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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

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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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 (a) 4pm & 6pm Sundays (a) 8am, 10am, 12pm

> Holy Hour Thursdays @ 7pm

Principal Amy Pattie apattie@stjoan.net

TALLer Tales



The Ribbon Made Me Do It: The Saturday 6:00 p.m. Mass is one of my favorite times to celebrate Mass. I've always enjoyed evening liturgies as they

tend to be more prayerful and spiritually uplifting for me. It's not that I don't find the others prayerful; there's just something about that Mass that spiritually "fuels me."If I'm going to have any powerful experiences during a Mass, like a profound encounter with Christ or some deep thought or inspiration, it's usually during those 6:00 p.m. Masses. As a result, I like to be "on top of my game" with every aspect of that liturgy.

My 6:00 p.m. Mass game plan got foiled a few weeks ago because I got distracted. Various "things" happened at this liturgy, but I had something occur that has only happened to me a few times in my 33 years as a priest!

As our first lector got up to read the first reading (and let's say his name is Kevin for the sake of this article), I was confused. At first, I thought, "Did I prepare the wrong readings for my homily? This certainly wasn't the reading I remember." But then, with the busyness of life, it wouldn't surprise me if I messed up. But as he continued, I was more convinced he was reading the wrong reading because it didn't match up with the Gospel. And, for all weekends for this to happen, I planned on relying on aspects of that reading for my homily. I usually only rely on the Gospel, but the first reading for this particular weekend tied things together pretty well.

After he finished and went down to his chair, I turned toward the lectors and tried to mouth, "Those were the wrong readings." I knew I was too far away for them to understand, but I felt better trying to correct the issue. The second lector (and let's say her name is Mary for the sake of this article) saw I was trying to say something. Mary looked at me and just smiled. I wasn't sure what that smile meant, but I thought she understood what I was trying to say. But the smile also told me she had no clue what I was saying. I should have stood up and walked over there, but didn't. The smile was akin to the smile our grandmother used to give us when she wasn't using her hearing aids and was pretending to understand our conversation.

Mary then got up and read the second reading. Again, it was a different reading than the one I prepared. "Am I going bonkers," I thought. No matter what, I was going to find the Gospel and read the one that was the basis for my homily.

As the gospel acclamation was being sung, I walked over to the ambo and was determined to figure out what happened. Once I got up there, it all made sense. We are currently in "Year B" of the Sunday readings (the Sunday readings are on a Year A, B, and C cycle). Our lectors read Year C because the red ribbon was in that spot. The correct Gospel was on the left side of the lectionary, and the first reading Kevin read was on the right side. It just happened that the lectionary has two ribbons, a gold and a red one. The gold ribbon was in the right spot for the first reading, but someone moved the red one to the Gospel, which caused all the confusion. I just read the correct Gospel and referenced the readings quickly during my homily.

After Mass, I met Mary and Kevin in the sacristy; they were laughing because they knew what had happened. Mary said, "OKAY, what's our penance?" I just laughed. They saw the red ribbon before Mass and thought I changed the readings, so they just read the readings where the red was located.

Well, that ribbon has caused problems in the past! So, as we were laughing and talking about what had happened, I remained silent and walked over to the drawer where the scissors were located. I then walked over to the lectionary and cut off the red ribbon. THERE! Problem solved ... at least this time!

Opportunities for Confession: Lent and Advent are both penitential seasons. They allow us to be more intentional about looking at our lives to determine where we have failed to be faithful and holy disciples and then resolve to seek the Lord's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful encounter between you and Christ. Through the ministry of the priest, you encounter Jesus' forgiveness as well as words of encouragement and counsel about how best to walk the path of virtue. You can't help but be overwhelmed and uplifted after experiencing the incredible gift of the Lord's forgiveness.

What saddens me is the number of people who stop going to confession because they forgot how to do so or they use the excuse they don't remember the act of contrition. One shouldn't be so concerned about knowing all the steps. The easiest thing to do is admit to the priest that you don't remember what to do or don't remember the act of contrition. We are here to help you through the entire process. Even if you haven't gone for years or decades, don't be afraid of approaching a priest to celebrate the sacrament. It truly is a beautiful sacrament and one that brings so much healing. You'll be welcomed! You'll be encouraged. And, most importantly, you'll be forgiven!

