

St. Laurence O'Toole Catholic Church

March 7, 2021



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

“He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.” -Jn 2:14-15a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Due to the pandemic and the ease of the transmission of the coronavirus, Bishop Steven Biegler has granted to the Faithful in the Diocese of Cheyenne a dispensation from the obligation to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days, which is effective through June 30, 2021.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm

Sunday- 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Monday, Tuesday - 8:00 am

Thursday, Friday - 8:00 am

Confession, Saturday, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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Pope Francis declares the “**Year of Saint Joseph**” (Dec 8th, 2020-Dec 8th, 2021) to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration naming St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Let us humbly pray that we may be blessed with St. Joseph’s “creative courage” as we continue to struggle through these difficult times and help us to trust in the divine providence of God. he angel's message of joy.

Prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



Please pray for:

The victims of the coronavirus, people affected by the quarantine and shutdown of public facilities, the medical staff tasked with the treatment and care of those who have contracted the virus, that God may protect them from further harm and grant those who are sick, swift recovery.

The Sick

Agnes Vigil, Alice Schnitker, Ali Vialpando, Arvin Martinez, Burton Davis, Carol Richardson, Courtney Westoff, The Vasquez Family, Eloisa Mondragon, Ervin W. Hoffschneider III, Gordon Cook, James Westoff, Jessica MacKintosh, Kevin Johnson, Larry Garcia, Leo Lucero, Lucas Roussos, Marilyn Miller, Mary Hulett, Mary Ann Selzer, Nicole Gonzales, Rachel Sanchez, Ramona Thelman, Ross Vigil, Sandra Aguilar, Shirley Salinas, Tanner Atencio, Shawna Kautzman Pena, Tammy Brown, Trisha Sparks, Vernon Wayne Scott, Veronica Newman, Vona Salazar, Wyatt Swaim.

Those who are serving our country

James VanKirk, Mark Bedell, Michael Stickle, Cruz Garza, Sean Heidel, Tommy Weber, Michael Longpre, Cole Yung, Patrick Golden

The Week of Worship

SATURDAY, March 6th

Confessions, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MASS, 5:30 pm †*Agnes Lescznske*

SUNDAY, March 7th, *Third Sunday of Lent*

MASS, 8:00 am **People of the Parish**

MASS, 10:30 am **Special Intention,**

A.J. Frausto and David Herrera

MONDAY, March 8th

MASS, 8:00 am †*Jesus Mary Hererra*

TUESDAY, March 9th

MASS, 8:00 am

WEDNESDAY, March 10th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, March 11th

MASS, 8:00 am

FRIDAY, March 12th

MASS, 8:00 am

SATURDAY, March 13th

Confessions, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MASS, 5:30 pm †*Fred & Esther Wilson*

One Nation Under God

Petition and Forgiveness The following prayer is based on a prayer in *Sadhana: A Way to God*, by Anthony de Mello, SJ (pp. 149-152)

Read the following passage, which is how Jesus urges us to pray.

“I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:9-13).

The words are so simple, “Ask, and it will be given to you . . . For everyone who asks receives.” Imagine you hear Jesus saying those words to you. Ask yourself, “Do I really believe those words? What sense do they make to me? . . . Then share your answers with Jesus.

Read the following passage:

“Amen, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it shall be done for him. Therefore, I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours. When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions. If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your sins” (Mk. 11:23-26).

After you have reflected on these passages and spoken to Jesus about them, be still and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray. Forgive each person against whom you have a grievance. . . Say to each one in your imagination, “[name] I forgive you with all my heart in the name of Jesus Christ, just as the Lord has forgiven me.” Repeat this prayer for the person over and over again. Even if you don’t feel like saying it, do your best to say it with the desire to forgive. When we pray “in the name of Jesus,” it brings his presence into the prayer. The prayer will be effective through the power of his name. In time, you will find that your heart will be freed from the bitterness of anger and vengeance. Now ask the Lord to fill your heart with the faith that makes petitionary prayer omnipotent . . . Repeat this prayer: “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief” (Mk. 9:24). Then ask for the gift you want from the Lord: health, success in some enterprise. . . Imagine the Lord giving this gift to you and imagine yourself joyfully praising him for this. . . Imagine the Lord withholding the gift from you as he floods your heart with peace and you joyfully praise him for this.

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Spring Break dates are:

CCD, March 7th and March 14th
RCIA, March 8th and March 15th
Confirmation Class, March 9th and March 16th
Youth Group, March 4th, March 11th and
March 18th.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 5:30 pm beginning on February 19. We must receive God’s mercy. That’s the secret to the Stations of the Cross. We retell this story of Jesus’ self-giving love in order to open our hearts to what is already given to us: mercy. We do not earn it; we don’t even deserve it.

St. Laurence now has overflow seating in the basement. for Mass. There is now closed-circuit TV so that Mass is live streamed to the basement. More people are now attending Mass, so having this extra seating will allow St. Laurence to be able to accommodate more parishioners and still maintain social distancing.

Parents Just Don’t Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, “Parents Just Don’t Understand?” As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren’t invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We’re often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. “He doesn’t understand sin — he’s all-good,” we think. “He doesn’t understand temptation — He is perfect.”

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn’t need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don’t need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He’s good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

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