

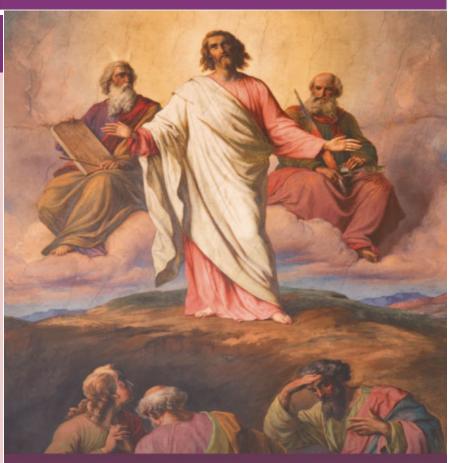
SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm In the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670.**

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If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone.

Or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses Monday thru Friday @ 7am

Weekend Masses Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

> Holy Hour Thursdays @ 7pm

TALLer Tales



The Tupperware Cabinet: While growing up, there was one aspect of our family kitchen that I remember the most besides the old yellow rotary phone on the

wall: the infamous "Tupperware Cabinet." The cabinet held the "precious" collection of our Tupperware and other plastic food storage containers. Now I'm assuming everyone had and continues to have such a cabinet. I could be wrong, but I don't think there is a person on earth with a neatly stacked and organized Tupperware Cabinet. With four kids in the house growing up, it was much easier to toss all those food containers into that one cabinet and then QUICKLY close the door. And, if you were smart, you only opened the cabinet ever so slightly when you needed to put something in there so as not to disturb the natural order of things behind that closed door. And then you did all of that with your eyes closed, cringing, and saying a prayer.

When we had major family gatherings at our house, I remember that the ultimate punishment in the pre-party house cleaning was to be sent to organize the "Tupperware Cabinet." That was pure drudgery! And then, there was the known requirement at large family gatherings that you guarded the door of the "Tupperware Cabinet" lest an unknowing relative opened that particular cabinet and set off an avalanche of towering plastic containers to go flying across the floor. Having a "Tupperware Cabinet" is difficult stuff! They don't teach you about that stuff in the "Homeowner's Manual."

At my house next to the Parish Center, I still have a "Tupperware Cabinet." And its characteristics haven't changed from my childhood experiences. I remember one family gathering at my house many years ago when my nephews decided not only to organize my Tupperware cabinet, but they went as far as to number all the containers and lids so it was easier to find a matching set. If you were to open my Tupperware Cabinet today, you would still find stuff with numbers on it.

As I mentioned last week, my mom is staying at my house while she recovers from her recent hospital stay. Having my mom stay at my house has meant that my siblings, friends, and some staff have frequently been in and out of my house.

Somehow my "Tupperware Cabinet" has become a topic of many conversations lately. First, I guess the cabinet in question is "prime real estate" in my kitchen, and I should consider changing things around. Then I was told I had way too many Tupperware and food storage containers. "What am I supposed to do with all that stuff? I just toss them in there and hope they'll disappear." To which many have responded, "Recycle. Throw. Them. Out. You don't need them." But I'm the real winner because some now want to reorganize my kitchen and cabinet space. Go at it, I say. I'll focus on taking down the Christmas tree! Yes, it's still up. My sister Jackie took off all the ornaments, I just haven't taken the tree down yet! Being a homeowner and having a "Tupperware Cabinet" is complicated

Some Advice from a Parishioner: At least once a year I publish the text from an anonymous letter I received in 2005 shortly after the First Sunday of Lent. The scripture readings each First Sunday of Lent tell the story of Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by Satan. The letter offers timeless advice, and it warrants being reprinted frequently. Usually, I toss anonymous letters right away, but this one escaped that fatal ending. By God's grace, this letter has touched the hearts of many people at SJA and beyond (you would be amazed how many times I'm asked for a copy of it). I encourage you to keep a copy AND to pass a copy around to your family and friends. If you want a copy of the letter, I have posted a PDF copy of it on the homepage of our parish website.

