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March 7, 2021
3rd Sunday of Lent

Journey through Lent

- **Daily Mass:** Tues-Fri 8:00am

- **Adoration:** Fridays will start after Mass and end at 5:45pm.

- **Stations of the Cross:**

Every Friday:

English - 6:00pm

Spanish - 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross will be live-streamed.

- The church is open daily for personal reflection.

- For more Lenten resources:

Access the on-line platform **FORMED**



1st Sacraments



Tecie Astorga and daughter Josie. Ann Barba with son Gabriel, and baby daughter Avila.



The Peng Family (Molly and Son: Gaege and siblings).



George & Christa Coleman with daughter Adeline.



The First Sacraments class, kids and parents do a craft to learn about the true presence of Jesus in eucharistic adoration.

If you have any questions about our parish or would like to join, please contact our parish office

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Confessions: Sat. 3:30pm | **Daily Mass Time:** T-F 8:00am

Sunday Mass Times: Sat. 5:00pm | Sun. 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:30pm (Spanish)

For Prayer Requests: email sjachurch.prayerchain@gmail.com

Pastor's Weekly Reflection - continued

"WITH A FATHER'S HEART". 5: A CREATIVELY COURAGEOUS FATHER: If the first stage of all true impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and interior healing is to accept our personal history and mighty, but the "good news" of the Gospel consists in embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly must now add another important element: creative powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving courage. This emerges especially in the way we deal with plan. So too, our lives may at times seem to be at the mercy difficulties. In the face of difficulty, we can either give up of the powerful, but the Gospel shows us what counts. God and walk away, or somehow engage with it. At times, always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had.

As we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder in divine providence." (*To be continued..*)

why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet **RCIA SCRUTINY:** Please keep the RCIA Elect and God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of scrutiny and enlightenment as they prepare for the Easter redemption. He was the true "miracle" by which God Sacraments and full communion with the Catholic saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Church.

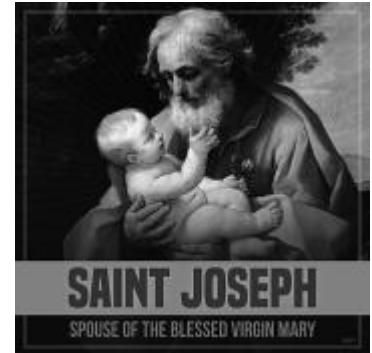
Joseph's creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world (cf. *Lk 2:6-7*). Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt (cf. *Mt 2:13-14*).

Many blessings,

J. Maxy D'Costa

Rev. Maxy D'Costa

Pastor



GIVE

Madonna Center for Life Baby Shower

Catholic Daughters is collecting donations of NEW baby items or handmade NEW baby items (must be new due to the pandemic), as well as monetary donations after masses on March 13 & 14th. We will have a table set up by the bell tower. We welcome your donations and appreciate your generosity during this time of great need.

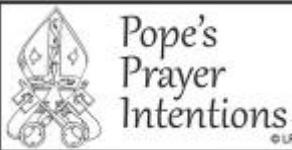
Madonna's Center



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



PRAY



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.

Church Open During The Week For Prayer

The church will be open **Monday - Friday after 8:00am Mass to 4:00pm (Saturday - 8:00am - 3:00pm)** for personal prayer and reflection. Bring your family and come spend some time with Jesus. Please enter through the side door of the church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Every Friday:

All are invited to the Adoration every Friday during Lent from 8:45am to 5:45pm. Please come spend some time in prayer and reflection with your family before the Blessed Sacrament.



Parish-wide Bible Challenge - Mark 2:13-28

Fr. Maxy urges each of us to read and reflect on the Gospel of Mark this liturgical year. If you have already started reading Mark, that's great! This week, let's read Mark Chapter 2 verses 13-28. If you need a bible, please contact the parish office.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

March 8-14—National Catholic Sisters Week—A tribute to the Benedictine Sisters

We thank all religious especially the Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel who have a long history of service to St John the Apostle School and the people of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Queen of Angels Monastery was founded in 1882 by Mother Bernardine Wachter, OSB, who led a group of Sisters and postulants from Switzerland to Oregon. The Sisters initially settled in Gervais, staying for a while in an abandoned saloon. In 1887 the community acquired land in Mt. Angel and began building their permanent home, which would serve as a motherhouse and boarding school. The original building was completed in 1888.

