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Second Sunday of Lent - March 13, 2022



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God (Genesis 15:18). Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2).

Lord Jesus, keep me always alert to you, to your presence in my life, and to your life-giving word that nourishes me daily. Let me see your glory.

Excerpt from: Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations

Learning, Living and Sharing the Good News

Meditation
Trust in Divine Providence
(from "My Daily Bread")

Christ:

My Child, everything on earth needs My support in order to continue in existence. Not for a single moment can I withdraw My power from anything. If I did, it would vanish into the nothingness from which I created it. I provide for all things from the moment they begin to exist, so that they may accomplish their purpose.

I am the Fountain of all good, the Power of all life, the Depth of all knowledge. To trust in Me is your highest wisdom and deepest consolation.

The more you see of earthly consolation, the more you will realize how limited, brief and imperfect it is.

When you have learned to place your main hope and confidence in Me alone, you will enjoy the peace of a pure heart. Do not merely talk of Me as your one great hope. Prove your sincerity and virtue by a firm trust in My wisdom and assistance, no matter what happens in your daily life.

Prove your complete confidence in Me by setting no conditions and making no reservations. Want what I want for you. Prefer My decisions for you in all things. I will send only what is best for you.

Readings for the Week of March 13, 2022

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/
 Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/
 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/
 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
 Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/
 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600

Mass Intentions
(for the week ahead)

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Jane Rasmussen
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Roland Batista
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Vocations
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	The Jack O'Connor Family
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Anthony Talotta, Jr.
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Bob Page
	6:00 p.m.	Michael Kenny
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Roseann Esposito
	8:30 a.m.	Ralph Amadeo
	10:30 a.m.	Larry James
	5:00 p.m.	Parish Family

Mass and Devotions Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm and 6 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (*Contemporary*),
 and 5:00 pm (*LifeTeen™*)
Daily Mass: 8:00 am Monday-Friday
Prayer Group: The 2nd and 4th Mondays of the
 month starting Sept. 13th and ending May 23rd.
Holy Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Mon-Fri,
 in Church
Marian Novena after 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays
Benediction & Adoration: Thursdays at 3:00 pm
 until 6:45 pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

Parish Calendar

- Mon. 03/14 6:30PM Prayer Group
- Tues. 03/15 9AM Rosary Makers;
6:45PM Boy Scouts
- Wed. 03/16 9:15AM Legion of Mary;
10AM SVDP Meeting;
4PM Traditional Choir;
7PM RCIA
- Thur. 03/17 10AM Prayer Shawl Ministry;
12PM Catholic Daughters Card Party;
3PM Benediction/Adoration;
5:30-6:30PM Lenten Confessions;
6PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting;
7PM Contemporary Choir;
7PM Bible Study;
7PM K of C Social
- Fri. 03/18 9AM Spiritual Motherhood of Priests
Apostolate;
5PM Fish Fry
7PM Stations of the Cross in Church
- Sat. 03/19 9AM Catholic Men's Fellowship Mtg;
3-7PM Holy Land Gifts at Grounds
- Sun. 03/20 Holy Land Gifts: Before/After Masses;
9AM Faith Formation;
6:15PM Life Nite



*Beginning on Thursday March 17th,
Father George will hear Confessions
on Thursdays during Lent from
5:30pm-6:30pm, with the exception
of Holy Thursday.*



**Spring Ahead
Sunday, March 13th at 2:00am**

Parish Information

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.
Call for information.
Phone: (727) 372-8600
Website: www.stanpr.org
Prayer Line: (727) 372-8600
Emergency Number for Anointing of the Sick:
Nights and Weekends (727) 836-3211

Administration

Business Office Fax: (727) 376-7204
Asst. to Pastor/Staff Coordinator:
Cheralyn Quevedo - Ext. 111
Parish Bookkeeper: Cherise Amundson - Ext. 115
Bulletin Editor: Kate - Ext. 113

Parish Ministry

Faith Formation K-5: Jessica McIlveen - Ext. 132
Middle School (Edge) and High School (Life Teen):
Beth DeBella and Cliff Stodden – Ext. 131
Adult Formation: Michaela Meyers - Ext. 133
Admin. Asst: Meghan Snyder - Ext. 112
Music: Dan O'Hara - Ext. 128
Parish Nurse, Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:
Betty West - Ext. 116
Sacristan: Elizabeth Sheridan - Ext. 129
St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ext. 142
Ambassador: Mary Ellen Taylor
Coordinator of Ushers: Ada DeFina
STA Early Childhood Center
Alicia Mumma, Director – (727) 376-2330
www.staecc.org

Food Pantry: Monday *and* Thursday
9:30am until 11:00am *and* 1:30pm until 3:00pm

Gift Store: *Open before and after Sat. 4pm
and Sun. 10:30am Masses*

Parish Library: Open during office hours.

Offertory: March 5/6, 2022

Offertory: \$17,069.84
Online Giving: \$ 5,974.00
Total: \$23,043.84
Ash Wednesday: \$ 4,884.00

*Thank you to our Parishioners
and Visitors
for your generous support!*



ESCAPE to LAKE WOBEGON — a personal invite from FATHER ERIC!

I would just like to invite you to join me for a delightful evening of story-telling as I share from memory some lovely tales from Lake Wobegon, the mythical hometown of Garrison Keillor. The stories are humorous, heartwarming and will transport you back to a simpler time when people mainly listened to the radio and were allowed to use their imaginations!

