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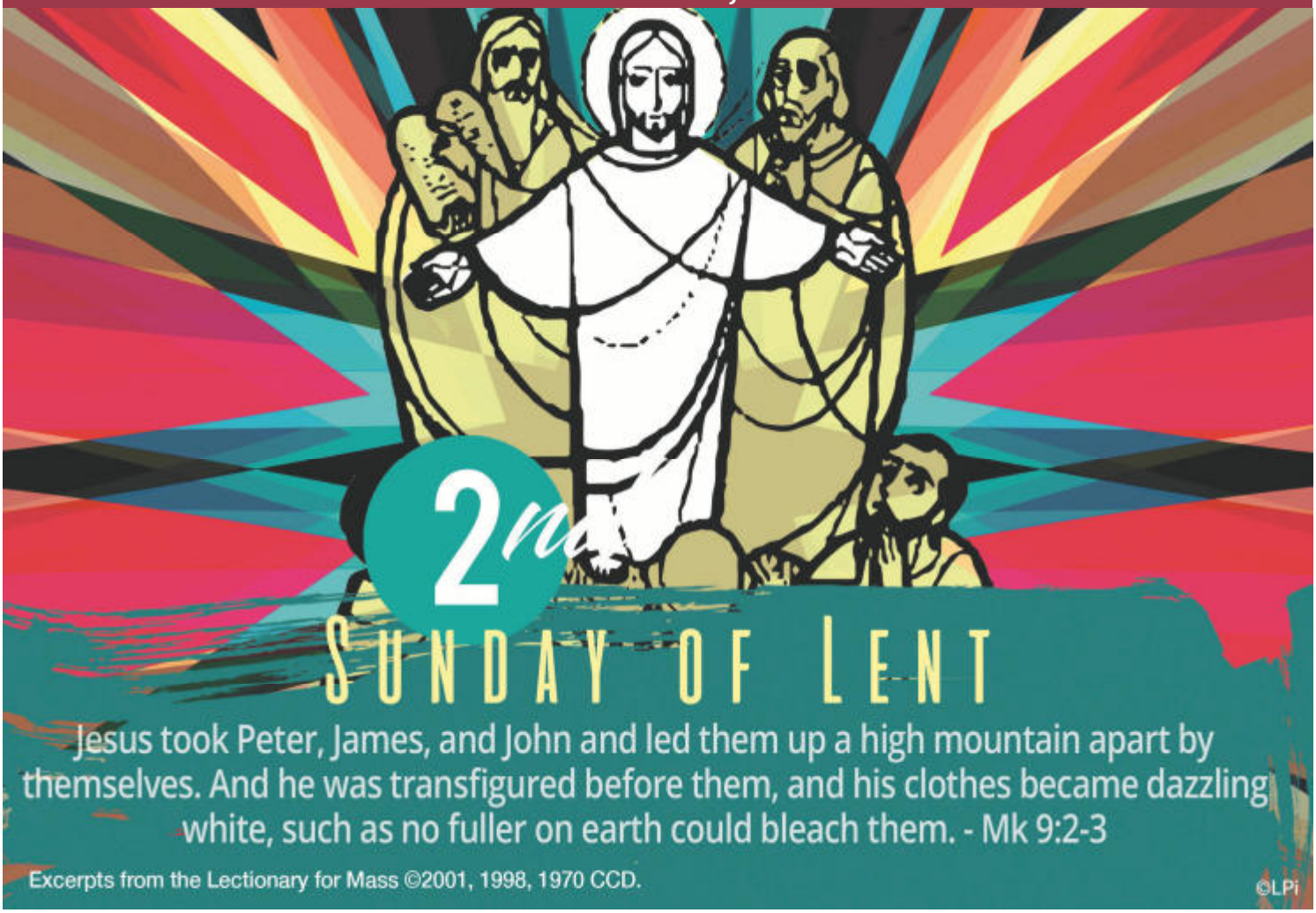

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- If you are registered as a dependent under your parents, please submit your own registration form upon turning 18.

