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OUR MISSION

At Saints Peter & Paul, we cultivate the Gospel message and offer the Sacraments & Worship, activities & community for God's people. "We are God's co-workers."
1 Corinthians 3:9



MARCH 7, 2021 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30am

Vigil Saturday: 4:00pm • **Sunday:** 8:30am
Holy Days: Check bulletin prior to Holy Day

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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00pm & the 2nd Thursday of the month 5–6pm, in the Servers Sacristy of the Church.

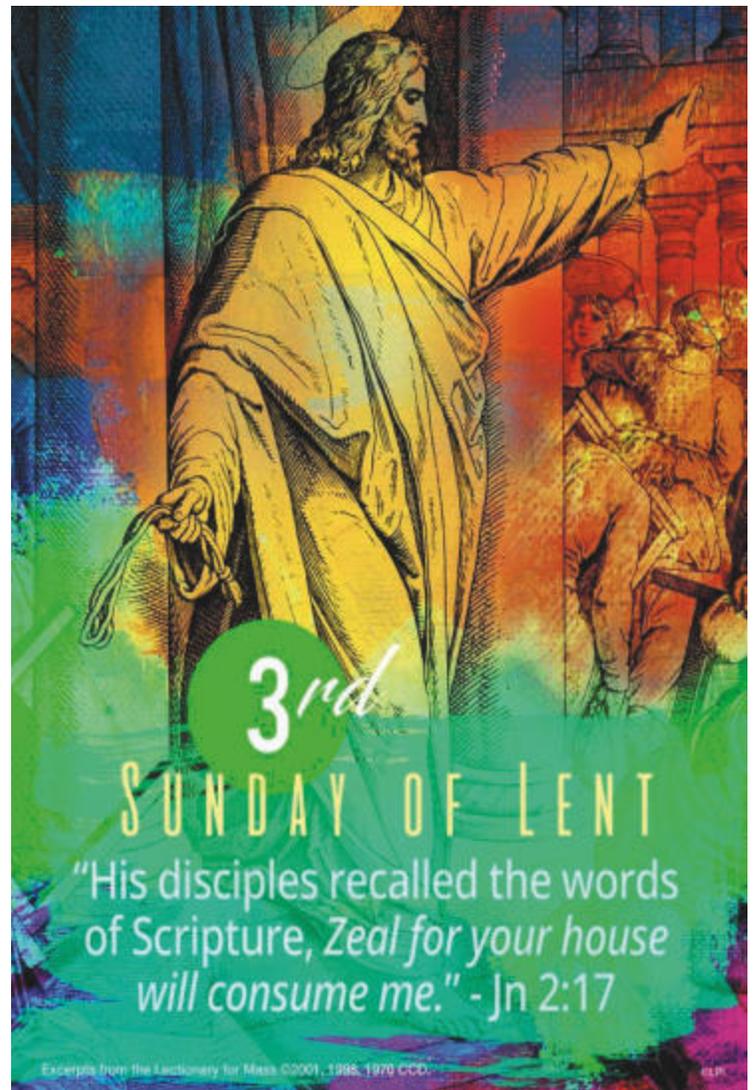
BAPTISM: Before any detailed arrangements are made, prospective expecting parents must attend a pre-baptism class. Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory Office in advance.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory Office before publication in newspapers.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements are to be made in person at the Rectory Office at least six months in advance. All couples planning to be married must attend Diocesan Pre-Marriage Instructions.

SICK CALLS: Inform the Rectory Office of the ill and homebound.

RCIA: Interested in becoming Catholic? Learn about the Catholic Faith. Call the Rectory.



**Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Therese
LITURGY SCHEDULE
Third Week of Lent**

MONDAY, March 8, 2021*Saint John of God, Religious*

St. T.—6:30 PM † Ray Hlavaty

St. T.—7:00 PM Confessions

TUESDAY, March 9, 2021*Saint Francis of Rome, Religious*

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2021

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM † Regina Mauser

THURSDAY, March 11, 2021

St. T.—8:30 AM † Rev. Ron Rutkowski

FRIDAY, March 12, 2021

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM † Steve & Stella Wojcik

SATURDAY, March 13, 2021*Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Ss. P&P—4:00 PM † Annette Slovenski (A)

St. T. — 5:30 PM † Patty Tsakalos

SUNDAY, March 14, 2021*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM For the People of the Parishes

