



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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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

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

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
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 - 5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm

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.

OCIA: Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

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
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

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

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



Bust that Balloon! A few weeks ago, my mom wanted me to install this lovely wall lamp she originally bought for the Great Room but decided to put it

in the Guest Room. It's been sitting in a box in a closet since she moved back into the condo. Thankfully, it could either be hard-wired into the wall or wired with a cord that went through a metal rod hanging down from the lamp. While I would have tackled the in-the-wall wiring, I was thankful my mom opted for the external through-the-rod cord option.

After working it out with my mom on where she wanted the lamp, I made my little pencil marks on the corners of the lamp's base. While holding the lamp for my mom to approve of its location, it slipped a little from my hands and made these "lovely" and rather noticeable scratches and marks on the wall. My mom gasped somewhat, knowing I had now messed up the wall. I thought to myself, "This is what you get when you 'hire' me!" One of my sisters is fond of saying, "Yeah, Mike's projects usually turn out great, but he creates some extra holes along the way."

Once I secured the lamp to the wall, I turned my attention to the marks I left behind. I used to rely on those Mr. Clean sheets or sponges until those got me in trouble because they removed too much paint. Now, I rely on paper towels and hand soap. Thankfully, with my new emergency tools, I was able to clean up those marks without too much visible evidence they were there.

After the lamp was up and functioning, I called my mom into the room. I was pretty happy with my work and wanted to know what she thought. "Looks great," she said. Then, with a smile and some laughter, she said, "It only took TWO years." UGH! Go ahead, pop my balloon. I rolled my eyes and said, "Two years isn't all too bad for items on THE LIST." And then I thought, "What do you want done next? I'm booking two years from now."

The Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life (Part TWO): Last week, I began sharing some quotes and insights from an excellent article by Frank Powell several years ago entitled, "7 Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life." The article was spot on regarding what happens to us when we

live such busy lives. You will not be too surprised by his list.

1) A hurried life destroys your relationship with God. It's no secret that building a relationship with God requires stillness, attentiveness, and what I consider to be the key to all prayer: silence. "Jesus frequently removed himself from the world. He spent time alone in prayer and solitude. And in these moments, Jesus received the strength to fulfill his mission, the confidence to continue his mission, and the wisdom to discern the ways of God from the ways of the world. Unless you spend extended periods of time alone with God through prayer, solitude and Sabbath, the speed of the world will skew your understanding of God. Anxiety, unrest and discontentment will hover over your life like a dark storm cloud. As Psalm 46:10 says, 'Be still, and know that I am God.'"

Yes, when you look at the life of Jesus, no matter how busy he was, he ALWAYS took time for prayer and to build his relationship with the Father. Not only did he take time regularly to pray, but he also went off by himself to pray during all the critical times and actions in his life. We see examples of this from the very start of his public ministry. Following his baptism by John, Jesus went off into the desert to fast and pray and thus prepare himself for the temptations that the Evil one would start throwing at him. When he heard of the death of John the Baptist, he "withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself (Matt. 14:13)." After feeding the thousands, he dismissed them, sent the apostles off by boat, and then went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Saint Mark tells us (Mark 1:35), "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed."

Yes, prayer was an essential part of Jesus' daily life. We need to follow his example. No matter how busy we are, how much is on our plate, or how many people are looking for us or have expectations for us, we need time to be still and sit in the quiet presence of God ... even if it means rising very early before dawn and before the busyness of the day. It's in that quietness that GOD speaks to US! Do you take time to be still with God? Do you take time to be in the presence of God in silence? Do you let God talk to you?

Ash Wednesday: Wait a minute! Ash Wednesday? Already? Yes, folks, this coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. While Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we follow our holy day mass schedule (except for the vigil mass) because

so many people like to begin their Lenten journey with the celebration of Mass. We will have Masses on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 a.m., 12 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Distribution of ashes will take place during each of these liturgies and throughout the day.

If you visit the Church during the day, you will be greeted by me, Fr. Adam, Fr. Rich, Deacon Tom, or Deacon Dom, who will be present for the distribution of ashes. In addition, we will have flyers with the readings of the day and material for further reflection to help you "kick start" your Lenten journey.