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WELCOME

To everyone who has joined us today, whether you are here on your own or with family or friends, we want you to feel at home.

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Monday—Thursday:
8:00 AM—8:00 PM

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8:00 AM—4:30 PM

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BAPTISM

Baptism instruction is necessary when:

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3:00PM-4:00PM

Downtown:

Wednesday
11:30AM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION/ RCIA

Contact Geri Leibfarth, Director of Religious Education, by calling the Parish Office.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this second week of Lent we ask ourselves, "How are we doing?" Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving should be the three measuring sticks by which we judge our Lenten progress. Our hope is that we end these forty days better than we began them, and that those in any need might benefit from our spiritual and moral growth!

For today's article, I would like to focus on a liturgical change that has recently been implemented by Pope Francis in the English translation of the Mass. It can be found in the Opening Prayer (or Collect). While small, it nevertheless highlights a larger issue worthy of our attention. But before I address that, I draw your attention to a second article from me in today's bulletin regarding some helpful questions raised by our Pastoral Response Team. Please make sure to read that article as well.

Now, regarding the small change to our liturgy. At the end of the Opening Prayer for Mass, the priest used to say, "Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever." The change implemented in English speaking countries on Ash Wednesday involves the dropping of the word "one".

The reason for this omission is twofold. First, the English translation of the Latin original is faulty. The original does not include the word "one". Second, the original omits this word because the reference is not to the three persons of the Trinity but rather to our Lord Jesus Christ. Another way to understand this more clearly is to drop the middle part of the prayer: "Through our Lord Jesus Christ, God, for ever and ever." The point of the prayer is to underscore the fact that Jesus Christ is God, not that the members of the Holy Trinity are one (even though, of course, they are).

Like I said, in some ways this is a small point, but it highlights something bigger, namely that words convey meaning, and the words of our sacred liturgy are very significant to conveying the meaning of our faith. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church says it succinctly:*

"When the Church celebrates the sacraments, she confesses the faith received from the apostles – whence the ancient saying:

lex orandi, lex credendi (or legem credenda lex statuat supplicandi according to Prosper of Aquitaine [5th cent.]). The law of prayer is the law of faith: the Church believes as she prays. Liturgy is a constitutive element of the holy and living Tradition." (CCC 1124)

Even more simply put: every word expressed in the sacred liturgy is important to what we actually believe. And what we believe is not something that we make up, or construct, on our own, but rather what we have received from God through the apostles (Divine Revelation). This very Catholic way of understanding reality flies in the face of today's predominant secular atheistic humanism, which denies that we are the recipients of a Word from God—a Word which gives us hope of there being any possibility of something greater than ourselves in this universe and of everlasting life.

So even little things in our beautiful sacred liturgy are not so little after all! Indeed, the liturgy's words and actions have a powerful transforming effect upon us even if we don't always understand them. That is why it is very important to stay faithful to the right words and perform the right actions.

Speaking of the liturgy, the diocese has given us some directives with regard to Holy Week and the celebration of the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The changes are precautionary in light of the ongoing pandemic. I will highlight those in another article in another bulletin.

Finally, please consider being generous to the Annual Catholic Appeal. The bishop works very hard to be fiscally responsible and he and his team play an indispensable role in bringing us the faith of Jesus Christ. If you gave last year, thank you! If you have already given this year, thank you! And if you have not yet given, please prayerfully consider doing so. Because some of the ACA goes to the direct support of those in need in Northwest Ohio, it can be considered part of our Lenten almsgiving.

You are a blessing—and may God's blessings flow forth from you like a spring of life-giving water!

Yours in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Hertzfeld

04 SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION REGARDING LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

Recently our Pastoral Response Team had the opportunity to host a couple of small group discussions around the themes present in Bishop Robert Barron's "Letter to a Suffering Church". I thank all who participated and I thank our team for their good work. This effort has helped meet the need for healing with regard to the tragedy surrounding the former pastor.

I write now to answer some questions that came up during the discussions. These were not the only matters that arose, and more work will be done to address other issues that came up. These are simply ones that may be of common interest and can be answered in a bulletin article.

