CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA



3rd Sunday

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a



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March 20th - March 27th Liturgical Calendar at your Cathedral of St. Helena

Sunday, March 20 - Third Sunday of Lent 7:30am - Mass 9 am - Mass 11 am - Mass (Livestream)

Monday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday 7 am - Mass; Rosary after Mass 12 Noon - Mass (Livestream)

Tuesday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday
7 am - Mass; Devotions; Rosary after Mass
12 Noon - Mass (Livestream); Devotions

Wednesday, March 23 - Lenten Weekday 7 am - Mass; Rosary after Mass 12 Noon - Mass (Livestream)

Thursday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday 7 am - Mass; Rosary after Mass 12 Noon - Mass (Livestream)

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD

7 AM - MASS; ROSARY AFTER MASS ADORATION UNTIL 11:30 AM 12 NOON - MASS (LIVESTREAM) 5 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 26 - Lenten Weekday 8:30 am - Rosary 9 am - Mass Reconciliation after Mass until 11 am 5 pm - Mass

Sunday, March 27 - Fourth Sunday of Lent 7:30 am - Mass 9 am - Mass 11 am - Mass (livestream)

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VOCATIONS PRAYER

Heavenly Father, please abundantly bless these men who are in formation for the priesthood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant them gifts of wisdom, knowledge and most of all, generous hearts, that they may be enflamed with love for You and Your Church. Through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

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A weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. It is a place where you can hear valuable information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce. The current session continues every Tuesday from 6:30 until 8:30 pm. For more information, contact Kathy Surbrugg at 442-5825.

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It is our goal to walk with and provide formation to couples in civil unions seeking convalidation or to get their marriage blessed in the Catholic Church. This sacramental Marriage formation will be personal, inviting, timely, engaging and allow space for growth. Good marriage formation can provide the foundation for a lifelong, happy and fruitful marriage. For more information, contact Fr. Scheidecker or Kathy Surbrugg at 442-5825





WORD ABOUT THE WORD

This week's readings hold within them some incredible and mystical insights. In our first reading from Exodus we are given something here that is not depicted in the movies. I will let you in on a little Jewish insight. In almost every version of the Moses story we have seen, there is the famous "burning bush" scene. What the movies fail to mention is that Moses first sees an Angel of the Lord! As he moves closer, the Angel vanishes and a burning bush that is not being consumed by the flames is all that remains. After speaking to God, Moses asks God for a name. Now this is very important. All other gods had names that people could call on them for. Not so in this encounter. God tells Moses "I am who Am", literally in the Hebrew "I am who is". Notice it is not "I am who was", or "I am who will be", it is "I am who am". Ever in the present moment, right here, right now. How cool is that little tidbit. In theological circles we call this name the "Tetragrammaton". It is a big word which stands for four Hebrew letters. YHVH is the English translation of the Hebrew letters. There are no vowels, and according to Jewish custom, no one is to try and pronounce these letters as a word. To honor that, the word "Lord" is used instead. This is out of respect for the sacredness of God. Something to think about the next time you are tempted to swear or curse using our Lord's name...St. Paul tells us to consider carefully the Israelites and what happened to them. He invites us to look closely at ourselves and repent and change our ways. In the Gospel, our blessed Lord tells us point blank to repent or we might perish. He wants us to bear fruit and new life, not to be stagnant or dead lest we be cut down like the unproductive fig tree. So, this week as we draw deeper into Lent, let us remember who God is and how He is ever present with us in each and every moment. Let us us reflect on His holiness and the privilege of calling Him our friend. This hopefully will lead us to repent and change our ways and grow ever closer to the one who gave His very life for all of us. Something to think about on this Lenten weekend...May God richly bless you always...

MUSIC FOR MARCH 20, 2022

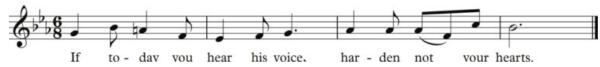


Prelude: Magnificat on the 7th tone composed by Heinrich Scheidemann

Introit: My eyes are forever turned towards the Lord; for he shall release my feet from the snare; look upon me and have mercy on me, for I am abandoned and destitute.

Opening Hymn: The Glory of These Forty Days 467

Psalm 95



Offertory: The ordinances of the Lord are right, bringing joy to all hearts, sweeter than honey or the honeycomb. Therefore your servant will observe them.

Communion: The sparrow has found herself a home, and the turtle dove a nest in which to lay her young: at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God! Blessed are they who dwell in your house, they shall praise you forever and ever.

