



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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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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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: 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.

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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

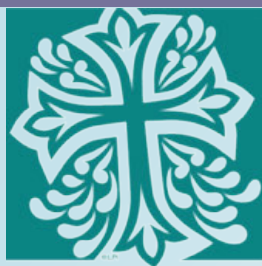
Monday thru Friday @ 7am
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

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

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



Not Ready for Prime Time ...

YET: Last weekend, I decided that since I was feeling pretty good, I could get over to Church. I'd help with confessions

and then try to celebrate the 6:00 p.m. Mass. I made the "announcement" to family and staff, and since I didn't get much flak, I thought it must have been a good idea. Or, in retrospect, I think I had a bad case of selective hearing that weekend.

Saturday started well. I got ready and put on my clerical attire for only the second time in a month. At the appointed time, my Uber driver (let's call him Kevin) arrived and helped pack me up with all my "stuff" for the short ride to Church. When we got to the door, several parishioners offered to help unpack the Monsignor and get him into position. I only worried about moving fast enough to avoid "colliding" with the funeral procession about to exit. I was warmly greeted by those in the confession line but quickly learned I couldn't take my hands off my knee scooter to say hello—even for a nanosecond—without losing balance. I plopped into my chair, propped up my foot, and started hearing confessions.

Afterward, Kevin, Ken, and Father Bob helped pack me up and delivered me back home. I was tired and knew I needed a break before the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

At 5:15, the entourage arrived to pack me up again. This time, my mom, Jackie, Lonnie, Kevin, and Barb were hovering around. The Monsignor was successfully packed, settled in the back of his "limousine," and we made the short journey back to Church. At the doors, another entourage was ready to receive me. Help was everywhere. We strapped on my iWalk and began the trek to the Sacristy. I was already beat, and Mass hadn't even started.

I appreciated everyone who wanted to greet me, but I just wanted to get to the Sacristy. Once inside, we decided I'd vest at the altar. With help from Fr. Bob, Kevin, and Frank, I got up to the altar, where we figured out how I'd sit, prop up my leg, and get comfortable for 90 minutes. Thanks to Sharon Ozark, I had a bar stool, and Father Bob found a box for my other foot to rest on.

Finally situated—but before vesting—I looked at my watch and thought, "YES ... you better say something." Everyone looked relieved I'd made it, but I knew I'd be in trouble if I didn't speak up. With puppy-dog eyes, I hesitantly announced: "I hate to say this, but I have to go to the bathroom." The LOOK on their faces was priceless. So, the now fully situated Monsignor had to reconnect his iWalk, carefully descend the sanctuary steps, and find the Sacristy bathroom. Within minutes, I re-emerged, and we began the process of getting me back to the altar. It was now five minutes before Mass.

I got my vestments on and pretended I was ready. I wasn't feeling well, so I asked Father Bob for apple juice. I was thirsty but also lightheaded and needed the sugar. "I'm going to do this," I kept saying.

Once Mass started, I thought, "I forgot to tell EVERYONE to keep their parts SHORT." During the readings, my leg started feeling awkward. I moved things around, and the "sacred pillows" propping up my leg fell to the ground. Then I got a text from Kevin: "Is your leg bothering you? Do you need help?" I wanted to text back, "Is it THAT obvious? I thought I was faking it up here." Kevin asked my mom, "Aren't you afraid something will happen up there?" She laughed and replied, "Well, I guess if he passes out, we'll know he probably shouldn't have done this." Little did they know ...

After Mass, I couldn't wait to be packed up and brought home. As I was leaving the Sacristy on my iWalk, a 97-year-old parishioner (let's call her Marty, who shares my birthdate) shouted, "WHAT happened to your leg?" I turned, and she saw the rest of my leg behind me!

I finally made it home. A turtle with an iWalk would've beaten me upstairs. I reached my TV room, plopped into my chair, and got into my usual position with my elevated wedge and pillows. My toes were blue, and my foot was so swollen I could feel EVERY inch of my cast. But I did it! It was an accomplishment—sort of. Why? It taught me, after three days of recovery, that I wasn't quite ready for "prime time" yet! Okay, I was crazy for thinking I could do this so soon!

