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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 26, 2023

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

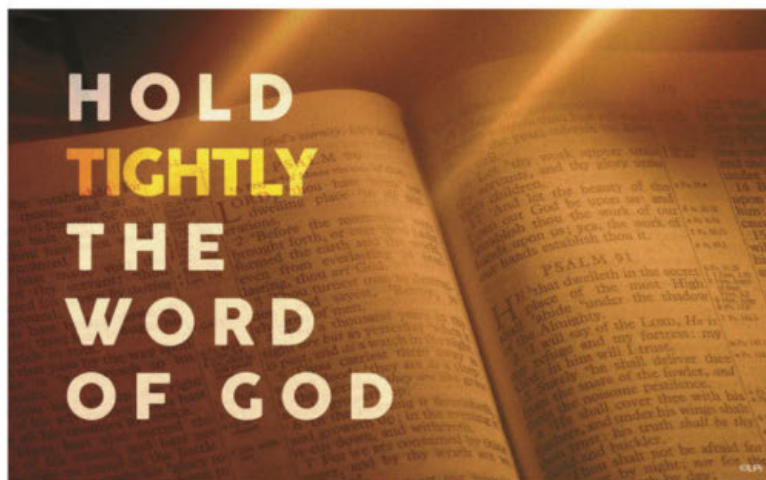
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **“He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held fast to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. **“Man does not live by bread alone,”** he says, **“But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— *Father John Muir*



Notes from the Pastor...

Fr. Roy Horning

Lent is fully upon us. Lent comes from the Middle English word *lenten*, meaning “springtime”. **The forty days (not including Sundays) of fasting, prayer and penitence are a season of preparation for the celebration of Easter.** The Roman Lent developed and is linked to the pastoral and liturgical preparation of the catechumens for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This makes sense and we can see that indeed springtime is the beginning of new life after the long season of winter. We walk with those men and women preparing for new life through the waters of baptism. It is natural that the whole Church began to pray, fast and do penance in preparation for the Easter celebration. **Let us take a moment and revisit those spiritual and physical practices of preparation.**

“Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God” wrote **St. John Damascene.** The Church reminds us that the virtue of humility is the foundation of prayer. St. Augustine said, *“Man is a beggar before God”* thus capturing an essential truth about our existence. Others complain that *‘I don’t know how to pray.’* Both statements are profoundly true, but we also see the love and mercy of God in both statements. Everything you and I am, have or desire ultimately comes to us from God. Also, how can one possibly know how to address God who is beyond our ability to fully grasp? The very desire to pray is itself a gift or grace from God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God’s thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him. He desires that we come to know and love him. Prayer is the way we use our hearts, minds and bodies to communicate with the God who created and sustains us in this world. The perfect prayer of the Church is the Holy Mass, in which we worship and praise God for all that has done for us. Private prayer is the groaning of our hearts before the God who has revealed himself to us through his people Israel and fully in his Son, Jesus Christ. These groanings are expressed in words, in silence, and in bodily actions. Sometimes we use prayers that are memorized, and at other times we are simply conversing with God like a child to his parents, or as spouses, or as friends. We pray from our knees, or while sitting, or even fully prostrate on the floor before Him. According to Sacred Scripture the most important thing is that we pray from our hearts; meaning from the deepest desires of our inmost being. If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in vain. Prayer is spending time with the God who created us and slowly over time falling in love with Him; not so much for what he has done for us, but more fittingly loving Him for who he truly is with awe and wonder.

Fasting refers to limitations on food and drink, or in the case of abstinence refraining or limiting ourselves from things that are otherwise good. Metaphorically speaking, we create a space for God in our lives by denying our bodies and minds of something good for that which is the supreme Good, God himself. We don’t eat meat on the Fridays of Lent to remind us of what Jesus did for us on Calvary. He gave up his flesh, his incarnate life, for our redemption and salvation. By abstaining from meat, we redirect our minds to reflect on our Lord’s sacrifice for us. Every time we think about having something to eat we are mindful that we can’t have meat, and then remember the reason why. We can apply this to any other good thing we may give up during the Lenten Season.

