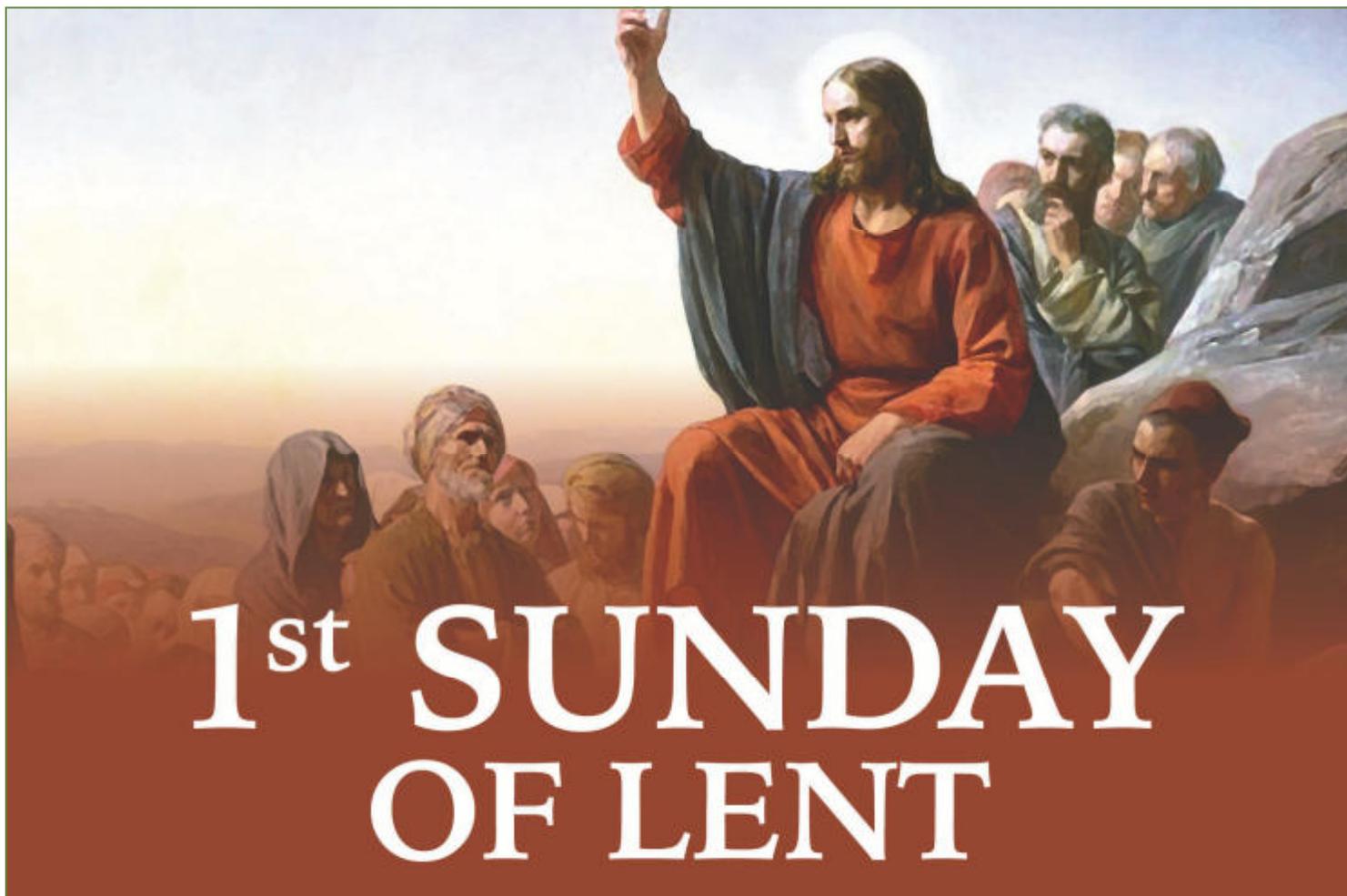




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REGULAR SCHEDULE

Masses

Sat. 9 a.m. ; Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.

Sun. 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Sat. 4-5 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Fri. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

(temporarily canceled)

February 21, 2021

A "FEW" WORDS FROM FR. ROBERT

A Vignette From a Priest's Heart...

Let's call him "David." He grew up in Philly, he had two brothers and one sister. They were a close family. He was a tight-end on the football teams in high school and college. In other words he was big enough to block and fast enough to run a pattern. He and his siblings always had this feeling that their parents knew more about their antics than they let on. There was, however, one non-negotiable in his family: No matter what time you came home or what you had done on Saturday night the whole family went to Mass at 8 a.m. Sunday. There were no exceptions and some Sundays it wasn't pretty. David's father would have it no other way.

When college rolled around David studied Construction Management. He still played football and, on occasion, went to Mass. There was no dad nor any siblings to pull him out of bed. One day, on a whim, he applied for a mission trip to Latin America. He fell in love with the families he stayed with. They were sustenance farmers who worked in the sun and the rain for \$5 a day to feed their families. Their example made him think about what he valued and it changed him. He saw how much their faith sustained these simple people and he began to wonder.

When he came back to school David never missed Mass again, although he and the friends he brought preferred attending the 9 p.m. Sunday Mass. Eventually he joined the Campus Ministry men's group and enjoyed their flag football games, weekend retreats and all night prayer vigils. They also held each other accountable, like brothers would. David appreciated that and took no offense when a brother in the group challenged him.