Ash Wednesday: Wait a minute! Ash Wednesday? Already? Yes, folks, this coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. While it's 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 at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Distribution of ashes will occur during each liturgy and throughout the day.

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

Please remember Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Those 14 years and older are obliged to abstain, and fasting is obligatory for persons aged 18 through 59.

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.... Trust me, it's not as hard as we make it to be."

Enjoy the week! Know of my prayers.

Happy Lent!

In Christ,

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This Week on Formed

Week of March 02, 2025



How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.



Foretold

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.



Lent | What Catholics Believe

Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the Archdiocese of Denver, as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent? Why is it 40 days long? Or even, what should I give up for Lent? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

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“Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Proverbs 9: 10).

Fear . . . the Lord? Time and again in Holy Scripture we are told to ‘fear the Lord’. In fact, one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is Fear of the Lord. So, if Jesus is the beloved Son of God – and “God is love,” as St. John says – what’s up with all of this fear stuff?

First, it is important to establish that there is reason, *under certain circumstances*, to be scared to death of God. God will not be blasphemed. He will not be ridiculed. He will not be played. He will not remain idle when his “little ones” are attacked and led away from him. He will not let evil, mean, hate-filled, people go unaccountable for their dark deeds. He allowed this *once*, when he walked this earth in the flesh, ministering to us, on the way to the cross of Calvary. He bore the despicable weight of our sinfulness by suffering under the venom of Satan in order to destroy him and his lying deceptions. But Christ reigns victorious now.

Our Lord God wields all power and is waiting patiently for the fulfillment of his will to be done on earth before he calls it all to a close. In that respect, he *is* keeping score. God monitors hate. And there will be a price to be paid for flaunting God’s will. Unbelievers reject the Lord’s truth at their own risk . . . and on reckoning day, it will be too late to change course. The fiery justice of God is something to be profoundly feared. But this is a kind of fear that any lowly human is capable of comprehending. It is a slavish kind of fear. It belongs to mean, nasty people who reject all things good. I shudder to think that anyone reading this article should

be subject to such fear of the Lord.

Yet, some might be struggling with this servile fear unnecessarily. Many basically ‘good’ people labor under an oppressive fear of God. They see the Lord as an oppressive taskmaster who is constantly looking for another reason to beat them down. They think of God as anything *but* love. They fear him in a way that could never flower into “the beginning of wisdom.” They fear God in the way that they fear getting stung by a wasp, attacked by a mugger, or lost in a storm. They are constantly on edge, thinking God is looking for ways to trip them up instead of helping them to flourish. They are scared of the Lord. Their fear is dark. Fear of the Lord, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, as the beginning of wisdom, is an awe-filled *respect* for the all-powerful – *and loving* – God. Healthy fear of the Lord casts out all scared feelings from our interactions with God when we realize that we are his children. God is our Father. Jesus is our brother.

The Holy Spirit is our comforter and counselor. Why would there be any common fear in having such divine relationships? But, certainly, we can see where wisdom blossoms when we allow ourselves to enter into the wonder of a relationship with the Holy Trinity.

When we think about the immensity of the Lord God who created us and everything around us – throughout all time! – it should take our breath away. All by itself, what we know of God through our own human abilities should daze us. Pondering the wonders of nature around us is reason enough to be awestruck by God. But further, as God has chosen to reveal his divinity for us in Scripture, especially in the person of Jesus

Christ, we can’t help but succumb to a little “fear.” It’s like standing next to a 3000-year-old Sequoia tree or peering over the edge of a 3000-foot cliff. Contemplating the awesomeness of God prompts a kind of frightened feeling in ones stomach.

Fear of the Lord is unsettling. God is simply too big for us in *every* respect. We can stand before him or near him and he is overwhelming. Yet, he is not here to intimidate us. He is simply being who he is. He is like an adult to a toddler. God is quite imposing, but we know he is *our* God. The Lord is inviting and warm and gentle – but he’s just so BIG! That’s what fear of the Lord is about. It is not about being fearful. It is about feeling reverence and awe.