Penitence, the interior penance of the Christian, can be expressed in many and various ways. The Scriptures and the early Church Fathers insist that above all *there are three primary forms of penance: fasting, prayer and almsgiving.* These practices express our desire for interior conversion in relation to ourselves, to God, and to others. When we do these three forms of penance for the good of our neighbor, we are practicing charity. One early Church Father wrote that *“prayer is good, fasting is better, and almsgiving washes away a multitude of sins.”* He is making an allusion to almsgiving being a corporal work of mercy, which concretely expresses our love for neighbor. Telling a homeless and needy person that we will pray for them is good, but seeing to their physical needs with food, clothing, or housing is an even greater good. The three primary forms of penance are tried and true spiritual practices that lead to interior conversion that give glory to God. God is glorified when we live our lives as instruments of his grace and love.

Our Lenten penances are a concrete response to Jesus’ commandment to love one another, as I have loved you. Let us be sure to keep love at the forefront of this penitential season. This will ensure that our penance is not done in vain, but is noticed and acknowledged by the One who knows our hearts. May we all have a fruitful Lent filled with the blessings of God.

Liturgical Minister Schedules

Saturday, March 4th

LECTOR: Brad DePottey
 E.M.: Bruce Sage, Jim Blaine, Carol Clase,
 Pat Curtis, Larry & Regina Maurer,
 Brad DePottey

ALTAR SERVERS: Jayde, Ryker & Ty Edwards

Sunday, March 5th

LECTOR: Teresa Bourque
 E.M.: Dave & Kathy Dutton, Barb Boudreau,
 Abigail Bourque, Mark Corcoran,
 Pat Estelle, Theresa Bourque

ALTAR SERVERS: Jonah Herrington,
 Brysen Sorensen, Volunteer



Please pray for the following people who are sick at home or in the hospital:

Nancy Kreger-Aills, Katherine Arendt,
 Dave Atwell, Kim Barker, Jane Benson,
 Stephanie Bosley, Joe Boris, Judy Brady,
 Hannah Burner, Elizabeth Craig, Edith Crist,
 Delphon Davidson, Glenn Davidson,
 Joanne Depottey, Terry Edwards,
 Gary Ellsworth, June Fehik, Brian Fent,
 Gail Fielder, Ashley Flagg, Katherine Gibson,
 Rebecca Gillette, Don Gray, Mark Hagler,
 Joyce Hipkins, Brian Holyfield, Jim Hoover,
 Jaden Howard, Roger Howard, Denny Howell,
 Dolores & Wesley Hunt, Cindy Jackson,
 Bob Jackson, Mary Jankowski,
 Remington Johnson, Dean Jones, Alan Karl,
 Amy Kelly, Beth King, Beverly King,
 Nancy Kroetsch, Tracy Kropp, Debra, Mike and
 Logan LeClaire, Judy Liddle, Gayle Marcum,
 Mindy Manzardo, Karen Michelson, Scott
 Penney, Rosemary Pieknik,
 Rachel Porritt Southerland, Joyce Powell,
 Laura & Dan Schlund, Claire Sheets,
 David Slough, Mary Sobey, John Varner,
 Mary Ward, Judith Ware, Sarah Webb,
 Craig Zafiroff & Jerrod Zuwala.

If you, or someone you know, is ill or in the hospital, or are homebound, and would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office. The requests must come from the individual or an immediate family member.

An Offering to God February 18th & 19th

Weekly Sacrificial Budget	\$6,000.00
Weekly Collection Received	\$5,912.00

Fiscal Year Total

Budgeted	\$249,380.00
Received	\$265,721.39
OVER Budget	\$16,341.39

During January, 185 of our 506 registered families contributed to our offertory collections.

The above figures are for Sunday Contributions only and do not reflect total Parish/School Budget.

Thank you to all who are contributing to Holy Rosary Parish.



