's Nephew*. Both of these books are Christian allegories, CS Lewis' lessons on Christianity for children. Grade Eight recently read *Animal Farm*, also an allegory, although more political in nature. They completed their study by writing children's allegories about world events.

Grades Seven and Eight are now focusing on more historical writings. The eighth grade, integrating reading, writing and social studies, will be writing speeches for their Oration contest focusing on amendments to the Constitution of the United States. At the same time, they are beginning to read *To Kill a Mockingbird*. While we are aware that there is some resistance to teaching this book, we feel that the historical information included in the story is important for students to understand. Grade Seven is reading *Mississippi Trial*, a story based on the murder of Emmitt Till and subsequent trial of the accused. Both of these books do contain issues and language that are difficult, but they teach important lessons.

Classical education teaches children to focus on truth. Good moral values and virtuous behavior help them to find it and learn to live it.



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Official Approved Notice from U.S. Bankruptcy Court
for the District of Connecticut

Sexual Abuse and General Claims in The Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut Bankruptcy

The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, a/k/a the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich ("Diocese" or "Debtor") has filed bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation* (Bankr. D. Conn.). This notice is a short summary.

Who Should File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Anyone who was sexually abused, on or before July 15, 2021, and believes the Diocese may be responsible for the sexual abuse must file a claim. This includes sexual abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese. Sexual Abuse Claims include but are not limited to: sexual misconduct, touching, inappropriate contact, or sexual comments about a person or other behaviors that led to abuse, and regardless of whether you thought the behavior was sexual abuse or not.

When Should I File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022.

If you do not file a timely Sexual Abuse Claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese and against Diocese Related Entities, including any right to compensation.

Your information will be kept private. For a list of names of clergy that have been identified in connection with sexual abuse claims, go to <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy>. For more information on the bankruptcy case, go to <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn> or call 1-855-654-0902.

The Sexual Abuse Bar Date of March 15, 2022 is not subject to further extension, even if there is a change in the applicable statute of limitations. You should consider submitting a proof of claim even if you believe your claim may be subject to an affirmative defense such as a statute of limitations.

When Should I File a General Bar Date Claim?

If you have a non-sexual abuse claim, you will need to file so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022. More information is available at <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>.

ACT NOW Before Time Runs Out:

You can download and file a claim at the website or call the toll-free number listed below for help on how to file a claim by mail.



File a Proof of Claim.



Have questions?
Call or visit the website
for more information.



If your claim is approved,
you may receive compensation
from the bankruptcy.

<https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>

1-855-654-0902

Notificación oficial aprobada del Tribunal de Quiebras
de los Estados Unidos para el Distrito de Connecticut

Reclamos por abuso sexual y reclamos generales en la quiebra de la diócesis católica romana de Norwich, Connecticut

La Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, también conocida como la diócesis católica romana de Norwich (en adelante, la "Diócesis" o el "Deudor") ha declarado la quiebra con el fin de reestructurar su organización sin fines de lucro. Por favor, lea detenidamente esta notificación, ya que se refiere a sus derechos contra la Diócesis y proporciona información sobre el caso *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation* (quiebra, Distrito de Connecticut). Esta notificación es un breve resumen.

¿Quién debe presentar un reclamo por abuso sexual?

Cualquier persona que haya sido abusada sexualmente hasta el 15 de julio de 2021 inclusive y crea que la Diócesis puede ser responsable del abuso sexual. Esto incluye el abuso sexual relacionado con cualquier entidad o actividad asociada a la Diócesis. Los reclamos por abuso sexual pueden comprender, entre otras cosas: conducta sexual inapropiada, tocamientos, contacto inadecuado o comentarios sexuales sobre una persona u otros comportamientos que derivaron en un abuso, independientemente de si usted pensó que el comportamiento constituía abuso sexual o no.

¿Cuándo debo presentar un reclamo por abuso sexual?

Independientemente de su edad actual o de la fecha en que se produjo el abuso sexual, debe presentar su reclamo a más tardar a las 5 p.m. (hora del Este vigente) del 15 de marzo de 2022.

Si no presenta un reclamo por abuso sexual dentro de dicho plazo, puede perder sus derechos contra la Diócesis y contra las entidades relacionadas con la Diócesis, incluido cualquier derecho a indemnización.

Se mantendrá la privacidad de su información. Para ver una lista de nombres de clérigos que han sido identificados en relación con demandas por abuso sexual, visite <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy>. Para más información sobre el caso de quiebra, visite <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn> o llame al 1-855-654-0902.

La fecha límite para presentar reclamos por abuso sexual, el 15 de marzo de 2022, no está sujeta a una nueva prórroga, incluso aunque se modifique la ley de plazos de prescripción aplicable. Usted debería considerar la posibilidad de presentar una prueba de reclamo incluso si cree que su demanda puede estar sujeta a una defensa afirmativa como la prescripción.