Communion (11am): The Word is Near composed by Jonathan Embry

Communion Meditation: Our Father We Have Wandered 963

Attention: For all those interested in serving the Cathedral parish through the gift of music, there are rehearsals for joining the choir from 7:00 - 8:30pm on Thursday nights.

Join Bishop Vetter for Deanery-Wide Synod Gatherings

A Listening Church

I invite you to gather together, as we listen, learn and are heard. We will begin, as we should begin everything, in prayer. We invite the Holy Spirit to be among us, to open our ears, minds, and hearts to hear the movement of the Holy Spirit in this time and place. I want to hear your voice, to see and recognize you, as you share your story.

+ Bishop Austin A. Vetter

Helena Deanery Synod Gathering:

March 20th
6:30 pm - Prayer & Reflection
7:00 pm - Dialogue with Bishop Vetter
8:30 pm - Conclusion

Location - St. Mary Catholic Community

The Pope's Intention for March: A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.





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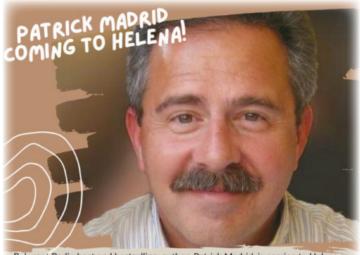
If you are interested in these openings for ministry please call Linda Kecskes at 406-442-5825 Ext. 104

In the previous monthly period, the Cathedral Parish had 1464 registered families with 644 families receiving envelopes and 702 contributing to the upkeep of the parish. The weekend of 3/13/2022, we received through **Stewardship \$10,460.00** in envelopes, \$1,570.00 from online giving, and \$1,583.00 in loose currency and checks for a total of \$13,613.00 Our weekly goal is \$17,561.05.

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Questions: Call Rose Casey at (406) 410-0968



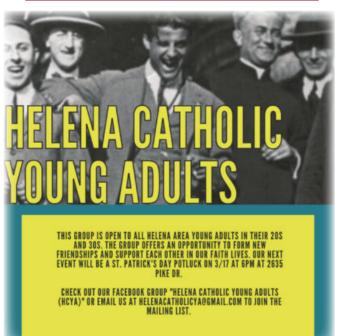
The Helena Council 844 Knights of Columbus will be serving their famous fish dinners during Lent! Inside dining returns this year in the KC Hall at 1867 N Washington Street (behind Whalen Tire). Dates for remaining dinners are Fridays:

March 25th and April 8th. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Please join us for a great fish dinner.

THE SACRED HEART LEAGUE

The Sacred Heart League meets the 4th Friday of each month. We will be meeting next Friday, March 25th at 10 AM in the Cathedral Center (rm 108). If you feel called to strengthen and renew a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, know that you are welcome to join!







Pro-Life Helena invites you to join us for the Spring 2022 40 Days for Life campaign to pray to end abortion.

Please join us for these following events, and check out the full details on Facebook at Pro-Life Helena.

Sunday, March 20, 2022 6:00 PM Midway Prayer Vigil
Planned Parenthood, 1500 Cannon St., Helena
Gather in prayer, led by local pastors, priests, & ministers. Please join us for this candlelight vigil!

<u>Sunday, April 10, 2022 6:00 PM Closing Rally</u>
Canyon Ferry Road Baptist Church, 3384 Canyon Ferry Rd, East Helena
Please join us to reflect on the campaign as we continue to pray to end abortion
on day 41 and beyond.





Scan to sign up for prayer times

www.prolifehelena.com

The 3rd Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022

Ex 3:1-15

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites:
I AM sent me to you."
Ps 103:1-11
"The Lord is kind and merciful"
1 Cor 10:1-12

"These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us..."

Lk 13:1-9

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will perish as they did."

The 4th Sunday of Lent March 27, 2022

Jos 5:9-12

"While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover."

Ps 34:2-7

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." 2 Cor 5:17-21

"And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation."

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

"...your brother was dead and has come to life afain; he was lost and has been found."

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15 / Ps 42:2 - 43:4 / Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25-43 / Ps 25: 4-9 / Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1-9 / Ps 147:12-20 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28 / Ps 95:1-9 / Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14 / Ps 40:7-11 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6 / Ps 51:3-21 / Lk 18:9-14



Treasures from our Tradition: In A.D. 567, at the Council of Tours, March 25th (the Asummption), became the official first day of the New Year. It was not until 1582 that, under Gregory XIII, January 1st was again recognized as New Year's Day in Catholic countries. Many Protestant countries maintained the later date up until the 18th Century. This is likely the origin of April Fool's Day as many did not receive the news, or ignored it, and continued to celebrate the New Year at the beginning of April.





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