MONDAY, February 27th

St. Gregory of Narek, Abbott and Doctor of the Church

TUESDAY, February 28th

8:30 a.m. Mass: Robert Barron Family
 by Tom & Ann Marie Simon
 and for the Conversion of Sinners

WEDNESDAY, March 1st

5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions
 6:30 p.m. Mass: Althea Krebsbach
 by Fred, Chris & Ed Krebsbach and Sue Gear
 and Joe Arnes
 by Evelyn Dick

THURSDAY, March 2nd

FRIDAY, March 3rd

First Friday-St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin World Day of Prayer

8:30 a.m. Mass: First Friday Memorials and Special Intentions
 Exposition and Adoration will follow the Mass,
 closing with Benediction at 10:30AM
 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 4th

First Saturday-St. Casimir

The World Apostolate of Fatima's Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace will take place at St. Mary, Mt. Morris, beginning at 9AM

6:00 p.m. Mass: Lila Burnash
 by Robert Kelly
 and Althea Krebsbach
 by Tom & Elaine Coha

SUNDAY, March 5th

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Mass: Carol Horning
 by Mike & Donna Sunday
 and Mary Zuwala
 by David & Angela Malinich

WELCOME

If you would like to join Holy Rosary Parish, have a change in address and/or telephone number, or would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____

____ I would like to become a registered, active parishioner
 ____ Please change my address and/or telephone number as shown above
 ____ Please add to the Prayer List _____

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

February 27th Steve Boling

February 28th Lynn Jacobs

February 29th Kathleen Binkley, Ella Anderson

March 1st Kathleen Fulton, Charles Lewis

March 2nd Susan Gruwell, Lance Troyer

March 3rd Mildred Bleicher, Michael Dubie,
Sierra Jones, Leyton Austin

March 4th Ethan Desrochers

March 5th Gale Ouellette, Dennis Kroetsch





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Family Fish Fry

You are cordially invited to our fabulous fish fry beginning Friday, February 24, 2023 and continuing every Friday through April 7, 2023

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Holy Rosary Parish 2023 First Friday Memorials & Special Intentions for Living & Deceased Family Members

*Bob and Bobby Gibson
Martinbianco & Newland Families
Neminski and Grantner Families
Stewart Pincumbe Families
Burnett, Clapper & Palacios Families
Ronald Isaacson
Faris & Meredith Families
John & Ellen Michalik Families
Ronald Isaacson
Vaughn Owens & Marzonie Families
Gary Clase, Clase and Gadany Families
Buick, Jedlowski & Korcyiak Families
Frank & Maureen Smejkal
Robert & Colleen Kanous
Margaret, Stephen, & Hyon Howard Families
Claude Green Families
Bishoff and Dowdall Families
Krebsbach Families
Claude Green Families
Arendt & Podulka Families
Coulter & Christian Families
LaGraff, Gray & Showalter Families
Kozlowski, Musialowski, Reska & Hadden Families
Martel Families
Jeannine Kelly*

*Spec. Intention of Claude Green Families
Leona & Michael Kelley
Mr. & Mrs. Michael L. Kelley
Russell & Julia Whitmeyer
Desrocher & Schwind Families
Dysarz, Lambertz & Winkler Families
Trundle & Hazard Families
Aube & Woloszyk Families
Clare & Geraldine Karl Families
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Frank & Maureen Smejkal
Rodriguez & Mucha Families
Daniels, Coulter & Kuczera Families
Galvas & Flood Families
Kononchuk, Gauthier & Chazick Families
Stephen & Hyon Howard Families
Alan Uren
Turchi & DeVito Families*

Mass is prayed for the intentions of the First Friday Memorials & Special Intentions. Each month you are able to have a Mass prayed for your loved ones, living or deceased, or for anyone who has a special intention. The cost is \$75 for the year.

Holy Rosary



PARISH

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Night Vigil.....6:00 PM
Sunday.....9:00 AM
Saturday Vigil @ St. Mary.....4:00 PM
Sunday @ St. Mary.....7:30AM & 11AM

DAILY MASSES

Tues., Fri., Sat.....8:30 AM
Wednesday Evening.....6:30 PM
Weds., Thurs. @ St. Mary.....8:30 AM
Tuesday Evening @ St. Mary.....6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday.....5:30-6:30 PM
Saturday.....9:00-10:00 AM
Tuesday @ St. Mary.....5:00-6:00 PM
Saturday @ St. Mary.....3:00-3:45 PM

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least nine months in advance, and be a registered parishioner.

Formation classes are required for the Sacrament of Marriage.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements must be made in advance. Parents/candidates must be registered, active members of the parish for at least three months. Baptism formation class is required for the Sacrament of Baptism.