First, there was mention of the awkwardness of saying the name of the former pastor. I believe that there is no one solution to this problem. As you can tell from this article and from my previous articles, I choose to use the phrase "the former pastor" because it is factual. Of course, we have another former pastor in our midst, who also happens to share the same first name, which contributes to the difficulty. This is why I prefer to use the title "Monsignor" for Monsignor Hohenbrink, as it clarifies which "Father Mike" we are referring to. As for the name Michael Zacharias, it could be the case that some people will react negatively to its usage. Yet this is the name given to him at his baptism, and he is still a child of God in need of our prayers, so its use ought not to be rejected out of hand.

A second point of discussion was regarding prayer for the victims involved in this tragedy. We should definitely continue to do so as a parish and as individuals. In some respects, these people are double victims—of addiction on the one hand and of abuse on the other. Maybe we could even add a third category, that of neglect. We will occasionally be adding a petition for victims of abuse to our universal prayers at Sunday Mass. These are intended to be both specific to our situation and also general for all. In our personal prayer, I suggest placing the victims under the special care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for her loving protection and healing intercession.

Third, the attendees admitted to the complicated emotions involved in this case. This is especially true for people who really felt cared for by the former pastor in his priestly ministry. The question arose, "Are there appropriate ways to act out the work of mercy of visiting the imprisoned?" The simple answer is yes. One way to do that is to pray for him. This prayer might include the act of forgiveness, which is very hard to do but is called for by our Lord himself. Other ways are less obvious at this time, due to the fact that there has not yet been a trial and therefore no final conclusion to the affair. Perhaps once that occurs, some work of mercy might make itself more evident.

My prayer is that God may bless each of you in your own situation of healing. Please continue to be open with Father Peter and me, with our parish staff, or with the leaders of our Pastoral Response Team (Maile Doyle and Dave Gerardi) if you are struggling with any aspect of this incident or if you would like referral to a counselor. We want to be of service. We also hope that resources such as Bishop Barron's book will promote healing and equip parishioners to be able to help others. After all, you might find yourself in a spot where God can work through you to help someone else who is struggling with all of this. In that way, you will be a blessing to someone that the rest of us cannot reach. Thank you for that.

In Christ,

Fr. Hertzfeld

We would like to thank all of our Parishioners who joined together in pledging their gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not made your commitment, we encourage you to do so today to help us reach our parish goal. Pledge envelopes are available in the Narthex. Once completed, kindly place your pledge card in the offertory. Or drop it off at the Parish Office. Every gift is very important. Thank you for your generosity.

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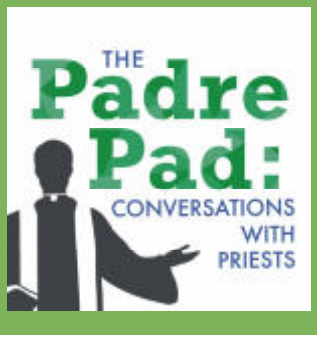
06 PARISH EVENTS

Check out the new podcast called **THE PADRE PAD** which features interviews with priests of the Diocese of Toledo.

The first conversation is with our own Fr. Peter.

The podcast can be accessed by going to the website: **www.thepadrepad.com** or be listened to on any of the smartphone apps like Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, or Spotify. Also, check us out on Facebook or follow on Instagram. Look for an interview with a different priest on the 10th of each month.