Please remember that Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence. Those who are 14 years old and older are obliged to abstain. The fasting obligation is obligatory for persons aged 18 until and including their 59th birthday.

Concerning fasting, here's a blurb from one of my favorite Catholic websites, bustedhalo.com: "The Catholic Church, our Mother, His Body on earth, is a very wise mother. She knows we aren't perfect. She knows we struggle. In her wisdom, she asks very little of us when it comes to fasting. The Church officially lays out for the rest of us mortals the minimum requirements that to fast one must be between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive) and that fasting involves taking only three meals a day. I guess Taco Bell's 'Fourth Meal' is out. Those three, by the way, should include no meat and that two of the meals together not equal the size of one full meal. Oh the fun I've had with this one over the years. Apparently, it's considered cheating when one's full meal consists of seven courses. Oh, and the two, count 'em, two days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

"Most of us skip meals all the time. I think it's only when discipline is attached that we really feel the pinch. This is part of the big picture. We should feel a pinch. Remember, we're giving of ourselves. The Church also asks those of us over the age of 14 to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (and to perform some penitential act of sacrifice on all other Fridays). God, when does it end?! Trust me, it's not as hard as we make it to be."

Enjoy the week! Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 11, 2024



Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



The Spirituality of Lent

Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Cruising Though Life

Often when things are going well, we might, without realizing it, cruise through life. We fail to live intentionally with and for God. What happens is that instead of cruising, we are afloat on a life raft in the middle of the sea. We have lost our way.



For a Christian, living intentionally begins with living a life submitted to Christ. In Christ we find our identity and purpose. Knowing our purpose is key because our purpose determines our priorities. As we seek God, He will reveal our specific calling and purpose to us. However, as followers of Jesus Christ our main purpose is to bring glory to God by loving and worshiping Him with our lives - all that we are and everything that we do.

That's where we start. Before your career, financial, and relationship goals can fall into place, you must be intentional in your relationship with God. He will guide you and give you wisdom for your decisions. As we grow in our faith and work to achieve a variety of goals, God challenges us with three significant questions.

1. Are my goals in line with God's will?

We think our plans should work out because we're pursuing good things, but good doesn't always equal God. What you want might not be a bad thing, but it might not be God's best either. The only way to know is to seek Him. We must learn to lay down our to-do lists, goals, and timelines at the feet of Jesus and ask

God to revise them as He sees fit. We ask God to remove what needs to be removed and add what needs to be added. We should no longer want to spend time pursuing anything that is outside of God's will for our lives. God's will is always better than anything I could imagine. If God's will isn't what you desire, then my advice is to fall in love with God again. Once you realize how perfect, good, and loving He is, you'll begin to desire what He desires for you.

2. What do I gain from the way I spend my time?

Time. How we spend it matters because it's the one thing we can never get back. You may think you don't have enough time to work towards your goals, but often that's not the case. Like money, we spend our time on what matters the most to us. Also, like money, some of us don't pay attention to how we spend it. When you look at the time you've spent throughout the week, month, and year - how does it add up? Are you better for it? Have you used it to make progress toward your goals, draw closer to God, and love others? Our time can be used selfishly or given generously. An hour a day can greatly enhance your prayer life, and serving an hour a week can show God's love to someone and change their eternity. This isn't to say you shouldn't have down time or relax, but realize that your time on earth has a purpose. Take a moment and consider how much time you spend doing things that aren't making a difference in your life, the lives of others, or in eternity, and seek God for wisdom on what to change.

3. Have my goals become my god?

We must be careful not to idolize and worship what we're pursuing. Don't let the goal become your god. What does that mean? It means the goal should not take the place of

God as your source of your joy, identity, worth, peace of mind, or fulfillment. Created things cannot compete with our Creator. They can be lost or destroyed in the blink of an eye. Jesus is the only sure foundation; a rock for us to build our life upon (Matthew 7:24-27). If we put our hope in our achievements, we'll crumble when we fall short. But if we are conscious to keep God in His rightful place as Lord, no failure or shortcoming will be able to shake us.

