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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 14, 2021 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30am

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

STAFF

Rev. John J. Schneider, ***Pastor***
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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.

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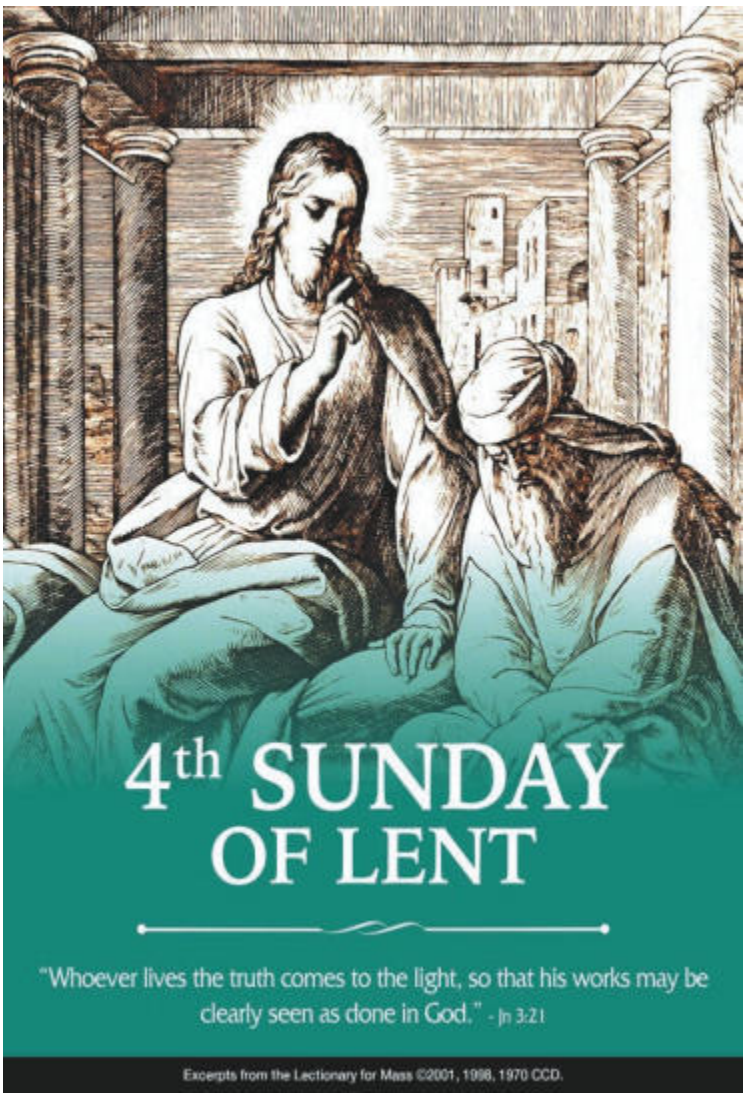


Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Therese
LITURGY SCHEDULE
Fourth Week of Lent

MONDAY, March 15, 2021

St. T.—6:30 PM † Rudy N. Guzman

St. T.—7:00 PM Confessions

TUESDAY, March 16, 2021

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, March 17, 2021
Saint Patrick, Bishop

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM † Vincenzo Tota

THURSDAY, March 18, 2021
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. T.—8:30 AM † Valerie Reeve

FRIDAY, March 19, 2021
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM † Mildred Witkiewicz

SATURDAY, March 20, 2021
Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ss. P&P— 4:00 PM † Patricia Monteleone (A)

St. T. — 5:30 PM † Daniel Smolik

SUNDAY, March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ss. P&P— 8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

St. T. — 10:30 AM For the People of the Parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thursday:	Exodus 31:7-14; John 5:31-47
Friday:	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-141, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Saturday:	Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, March 17, 2021
PSR—St. Therese Church Hall—6:00pm
Stations of the Cross at Saint Therese Church

SUNDAY, March 21, 2021
Communal Penance Service—St Therese Church—3:00pm

KEEPING A HOLY LENT

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 3:00pm-4:00pm
in the Servers Sacristy of the Church.