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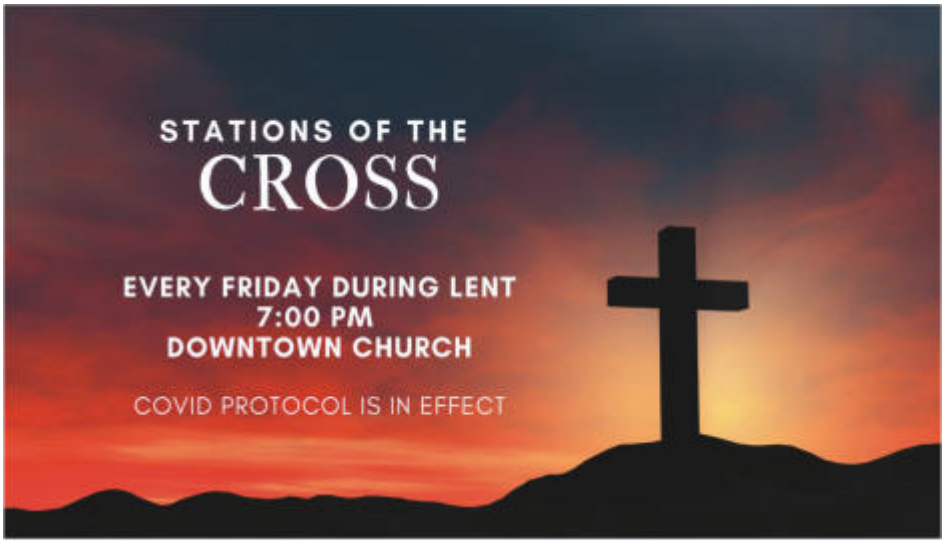

CEMETERY CLEAN UP STARTS TOMORROW!

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer.

Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. no matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation.

If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

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"St. Joseph-A Perfect Patron for Lent"

Not too long ago we were in the Christmas season and St. Joseph made his quiet but important appearances in the Gospel narratives of Jesus's birth. Now that we have entered the liturgical season of Lent it could be easy to forget about the "Diligent Protector" and "Head of the Holy Family", since it is believed that he was not present during Jesus's passion, death, and resurrection, having died himself before Christ began his public ministry. So why then would the Church establish the month of March, a month to always fall amongst the throes of Lent, to be the Month of St. Joseph? I pondered this question myself last year on Good Friday.

I was writing the included poem and began thinking about St. Joseph and his role as father and husband in the Holy Family. Jesus would have learned from him, and naturally—as most children do from their parents—taken on his mannerisms. In their house in Nazareth, in the carpenter shop, and in the synagogue, St. Joseph would have modeled how to work, rest, pray, and most importantly how to love. Considering this, I began to reflect on how St. Joseph's **actions** must have spoken volumes, more so than his words, since nothing of what he said is recorded. Recalling the Passion narratives, I began to see Jesus's manner of forgiveness, strength, and silence amid persecution and betrayal as an imitation of his earthly father. He would have remembered St. Joseph's complete gift of self to protect Mary and Himself in their fleeing from Herod, the perseverance through the struggles and hardships of living in the foreign land of Egypt, the patient daily encounters with others, and his trusting acceptance of death. All of this would have helped prepare Jesus to endure his sufferings and ultimately his own death knowing that "*no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).*

Tomorrow begins the month of March, which will bring the great Solemnity of Saint Joseph on the 19th! I encourage you to invoke his intercession throughout the whole month that is dedicated to him, especially in this 2021 year which Pope Francis has devoted as the Year of St. Joseph!

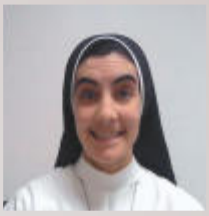
When we feel the difficult and unpleasant pinches of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving in the weeks to come, St. Joseph reminds us that those small quiet sacrifices made in order to grow in holiness and love are in fact being noticed by our Heavenly Father, "*and your Father who sees in secret will repay you." (Matthew 6:6)*

St. Joseph, most faithful, pray for us!

The Boy's School of Love

On a day when I perceive
myself rather deceived
In that I count as helpful
or anything that importance could bring
My shameful state
and useless fate
I turn and tuck bravely away
in the pocket of the man who loved,
despite being "the extra one"
Who toiled under the grey blue eyes
of the curly headed Savior boy, his son.
But what he never noticed
was how intensely focused
Boy watched the gentle man
Learning how love could be truly selfless
against all of life's demands
Protective arms,
a smile that warms
were just the beginning of the message
Complaint or curse rolled off the back
tongue remained silent, a virtuous feat
When sleep of death
came and took Guardian's breath
the Boy's school of love was complete
For the memory that remained
was of a man, righteous and sweet,
who's chaste heart was poured out for all
When I see Boy on the Cross
I can't help but also see
the Son who imitates his father
For in such humility
of being one altogether misperceived
and looked upon as nothing
Is the fulfillment of the Father's will
and entrance into His Glory.