In a world that says our value is found in what we look like, what we have, and what we do, our faith reminds us that our worth is solely based on whose we are. No matter what you've accomplished or failed to accomplish, you are already more valued and loved by God than you can ever imagine.



The Bottom Line

To sum it up in one sentence: The key to an intentional living is living with the end in mind. Whatever you do, keep your eyes on the end goal - Heaven and Jesus Christ. What is seen and experienced here on earth is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal (2 Cor. 4:18). That's where our hope is rooted, and that's the source of our strength. Life will throw plenty of distractions and temptations your way, but by God's power you can overcome anything that tries to hold you back from living the intentional life for which you were created.

Fr. Adam



February 11, 2024

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 | 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 | Mk 1:40-45

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

The leper in today's Gospel was not only severely ill, but he was also barred from practicing his faith. Because he was considered unclean, he could not enter the temple to worship. It is no wonder he did everything in his power to find Jesus and beg him for healing. And heal him Jesus did, both body and soul. According to commentary on this passage from the USCCB, "In curing the leper, Jesus assumes that the priests will reinstate the cured man into the religious community." It seems to me that this Gospel is about faith, and about love. The leper had great faith that Jesus could heal him, and the great love of Jesus for this man moved Jesus to go against mosaic law by touching and healing him. When we read the Scriptures we are reminded over and over again how much God loves us. Let us allow this knowledge to sink into our hearts and change us. When we begin to reflect God's love to those around us, we will find that our lives are filled with his peace. Give it a try: Love as Jesus loves.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Gospel is about Jesus' love, and it's also about great faith. Faith is a theological virtue that involves believing in God and everything he has said and revealed. It is a free gift from God, and with the help of his grace, faith is the foundation of our personal and communal relationship with our Triune God. As God's children baptized into the Body of Christ, we can root everything we do in faith so that all of our actions point to God and to building his kingdom. How do we do this? It's hard to say it much better than Paul does in his letter to the Corinthians today: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

ACCOMPANY How do we love as Jesus loves? Accompany another. Perhaps there is someone in our lives with whom we can walk alongside on their journey of faith. It need not be intimidating; as Christian disciples we already possess the tools we need to accompany: listen, love, share and pray.

Readings for the First Sunday of Lent



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 18 B

Reading One – Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Responsorial – Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Reading Two – 1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Verse Before the Gospel – Mt 4:4b

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel – Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

World Marriage Day Event



World Marriage Day

A day when St. John Paul II gave his apostolic blessing.

Sunday, February 18, 2024

2:30-6:30 pm (doors open at 2:00 pm) Dinner at 3:00 pm followed by Speakers & Dancing

San Marino Club, 1685 East Big Beaver, Troy 48083

Emcees: Deacon Dominick Pastore & Teresa Tomeo

Music by: Rennie Kaufmann & his daughter Esther



Dr. Tim & Karen Hogan: Embracing Marriage as a Joyful Adventure



This is a chance to slow down and enjoy a dinner date with your spouse. Dr. Tim and Karen Hogan will show us how to use our marriage as a path of learning and purification, while also refreshing our friendship and re-awakening passion. You can expect to leave feeling encouraged and refreshed.

Karen and Tim Hogan have been on the marriage adventure for 34 years. From the beginning they have embraced marriage as a path of personal growth. They have been offering marriage retreats and seminars for many years. Karen is a spiritual director and Director of Faith Formation. Tim is a relationship therapist who recently published *The Gift of Cultural Hurricanes*. He has a small private practice in Plymouth, MI.

Fr. Julius Milton

Fr. Julius Milton is a Franciscan Capuchin Friar living and ministering at the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington Township, MI. He was born and raised in Tamil Nadu, a Southeast state in India. After his initial stages of the Capuchin seminary formation in Tamil Nadu, he came to the US for theological studies in 2017. Having been ordained as a priest on April 21, 2022, he assumed the responsibility as the Associate Director of Capuchin Retreat Center in June 2022. He loves the Capuchin life, the charism of preaching, and accompanying people in their faith journey.