SICK AND SHUT IN

Please contact the parish office if you, or a member in your family is ill— at home, or in the hospital, or if the Sacrament of the Sick is desired, as we may not be notified by the hospitals.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Fr. Roy Horning.....*Pastor*
Mrs. Kim Edwards.....*Administrative Assistant*
Mrs. Kimberly Murawski.....*Pastoral Associate/DRE*
Mrs. Karen West-Aiello.....*Principal*
Mrs. Kimberly Kallas.....*School Administrative Assistant*
Mrs. Peggy DePottety.....*Bookkeeper*
Mr. Anthony Avery.....*Director of Music Ministry*
Mr. Arnold Lake.....*Maintenance*
Mrs. Megan Christensen.....*Janitorial*

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HOLY ROSARY RECTORY

Phone (810) 766-9778

Please use this number only in **emergencies**, if you need a priest after 4:00 PM weekdays, or on weekends when the parish office is closed.

HOLY ROSARY COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS

Mrs. Ellen Anderson.....*Pastoral Council Chairperson*
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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Must be submitted in writing at least 10 days in advance of print date each week to ensure placement in the bulletin to holyrosaryflint@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Save the Date

Now through March 28th-DMI Survey
 March 3rd-Stations of the Cross 6PM
 Stations will take place every Friday in Lent
 March 11th & 12th-Shower for Heartbeat

Gift Bearers Needed

We will be resuming the
 Procession of Offertory Gifts at Mass.
 Our ushers will begin this procession and
 coordinate this effort. Gift bearers represent
 the congregation returning a small offering
 to show thanks and joy for all of
 the blessings that God has given us.
 It is an opportunity to recognize
 Mass intentions, involve families
 or celebrate an occasion. Please Sign up!
 There will be a sign-up sheet in the gathering
 space, beginning in March.

Be sure to check Fr. Roy's Tidbits for Great Audio Recordings of our Faith!

Go to the Holy Rosary website, which is
holyrosaryflint.com On the home page you
 will see Fr. Roy's Tidbits. Just click on the
 link and you will be connected.



Diocesan Services Appeal

“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.”
 taken from the Book of Psalms, it reminds us of
 how we are to respond to the many gifts we
 have been given by God, and that **greatest gift:**
 the gift of His Son, in the Holy Eucharist.
 Our Diocesan Services Appeal is one such
 opportunity to give God thanks for his great
 gifts; for the work of the Church in our own
 lives and the lives across the Diocese.
 Next weekend our parish will conduct
 Commitment Weekend for the DSA.
 Our parish goal of \$38,969 can be reached
 if each one of us shares a portion of the
 many blessings God has given.
 Please prayerfully consider how you or your
 family will respond to this call to carry on
 Christ's work in our community.

First Friday–March 3rd

Friday's 8:30AM Mass intention will be for the
 First Friday Memorials and Special Intentions
 listed in the bulletin. Adoration will follow the
 Mass, closing with Benediction at 10:30AM.

First Saturday–March 4th The World Apostolate of Fatima's

Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace
 will be held at St. Mary Church, Mt. Morris
 11110 S. Saginaw St., beginning at 9 AM.

The morning will include the Divine Liturgy,
 celebrated by Fr. Roy, Investiture in the Brown
 Scapular, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
 Adoration, Holy Hour of Prayer and Rosary.

Please call Richard with any questions
 or concerns, (810) 624-2996.



Sacristan

Are you interested in
 serving as a Sacristan?

We are looking for parishioners willing to serve
 at Masses held at Holy Rosary and St. Mary's.
 Training will be held in early March!
 Any questions, or to be added to the list,
 please contact Kim M. at 810-736-4040
 or kmurawski@holyrosarycatholic.com

St. Patrick's Guild News

St. Patrick's Guild will be hosting their
Annual Shower for Heartbeat Flint
on the weekend of March 11th & 12th.
 Heartbeat has asked for donations of new and gently
 used clothing for both boys and girls in sizes 3T-5T.

They are always in need of wipes, diapers in
 sizes 5 & 6, Gentle Ease Formula, toys, books,
 car seats, cribs, pack & plays, and baby layette items.

Monetary donations are also accepted.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please
 make checks payable to: **Heartbeat of Greater Flint.**

Thank you for your generosity!

Stations of the Cross

**Stations of the Cross will be prayed
 each Friday during Lent at 6PM.
 A soup and salad supper will follow.**

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