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THIRD WEEK OF LENT

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MARCH 20TH, 2022

Liturgy Schedule

At St. Elizabeth

Saturday, Mar. 19th

3:30-4:15 Confession
5:00 pm +Brian Morris by Mike & Toni Morris
5:45 pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, Mar. 20th

8:45 am Recitation of the Rosary
9:30 am For the People

Tuesday, March 22nd

6:30 pm Recitation of the Rosary

Friday, March 25th

11:00 am Adoration
12:10 pm Distribution of Communion followed by
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 26th

3:30-4:15 Confession
5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, Mar. 27th

8:45 am Recitation of the Rosary
9:30 am +Joseph & Alma Valenti
by Jeff Valenti Family

Liturgy Schedule

At St. Joseph

Sunday, Mar. 20th

8:00 am Living & Deceased members of the Sokoloski
Family by Mary Ann Schafer

Sunday, Mar. 27th

8:00 am +Barb Transue
By Jack & Carole Walker

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

A Special Intention, Special Intention, Rita Bidwell, Shelly
Maybury, Jack & Janine Sokoloski, Dylan Lunder, Special
Intention, Patti Price, CaitylInn Bankovich, Elijah Waite,
Penny Duncan, Malvina Weakland, Special Intention,
Anonymous, Holly Hamilton, Jeff Buzard,
Tammy Peterson, Jack Walker, Wendy Cieslewicz.

Help us keep the Prayer List current. If the person no longer
needs to be on our list, please let the office know.

St. Joseph's Candles for the Month of March



Infant of Prague

In Loving Memory of
Dotty Ryan
By Mary Smith



Sanctuary Light

In Loving Memory of
Bessie & Frank Worrell
Raymond & Catherine Cole
Patty Roesch
By Cathy Himes



I have been blessed with the
parishioners of St. Elizabeth
Parish. Your words of comfort have
given me strength as I continue
with treatments in Erie. Thank you
for all the prayers, masses, cards,
food and gifts. May God bless you
all for your kindness
~Wendy~

STOKING THE LENTEN FIRE

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit

low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

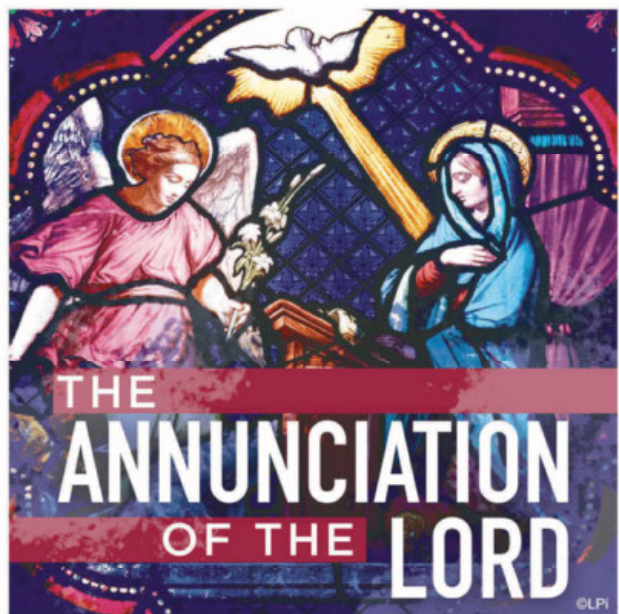
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO PRIESTS WEAR VESTMENTS? DO THEY HAVE A SPECIAL MEANING?

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions, and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly,

vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.



MARCH 20, 2022

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Sunday, Mar 20, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; FIRST SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

Something to smile about

The International Day of Happiness celebrated today isn't about wearing a smiley face. This U.N.-sponsored observance has concrete aims: to end poverty, reduce inequality, and protect the planet. Certainly that would bring happiness, but how do we attain such lofty goals? Consider 19-year-old Catherine Spaulding (1793-1853), who led six women in the forming of the Sisters of Nazareth in Kentucky. Ready or not, Catherine ran a school, orphanage, and nursed the sick during epidemics. Neither age nor inexperience deterred her sisters from answering the needs of their society. Answer this generation's call and discover a reason to smile.

TODAY'S READINGS: Year C: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9 (30). "God called out to him from the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' He answered, 'Here I am.'"

Monday, Mar 21, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Commit to a better world

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on this, the anniversary of police in South Africa killing 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid in 1960. All these decades later, the violence of racial discrimination continues. The catechism instructs Catholics that racism "must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design." This year's theme is "Youth standing up against racism" with a focus on how the pandemic has especially hindered the education and employment prospects of young people from minority backgrounds. No matter your age, make a commitment this Lent to help put a stop to racism once and for all. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30 (237). "When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury."