St. T. — 10:30 AM † Timothy Novak



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9;
 Matthew 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
 Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
 Sunday: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23;
 Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, March 9, 2021

Altar & Rosary Meeting has been CANCELLED

WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2021

PSR—St. Therese Church Hall—6:00pm

FRIDAY, March 12, 2021Stations of the Cross—St. Therese—Noon
 Saints Peter & Paul—7:00pm**KEEPING A HOLY LENT****CONFESSIONS**Saturdays 3:00pm-4:00pm
 2nd Thursday of the month 5:00pm
 Servers Sacristy in the Church—March 11**DIOCESAN EVENING OF CONFESSION**

Has been cancelled for this pandemic year 2021

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

St. Therese Church—Sunday, March 21—3:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSSSt. Therese Church—Noon
 Saints Peter & Paul Church—7:00pm
 Friday, March 12, 19, 26**BIBLE STUDY**Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. in St. Therese Rectory
 Now thru March 23
 Information contact the St. Therese Rectory office
 at 216-581-2852.**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS**

Available at the front table and the cross aisle of the church are the Lenten Little Black and Purple Books. A free will offering will be accepted. Thank You.

**LENTEN FAMILY CHALLENGES****CHALLENGE:** Make cards for your teachers to say Thank You.**FOCUS:** Teachers make sure you have the education and tools you need to succeed in the world. WE should always say thank you to those who dedicate their time and effort to making our lives better**SPRING FORWARD**Daylight Savings Time
 begins Sunday March 14.Set your clock forward
 one hour before going to bed on
 Saturday, March 13.



PASTOR'S NOTES

The Lord be with you!

As we continue our review of the *Baltimore Catechism's* teachings on the sacraments, it is good to remember how this knowledge is helpful. Just as athletes are able to train themselves better when they understand what their exercises are doing, we are able to train ourselves better spiritually when we understand how we interact with grace.

Question 585. What do we mean by the "right intention" for the administration of the Sacraments?

Answer. By the right intention for the administration of the Sacraments we mean that whoever administers a Sacrament must have the intention of doing what Christ intended when He instituted the Sacrament and what the Church intends when it administers the Sacrament.

Question 586. Is there any likeness between the thing used in the outward sign and the grace given in each Sacrament?

Answer. There is a great likeness between the thing used in the outward sign and the grace given in each Sacrament; thus water is used for cleansing; Baptism cleanses the soul; Oil gives strength and light; Confirmation strengthens and enlightens the soul; Bread and wine nourish; the Holy Eucharist nourishes the soul.

Question 587. What do we mean by the "matter and form" of the Sacraments?

Answer: By the "matter" of the Sacraments we mean the visible things, such as water, oil, bread, wine, etc., used for the Sacraments. By the "form" we mean the words, such as "I baptize thee," "I confirm thee," etc., used in giving or administering the Sacraments.

Question 588. Do the needs of the soul resemble the needs of the body?

Answer. The needs of the soul do resemble the needs of the body; for the body must be born, strengthened, nourished, healed in affliction, helped at the hour of death, guided by authority, and given a place in which to dwell. The soul is brought into spiritual life by Baptism; it is strengthened by Confirmation; nourished by the Holy Eucharist; healed by Penance; helped at the hour of our death by Extreme Unction; guided by God's ministers through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and it is given a body in which to dwell by the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Question 589. Whence have the Sacraments the power of giving grace?

Answer. The Sacraments have the power of giving grace from the merits of Jesus Christ.

My commentary.

Regarding Question 585, as I alluded to last week, "right intention" is not difficult to achieve because only a general intention is needed. Every time I celebrate Mass, I intend to do what the Church and God would have me do. I cannot claim, however, that I have always been 100% recollected for every Mass. Luckily, I only need to have the moral or habituated intention to celebrate Mass correctly. "Moral" here not only means "upright" and "good" but also "in the habit of doing."

In her celebration of the sacraments, the Church has chosen rituals and elements that reflect the underlying mystery of grace. By having the outward sign resemble the inward reality, the Church is disposing us to receive the graces being offered. Usually, the outward form is attached to the "form" of the sacrament.

