

SECOND
SUNDAY
OF

Lent

ST. MARK PARISH



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Pope Francis reminds us that conversion, the call to change one's life, is not just for a moment or a time of the year, but a journey that lasts our entire lifetime. The season of Lent is especially providential – exhorting us to reorient and realign our whole being to the loving, merciful, and life-giving presence of Jesus. We are called to encounter the redeeming grace of Christ within ourselves, in our neighbor, the Word of God, and the sacramental life of the Church. The path of our spiritual growth requires our daily commitment to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, so that we can rediscover the wisdom and joy of God's plan for the world and the human family. While we cross the Lenten desert, we keep our gaze fixed upon Easter, which is the definitive victory of Jesus Christ against temptation, sin, evil, and death. We place ourselves decisively on the path of Jesus, the way that leads to the fullness of regeneration, healing, peace and grace!

In Christ's abundant Life,
Fr. Stanley



MISSION STATEMENT

As the Eucharistic family of St. Mark Parish, we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News."

(Mark 1:15)

Lenten Spiritual Journey

*"Repent and believe
in the Gospel"*
(Mark 1:15)

Holy Mass
Wednesdays in Lent
9:30 am and 7 pm

Stations of the Cross
Fridays in Lent, 11 am

Individual Confessions
Saturdays in Lent, 3 pm
St. John's room

Communal Penance Services
See listings at Vicariate Website
www.cmvic.net

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

NOTES

Dear Parish Family,

We do not want to alarm anyone, but hearing Dr. Fauci mention the “Nightmare Scenario”, reminds all of us not to let down our guard! As you know, we are and will continue to take every precaution here at St. Mark. Disinfecting after every gathering in the church, everyone wearing a mask at all times, safe distancing, adhering to the proper numbers in church, are just a few of the ways we achieve this safety. Despite numbers dropping and more vaccines available, we are encouraged to be even more vigilant. We love being together at Mass, however, if you are not feeling well, or have possibly been exposed, please follow the guidelines and be considerate of others and stay home.

Lent reminds us to get closer to God through prayer and fasting, charity.

We have Wednesday Masses at 9:30am and 7:00pm during Lent.

May our loving God Bless You!

Mary Jo

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.*

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Lent

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

Fasting

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

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Stations of the Cross

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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THE WORD

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/Rom 8:31b-34/
Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

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

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

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

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

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

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25



Saturday, February 27

4:00 pm Edward Pelc
John & Veronica Pelc
Susan Domen
P.J. & Erin Curtis

Sunday, February 28

8:30 am Jackie Loch
Leona Marz
The Youth

11:00 am Ray Kusza
Gregory Allen
Harry Tyldesley
Anthony Gonzales

Wednesday, March 3

9:30 am The People of St. Mark

7:00 pm Christine Mixen

Saturday, March 6

4:00 pm Karol Lipinski
Angeline Lipinski
Richard Lipinski
Irene Lipinski
Donald Krynski
Brownie Tyldesley

Sunday, March 7

8:30 am Robert Grigg
Shirley Tyldesley
Jackie Loch

11:00 am Christine Mixen
Ray & Patricia Kusza
Henry Naguszewski
Mae Cavanaugh
Bruce Cavanaugh
Nola & Patrick Wernette

ST. MARK OUTREACH



THE PANTRY NEEDS:

TUNA
SOUP



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

God's request of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac seems cruel from our modern perspective. Yet Abraham's obedience rendered divine blessings. Do you think you have such depth of faith?

Second Reading:

Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God's divine providence in our lives. As we continue the Lenten journey, can you recall when have you felt God's protection and comfort?

Gospel:

We hear Mark's account of the apostles' witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?

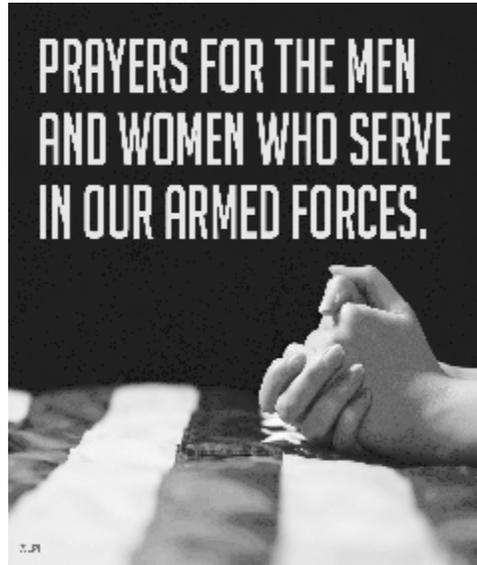
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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Ed Podgorny
Marlene Sienko

Only immediate family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.



WE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MILITARY, & PARTICULARLY:

- Sr. CPO Michael Brightman
- Lt. Commander Adam Craig
- LCPL Sarah J Page
- Sgt. Steven Parisi
- Major Michael F. Weigle

Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

Prayer Resources

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us.
Amen.



POPE TWEETS

"During the Season of #Lent, the Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, into the desert (Mk 1:12-15). It is not a physical place, but rather an existential dimension in which we can be silent and listen to the word of God, so that a true conversion might be effected in us."

- Pope Francis
@Pontifex Twitter (February 21, 2021)

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Center Office to arrange for Baptism instruction and a date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to complete arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

LAST Sunday of every month after all Masses.

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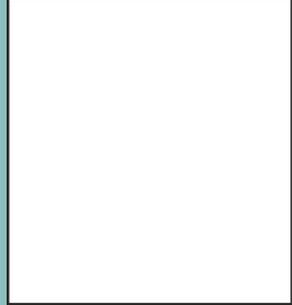
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