"Fr. Bugarin, I was very moved by your homily on Sunday, February 13, 2005, regarding Hell, Satan, and the response of faithful people to temptation. I am the father of an adult son and daughter, and it pains me to think of the mistakes my wife and I made in raising our children. We thought we had a clever, well thought out solution to the dangers and evils of the world, but instead we were victims of our over estimation of our own perceived abilities and power. In so doing we neglected the saving power and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Knowing the evils and temptations of our world, my wife and I sought to shield our children through endless activity. Like many other parents, we got our son involved in hockey and our daughter in dance; our goal was to keep our children busy and thus not give them a chance to get in trouble. However, I now realize that in engaging in a futile attempt to shield our children from battle with the Devil we were instead merely failing to equip our children for their inevitable battles with Satan. We attempted a human solution to a spiritual problem, and our human limitations and inadequacies resulted in failure. We failed to fill our children with Christ, and instead left a vacuum too easily exploited by Satan.

"In focusing our children on endless activity we created selfish, self-centered children. By failing to involve them in Catholic charitable works we taught them to believe they were the centers of their own universes. We replaced rosaries, adoration and bible study with ice time, games and recitals. We missed Sunday masses for tournaments and catechism for performances, and we rationalized it by asserting that it was 'for the best.' How wrong we were.

"Today, both of our children have left the Church. Our daughter is living with a man and has had an abortion; our son has experimented with drugs and regards the Church with contempt and cynicism. Our first priority should have been to pass on the faith and to teach trust in the Lord; instead, we relied on our human intellect and put our faith in schemes of this world.

"If I could only go back in time I'd make every Sunday mass as a family, lead my family in a weekly rosary, take my children to pray in front of an abortion clinic, lead them in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and help them volunteer at a soup kitchen. For despite our best efforts and intentions there still were times my children were alone and lonely, tired and weak, hungry and desirous. I failed to anticipate and prepare my children for those inevitable times of temptation, and the Devil had been patiently waiting.

"Father, please print my letter in the church paper. If it will serve as a warning to at least one family it may help them to avoid the pain and regret my wife and I have experienced. An Anonymous St. Joan of Arc Parishioner."

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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WEDNESDAYS DURNG LENT

Reconciliation from 5–5:50 pm Mass at 6 pm

Reconciliation rooms are in the Sr. Carol Center.



Week of March 05, 2023



The Story of Saint Perpetua

Watch this inspiring animated movie about the life of Saint Perpetua. Born from a noble Roman family, she converts to Christianity despite a new decree prohibiting new conversions in the Roman Empire. Ulimately, she gives her life for Christ.



The Passion of Saint Perpetua with Mike Aquilina

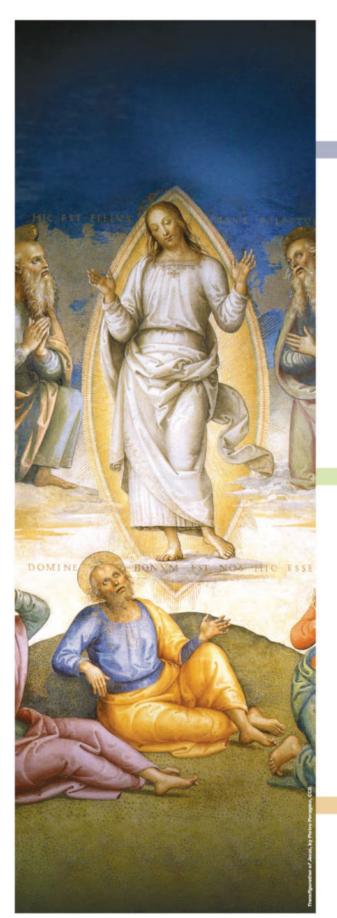
Join Mike Aquilina, Vice-President of the Saint Paul Biblical Theology Center, in this informing and inspiring documentary that tells the true account of the courageous martyr, Saint Perpetua, and her companions



Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

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March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a | 2 Tm 1:8b-10 | Mt 17:1-9

Written by THE FAITHFUL

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As we enter the second week of Lent, today's readings encourage us to place our trust in God when we are dealing with hardship or uncertainty. Last week, we heard about how Jesus resisted the devil's temptations in the desert, trusting in the Father. This week, we follow Peter, James and John up the mountain, where Jesus "was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." Jesus had told his followers he would suffer and die. The Transfiguration gave them a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming (CCC 554-56). As we continue on our Lenten journeys, we, too, can place our trust in the Lord. Though we may experience hardships and perhaps even doubts, the Transfiguration reminds us that Jesus has gone before us and prepared a place for us. As Pope Francis reminds us, "by his Transfiguration [Jesus] invites us to gaze at him. And looking at Jesus purifies our eyes and prepares them for eternal life, for the vision of heaven" (Homily, March 2014).