DIOCESAN EVENING OF CONFESSION
Has been cancelled for this pandemic year 2021

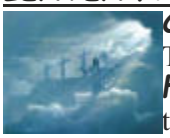
COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
St. Therese Church—Sunday, March 21— 3:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
St. Therese Church—Noon
Saints Peter & Paul Church—7:00pm
Friday, March 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: Read a story form the New Testament as a family.
FOCUS: In the New Testament, Jesus teaches us a lot about God and Heaven. What did you learn about God and His Kingdom in the story you read with your family

Pope Francis
March Prayer Intentions
Sacrament of reconciliation

That we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God….We pray

DIVINE MERCRY HOLY HOUR

Sunday, March 14 at 2:30pm
Saint Monica Church and
Sunday, March 28 at 2:30 pm
Saint Therese Church
Please wear a mask. All are welcome

PASTOR'S NOTES

The Lord be with you!

Have you ever heard of the Sacraments of the dead? I never had until I read this week's questions from the *Baltimore Catechism*. Although we do not use that term anymore, the catechism was making a vital point: some of the sacraments give sanctifying grace whereas the others only build upon it. To the questions!

Question 590. Does the effect of the Sacraments depend on the worthiness or unworthiness of the one who administers them?
Answer. The effect of the Sacraments does not depend on the worthiness or unworthiness of the one who administers them, but on the merits of Jesus Christ, who instituted them, and on the worthy dispositions of those who receive them.

Question 591. What grace do the Sacraments give?
Answer. Some of the Sacraments give sanctifying grace, and others increase it in our souls.

Question 592. When is a Sacrament said to give, and when is it said to increase, grace in our souls?
Answer. A Sacrament is said to give grace when there is no grace whatever in the soul, or in other words, when the soul is in mortal sin. A Sacrament is said to increase grace when there is already grace in the soul, to which more is added by the Sacrament received.

Question 593. Which are the Sacraments that give sanctifying grace?
Answer. The Sacraments that give sanctifying grace are Baptism and Penance; and they are called Sacraments of the dead.

Question 594. Why are Baptism and Penance called Sacraments of the dead?
Answer. Baptism and Penance are called Sacraments of the dead because they take away sin, which is the death of the soul, and give grace, which is its life.

Question 595. May not the Sacrament of Penance be received by one who is in a state of grace?
Answer. The Sacrament of Penance may be and very often is received by one who is in a state of grace, and when thus received it increases -- as the Sacraments of the living do -- the grace already in the soul.

My Commentary.

Question 590 can be rephrased a little so that its connection to the rest of the questions is clearer: can someone administer a sacrament when he himself lacks sanctifying grace? Absolutely. Last week we went over how *additional* graces can be merited by the minister of the sacrament. Whether grace is conferred by a sacrament, however, is not determined by how holy or evil its minister is. Even a priest who has committed a mortal sin can still validly celebrate the sacraments for the benefit of everyone else.

The other questions (591-595) explore how the sacraments are unequal in their distribution of grace. Most of the sacraments require that a person be in the state of grace to be effective, i.e. to grow the amount of grace within an individual's soul. Baptism and Penance do not; instead, the former creates and the latter restores sanctifying grace.

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Baptism establishes an eternal relationship between the baptized and Almighty God. We will go over Baptism more later on, but all we need to know here is that Baptism does not require any other sacrament to work. Now, when the bond of grace is damaged severely by grave sin, we are no longer in a state of grace. In other words, we are dead in our relationship to God. Penance restores that relationship of grace but does not create. When we receive Reconciliation, we are brought back to the same spiritual health we had before we had sinned.

All the sacraments except Baptism are meant to increase the grace we have. At first glance, it might seem that Penance does not do this because it forgives sins. However, Penance gives us actual graces to resist the temptations related to the sins that we had committed. "But Father, if Penance did that, why do I keep committing the same sins?" Most of us commit the same sins because our personalities have particular strengths and weaknesses. For example, people who are very critical of themselves often commit the sin of rash judgment - their habit of looking for faults in themselves makes it easy for them to see other people's flaws as well. It is not a lack of help from God that leads us into sin, but it is our lukewarm acceptance of those graces. Fortunately, most of those hard to get rid of sins are venial and struggling against them is meant to be difficult so that we learn how precious God's help can be.

In this holy season of Lent, all of us should go to Confession. With Covid 19 that has not been easy, but it is still worth doing. We will have a Communal Penance Service next Sunday, March 21st at 3:00pm at St. Therese, and we will actually have volunteers sanitizing the confessionals in between penitents to keep everyone safe. In addition to the regular confession times on Saturday and Monday, I am available for Confessions privately by appointment. Let us all remember to make good use of all the sacraments as we approach Easter.

