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Fourth Sunday of Lent

*We are a people called to be Christ for
one another through Prayer,
Eucharist, Community Involvement
and Social Justice.*

Worship & Devotions Schedule

Sunday Liturgy ~

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:30 pm
Mass Sunday 7:30 am
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Mass ~

Monday-Thursday 7:45 am

Penance/Reconciliation ~

Saturday 4:00 pm
(or by appointment)

Holy Days ~ As Announced

Pastoral Ministry

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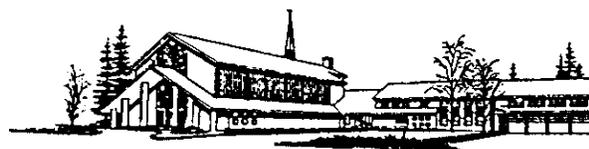
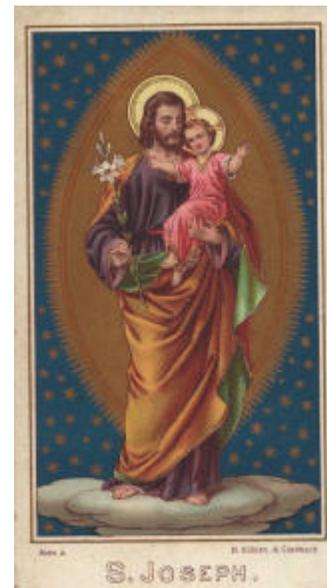
Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm—Please leave a
message on the phone or email and someone will get
back to you.

CLOSED ON FRIDAY

This Week...
Solemnity of
St. Joseph, Spouse of
The Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, March 19th





St. Rita Catholic Church - Portland, OR

SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH

Mass 7:30am - Fr. Todd Molinari
Mass 10:00am - Msgr. Tim Murphy

MONDAY, MARCH 15TH

TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH

THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH

FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH

Solemnity of St. Joseph - Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Office Closed

SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH

Confession 4:00
Mass 5:30pm - Msgr. Tim Murphy

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST

Mass 7:30am - Msgr. Tim Murphy
Mass 10:00am - Fr. Todd Molinari

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please continue to pray for the following people who are continuing their journey towards initiation in the Catholic Church:

ELECT:

Corey Meza
Jett Arias
Santino Cianni
Isabella Cianni



CANDIDATE:

Leif Grobey

CATECHUMEN:

Christopher Douglas

Please also remember our Candidates for Confirmation and First Communion in your prayers:

CONFIRMATION:

Allison Patterson
Kadin Patterson
Jasmine Thai Pham
Humberto Sanchez
Fiona Simms
Sirena Kuss
Sydni Pham
Logan Ajifu-Santos



FIRST COMMUNION:

Hannah Estrosa
Hailey Estrosa
Abigail Patterson

SCRIPTURE FOR DAILY PRAYER

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| Mon. Mar. 15 | Is 65:17-21 ; Jn 4:43-54 |
| Tue. Mar. 16 | Ez 47:1-9, 12 ; Jn 5:1-16 |
| Wed. Mar. 17 | Is 49:8-15 ; Jn 5:17-30 |
| Thu. Mar. 18 | Ex 32:7-14 ; Jn 5:31-47 |
| Fri. Mar. 19 | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 ; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a |
| Sat. Mar. 20 | Jer 11:18-20 ; Jn 7:40-53 |
| Sun. Mar. 21 | Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11 ; Jn 11:1-45 |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon. Mar. 15~ 7:45 am + James & Marie Duong

Tue. Mar. 16~ 7:45 am All Relatives & Friends &
+ All Deceased Souls of
Mhang Duong Family

Wed. Mar. 17~ 7:45 am + Thomas Choi

Thu. Mar. 18~ 7:45 am Therese Bae (Health)

Fri. Mar. 19 ~~~~~

Sat. Mar. 20~ 5:30 pm Therese Bae (Health)

Sun. Mar. 21~ 7:30 am + Joe Pitton
10:00 am For the People

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES FOR LENT

Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. To fast means to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken for good health but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

PEW CLEANERS

If you have a few minutes to spare after Mass each week, we are in need of folks to help with cleaning the pews. Thank you to those of you who have been so faithful in helping since we were able to return to church in June of 2020. Your dedication and hard work are very much appreciated!

March 14, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Homilies are from previous week

.Homily ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent A 3.7.21 ~ Father Todd Molinari

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we hear the Word of God during this third Sunday of the Lenten season. As we continue on our 40 days of journey through the wilderness of Lent towards an ever-deeper initiation into Christ, we now enter the central part of this journey with the Word of God in this Sunday and the two following Sundays. We accompany our brothers and sisters preparing for the Easter sacraments. Our renewal of our initiation into the ways of Christ is a light to those who are undergoing this process for the first time. As we do so, we allow the Words of Jesus to seep into us, to gently but concretely transform us from within.