Having reverence for Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords, is a positive pathway to follow for us who is seek wisdom. Wisdom and truth are interdependent. God is the very source of Truth. Truth reaches its fullest expression in Christ. To dismiss Christ, the Son of God, as irrelevant is the opposite of a virtuous fear of the Lord. In such a case, we humans *personally* become supremely relevant by default. Given the track record of humanity over time, we have demonstrated that we don’t make the wisest decisions when we neglect to make God’s will a part of our plan. Better to fear the Lord who loves us like a Father . . . because he *is* our Father and he *does* love us!

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Bob





March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7 | 1 Cor 15:54-58 | Lk 6:39-45

Written by
THE
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It can be uncomfortable to admit, but our speech habits can truly reveal our interior life. Too often, I've fallen prey to the temptation of gossip or other alluring but unbecoming forms of conversation. Perhaps we all have to some degree, which is why today's words from Sirach capture our attention: "When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks." This theme of speech being connected to our hearts is woven throughout Scripture, and it both challenges and encourages us. Before God came to us in the flesh, he came to us as the *Word*. Our words carry eternal weight; they have the power to bless or to curse. For this reason, the Scriptures today challenge us to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, in order to grow in virtue so that our speech may reflect his glory and our words echo his truth.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's parable from Luke's Gospel, Jesus asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Ouch. Am I the only one who shifts uncomfortably when reading this? How often and how easily do we fixate on the way others have caused us frustration, discomfort, or hurt? While those things may (or may not) be true, it feels so easy to dismiss personal responsibility. In this passage, Jesus lovingly teaches us that when we live this way, we remain stuck in our patterns of sin. But he also gives us another option: "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly." It is through this honest examination of conscience and cleansing of our own sin that we come to know God more fully, and as our vision is cleared, become more aware of how his beauty and mercy surround us.

REFLECT

Today, let us pray for a deeper personal conversion through an honest examination of conscience, so that as we empty ourselves from our sinful ways, we may become more tethered to God's holy will, speaking his truth and living in his light. Commit to praying an Act of Contrition each day this week and ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in virtue.

Readings for The First Sunday of Lent



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 9 C

Reading One – Dt 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

Responsorial Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Reading Two – Rom 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart* — that is, the word of faith that we preach — for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame*. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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 – Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone*." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written, *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve*." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone*." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test*." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

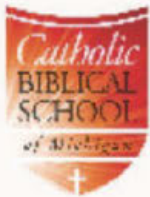


ST. BASIL LENTEN RETREAT TO THE CROSS WITH JESUS



SATURDAY
MARCH 8

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM



Join us to rediscover how Jesus, "having loved his own who were in the world... loved them to the end" (John 13:1). Instructors from the Catholic Biblical School will bring you to the cross with Jesus.

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HOLY HOUR SONGS & PRAYERS

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration with
music and quiet at 7 pm
every Thursday in the church.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT ST. JOAN OF ARC

Fridays at 7 pm in the church during Lent

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. But is that wordless witness really evangelization?

The Stones Will Cry Out

I have a complicated relationship with evangelization.

I don't think that we (I'm talking about 21st-century American Catholics here) have had much formation around what exactly it means to proclaim the Gospel. We don't know how to do it. We don't really *want* to do it. It sounds kind of scary and awkward. It sounds like knocking on strangers' doors and yelling through the keyhole, "Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior?" It sounds like arguing with friends and family. It sounds like a real pain.

I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. I do my Catholic things in my Catholic house throughout my Catholic life. But is that enough?

All Christians are called to "wordless witness" in how they live their lives, writes Paul VI in the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* — but this alone, he says, is "insufficient." We must talk about Jesus. We must name him. We must speak of his life, his promises. We must *proclaim* him.

We must be loud enough that a Pharisee would cringe at us.

And yet — and Paul VI acknowledges this — it's not actually evangelization if we do it so badly that nobody listens. If we "impose" truth on someone's conscience instead of "proposing" it. If we make the mistake of thinking there is one singular way to share Christ with the great variety of personalities that exist in this world.