By January 1 - \$85/couple; after January 1 - \$95/couple
Table Reservations \$400 (5 couples per table) by January 31

On-line registration & payment: WorldMarriageDay.org

For questions about table reservations: Email Dan/Debbie at worldmarrieday@yahoo.com

For general questions: Rich/Fran 586.979.0192 or waldenluv2@wowway.com

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FEB 11, 2024



Mail-in Registration

Please print both names to complete form w/ payment payable to: World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day
43814 Falcon Lane
Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Husband: _____ Wife: _____
First Last First Last

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Amount: \$

Tickets will NOT be sent to you, a name tag will be at the door

Ash Wednesday

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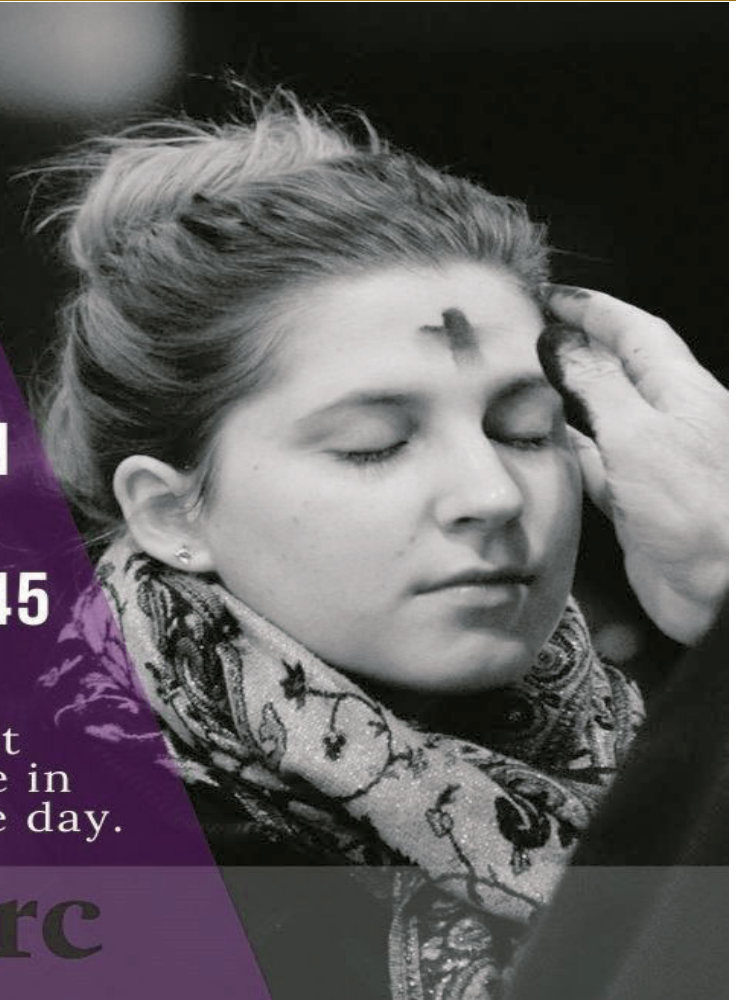
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CONFESSION: 4:30-6:45

IN THE SR. CAROL CENTER

Ashes will be distributed at each mass and be available in the church throughout the day.

 **St. Joan^{of} Arc**



LENTEN HEALING ENCOUNTER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 / 7-8:15 P.M.

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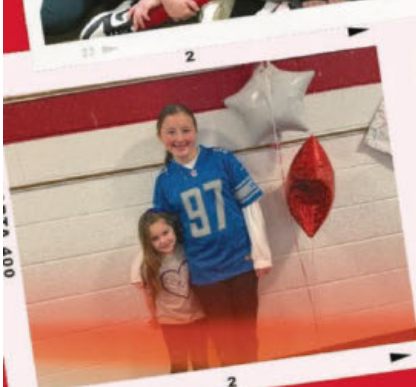
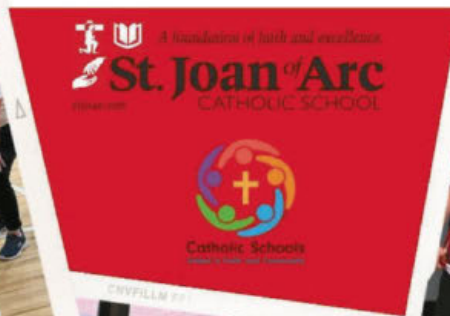
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PRAISE AND WORSHIP
GOSPEL READING AND
REFLECTION