In the first reading from the book of Exodus, God reveals Himself in two ways: In the cloud and by His delay in responding to the requests of Moses and the people. The cloud is an important image because it represents the transcendence of God – we can only perceive his hiddenness, his overwhelming glory and his intense mystery. Yet, strangely enough, Moses and the people can relate to him – he draws near, even though it is briefly in order to guide them through the wilderness, to be ahead of them and behind them – protection and guidance. He provides for our deepest needs. This profound question will resonate throughout the journey through the wilderness: what are your needs? What are our wants? – and can we tell the difference between the two? God provides for our needs, but not for our wants. Maybe that is the cause of our disappointment, fears, angers and confusion. We base so much of our lives on fulfilling our wants and desires but neglect that which is needful – our soul and our soul's relationship with God, which only God can satisfy. Lent is the time for clarification between wants and needs and recalibration towards the needful and away from our oftentimes petty and egotistical desires. In order to do this fruitfully, we need to take the time to create the inner space where we can reflect on the one thing we need – God. Lent is for making our way through the wilderness back to God. The 40 days in the wilderness of circumambulating back and forth over the same ground is a symbol for the journey with and to God – the life of faith is a back-and-forth, a circling around and around the same questions, the same sins, the same challenges and frustrations and ultimately the same soul. We must not see this as a hopeless going in circles but an image for the slow and patient process of initiation into the ways of God by purifying ourselves of our desires and stripping ourselves bare to our need for God alone.

This also helps us to understand why God delays in answering the complaints of the People in the desert. Again, this is a question of our un-reflected needs which turn into demands – our demands versus God's ways of doing things. We think that God delays in responding to us because He either doesn't care about us, or maybe we have done something wrong, or maybe we have prayed incorrectly. All of that is wrong. Instead, God's so-called "delay" is a grace. It is an opportunity for deeper turning from our ways of doing things and permanent initiation into the truth of God's ways. Or to put it another way, to see that God is our ultimate need. Our period of time in the desert of fasting, prayer, penance and almsgiving is a time for our faith to mature and for us to grow in our trust in God. Before faith reaches its maturity it must first go through a period of purification and trial. God does not come to us all at once, nor does our faith manifest itself all at once. This Lent we can use the time that God gives us – to use His delay – for our own spiritual growth.

The Gospel of John brings this all home with the dialogue of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. The place where we deepen our conversion and where we enter into our initiation more deeply is in our dialogue with Jesus. Jesus offers us the "living waters" that are His Word and His Baptism, which we renew during this season. The encounter at the holy site of Jacob's Well with a Samaritan woman reveals some important aspects of Jesus: The well commemorated the event in Jacob's journey where he had the dream of wrestling with the angel of the Lord. Jacob was on the journey home to reconcile with his estranged brother Esau. But on the way, God came to him and in that encounter he was wounded by God in such a way that it made him realize his ultimate need for God. The conversation at Jacob's Well takes place at this site of Jacob's struggle, wounding, and ultimate journey of faith back to God. Jesus' dialogue with the Samaritan woman offers that same journey through personal encounter with Him. Thus he refers to himself as "the living water." - He is saying that just as he is authentic communion with God, to the extent we undergo initiation into him and his life we partake in this as well. He tells the Samaritan woman that each and every one of us – no matter our background, our sins, our shames - can also be in communion with God. The way forward is to follow Jesus in the way in which he enters into the human condition: with unconditional love and mercy for all, especially for the poor and the outsider. This is Christian initiation – to live as fully and with such truth and integrity as Jesus that our lives become a radical encounter with God as well. Let us take this opportunity to allow our Lenten journey, with all of its spiritual practices, to open us up to this new way of life in Christ.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Herminia Arias, Charlotte Benfiet, Jennifer Benfiet, Margaret Bennett, Jo Betich, Cynthia Bjore, Carlos Chavez, Maria Chavez, Jerry Ciraulo, Troy Classen, Geoff Crawford, Ken Dobos, Alex Espy, Bonnie Estes, Tom Estes, Anita Fazio, Karen Fitterer, Sergey Fureyster, Malcolm Fylan, Johnny Gamenara, Curt Gefre, Bonnie Greeninger, Dottie Griffin, Elaine Haskell, Gary & Liz Heckman, Ann Heller, Dave Heller, Bill Hilands, Jenny Johns, John Johns, Patty LeCount, Charlotte Rose Livermore, Fr. Joe McMahon, Joseph Molinari, Eunice Monsrud, Barbara Nisbet, Betty Jo Noble, Shirley Orr & Family, Joe Panowicz, Jocelyn Park-Gillespie, Eleanor Pine, Skye Porter, Laura Ramirez, Christine Rivera, Sharon Roberts, Pat Shanahan, Rodney Smith, Charlene Steier, Jim Swanberg, Leticia Valdefiera, Casey Yager, Sharon & Leon Young

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