Dear reader, I am running out of column space, and still I have no answers for you, or for myself. I don't know how to do it well. But I know we have to try. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to be patient. We have to be humble. We have to remember it's about him and not about us.

Most of all, when we find ourselves confused and retreating into silence, we must remember Christ's words: "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

Answer:

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy "outside" the church, we symbolically reenact Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches — a symbol of royalty — to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn't end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, March 3rd

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

Tuesday, March 4th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed
11:30 AM: Card Club - St. Perrigin Room

Wednesday, March 5th - Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM: Holy Day Mass - Live Streamed
12:00 PM: Holy Day Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM: Reconciliation
7:00 PM: Holy Day Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, March 6th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed
2:00 PM: Hearts Afire - EH.
7:00 PM: Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, March 7th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM: Funeral for Beverly Mair
7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8th

11:00 AM: Reconciliation
12:30 PM: Baptism of Brielle A. Rutkofske
1:30 PM: Baptism of Elsie J. Fitzgerald
4:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, March 9th

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

Words on the Word

March 2, 2025 – Wooden Beams

Anyone who has been around youth sports knows the emotions run high and the opinions flow freely.

And the older the kids get, the more significant the issues become.

The Detroit News reported a few weeks ago on the continuing fallout over a firing that took place several years ago in the Grosse Pointe school system. Back in 2018, a high school football and baseball coach was fired over several issues. The situation, according to the story, came up again in the court of public opinion recently when an independent investigator's report detailed related complaints against a then-member of the school board and continuing ill-will and personnel ramifications.

It's the kind of mess that, clearly, made a significant impact at the time and continues to ripple through the community.

And so, it should come as no surprise that comments surrounding the story were sure to include plenty of opinions. Some of them, perhaps, were the well-informed opinions of people who were involved at the time or continue to be now.

Others, most likely, were the knee-jerk reactions of people who know absolutely nothing of the details and simply believe they should be heard.

Regardless of that, and without wading into the particulars of the matter now, it's instructive for everyone to take heed of Jesus' direction in today's gospel passage from St. Luke.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own," Jesus asks. "How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?"

"You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	March 3, 2025 Weekday; Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin (Green/White)
7:00 am	Sr. Silveria Conte
Tuesday	March 4, 2025 Weekday; Saint Casimir (Green/White)
7:00 am	Judy Clemons
Wednesday March 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday (Purple)	
7:00 am	Tina Calisi
12:00 pm	The Intentions of St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
7:00 pm	George J. Bugarin
Thursday March 6, 2025 Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Purple)	
7:00 am	A Special Intention for Christine Bugarin
Friday March 7, 2025 Friday after Ash Wednesday (Purple)	
7:00 am	Antonietta Mazzella
Saturday March 8, 2025 Vigil for the First Sunday in Lent (Purple)	
4:00 pm	Terri Smigels, John Beardman, Bonnie Batche, Tony Marino, Richard Golla, Robin Christopher Wright, Stephen & Nancy Fattore, Special Intentions for the living and deceased members of the J. Champine Family, for the Thomas Family and for Michael Urso
6:00 pm	Tina Calisi
Sunday March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent (Purple)	
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Robert Bidigare
12:00 pm	Charlotte Power, and a Special Intention for Sam & Ingrid Manalo