LOVE



Scenes from an awesome Catholic Schools Week



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Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, February 12th

No School - Winter Break

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH

7:00 PM Walking with Purpose - EH

Tuesday, February 13th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

5:30 PM Rescue Project - Emmaus Hall

Ash Wednesday, February 14th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

4:30 PM Reconciliation

7:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, February 15th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Funeral for Beatrice Knapp

7:00 PM Holy Hour

Friday, February 16th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 17th

8:30 AM Exceptional Faith Formation

10:00 AM Funeral for Barbara Goulding

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Andrew Joseph Amori

1:30 PM Baptism of Maren A. Van Gordetz

4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, February 18th

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

Feb. 11, 2024 – Super Sunday Perspective

There has been incredible interest in the National Football League around here this season, for obvious reasons. It's amazing the uniting effect a winning football team can have on a community.

But today, Super Bowl Sunday, one might pause and take note that there has been another narrative in the league this fall, a much more important one.

A couple very prominent players have gone on record with their love of God. And while one might say this shouldn't be a surprise, it is. Especially in today's environment.

It started with a rookie playoff quarterback mentioning in a television interview that he credits God for providing him strength. A controversy ensued when it was noted the network removed that part of his comments in editing for social media. The quarterback later said many teammates and other league players offered their support.

"I always tell people that it's not me, it's him," the quarterback was later quoted as saying. "There's nothing I can do to ever repay what the Lord has done in my life, and I don't want to, I just want to act in what he's calling me to do."

That gave rise to another well-known player on another playoff team joining the effort.

"If a youngster flips on the TV and watches me and decides that maybe someday they want to be just like me; I hope that their dream also brings them closer to our lord and savior," the player said. "We have imperfections. But we must keep the faith."

And so, whatever happens in today's big game, maybe it's more exciting to think about the possibilities created when prominent players take the opportunity to evangelize.

"Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God," St. Paul writes to the Corinthians in today's second reading. "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	February 12, 2024 Weekday (Green)
7:00 am	John G. Champine
Tuesday	February 13, 2024 Weekday (Green)
7:00 am	David Ruff
Wednesday	February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday (Purple)
7:00 am	Hugo Calisi
12:00 pm	George J. Bugarin
7:00 pm	Sally Cabot
Thursday	February 15, 2024 Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Purple)
7:00 am	Gerald and Claire Hills
Friday	February 16, 2024 Weekday (Purple)
7:00 am	Dennis Fleming
Saturday	February 17, 2024 Vigil for the First Sunday in Lent (Purple)
4:00 pm	Donald Kowalewski, Tracy Kowalewski, Bonnie Batche, Edward, Helen and Henry Blind, Paula Nagel, Lisa Fikany, Sally, Robert & Joseph Pierce, Frank Addotta, Stephanie Gryebet and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.
6:00 pm	Patricia Williams
Sunday	February 18, 2024 The First Sunday in Lent (Purple)
8:00 am	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 am	Domenica & Serafina DiBerardino
12:00 pm	Joe Serventi, Paula Nagel, Michael & Ann Beaupre, Shirley Beaupre, Douglas Beaupre, Doris Beaupre and Special Intentions for Michael Urso, Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.

Daily Readings

Monday, February 12	Friday, February 16
James 1:1-11 Mark 8:11-13	Isaiah 58:1-9a Matthew 9:14-15
Tuesday, February 13	Saturday, February 17
James 1:12-18 Mark 8:14-21	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Luke 5:27-32
Wednesday, February 14	Sunday, February 18
Joel 2:12-18 2Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Genesis 9:8-15 1Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
February 11, 2024

Jesus Embraces the Culturally Marginalized

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today's readings are about forced quarantine. On one level they are about diseases that might be contagious. On another level they are about ritual impurity that was contagious. The Israelites believed that to stand before God in worship, one's body had to be physically intact—no fractures or missing body parts, no open wounds, no oozing body fluids. Skin lesions like those associated with leprosy made one ritually unclean or impure. Furthermore, to touch one with such a disease was to become unclean oneself. The ritual impurity was considered contagious, not necessarily the disease. Unclean people were socially and religiously ostracized.