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We Catholics like to pray out loud. Whether we're singing the "Holy, Holy" with gusto or quietly reciting the rosary, most of us can say with confidence, "we have a prayer for that." And, of course, prayer is one of the three pillars of Lent (along with fasting and almsgiving). Today's account of the Transfiguration instructs us pretty clearly to listen. As Jesus is transfigured, the disciples hear a voice from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." As we enter the second week of Lent, many of us have chosen something to "give up" or done something more proactive. Either way, today's readings remind us to enter this penitential season with open hearts - and open ears. We can listen to Jesus by studying Scripture, being especially attentive to the Sunday homily, or quietly soaking in his presence through eucharistic adoration.

PRAY Try driving with the radio off this week. Use the time to pray and "listen" to Jesus.

Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 12 A

Reading One - Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites guarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Responsorial - Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading Two - Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access

by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Verse Before the Gospel - Cf. Jn 4:42, 15

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Gospel - Jn 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" - For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. - Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your

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husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."



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Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, March 6th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Confirmation Preparation

7:00 PM Men's Fellowship

Tuesday, March 7th

7:00 AM Morning Mass Live Streamed 10:00 AM Funeral for Ron Zaremski 6:00 PM Rescue Project - EH/Livestreamed

Wednesday, March 8th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM PTG Meeting

Thursday, March 9th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed 7:00 PM Holy Hour

Friday, March 10th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Live Streamed

Saturday, March 11th

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Elias Anthony Safar

1:30 PM Baptism of Mila Rose Petrus

4:00 PM Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, February 12th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed 10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed 12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

March 5, 2023 – State of the Union

Just what is the State of the Union?

The quick answer, of course, is that it's an annual address from the president to members of Congress and the nation on our present and future course; a chance for the executive to discuss domestic and foreign priorities.

A more realistic answer to the question though – as it regards both the speech itself and the overall condition of the country – is a little more pessimistic.

In the 2023 speech just a few weeks ago, the nation and the world got a taste of what might be the worst elements of the state of our union. The messaging itself, one could argue, was partisan and combative. That's pretty common, of course, for presidents from either party.

And the behavior of some people in the room, too, has devolved from respectful applause or, at worst, silence, to downright name calling and jeers. Citizens who are a little older may agree that the overall tenor of the address – and the sheer decency of all participants – has degenerated.

Healthy debate and disagreement are one thing. Hostility and rudeness are another.

And citizens of other countries tuning in to the proceedings might wonder why there is so much anger and discord in the greatest nation in the world.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you," God tells Abram in today's first reading from Genesis. "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Those words, of course, were intended in the context of building a holy people, not just a particular geopolitical entity. But Abram's response might be a lesson for us all, especially as it regards our nation today.

"Abram went as the Lord directed him."

Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions		
Monday	March 6, 2023 Lenten Weekday (Purple)	
7:00 a.m.	Robert Bidigare	
Tuesday	March 7, 2023 Lenten Weekday Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs (Purple)	
7:00 a.m.	Antonietta Mazzella	
Wednesday March 8, 2023 Lenten Weekday Saint John of God, Religious (Purple)		
7:00 a.m. 6:00 pm	Stephen & Nancy Fattore Homer & Veronica Recor	
Thursday	March 9, 2023 Lenten Weekday Saint Frances of Rome, Religious (Purple)	
7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for the Family of Tina Calisi	
Friday	March 10, 2023 Lenten Weekday (Purple)	
7:00 a.m.	Joseph & Anna Niemczyk	
Saturday,	March 11, 2023 Vigil of the Third Sunday in Lent (Purple)	
4:00 p.m.	Josephine Lucchese, Bonnie Batche, the deceased members of the Karem Family, Donald Cairns, Virginia Stieber, Allen Hayosh, the deceased members of the Lamprides Family, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family and for Christine Bugarin	
6:00 p.m.	Anne Sheill	
Sunday	March 12, 2023 The Third Sunday in Lent (Purple)	
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners	
10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.		
12:00 p.m.	Lydia Woloszyk, Marie Champine, Luke Loukopoulos, Deanna Leone	

Daily Readings

Monday, March 6 Friday, March 10

Daniel 9:4b-10 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Luke 6:36-38 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Tuesday, March 7 Saturday, March 11

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Matthew 23:1-12 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Wednesday, March 8 Sunday, March 12

Jeremiah 18:18-20 Exodus 17:3-7
Matthew 20:17-28 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

Thursday, March 9

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

Ronald Zaremski Marianne Masserang



"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



Indulgences:
During our
Marian
Consecration
program
recently, some
participants
expressed a
desire to hear
more about
indulgences. I

present here a few paragraphs from the Catechism.