When going to confession, you start by making the sign of the cross while saying, "Bless me, Father for I have sinned. My last confession was ..." At this point, you should indicate your state in life (married, single, etc.) and then state your sins. After giving some counsel, the confessor will give you a penance and ask you to make an act of contrition. The act of contrition doesn't have to be the one many of us memorized as a kid. The act of contrition can be as simple as, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner." The confessor will then pray the words of absolution.

During Lent, we have scheduled some additional confession opportunities. On Tuesday afternoons, Father Adam and I will be available from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m., and then Fr. Rich, Fr. Adam, and I will be available on Wednesdays from 4:30 until 5:50 p.m. (Mass is then celebrated at 6:00 p.m.). Our regular Saturday confession schedule will remain the same at 11:00 a.m. The sacrament is celebrated in the Sr. Carol Center. You'll see a series of numbered chairs near the bathrooms when you arrive at the Sr. Carol Center. Just take the next available chair, and the line will move as people celebrate the sacrament. If you want to go to a specific confessor, wait until that confessor is available. You can celebrate the sacrament face-to-face or behind a screen so you can have some anonymity if you wish.

Please don't fret about all the particulars; we'll guide you through it. Just come and experience the incredible gift of the Lord's mercy and forgiveness!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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Week of February 25, 2024



The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



Talking Back: Scripture's to Answer Common Fears | Fearless | Episode 3

How can the Word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear.

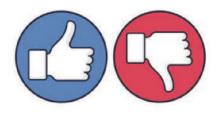
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Along the Way

I Don't Like Lent

Sorry, I'll be honest... I don't much like Lent. I have a lovehate relationship with these 40 days. Of course, I understand the spiritual nature of this season, and, in some ways, I do like it. But I have to admit that I am weak, and I struggle giving up things. That is why for as long as I can remember, what I sacrificed was often small compared to the spiritual disciplines that I added into my daily life.



Nonetheless, every Lent I experience tremendous grace. God constantly reminds me of my need for Him. He reminds me that I am weak, and I can do nothing apart from Him. Lent is not only supposed to challenge us, but change us. If we rely on His grace, instead of our own strengths, we realize that we can challenge ourselves much more than we ever thought possible.

As I was thinking about my complicated relationship with Lent, I actually typed into the Google search bar: "I don't like Lent". I came across this simple story gleaned from a small pamphlet written in 1937. Written by Fr. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., "I Don't Like Lent" is a story about group of people gathered around a fireplace discussing Lent with a priest. Enjoy:

"Tell her, Father," said Bradley, taking a penultimate sip of his brandy.

"Only this, Mrs. Harrison: that during Lent we imitate the saints just a little. We train ourselves to give up the good things of the world just to prove that we can. Good things have a way of mastering us. Good living and good food and good drink, riches and comfort and amusements, have a way of making men slaves. God meant us to enjoy them. He never meant them to be a substitute for Himself. Nor did He mean them to make us so weakly greedy that we would do anything, even commit sin, rather than be without them.



"Lent comes, and we give up some of our good food, some of our good times, some of our leisure and recreation, just to prove that we can be trusted. We master them for a few brief weeks so that they may not master us for life. We give up voluntarily so that we may not be held slaves. We lay aside deliberately so that we may resume those lovely gifts of God, not as slaves of habit, but of our own free will. We give up our glass of brandy so that drink may never hold us captive. We give up the theatre so that we may not be slaves of a good time. We abstain from food, not merely because we want to prove that we are masters even of what we eat and drink, but because we want to test our wills. "If we can't give up a beefsteak, are we sure we could give up some powerful temptation? If we can't conquer our appetite for a big luncheon, could we be trusted to conquer our appetite for some forbidden person? If we can't get along without an egg for breakfast, are we sure we could hold back our hand from a jewel which we could take with no one's be the wiser? Lent is a time when we prove ourselves trustworthy. More than that: if Lent is well carried through, it is a time when we make ourselves trustworthy."