Daily Readings

Monday, March 3

Sirach 17:20-24
Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 4

Sirach 35:1-12
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 5

Joel 2:12-18
2Corinthians 5:20-6:
Matthew 6:1-18

Thursday, March 6

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 9:22-25

Friday, March 7

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, March 8

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, March 9

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



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

Dennis Miriani
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“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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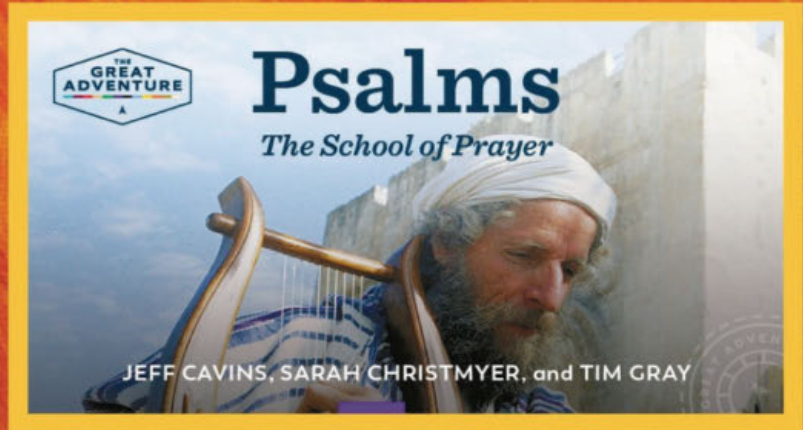
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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

March 2, 2025

Who Are You? Really!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Like it or not, we often get our sense of who we are from others. Some people either make us feel worthwhile or treat us like we have little value. We all want to be accepted, to be part of the crowd, to look like we have made it. This is one reason we fall for so many fads of the day: "Everyone has one." "Everyone is doing it." Teenagers aren't the only ones who think like this. It may take a long time before we can move beyond the opinions of others. Many never do.

So, who are you? Really! Are you hiding behind something, some

pretense? Are you trying to look like someone you're not? Today's readings remind us, as many have said, "Actions speak louder than words," and as Christ said, "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). What is deepest within us eventually shows itself.

Sirach offers several examples of this. He claims that sometimes the dark side of our personalities comes out when we least expect it. But then there are times when we surprise even ourselves with our own goodness. Luke offers similar examples from both nature and human experience. Try as we might, we cannot completely hide who we truly are. And why should we? The last phrase of today's gospel is profound: "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). That is where we find who we are. Really! †

Sunday Readings

Sirach 27:4-7

Speech discloses the bent of a person's heart.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

"Death is swallowed up in victory. / Where, O death, is your victory? / Where, O death, is your sting?"

Luke 6:39-45

[Jesus asked], "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"



Christ said, "By their fruits you will know them."

What is deepest within us eventually shows itself.

A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus invites us to look at others as he does—this is the secret, to...not look at evil first but at goodness. God looks at us in this way: he does not see irredeemable errors in us, but rather he sees children who make mistakes.... God always distinguishes the person from his errors.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 27, 2022



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- In what ways do I expect more of others than I do of myself?
- What will happen if I praise instead of criticize?



Migration Ministry Does Not Begin at the Border

Fr. Michael McAndrew, CSsR

Every day on news channels across the United States, there are images of refugees and asylum seekers at crossings on the United States and Mexico border. The images are of desperate people fleeing some crisis in their own nation or in their own lives. It may be a war, criminal activity, terrorism, a natural disaster, or desperate poverty that moves people to decide to leave their country of origin. Many come from countries with governments failing to provide security, justice, liberty, education, health care, and economic stability. The overwhelming image of migration depicts masses of people at a border, not only in America but also at the borders of nations around the world.

As tragic as these international border crises are, there is more to the story of migration ministry than merely an emotional response to troubling border images on

television. Pope Benedict XVI identifies migration as a “social phenomenon of epoch-making proportions.” Pope Francis also notes that migration “will play a pivotal role in the future of our world.”

This book is an invitation for all people to recognize, understand, and appreciate migration not as a problem to solve, but as an opportunity to consider all aspects of our relationships with migrants, international workers, emigrants, immigrants, and their families. If we only consider the problems, challenges, and tragedies of migration as seen at international borders, our acts of charity and compassion will not be enough. Migration ministry begins when we recognize migrants as family, neighbor, coworker, friend, and believer. †

From *Walk With My People: A Life in Migration Ministry* by Fr. Michael McAndrew, CSsR, Liguori Publications (828720). Available from Liguori Publications. To order, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

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by Richard B. Patterson, PhD

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entrust to our care.
Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

March 3–8

Monday, Weekday: Sir 17:20–24 /
Mk 10:17–27

Tuesday, Weekday: Sir 35:1–12 /
Mk 10:28–31

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

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Lk 5:27–32

Bringing Home
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March 2, 2025

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