Sr. Cora Rose, OP



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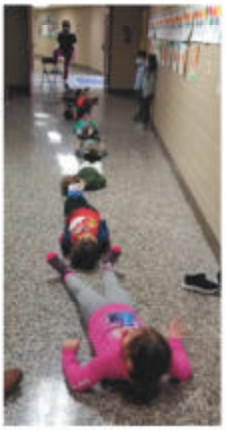
Mrs. Runge's KRB class learned about dinosaurs. They did many activities that helped them learn about dinosaurs, but also numbers and letters. They used their bodies to measure how long dinosaurs were. They found out they did not have enough children to make the 90 foot dinosaur. It was a fun week of learning. Next they are going to learn about polar animals, pigs and pirates! They will even dress like a pirate one day!



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Mrs. Karhoff's 1B class enjoyed celebrating Catholic School's Week. Thank you for supporting our school!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Monday, March 1
6:45 AM (MH) **MC** Mario Lerma

Tuesday, March 2
6:45 AM (AH) **MC** Rollin Monter

Wednesday, March 3
6:45 AM (AH) **MC** Jacob Davis

12:10 PM (PG) **DT** William Davis

Thursday, March 4
6:45 AM (AH) **MC** Dave & Dorothy Arnold

8:35 AM (PG) **MC** Edwin Fox

Friday, March 5
6:45 AM (AH) **MC** Walt Householder

8:35 AM (PG) **MC** Don, Leo & Zelma Urschalitz

Saturday, March 6
8:00 AM (MH) **MC** Pam Crouch
Ramona Gordon

4:30 PM (PG) **MC** Marilyn Boney
Joseph Dillon
Bob & Ann Hildreth
Don & Phyllis Hohenbrink

Sunday, March 7
8:00 AM (PG) **MC** Opal Atkins

9:00 AM (PG) **DT** For The People of the Parish

10:00 AM (MH) **MC** William Like
Mary Pompos
David Inman
Chip Kaple

12:00 PM (AH) **MC** Mick Werling
Ethan Leiber
Sr. Darlene Siebeneck
Dorothy Kralovic

6:00 PM (MH) **MC** Mary Ellen Floyd

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Kathleen Williams
Daniela Sirroti
Annette Guglielmi

SAINT STORIES

Villana de'Botti was a wife and a Third Order Dominican. She was born in Florence in 1332. She was a very pious child, and at age 13 she ran away from home to join a convent. She was refused and returned home. Soon after, her family married her to Rosso di Piero.

The rejection at the convent and the marriage seemed to change Villana. She became lazy and worldly, concerned only with pleasure. One day, as she was getting dressed, her reflection in her mirrors suddenly changed to a demon. Villana understood this to be a reflection of her sinful soul. She tore off her clothes, put on something poor and simple, and ran to the Dominican Fathers for help.

She became a Dominican tertiary, concentrated on her vocation of married life, and spent her free time praying and reading Scripture and the lives of the saints. She was given to religious ecstasies at Mass, visions of Our Lady and the saints, and had the gift of prophecy. She became the object of much ridicule and slander, but even her fiercest opponents eventually came to see her as a living saint.

She died in 1361 of natural causes at the age of 30. Her body was taken to the church of Santa Maria Novella in Florence, which was under the care of the Dominican Fathers. The priests were unable to bury her for a month due to the constant crowd of mourners. She was beatified by Pope Leo XII in 1824.

COUPLES CORNER

Today's gospel relates the story of the Transfiguration. Taking in the Glory of the Transfiguration Christ fills Peter, James, and John with awe. Peter tells Jesus, "It is good that we are here". As Catholics, we are given the awesome opportunity to encounter Christ's glory in Adoration, every Tuesday from 7:30am - 8:00pm at the main church. Praying together, as a couple, in the presence of Jesus will have a profound and positive impact on your marriage.