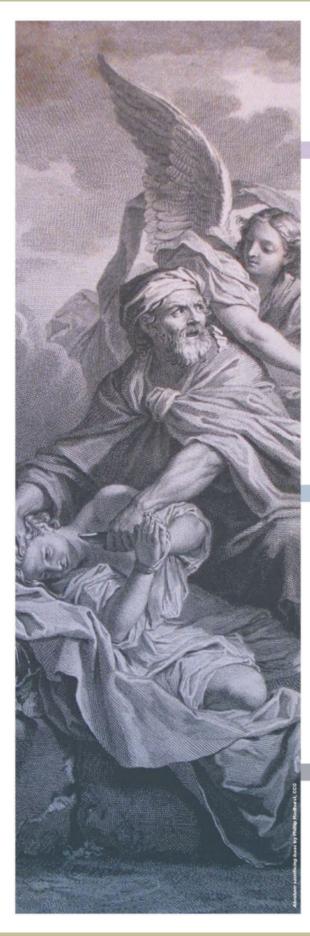
A Lenten Prayer

Here is a simple, yet beautiful prayer to help you grow during Lent:

"God, may my sacrifice of today of (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen."

Blessings, Fr. Adam

Grow+Go



 February 25, 2024
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 Second Sunday of Lent
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 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 | Rom 8:31b-34 | Mk 9:2-10

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Just two weeks ago, when Christians walked around all day with a cross of ashes on our foreheads, we may have received puzzled looks. Who bothers with fasting and almsgiving for 40 whole days? Many of us live with great abundance in this country; the only time we actually need to fast might be for lab work. With this in mind, it's helpful to remember the why: because Christ sacrificed himself for us, and he calls his followers to participate in his redemptive mission through our own sacrifices. Without sacrifice, we simply cannot be like Christ, nor will we see our own transfiguration in the resurrection to come. So Lent is a blessed season of reorienting our lives to Christian sacrifice: that of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Perhaps this season can also dispel some of the complacency that has a tendency to creep into our lives. The poor and hungry and disenfranchised still exist, and Christ depends on us to be his hands and feet to serve them. But how can we serve them if we do not embrace Christ's example as a living sacrifice? Ask the Lord for the grace to see and hear what he is asking us to do for him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's readings show an incredible arc from Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son for God to Christ's Transfiguration after his Passion. Without Abraham's willingness to give up that which he wanted most and finally obtained, he would not have earned his greatest blessing from God in having countless descendants; and without Christ's sacrifice on the cross, all of mankind would not have been saved. Maybe we aren't called to great sacrifices such as these in our own lives, but we as Christians are called to offer our lives as a living sacrifice to our family, our neighbor, those in need, and God himself. Lent is a reminder not only to help us reorient our lives to God and his call for our lives, but to live it, too. By our own witness and prayer we have the ability to help bring others to the Lord and his promise of eternal life.

ACCOMPANY What is something you have always appreciated being done for you? What is a specific sacrifice, large or small, that you know has been made on your behalf? Make an effort this week to identify a specific need you know someone has, pray for that person/need, and offer to God a sacrifice of treasure, time or even your suffering for the fulfillment of that need.

St. Joan Arc THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 3 B

Reading One – Ex 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

Responsorial - Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.
R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reading Two – 1 Cor 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Verse Before the Gospel – Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Gospel - Jn 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you

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will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.



CABRINI In Theaters March 8th



Film Synopsis

From Alejandro Monteverde, awardwinning director of *Sound of Freedom*, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken

English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.



angel.com/tickets

OCIA group at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Those who are in OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) at St. Joan on Sunday, February 18, celebrated the Rite of Election at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. They attended the service along with others from across the Archdiocese of Detroit who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil this year.

The "catechumens" (those preparing for Baptism) were called forward to sign the Book of the Elect and stood before Archbishop Vigneron to receive a blessing. They (now known as the "elect") and the "candidates" (those who have already been baptized), will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

As a parish community, let us pray for each of our elect and candidates as they prepare to join us at the altar of the Lord.