1471 The doctrine and practice of indulgences in the Church are closely linked to the effects of the sacrament of Penance. What is an indulgence?

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

"An indulgence is partial or plenary (full) according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.

The punishments of sin

1472 To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.

1473 The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and to put on the "new man."

1478 An indulgence is obtained through the

Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishments due for their sins. Thus the Church does not want simply to come to the aid of these Christians, but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity.

1479 Since the faithful departed now being purified are also members of the same communion of saints, one way we can help them is to obtain indulgences for them, so that the temporal punishments due for their sins may be remitted.

In order to gain an indulgence, one must have been baptized and in the state of grace at the time of the completion of the work. One also must have at least the general intention to do so. In order to gain a plenary indulgence, one must perform the specified work. The person must also receive Holy Communion, make a Sacramental Confession (within several days), and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. In addition, to receive the indulgence one must also be free from the attachment to sin. mortal and venial. Indulgences are meant to be a fruit of a life of real and committed holiness, not just something that people can receive divorced from living a Christian life.

The faithful can receive one plenary indulgence each day and many partial indulgences. The desire of the Church in granting indulgences is to assist the faithful in the life of grace and also to share the tremendous riches of the action of Jesus Christ himself. It is a way for the faithful to participate in the sanctification of the whole world and to share the gift of God's grace with those most in need of it. It is a spiritual work of mercy.

There are two types of indulgences - partial and plenary (full).

- Plenary indulgences can only be granted one a day, unless death is imminent. To have a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfill three conditions:
- 1 sacramental confession.
- 2 Eucharistic Communion and
- 3 prayer for the intentions of the Pope.

Here are some prayers/devotions and whether it is a partial or plenary indulgence. **Partial**:

- Teaching of studying Christian doctrine
- Praying the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed
- Act of Spiritual Communion
- Prayer for a household

- Reciting several approved litanies
- Praying the Memorare
- Reciting Psalm 51
- Making devout use of a blessed holy object (e.g., a crucifix, rosary, etc)
- Spending devout time in mental prayer
- Prayer for the Pope

Plenary:

- Half an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Adoration of the Cross during Good Friday services
- Attending the closing Mass of a Eucharistic Congress
- Three days of retreat
- Receiving 1st Communion or assisting at a 1st Communion Mass
- Being ordained a priest or participating in an ordination Mass of a priest
- Reciting a rosary in a church or within the family or religious community. Other times it is partial.
- Reading Sacred Scripture for 30 minutes or more. Partial if less than 30 minutes.

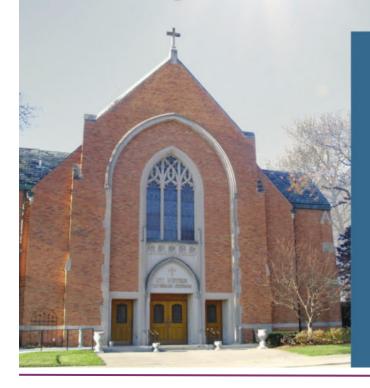
Moving on: He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." (Mk 1:38) It is a verse that has always impressed me. Jesus sees the big picture. There is always more work to be done, but Jesus knows His Father is calling him to move on and continue the mission elsewhere.

And so, it is time for me to do the same. It has been a privilege to share with you all, the past 3 years, our journey toward the Heart of Christ here at St. Joan. Recently, Archbishop Vigneron asked me to move on and to take a new assignment as of July 1, 2023. On that date, I will begin ministry at Prince of Peace in West Bloomfield. I was able to announce this personally after each of the masses last weekend, but I wanted to take this opportunity to write this in case anyone reading was not yet aware. I thank you all for so many conversations and so many opportunities to serve and to deepen my own faith over the last 3 years. You will always hold a special place in my heart. As I said last weekend, I feel that at every parish a priest serves and in every assignment, it's the people of God who add layer after layer of experience and wisdom to the priest. You help to form your priest, which can only aid in the service of others, wherever the priest goes. During the remainder of my time here at St. Joan I will continue to serve and minister to the best of my ability - to continue to share the beauty of the gift of this One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic faith with you all. I will continue to hold you all in prayer as I prepare to make this transition and I ask that you do the same.