In the Gospel story, Jesus completely neutralized this practice. Touching the leprous and thus unclean man, Jesus not only didn't become unclean himself, but he actually made the man clean again. The issue here is not merely one of healing. It is a matter of reincorporating the marginalized man into society.

Unfortunately, out of fear or a sense of superiority, some people ostracize or marginalize entire groups of people. This bias might be based on gender, race, culture, sexual preference—almost anything. In this way the benefits of society are denied to those who are marginalized. One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his all-inclusiveness. Jesus rejected no one. He was open to those who society ostracized. He interacted graciously with people with diseases, non-Jews, recognized public sinners, and those working with the Roman occupiers—all people considered ritually unclean. As his disciples, can we do less? †

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A Word from Pope Francis

[Jesus] extends His hand and touches [the leper]....To touch with love means to establish a relationship, to enter into communion, to become involved in the life of another person even to the point of sharing their wounds. With that gesture, Jesus reveals that God, who is not indifferent, does not keep himself at a "safe distance."

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Which groups of people does society tend to ostracize or marginalize?
- Is there someone I fail to recognize as a brother or sister in Christ?

Sunday Readings

Leviticus 13:1–2, 44–46

The individual shall cry out, "Unclean, unclean!"

1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

Mark 1:40–45

"If you wish, you can make me clean." ...[Jesus] said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

Where Does Hope Come From?

John Shea

Every year I look forward to Lent, although I'm not sure why. I grew up in a Catholic neighborhood where Lent was a community affair. Everyone, adults and children, tried "giving up something." Although one girl in my sixth-grade class gave up her little brother, most people denied themselves some culinary delight. Lent was a deep breath that you took, held for six weeks, and let out at noon on Holy Saturday.

There is also the hope for some slight signs of improvement. I am always on the lookout for a better self. Lent triggers an "I can do better" tape and connects with my early childhood memory of *The Little Engine That Could*: "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can..."

A *New Yorker* cartoon shows two men in a dungeon without windows or doors. They are manacled to the wall by their wrists, ankles, and neck. Both have long beards; they have obviously been there a



while. One is leaning over to the other and whispering, "Now here's my plan."

This cartoon made me laugh and when I have described it to others, they laughed. There is something essentially human about a burst of hope in a hopeless situation. It shows us who we are: people without a way out who are planning a way out.

Where does this deep hope come from?

Václav Havel, the former president of the Czech Republic, was once asked, "Do you see a grain of hope anywhere in the 1980s?" He began his lengthy answer with, "I should probably say first that the kind of hope I often think about, especially in situations that are particularly hopeless, such as prison (e.g., the manacled prisoner), I understand above all as a state of mind, not a state of the world. Either we have hope within us or we don't; it is a dimension of soul, and it is not essentially dependent on some particular observation of the world or estimate of the situation."

Hope is not a response to what we observe or how we estimate what is going on. Hope is an inner quality we bring to life. †

Source: *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter*, 2008

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

Excerpt from *Ash Wednesday: Our Shifting Understanding of Lent* by Lawrence E. Mick

We dirty our faces on Ash Wednesday and are cleansed in the waters of the font at Easter.

When we receive ashes on our foreheads, we remember who we are. We remember that we are creatures of the earth ("Remember that you are dust"). We remember that we are mortal beings ("and to dust you will return"). We remember that we are baptized. We remember that we are people on a journey of conversion ("Repent and believe in the Gospel"). We remember that we are members of the body of Christ (and that smudge on our foreheads will proclaim that identity to others, too). †



Loving God, open our eyes to see in every person the face of your son whom you sent to teach us to love as you love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

February 12-17

Monday, Weekday:

Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, Weekday:

Jas 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 /

2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday after Ash Wednesday:

Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25

Friday after Ash Wednesday:

Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15

Saturday after Ash Wednesday:

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

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