Are you or anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

What is the OCIA?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process through which a person becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith.

Who should be in the OCIA?

- Adults and children of catechetical age (over seven years old) who have not been baptized
- · Those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination who want to become Catholic
- Those who were baptized as infants in the Catholic Church but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation and who have had no faith formation

How long does it take?

Because each person is on a personal journey in his/her relationship with God, time varies depending on the individual. We walk with you in this process.

Do I have to commit to becoming Catholic if I enter the OCIA process?

No, the OCIA process is marked by opportunities for discernment along the way, and ultimately it is about one's readiness and desire to be received into the Church.

When can I start?

Now! We are here to accompany you on your journey of faith.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more, please contact Patty Chase at the Parish Center: (586) 777-3670 or fill out the form at sjasscs.org/ocia

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PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT



Saturday, March 16, 2024

6 pm Doors open and Dinner • Trivia from 7 - 9 pm

St. Lucy Catholic Church Hall

23401 Jefferson Ave., Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080

Tickets \$30 Each

Purchase Tickets Online at www.blessingsinabackpackmi.org/events or contact Vicky at 586-321-4509

- 8 Entrance
- Pizza and Salad Dinner
- 7 Trivia Game

Tables seat eight. Groups of 6 or more will be seated together at a table. Groups under 6 will be paired with other smart people.

- Prize for Winning Team
- 3 50/50
- 8 Box Raffle

Feed the Shores Blessings in a Backpack is a community based volunteer organization which ensures children attending schools in the Saint Clair School Districts receive food for the weekend.

The Feed the Shores program is administered by the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, February 26th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed 10:00AM Walking with Purpose - EH 7:00 PM Walking with Purpose - EH

Tuesday, February 27th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed 7:00 AM SJA Voting Precinct—All Day 1:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, February 28th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed4:30 PM Reconciliation6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, February 29th

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

Friday, March 1st

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Live Streamed

Saturday, March 2nd

8:30 AM Exceptional Faith Formation
11:00 AM Reconciliation
12:30 PM Baptism of Bennett S. Eschenburg
1:30 PM Baptism of Francesca Ruth Faba
4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

<u>Sunday, March 3rd</u>

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed 10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed 11:00 PM Family Faith Formation - Gym 12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

Feb. 25, 2024 – Lonely Horizon

Studies and political actions can sometimes verify things we already know intuitively.

Consider the headlines a few weeks ago when a county in California recognized loneliness as a public health emergency and outlined suggestions for addressing it.

"Loneliness, isolation and lack of connection can lead to profound health impacts," a county leader said in a story reported on the MSN news website, "sending many of our most vulnerable residents on a path to homelessness, as observed in the county's ... homeless count last week."

The story said the county is considering "strengthening social infrastructure, implementing pro-connection public policies, mobilizing the health sector, conducting research to deepen knowledge, reforming online environments and fostering a sense of connection."

One might argue, to be sure, the scope of the action plan is typical of California government, but the larger issue is still a reality – many people are indeed lonely and need somewhere to turn.

The good news is, regardless of government approaches or even the effectiveness of nonprofit groups and others in addressing such concerns, God most surely can be called upon to help the lonely in their times of most acute need.

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" St. Paul asks the Romans in today's second reading. "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will being a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died – or, rather, was raised – who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us."

God, therefore, has the plan for making the lonely whole. We, for our part, are called to lend our hearts and hands to the effort.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