You are in my prayers this week. Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

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If you are interested in joining or have questions please call: Marie Byrski @ 586-943-0240.



SJA Senior Card Club

The Senior Card Club is starting Monthly Games once again.

All interested Seniors please join us the first Tuesday of the Month.

The Club will meet in the St. Peregrine at 11:30 pm.

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Prayers Needed

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Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Lent (A) March 5, 2023

What a Blessing!

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

doday's readings don't seem Lenten. don't seem Len ■ They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to

Sunday Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram...I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you.

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Matthew 17:1-9

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples, "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance. *

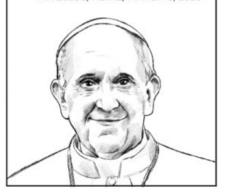
While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to use them for the common good.



A Word from Pope Francis

We have not seen with our own eyes the face of Jesus shining like the sun. However, we too were given the Word of Salvation, faith was given to us, and we have experienced the joy of meeting Jesus in different ways. Jesus also says to us: "Rise, and have no fear" (Matthew 17:7).

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 8, 2020



REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS GRESTIONS BEELFECTION

- What God-given blessings am I called to share today?
- How have others blessed me?

Share the Mission

By Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM

On March 24, 1980, Archbishop Óscar Romero of San Salvador was assassinated by those who wished to silence him for preaching the good news of justice and peace to his people who were being abused and oppressed

by the government of El Salvador and the oligarchic class that supported it. Romero was not always such a courageous preacher, one unafraid to call out the injustices and crimes in his midst, but over time he became increasingly aware of the hardship that the gospel demanded in living an authentic Christian life—especially as the leader of the Church in San Salvador.

The hardship that the Second Letter to Timothy is talking about here is not reserved simply for official leaders in the Church like Archbishop Romero, but is instead a reality that all the baptized are called to embrace. Jesus says as much in the Gospels when he tells us that part of discipleship requires us to

"take up [your] cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24) and that we may even have to "lay down [our] life" (John 15:13).

Archbishop Romero understood this and, in a homily a year before his martyrdom, said: "Because it is God's work, we don't fear the prophetic mission the Lord has entrusted to us...every baptized person has received a share in the prophetic mission of Christ" (July 8, 1979). He said we don't do the difficult work of the gospel by living alone but with the strength that relies on the power of God. *#

These reflections were excerpted from Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter by Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM, available from Liguori Publications. To learn more and review our complete list of Daybreaks authors, including Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI; Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR; Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA; and others, visit Liguori.org.

Run the Race

By Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM

As a longtime competitive runner, I really appreciate St. Paul's metaphor about the Christian life of discipleship being like a race (1 Corinthians 9:24). Whereas St. Paul likely had in mind Greek athletics (think of the ancient Olympic

Games) where there is indeed a greater sense of competition— "the award goes to one person"—I would invite us to think of those community fun runs or even major modern events like the Boston Marathon instead. Indeed, some people run the race to win, but that is a comparatively small percentage of the population. Most people are out not to win an award but to enjoy the event itself.

The nice thing about road races as a metaphor for Christian living is that they include all people—fast runners, slow runners, walkers, spectators, and volunteers. Races are activities that involve all women and men moving as one community in the same direction toward a shared finish line.

Furthermore, they often involve many people cheering the participants from the sidelines. One might even think of this group as similar to the saints that intercede for us, cheer us on, and coach us toward our goal.

May this Lent be a time for us to consider where we are and how we participate in the race of Christian discipleship, moving with the community, and cheering one another onward toward the kingdom of God. *



So that the world may know you by our words and actions, we pray—Lord, let us be like you.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

March 6-11

Monday, Lenten Weekday: Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday: Is 1:10, 16–20 / Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday: Jer 18:18–20 / Mt 20:17–28 Thursday, Lenten Weekday: Jer 17:5–10 / Lk 16:19–31

Friday, Lenten Weekday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, Lenten Weekday: Mi 7:14–15, 18–20 / Lk 15:1–3, 11–32



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