You, too, will be saying "It is good that we are here".

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Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS

"Go to Joseph"

What a difference a year can make! If I had asked you last January about your plans for the upcoming year, you probably would have told me about expectations that were very different than what, in fact, actually took place in 2020. The pandemic has wreaked havoc on our normal routine and changed our plans for work, school, travel, shopping, holiday celebrations, socializing, vacation, and so many other areas of our lives. The challenges of 2020 were grave and many of the same stressors have spilled over into the new year.

Very providential then was the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter "*Patris Corde*" ("With a Father's Heart"), on December 8, 2020, with the announcement that the upcoming year would be specially dedicated to Saint Joseph. Through December 8, 2021, the Universal Church will focus on the holy example of Saint Joseph and seek his heavenly paternal intercession.

Saint Joseph certainly knew what a difference a year could make. After his betrothal to Mary, he had certain expectations for what would unfold in the upcoming months. We can imagine plans being made for a wedding celebration and plans to prepare a home to share with Mary after their wedding. As a carpenter, Joseph would have made plans for work projects to complete in the months ahead as well.

And then over the course of a year, everything changed. Mary was found with child by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then a government mandate forced Joseph and Mary to make the arduous journey to Bethlehem at a most inconvenient time. Then Mary gave birth in a stable, because there was no room in the inn. Then they were forced to flee to Egypt for the safety of their child.

One year prior, Saint Joseph could not have imagined any of these events unfolding in his life. Yet, with deep faith and courage, Joseph let go of his own plans and expectations. He did his best to accept God's will, diligently served the people God had entrusted to him, and prayerfully pondered what more God was asking of him.

There is much we can learn from Saint Joseph this year. His patience, his work ethic, his willingness to make sacrifices, his contemplative spirit, and his decisive action all have something to teach us. Most of all, his selfless dedication to Jesus, in the midst of turbulent times,

stressful situations, and an uncertain future, provides a roadmap to guide us through the troubling times in which we are living.

During this year, I encourage everyone in the Diocese of Toledo to turn to Joseph in his role as foster father of Jesus; to pray each day for our local Church the simplest of prayers: "Saint Joseph, pray for us;" and to integrate Saint Joseph into your prayer habits and spiritual life. I invite you to participate in our diocesan novena to Saint Joseph from March 10-18, 2021, and in our diocesan celebration of the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19th. To those who are able to do so safely, I suggest pilgrimage visits throughout the year to parishes in our diocese dedicated to Saint Joseph. Please pray with me that our spiritual practices will lead to many acts of charity in honor of Saint Joseph, especially towards unemployed workers, engaged couples, spouses, fathers, foster children, the unborn and their parents, refugees, the homeless, the dying, and all persons in need.

At the bottom the splendid stone statue depicting a strong and fatherly Saint Joseph at his shrine in our Rosary Cathedral, three simple words appear in Latin: *Ite ad Ioseph,*" "Go to Joseph." These were the words of Pharaoh to the people of Egypt during the years of famine (Gen 41:55), and for centuries the same phrase has been used to encourage devotion to Saint Joseph. This is what we do together this year, we go to Joseph, confident that he will accompany us, and that we will know and experience his fatherly care as individuals and as members of the family of the Church.

Trusting in the graces being offered to us this year, we look forward to a deepening of our relationship with Jesus under Saint Joseph's fatherly care. Thanks to our renewed devotion to Saint Joseph and his loving paternal guidance, we can anticipate much spiritual fruit in the upcoming months. We will learn what a difference a year can make!

The Apostolic Letter "*Patris Corde*" of the Holy Father Pope Francis may be found here: bit.ly/2YAJ2Ny

For diocesan resources please visit our Year of Saint Joseph website: yearofstjosephtoledo.org

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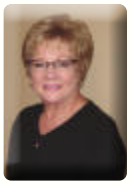
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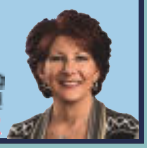

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