- Monday February 26, 2024 Lenten Weekday (Purple)
- 7:00 am Sr. Carol Juhasz, IHM
- TuesdayFebruary 27, 2024Lenten Weekday, Saint
Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the
Church (Purple)7:00 amCarlos Mallare
- Wednesday February 28, 2024 Lenten Weekday (Purple)
- 7:00 am Hugo Calisi
- 6:00 pm A Special Intention for Gloria Strzelecki
- Thursday February 29, 2024 Lenten Weekday (Purple)
- 7:00 am Special Intention for James Reiz (Little James)
- Friday March 1, 2024 Lenten Weekday (Purple)
- 7:00 am Giuseppina Ciccone
- Saturday, March 2, 2024 Vigil for the Third Sunday in Lent (Purple)
- 4:00 pm Ralph Marzolino, Jay Barker, Grace & Sam Valenti, Bonnie Batche, Gerald Ellar, Robert Palonis, Gertrude Shaw, Pat Ireland, Shirley Curcurru, Ambrose Orlando, the deceased members of the Orlando Family, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank; and Prayerful Appreciation for the work of the Priests and Staff of St. Joan of Arc
- 6:00 pm Sue Krolikowski
- Sunday March 3, 2024 The Third Sunday in Lent (Purple)
- 8:00 am For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
- 10:00 am Kathryn Pierce-Kaspzyk
- 12:00 pm Sister Silveria Conte, Sam Ciaramitaro, James Corbet, Jane Morningstar, and Special Intentions for Toni Collins, Sara Curcuru, Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.

Daily Readings

Monday, February 26

Daniel 9:4b-10 Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28

Jerimiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, February 29

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

Friday, March 1

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Matthew 21:3343, 45-46

Saturday, March 2

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 3

Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25



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."





"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



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Bringing Home the Word



Second Sunday of Lent (B) February 25, 2024

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Future Gazing

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

S ome spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future.

Sunday Readings Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18

I will bless you and make your descendants as countless as the

stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore.

Romans 8:31b-34

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Mark 9:2-10

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what "rising from the dead meant." Still, they placed their future in his hands. **†**

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A Word from Pope Francis

We are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere. Igniting little lights in people's hearts; being little lamps of the Gospel that bear a bit of love and hope: this is the mission of a Christian.

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- Do you believe that God has a plan for you?
- Do we trust God's plan more than our own?

Bringing Home the Word

God Meets Us Where We Are

Nathan D. Mitchell

▲ he great twentieth-century L theologian, Karl Barth, once advised Christians to pray with the Bible in one hand and the daily newspaper in the other. He meant, in part, that faith and daily life interpret each another. "Drink deeply of the Word," St. Ambrose once told his people. "Soon you'll find yourself craving more." He was right, of course. God's word forever illumines our path-a shining "pillar of fire" by night, daily bread for our journey. Yet our experience of the world's perils and opportunities also shapes our response to that word. We're reminded that God's love for the world didn't result in indifference and neglect, but in the word sent to "pitch a tent among us," to share our flesh, to taste the world in all its salty, roiling complexity. Word and world: they belong together.



The God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, Rachel and Jacob is passionately focused on humankind, intent on participating in our history, hungry for relationship with every person. The God we meet in the stories of creation is a "God with skin on," one

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

Excerpt from Lenten Customs: A Journey to Conversion by Rev. Lawrence E. Mick

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: baptism. Preparation for baptism and for renewing baptismal commitment lies at the heart of the season. When the Second Vatican council issued the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy in 1963, the bishops called for the renewal of the season of Lent. Since then, the Church has reemphasized the baptismal character of Lent, especially through the restoration of the catechumenate and its Lenten rituals. Our challenge today is to renew our understanding of this important season of the Church year and to see how we can integrate our personal practices into this renewed perspective. **†**

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Wednesday, Lenten Weekday: Jer 18:18–20 / Mt 20:17–28 who understands that our primary mode of perceiving reality—of interacting with God, world, and each other—is flesh and body. Every day we meet the holy in the homely; the divine in the daily; the saving God in blood, sweat, and tears; in soil and labor; in sex, seed, and harvest; in fertility and childbirth.

Lent reminds us that Christians form a community gathered in contemplation around God's Word—and that means we're also gathered in meditation on the world, its goodness and grandeur, its beauty and brutality. Lent is a call to pay attention, to see creation as God does, to gather our faith not only from God's promise (where it begins), but also from God's presence in the low, vast murmur of human life that tugs at our hearts, heads, and hands. Be prepared for some surprises. **†**

Source: Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter, 2010



So that we may witness to the light of God's love and the sacredness of this life, we pray—Lord, let us be like you.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

February 26—March 2

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12–13a, 17b–28a / Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

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