This show has been a big hit in my other parishes, and I've wanted to share it with you since I've been here. Tickets are just \$10 and can be purchased at the parish office during the week and after the 8:30 mass on Sunday. After all other weekend masses, tickets will be on sale in the narthex.

Both shows, March 12th and March 26th, are at 7pm in our parish hall, with all proceeds going to our youth groups to purchase ingredients with which they provide meals for the Pasco Family Homeless Shelter. This will be an uplifting experience, and I do hope you will come and bring a friend with you for this great time!

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Sunday April 10, 2022
11:30a-2:00p

**Easter Egg Hunt
Volunteers
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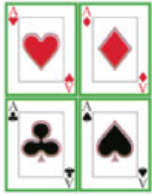



Mass in Honor of St. Patrick
Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 10:30 AM
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
LUNCH/DINNER By the AOH
Noon by ticket only
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Joe LaGuardia: 727-534-7949
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Jim Marcotte: 207-229-1032
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**Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Annual Card Party
Thursday March 17th from 12pm until 3pm**



Join us for lunch, fellowship, card games and fun.
\$12.00

We will have raffle baskets, 50/50 and fun door prizes.
For tickets or questions, feel free to contact Linda @ 203-3498
or Amanda @ 858-2833

Elaine Hanania representing the Bethlehem Christian Families; a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help many organizations and Churches in the Middle East. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. For more information, please see website: www.landofpeace.org and www.bcfmission.com

The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate invite you to pray for the Priests and Seminarians of our Diocese. Please remember to pray for all of our Priests. Below are the names for the week.

O Jesus, eternal Priest,
keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred
Heart, where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands,
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips,
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and
shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit and
may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and
consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and
everlasting crown. Amen.

3/13 Rev. Michael Suszynski

3/14 Rev. Patrick Rebel

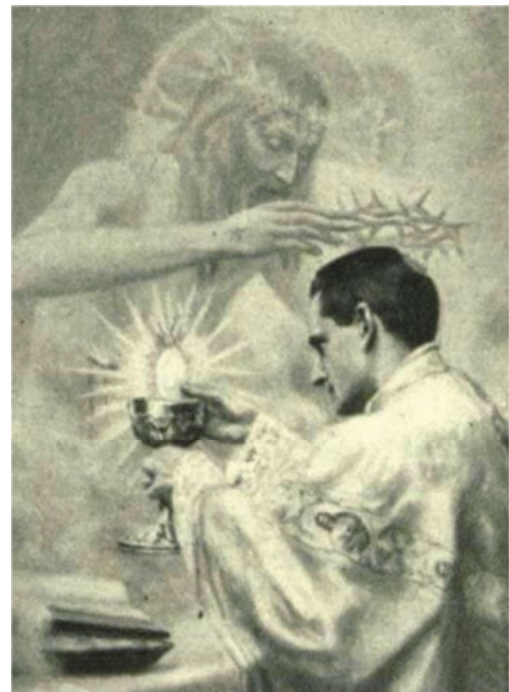
3/15 Rev. Jose Tejada

3/16 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

3/17 Rev. John A. D'Antonio

3/18 Rev. Brendan Lawlor

3/19 Rev. Michael Lydon



"You are a Priest forever,
in the line of Melchizedek."

-Pslm 110:4



LENTEN FISH FRYDAY

Join us Friday after 5PM

- \$10 Adults/\$5 Children
- Generous Portions
- Eat in Parish Hall, take-out or drive up!
- Fried or baked fish w/ sides of the day
- Tea, lemonade, water and dessert
- Cheese pizza w/ drink and dessert \$3
- Soft drinks available for purchase \$1
- We accept Cash, Check and Credit Cards







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USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for the following masses: 6pm Saturday; 7am, 8:30am, and 5pm on Sunday. The usher is usually the first person who greets you when you attend mass. If you enjoy smiling and making people feel comfortable, then this is the position for you.

You may be asking yourself, what does this entail and am I committed every single Saturday or Sunday? We'd love to have you there all the time, but if you have another commitment just let your captain know that you will be away so they can get a substitute to fill your spot. Here are the requirements for being an usher:

Opening doors and greeting the parishioners and visitors, helping them find seats, taking up the collection baskets and handing out the bulletins after mass, and assisting at the various celebrations of the mass. We usually have sign-up sheets for the following:

Communal anointing services, communal Penance, Holy Days of Obligation, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Christmas and Easter Vigil.

Main ingredients for becoming an usher: a welcoming smile, kindness to all young and elderly, respectful to each other and be willing to give one hour of your time.

If you can say yes to any of the above ingredients, we would love to have you come on board and join us. Thank you and God Bless you.

Please call Cheralyn Quevedo, Asst. to Pastor at 727-372-8600, Ext. 111



Rite of Sending and Election
March 6, 2022

With continued prayers and love, and looking forward to their reception of sacraments at the Easter Vigil, we congratulate our catechumens, candidates, and Catholics completing initiation!



Candidate: David V.; **Catechumens:** Nils B., Jessica G., Franklin L., Joseph M., Kyle R.; **Catholics Completing Initiation:** Yasmine A., Sara B., Angela C., Shauna L., Edward M.

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