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MASSES:

Sundays 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon
Saturdays 7:00AM, 8AM 5:30 PM
Monday 7:00AM, 8AM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM, 8AM

CONFESSIONS:

Monday 7:30 PM
Saturday 1:00 PM until all are heard

MARRIAGES:

Should be arranged one year in advance, or at engagement, whichever comes first.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

May be received by anyone who is ill. Don't delay the sacrament until the person is dying. The strengthening and healing is important to experience when a person can encounter the Lord with conscious faith, and often with the support of family around the bedside. Far from being "scared" by the visit of the priest, the sick person is usually greatly consoled and grateful for your thoughtfulness in calling us. Please don't take it for granted that we know about people who are ill.

BAPTISMS should be arranged before baby is born (preferably 7th Month). Call Rectory for information.



**THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS
RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION ON
MARCH 6th.
PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

March 7, 2021—3rd Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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www.stgensrcc.com.**

DAILY MASS IS ON LINE

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7PM**

2022 MASS BOOK INFORMATION

Our 2022 Mass book will open in early April. We will take appointments and have only 1 person in the rectory at a time. We will take these precautions so hopefully anyone coming in to book masses will feel safe. Thank you for your understanding and more information will follow.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish. In order to receive credit for your weekly contributions, please use your envelopes and write the amount of your contribution on the envelope.

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| February 28 | \$4,829 |
| Maintenance | \$1,471 |



The Elizabeth Knights of Columbus, Council 253, will host a fish fry during lent. The next fish fry will be on Friday, March 19. Time will be from 5:30 PM to 8 PM. Fish dinners will be available to eat in, or take out. We will be complying with all COVID protocols. Eat in diners will be limited to 90 minutes. The cost is \$15 per adult, \$5 children - children under 5 free. Please Call the Council with any questions or to place a take-out order at 908 355 2253.



Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner - The Elizabeth Knights of Columbus, Council 253, is offering corned beef dinners on Saint Patrick's Day,

Wednesday, March 17, from 12 noon until the last dinner is gone. Dinners are \$7.00 each and are available for take-out. Very limited dine-in is available. Don't miss out. Please Call the Council with any questions or to place a take-out order at 908 355 2253

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. All men of the parish are invited to join. For information please contact : Council 253 at (908)355-2253 or Chris at (908)351-4444.

3rd Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -

First Reading:

In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

Gospel:

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

Answer:

The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories:

- A) **Diocesan (or Secular) Priests** can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service.
- B) **Religious Priests** are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes. **Monks, Friars, and Canons:** These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

5:30pm Anna Cicalese req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

7:30 Mary McHale req. Mr. & Mrs. M. Parenti

9:00 Carol Cascio req. Walter & Lynda Lodzinski

10:30 Larry Tango req. Peggi & Jenna Tango

12:00 Elizabeth Maruschak req. Mary, Michael & Martin Kathleen Hunter req. The Corbo Family

MONDAY MARCH 8, 2021

7:00 (Living) Barbara Donzella req. Susan Farrell

8:00 For the Parishioners who passed away during Covid 19 req. A Parishioner

7pm Brigid O'Donnell req. O'Connor Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue, Dr. Bob & Jane Messier

8:00 Joseph Brogan req. Mr. & Mrs. Kevin O'Leary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

7:00 Joe Homem & Savia Homem-Arreu req. Cleta Lobo

8:00 In Memory of Nancy Rodo req. Sueli Rocha

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

7:00 Roberta Cowan req. Valerie & Audrey Smith

8:00 Kathleen Rattigan req. Ted Hopkins

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

7:00 Annie Miranda req. Miranda Family

8:00 Raymond Purkis req. Richard & Virginia Griffith

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Robert (Bob) Thomas McGowan req. JoAnn Vella McGrath

5:30pm Giselle Esquivel req. Mr. & Mrs. F. Feito

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

7:30 Tom Lee req. Parenti family

9:00 Carol Cascio req. John Cascio

10:30 Hubert T. Holmes req. Eileen Brady

12:00 Joseph W. Bockskopf req. Family

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

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Their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.



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