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Do you remember your ancient and medieval philosophy? Since most people do not, allow me to over-simplify some important concepts. Any individual thing that exists as itself we call a "substance." For example, a fern is a substance. The greenness of the fern is not a substance, but an attribute or accident of the substance. "Green" does not exist by itself but only in other things. But even in our example of the fern, green does not exist all over the place. The fern has a certain organization and pattern to itself. That pattern is what we call "the form." Ferns look and act a certain way. Ferns do not walk up to you and go "meow"; they use photosynthesis to grow and stay rooted to the ground. The form of the fern - its organizing principle - takes elements and makes them into the fern. Those elements that it incorporates into the fern, we call the fern's "matter." If you guessed that the form of a fern is its life (or soul) and its matter is its body, gold star for you! Now, vegetative souls are not immortal - that fern is not making it to heaven. In fact, if that fern is in my rectory, it might not make it to next week. The life of the fern, however brief it is, is not reducible to the fern's parts but makes those parts more.

The Church uses the terms "form" and "matter" with the sacraments in an analogous way to how we use these terms to describe substances. The "matter" of a sacrament is the stuff that will be incorporated into the sacrament whereas the "form" of the sacrament is the principle of Divine Life that will transform the matter. The examples cited in Question 587 are fairly obvious and straightforward. What about Reconciliation though? As we will learn later, it is the confession of one's sins along with contrition for them that is the matter of the sacrament. That matter - your sorrow over your sins or your fear of punishment - is transformed into something more by the form of the sacrament - the words of absolution. Just as bread and wine become the Eucharist, our brokenness becomes wholeness in Christ.

From the above points, we can see that the analogy being used in Question 588 is okay but not great. Body and soul are not two unconnected realities but two parts of a whole. Each of us is a single living body; the soul is that part of a person that gives life to his body. Nevertheless, the sacraments primarily change our souls because that is the part of us that is capable of receiving grace. Grace is not stored up in our stomachs after all. Sanctifying grace lives in our hearts, i.e. the depths of our souls. To be clear: Question 588 is just wrong about marriage providing a home for the soul. Bad catechism! Although marriage does allow two people to be joined as one, the soul is not homeless without it.

Lastly, we can expand Question 589 to state that all the sacraments flow from the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Christ. Each time we participate in a sacrament, grace flows from Christ to us. Thus, grace, being our sharing in Divine Life, is itself the principle of life for the sacraments.

Next time we will go into more detail about the conferral of grace and how to understand it. If any of the above comments about "matter" and "form" were confusing, I would be happy to go into more detail but not in this space - my articles are getting almost too long. Nevertheless, we have a rich theological tradition that helps us to contemplate God so that we can better know, love, and serve Him.

In Christ, Fr. John

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

ASK FATHER

Question: “Why was John the Baptist arrested?”



Answer: Herod Antipater, also known as “Herod Tetrarch” and “King Herod,” was the ruler of Galilee and Perea (an area located East of the Jordan river) on behalf of the Roman Empire during the time of Christ’s public ministry. Herod divorced his first wife Phasaelis in order to marry Herodias, the wife of his half-brother Herod II. John the Baptist condemned Herod Antipater for entering into this unlawful marriage. Herod Antipater then had John arrested so that John the Baptist could no longer publicly condemn Herod’s infidelity.

Why was it a big deal that John was condemning this marriage? First, Herod’s action violated the Jewish law because it was incestuous: Herodias was Herod’s niece. By pointing out that Herod and Herodias were living in sin, John was weakening Herod’s credibility amongst the people. Second, this marriage was politically a horrible idea. Remember Phasaelis? She was the daughter of King Arestas IV of Nabatea, which bordered Perea. In other words, Herod’s first marriage was meant to bring stability to the region; his divorce increased tensions and eventually led to a war! By publicizing the fact that King Herod had proven untrustworthy, John the Baptist was further weakening Herod’s power. Thus, King Herod did what any politician would do: he made sure John was quiet by arresting him.

PRAY FOR THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND



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Stella Wall, Jackie Yenco

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School Team is still looking for volunteers to help in various areas of the program that will run July 12th to July 16th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. If you are interested please contact either rectory or email Joanna Parsons at PSR_Program@sttheresegarfield.org



BRING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE!

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: 2 jam-packed days, March 12 & 13, filled with the nation’s top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this event, view the impressive line-up of speakers, or to register, www.bringingamericabacktolife.org or call 440-281-1502.

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