Tuesday, Mar 22, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Let living waters flow

It's World Water Day. This U.N. observance shines a light not only on the critical importance of a clean and adequate water supply— so essential, it's a basic human right—but also how it's endangered. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis identifies no less than five serious threats to our planet's water supply, some impacting our world right now, particularly among the poor. The 2005 murder of Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, an environmental martyr for her fierce protection of the Amazon and its people, highlights that the global "water wars" have already begun. Visit the website of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns for ways you can help.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). "Deliver us by your wonders, and bring glory to your name, O Lord."

Wednesday, Mar 23, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Time is of the essence

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo was a defender of the voiceless. A Spanish missionary to Peru who became archbishop of Lima, he defended the rights of the indigenous people who suffered terribly during Spanish colonization. His favorite saying was, "Time is not our own and we must give a strict account of it." Many

times, it can be easy to overlook those who are voiceless, to pass them on the street without a second thought. But as Saint Turibius taught, our time on Earth is limited, and we should spend it on the things that matter and can make a difference. Today, notice those around you who may not have a voice and reflect on how you can help them to be heard. Take a step toward doing so. TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239). "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

Thursday, Mar 24, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Live your truth

Truth-telling is a central tenet of Judeo-Christian ethics. Today is World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights, a focus that is essential because the loss of human rights is often built on lies stripping a group of people of their God-given dignity. Like so many Christian virtues, truth and honesty in the social sphere begin in small ways, with individuals living lives of personal integrity and then expecting the same of their leaders. As Saint Augustine says, "The greatest kindness one can render to any person is leading him to truth."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240). "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

Friday, Mar 25, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD; NO ABSTINENCE REQUIRED

Pregnant with possibilities

Mary's pregnancy seems to get the fast track: Annunciation, Visitation, and then boom, it's Christmas. But the Solemnity of the Annunciation is exactly nine months before Christmas, honoring the natural process of pregnancy. There are not many visibly pregnant Marys in Catholic iconography, but a few stand out. In the Americas, there's Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, with Mary wearing a black sash customary for pregnant indigenous women. In Europe, you'll find Madonna del Parto, often depicted with a book on her belly, an illusion to the Word of God embodied in her womb. These images have been open to many interpretations from the truth of the Incarnation to the important role of women in salvation history. What do the images of Mother Mary inspire in you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son."

Saturday, Mar 26, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

The heart of mercy

We hear a lot about sacrifice during Lent. Not so much about mercy. Yet as the Lord reminds us in today's responsorial psalm (51), "It is mercy I desire, and not sacrifice." In a sense, mercy requires its own "giving up" activity. Giving up on getting our way, on keeping score, on getting even. Saint Thomas Aquinas defined mercy as the "compassion in our hearts." Let mercy, the love beating within, be your Lenten offering.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Offertory Report Mar 13th

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St. Joseph

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Sunday 20th
No class (Spring Break)

1st Day of Spring!!!



Tuesday 22nd
Recitation of the Rosary. 6:30 pm
All are welcome! Please join us!



Rural Ministry

New Beginnings:
What we Learn from Scripture and Life
within a Pilgrim Church

Sat. March 26th~ 1:00 pm-3:00pm

With Sister Elizabeth Oettel, OSB
&
Sister Teresa Glass, OSB

A Family Perspective

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

Marriage Moment

On the Spring Equinox of March 20, nature reminds us of the equality between light and darkness. During these modern days when equality of the sexes is emphasized, reflect on how each of you contribute equally to your married life. Remember: Equality is more than sameness.



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St. Elizabeth Ministry Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
Sat. Mar. 19th	5:00 pm	Paul Costa	Costa kids
Sun. Mar. 20th	9:30 am	Christa Schott	Schott kids
Sat. Mar. 26th	5:00 pm	Josh Costa	Costa kids
Sun. Mar. 27th	9:30 am	Tom Kreiner	Sabrina T.

St. Joseph Lector Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sun. Mar. 20th	8:00 am	Dave
Sun. Mar.27th	8:00 am	Pat
Sun. Apr. 3rd	8:00 am	Tony
Sun. Apr. 10th	8:00 am	Mary

Sacramental Information

Baptism: Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

Matrimony: An appointment with the parish priest needs to be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Before the wedding can be scheduled, Pre-Cana, Engagement encounter or NOVA is required.

Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion: Please call the parish office or use the form on the back of the bulletin. Moving? Please let us know.

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