In the early years, perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was a major focus of the Sisters. To meet the need for Catholic schools in western Oregon, teaching also became a primary ministry for the Sisters. Mt. Angel Academy was established as a boarding school for grade and high school students. Mt. Angel College specialized in teacher education, and later became a co-educational liberal arts college. Benedictine Sisters served in and operated parish schools throughout Oregon, as well as schools for Native American children in Oregon and British Columbia. They also did domestic work in the kitchen and laundry, and worked in the printing press at Mount Angel Abbey.

Today, the Sisters are active in education and in parish work. A number of Sisters presently serve at Shalom Prayer Center at the Monastery, within the Sisters' hospitality ministries, and in the operation and administration of the Monastery.

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About Baptism Formation: To begin the process, contact Ryan

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Marriage: Couples that plan to get married, please contact our Parish Priest for Marriage Formation Classes 9 months prior to the desired wedding date. (pastor@sja-catholicchurch.com)

Funeral Mass / Service: Please first contact Rev. Maxy D'Costa at 503-742-8200 to plan a funeral service at St. John the Apostle for your loved one at your earliest convenience. If you would like your loved one buried in the St. John the Apostle cemetery, please contact Gary Avery at 503-655-7148 to make those arrangements

Family Member that has moved to assisted living/care facility/

hospice: If you have a family member that has moved to a care facility, please inform the parish office so we can arrange for pastoral care and we will note the address in our records.

Assisted Hearing System: We have an assisted listening system to help facilitate better hearing for all of our members. Contact the office.

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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin Announcements due on the Friday, nine days before the Bulletin publication date. bulletin@sja-catholicchurch.com

Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sat, March 6

7:00am Exodus 90, YR
9:00am Women's Group Prayer, CH
10:00am Women's Group Mtg, YR
3:30-4:30pm Confessions, CH
5:00pm Mass - Terry Reeves INT
7:00pm Men's Holy League, CH

Sun, March 7 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30am Mass - All Parishioners
10:30am Mass - Scott McKeen †
11:45am 1st Comm Parent/Child mtg, PC
1:30pm Mass (Spanish) -
6:30pm Bible Study, Chapel

Mon, March 8

Fr. Maxy D'Costa INT
5:00am Exodus 90, YR
8:45am-8:00pm Adoration
6:00pm Boy Scouts, PC
6:00pm Cub Scouts, YR

Tues, March 9

8:00am Mass -
6:30pm RCIA, Chapel

Wed, March 10

8:00am Mass - Jim Elting †
6:15pm Bible Study, Chapel
7:00pm Youth Group & Confirmation, LIB

Thurs, March 11

8:00am Mass - Sue Ann Jones †
9:15am Bible Study, Chapel
6:30pm Pastoral Council Mtg, Chapel

Fri, March 12

8:00am Mass - All Souls in Purgatory
8:45am-5:45pm Adoration
1:30pm PWOP Lenten Reflections, Chapel
6:00pm Stations of the Cross (English)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Sat, March 13

7:00am Exodus 90, YR
11:00am Scouts Pinewood Derby, PC
3:30-4:30 pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass - Errelyn Culi †

Sun, March 14 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30am Mass - All Parishioners
10:30am Mass - Phyllis Sundstrom †
11:45am 1st Comm Parent/Child Mtg, PC
1:30pm Mass (Spanish)
6:30pm Bible Study, Chapel

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Week of February 28	\$ 12,955.09
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Pastor's Weekly Reflection

"THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH"

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the Lord are important, but what is born in our hearts is even more important. In today's first reading, the Book of Exodus presents the precepts the people of Israel should fulfill. The proper setting for understanding the Decalogue is the mighty act of salvation and the covenant that God established as its result. Its Ten commandments presuppose that one is already participating in the covenant. People obey out of love, faithfulness and gratitude. Moses sealed the people's participation in the covenant by sprinkling them with the "blood of the covenant". Jesus renewed that as "my blood of the covenant which will be shed for many." For us Christians, the context for understanding and obeying is the Paschal Mystery of our Lord, who through the Eucharist gives us the wisdom and power to obey. Thus the precepts of the Church listed by from the Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us into this covenant relationship with God.

The Precepts of the Church: CCC 2041: The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life, the obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor.

CCC 2042: The first precept: "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation" requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord

The second precept: "You shall confess your sins at least once a year" ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

The third precept: "You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season" guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

The fourth precept: "You shall keep holy the holy days of obligation", completes the Sunday observance by participation in the principal liturgical feasts which honor the mysteries of the Lord, the Virgin Mary, and the saints.

The fifth precept: "You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence" ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts; they help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church each according to his abilities.

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