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MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

Celebration of the Eucharist

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| Saturday | 4:00 pm — by reservation only |
| Sunday | 7:00 am — by reservation only |
| | 9:15 am — by reservation only |

Celebration of Penance

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| Friday | 4:45 - 5:15 pm |
| Saturday | 2:30 - 3:30 pm |



Pastoral Perspectives

Happy Lent! And it could be a happy Lent for you this year. I am going to recommend something that you give up that could be very positive and helpful for your growth in the spiritual life.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus, before the temptations he experiences in the wilderness, is returning from the Jordan. He has just been baptized by John, a powerful experience of knowing the certainty of God's delight in him. He has been told that he, Jesus, is the Father's Beloved Son. In him the Father was well pleased.

Yes, not only Jesus but all of us can hear the voice that speaks from above and from within and then whispers softly or declares loudly: "You are my Beloved. In you I am well pleased." It is not always easy to hear that voice in a world filled with voices that shout: "You are no good; you are ugly; you are worthless; you are despicable, you are nobody – unless you can demonstrate the opposite.

These voices, says the spiritual writer Henry Nouwen, are so loud and so persistent that it is easy to believe them. That's the great trap. It is the trap of self-rejection. As he notes, "the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection. Success, popularity, and power can, indeed, present a great temptation, but their seductive quality comes from the way they are part of the much larger temptation to self-rejection. When we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions."

So, make this Lent the opportunity to give up self-rejection. We are the Beloved. We are intimately loved long before our parents, teachers, spouses, children, and friends wounded us.

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Our Mission Statement

The Cathedral Community is a Roman Catholic parish of the Diocese of Rochester that gathers and worships at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We are an ethnically, racially and economically diverse community with unique gifts and challenges within an urban neighborhood.

Our mission is to reach out with hope to all in our community, neighborhood and beyond, to proclaim the Gospel with joy and enthusiasm, and to prepare disciples who will go forth to serve God and others, especially the poor, with mercy and compassion.

February 21, 2021
First Sunday Of Lent

Masses at The Cathedral

RESERVATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE
4:00pm Mass on Saturday and for the 7:00 and 9:15 am masses on Sunday. Reservations may be made on our website cathedralcommunity.org or by calling the designated reservation line at 254-3221 ext. 107. Starting Monday at 8 am.

DAILY MASS: Daily Mass will be celebrated at 12:10pm, Monday through Friday, during Lent. Reservations are **NOT** required for daily Mass.

"Cross" Project

During this Lenten Season, we invite you to participate in the Cathedral Community's "Lenten Cross Project," a program similar to our on-line Christmas Creche presentation. To take part we ask you to:

1. Send us a photo of the cross/crucifix of your choosing. Our presentation will include all of the photos along with musical pieces recorded by members of our choir.
2. Please include a brief explanation of why you chose this cross/crucifix, eg. given by a family member, wedding present, etc. Also include your family name. Email the photo and description to Joe Muller at: Joseph.Muller@dor.org by March 15.
3. There is also an anonymous segment of the project. As we enter our second unusual Lent, we have each endured challenges and are more aware of the crosses that we carry. If you are willing, we invite you to name, and write a few words about, the unique cross that you carry this year. We hope that sharing these crosses with one another will help us carry them together and to reflect on how they are all connected to the cross of Jesus. You may participate in Part 3 of the Cross Project by including it in your email to Joe (that part would be kept anonymous) or by mailing your response to the office or dropping it in the collection boxes at church, please mark the envelope "Cross Project Part 3." Remember, the description of the special cross that you are carrying will appear anonymously in the presentation. We look forward to your participation!!!!

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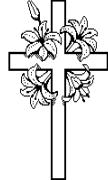
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Listening to that voice with great inner attentiveness you can hear “I have called you by name, from the very beginning. You are mine and I am yours. You are my Beloved and in you I am well pleased.”

- *Thought for the week:* Remember that hope is not a plan of action.
- *Smile for the week:* Why don’t dinosaurs talk? Because they’re all dead!

God bless! Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Kevin McKenna



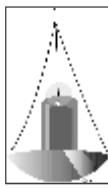
PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for all of our deceased.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let your perpetual light shine upon them.*

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory Of — Richard Spector
Requested by — Judith Kiehl*



Hunger In Our World

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Scripture Study for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 28, 2021, is the Second Sunday of Lent. The readings will be Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; and Mark 9:2-10.

Each Sunday we listen to the Scriptures from the vantage point of knowing that Jesus is God, that he suffered and died and then rose from the dead to new life. Our ancestors in faith didn't have that same advantage.

Our first reading next Sunday is the difficult passage in which God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham lived long before Jesus, but had come to believe in the one, true God. Abraham expressed his devotion to God through the cultural practices of his time: obedience and sacrificial offering. Abraham's inner struggle must have been horrible as he attempted to demonstrate his faith in God through the sacrifice of his own son. It was Abraham's faith that allowed God to reveal something new: the one God in whom Abraham believed is a just and compassionate God, a God of life.

The Gospel reading from Mark is the Transfiguration account. As the apostles Peter, James, and John climbed the mountain with Jesus, they had no understanding of his resurrection, though they had heard him predict his imminent suffering and death. Their time on the mountain - as Jesus is transfigured, converses with Moses and Elijah, and hears a voice from the cloud saying, *“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him,”* - may have confounded them in the moment but would offer strength in the months ahead of them after they had experienced his death and had begun to contemplate his resurrection.

As Jews, the disciples would have prayed the “shema” each day, the words of Deuteronomy that said *“Hear (i.e. shema) O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.”* At the Transfiguration, God instructs the disciples to “hear” Jesus. Jesus is the embodiment and the fulfillment of God’s Word. That Word speaks to us and reminds us that the suffering and sacrifice that are our Lenten focus will only have meaning if we unite them with the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus and follow him all the way to the new life of Easter.

Rose Davis

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Saturday, February 20, 2021

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

- 4:00 pm Malaine Ryan—Joe Foley & Family
 Elizabeth Megerle—Family
 Russell Chimera—Mike & Patty Fredericks
 Joanne Thomas—Patty Fredericks

Sunday, February 21, 2021—First Sunday Of Lent

Gn 9:8-15, 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

- 7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
 9:15 am Pat Kershner—Dcn. Lynn & Peggy Kershner

Monday, February 22, 2021

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

- 12:10 pm Deceased members of our families—Julie & Dave Boland

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

- 12:10 pm For an increase of all church vocations

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

- 12:10 pm For Family Relationships

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

- 12:10 pm For the youth of our World

Friday, February 26, 2021

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

- 12:10 pm For the priests of our Diocese

Saturday, February 27, 2021

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

- 4:00 pm John Maxwell—Patty Fredericks

Sunday, February 28, 2021—Second Sunday Of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

- 7:00 am Mary Jo Whalen—Margaret Whalen
 9:15 am Joseph Pelliccia—Wife & Children
 Robert Bauer—Bauer Family
 For the people of the Cathedral Community



MASS INTENTIONS

Consider requesting a Mass for a deceased loved one. The offering is \$10. Weekend and weekday masses are available for 2021.

Make a \$10 donation to have a sanctuary lamp burn in honor of your loved one. The name of the honored person will be listed in the bulletin. Cards are available with this donation. Please call the office at 254-3221 to request this memorial.



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