In Christ, Fr. John

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

PRAY FOR THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND

Mary Jane Andrako, Dennis Becker, Helen Benko, Mary Bienkowski, Sue Boyne, Thom Boyne, Eleanor Buras, Arline Charvat, Bill Choma Carol Cieplowski, Sal Crasi, Catherine Dehil, Al Deuche, Dennis Dikowicz, Ross C. Furcello, Ed Gabriele, Adele Gispanski, Laverne Grabowski, Dori Herout, Kathy Hrestak, Frank Kingzett, Kyle Knight, Mary Ann Koenig, Carol Krapovich, Rich Kropinak, Dolores Kubicek, Fr, Joseph Manich, Daria Melnyc, Karla Muir, Michelle Nowakowski, Kelly Ann Palasics, Christopher Pawlak, Kelly Perhach, Robert Perhach, Richard Pointious, Sandra Priebe, Ken & MaryAnn Prybor, John Robinson, Maria Schieda, John Shedlock, MaryAnn Sibits, Gary Skelly, Veronica Skrocki, Edward Slovenski, Stan Sopinski, Allen Strnad, Darlene Triska, Vince Vartorella, Florence Vlanty, Stella Wall, Jackie Yenco

ASK FATHER

Question: What is morally wrong with the Janssnen/Johnson and Johnson vaccine?

Answer: As many of you have already heard, the Janssen/ Johnson and Johnson vaccine is morally compromised. As the Archdiocese of New Orleans explained succinctly, "the latest vaccine from Janssen/Johnson & Johnson is morally compromised as it uses the abortion-derived cell line in development and production of the vaccine as well as the testing." Whereas the other vaccines were only tested on abortion-derived stem cells, the JJJ vaccine was *developed* from such cells. Testing a vaccine on aborted-derived cells is certainly a grave sin and Moderna, Pfizer, and Janssen/ Johnson and Johnson should be condemned for that crime. Testing the vaccine, however, is not intrinsically related to the usage of a vaccine because you can use a vaccine without testing being done. After all, all three vaccines against COVID are experimental so in a certain sense everyone using them is testing them out. You cannot test or use something without it being developed though.

Accordingly, if you decide to get a vaccine, the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines can be used without any moral issue. The JJJ vaccine can only be used in the circumstance that your health is seriously put at risk by COVID *and* you cannot otherwise obtain a vaccine. For example, a 90+ resident in a nursing home whose insurance is only able to obtain the JJJ vaccine could take the vaccine without doing anything seriously wrong. Thankfully, the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are becoming easier to obtain so hopefully this will not be much of an issue.

SORRY TO SEE YOU LEAVE

It saddens us to announce the retirement of Cindy Kiel, secretary at St. Therese. Cindy has been a member of St. Therese Parish for 44 years and an integral part of the staff at the rectory for 16 years. Her contributions will always be valued and remembered. Her hard work, commitment and dedication are worthy of admiration. Cindy will be greatly missed. Filling her shoes will be an almost impossible task. We wish her the best of luck and hope her retirement is full of joy and blessings.

John Carroll University Zoom Lecture

Signs & Wonders: The Shared Story of Passover and Easter. Join Dr. Noah Bickart (John Carroll University) for an online exploration of the origins of the Passover celebration. Learn about the religious world of the first century, and how Jews and Christians today look back on their shared history. Tuesday, March 23, 7:00pm. The webinar is free and open to the public. To register, go to www.zoom.us and enter meeting code 967-9124-3198.

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$	120.00	Easter
$	5.00	Initial Offering
$	40.00	Ash Wednesday
$	130.00	Altar & Flowers
$	5,295.00	Total for Ministry and Operating

OTHER COLLECTIONS:

$	5.00	Guardian Angel
$	188.00	SVDP
$	20.00	Central & Eastern Europe
$	40.00	Catholic Relief Services
$	55.00	Good Friday (Holy Land)

ON-LINE GIVING

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Accept whatever He gives
and give whatever He takes
with a BIG smile."
Mother Teresa

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

10806 Granger Road – K of C Club 4130 Hall

LASAGNA DINNER

Wednesday, March 31—Pick-up times will be 4pm-6pm.
Dinner consists of: Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad
Everything is Packaged - PRE-ORDER ONLY
Curbside Pickup - Ready To Heat - NO Bakery
Cost: **- Adults $10 ... Children Under 12 - $8**
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