¿Cuándo debo presentar un reclamo con fecha límite general?

Si tiene un reclamo que no es por abuso sexual, deberá presentarlo a más tardar a las 5 p.m. (hora del Este vigente) del 15 de marzo de 2022. Para obtener más información, visite <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>.

Actúe ahora antes de que se agote el tiempo:

Puede descargar y presentar un reclamo a través del sitio web o llamar a la línea gratuita que figura a continuación para obtener ayuda acerca de cómo presentar un reclamo por correo.



Presente una prueba de reclamo.



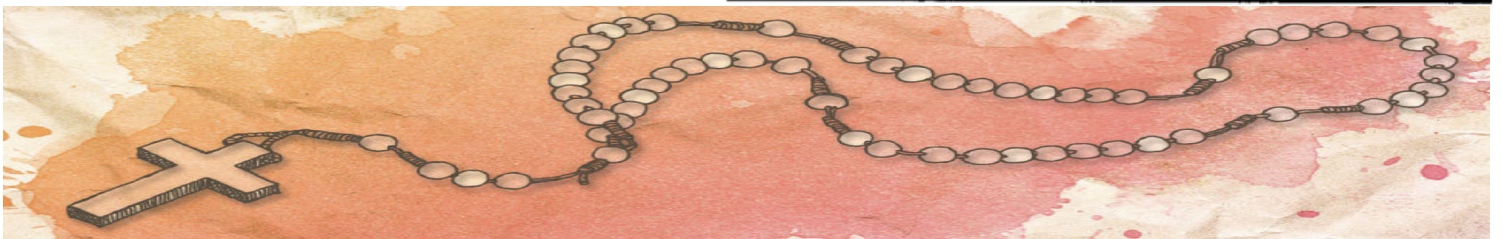
¿Tiene preguntas?
Llame o visite el sitio web para
obtener más información.



Si su reclamo es aprobado,
puede recibir una indemnización
por la quiebra.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

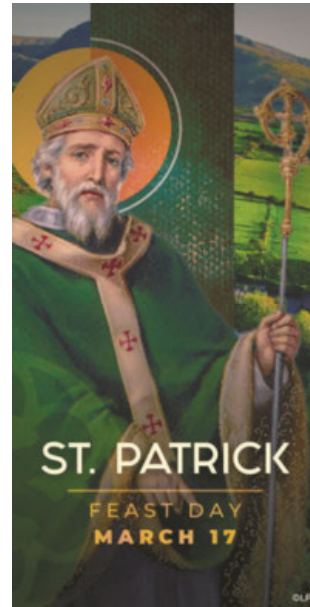
There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, “he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God.” We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It’s not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly. ©LPi

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Patrick | Feast Day March 17



Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by

Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ. ©LPi

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.”—Lk 9:29-31

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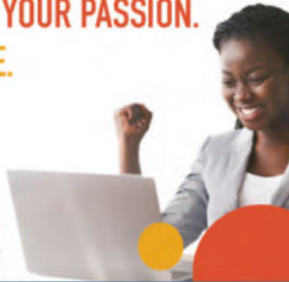
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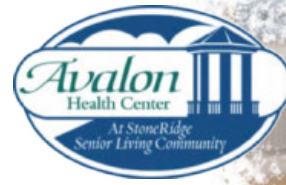
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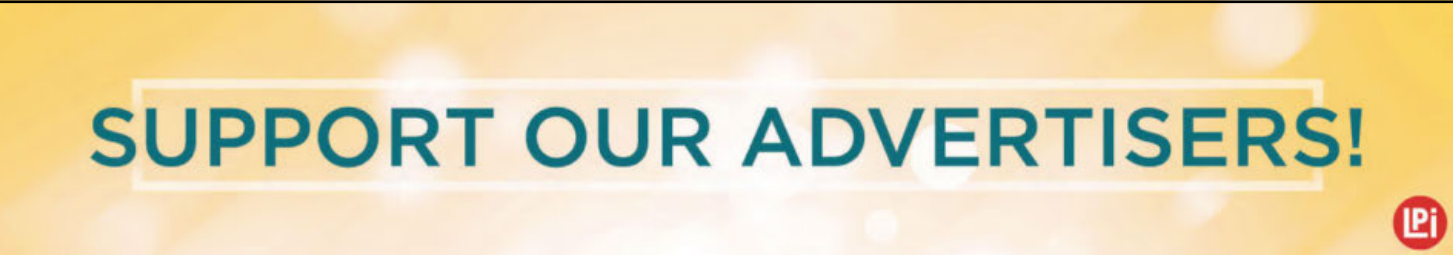
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