When he graduated he got a job in his field in Washington, DC (they are always building something there) and attended Mass at St. Patrick's near his apartment. Sadly, the music was not like college and the preaching was not like college and the church was not filled with young people he knew, so he said to himself, "I'll skip Mass just this once." One day while he was walking home from work, to his surprise and without any forethought, he ran up the stairs to St. Patrick's and walked in. It had been a year and a half since he had walked in a church. A few days later I got a phone call. "I screwed up," David said. "I thought my faith meant a lot more to me than it did. When the excitement of Campus Ministry was taken away I dropped the ball. My faith was not as real as I thought." David went to confession some place in town and then he came over to campus. We talked about his options and I gave him some leads on Catholic young adult groups in the District and at the University of Maryland. He went to Theology on Tap and met people like himself and he was back. Eventually he saw a girl he had dated in high school and it clicked.

Twenty-five years later, two weeks ago, I received a call. "Hi Father, it's David...Do you remember me?" I responded, "Of course I do goofball, we had a great time on the mission trip in Panama."

"You aren't going to believe it," he continued. "I have my own construction company and I have 50 employees." I told him I wasn't surprised at all. Most of his football teammates did the same thing and are very successful lawyers, doctors and even police officers. I always felt they kind of tried to hide just how smart they were. He told me his kids are 12, 11 and 8; the oldest two are boys and the little one is his princess. It was so good to hear from him. As the conversation was ending and we finished our Hail Mary (I always end phone chats with my kids with a Hail Mary) before he said goodbye he said, "By the way Father, we never miss 8 a.m. Mass, no matter what. Even when we travel, Mass is and always will be a part of our lives." Great to hear, David, thanks for the call.

This Lent

Many no longer attend Mass because of the pandemic but for a long time they still kept Sunday holy by praying and watching the live stream. Now the number of people who do so continues to drop. Some people just sleep in on Sundays and there is no space for God or prayer at all in their lives and the lives of their families. The beautiful community moments we shared in Visitation Hall are gone for now and it is so apparent how much they meant to many of us.

Like David, many of us thought that our faith meant more to us, but when the habit of keeping holy the Sabbath left, when many of the safety nets which helped us remain faithful were taken away, some floundered.

Don't worry, God never gives up on us. He always calls you to come home. Just walk in the door. May this second Lent in the pandemic be that moment when we begin anew to know love and serve our Lord day in and day out.

This week I encourage you to do two things to live this Lent as God would have us do.

1. Please try your best to make a sacred spot in your home. Maybe it will be with a cross or a candle or some purple cloth. This little sacred space will remind you of God's love and God's call. If you are willing please take a picture of your sacred space and we will publish them with or without your name, as you wish. If you need a crucifix or statue, please stop by our Notre Dame Shop after any Mass.
2. I would also encourage you to share with your family the penitential practices you hope to accomplish during Lent. Sharing them with others always helps us remain faithful to them. When we dedicate more time to prayer, when we give up something of value out of love for God, it helps us open our hearts to Him. That's why we try to do special things during this sacred season.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 20	5:30 p.m. - Jerzy Wojtyasiak †
Sunday, Feb. 21	8 a.m. - Pro Populo Mass (St. Anne parishioners)
	10:30 a.m. - Stella Snipes (spec. birthday int.)
	12:30 p.m. - Isabelle Detje †
Monday, Feb. 22	7:30 a.m. - Franciscan & Diocesan Seminarians (spec. int.)
Tuesday, Feb. 23	7:30 a.m. - Lolita Dumlao †
Wednesday, Feb. 24	7:30 a.m. - Alfredo Tongson †
Thursday, Feb. 25	7:30 a.m. - Robert E. Clements †
Friday, Feb. 26	7:30 a.m. - Ruperto D. Arcangeles †
Saturday, Feb. 27	9 a.m. - Seneca Staff & Volunteers (spec. int.)



There will be several opportunities to spend time with Christ during this Lenten season:

Mondays - Men's Adoration (1st & 3rd) at 7 p.m.
 Women's Adoration (2nd & 4th) at 7 p.m.
 Confessions will be heard during this time

Fridays - the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 4:30 p.m.
 Confessions will be heard from 4:30-5:30 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross & Benediction will begin at 5:30 p.m.
 (there will be no Senior Adoration at 1 p.m.)

Saturdays - Confessions from 4-5 p.m. under the bell tower

Because of Covid, there will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass each Monday-Thursday; there will be no Soup & Sandwich meals on Wednesdays; and there will be no Fish Fries on Fridays. A Parish Penance Service will be scheduled sometime in March.

WITH MUCH APPRECIATION



Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, cards, texts, emails, meals and other acts of kindness during my hospitalization and home recovery.

How did a person like me get lucky enough to have friends like you? Thank you for all you've done.

Hugs and Prayers, Anne Lester

THE GIFT OF BREAD & WINE



This week's gift of bread and wine was donated by Ruddy & Micki Kaye for the Darren & Wes Kaye families.

If you would like to offer the bread and wine for Sunday Mass, please call the Parish Office to schedule your weekend. Your offering of \$50 will help defray our cost.



The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



UPDATE: The next Middle School Youth Group meeting will be February 28th from 5-5:45 p.m. Due to Covid, **all meetings are virtual**. For more information about St. Anne's Middle School Youth Group, please contact Brian and Jennifer Sillitto at sillitto@mchsi.com.

PARISH NEWS

INTERCOLLEGIATE RETREAT APRIL 9-11

All college students and college-aged young adults are invited to attend this annual retreat at Camp Grace in Roberta, GA where students from across South GA come together to pray and worship our Lord. Early registration is \$60 until Feb. 26; \$75 from Feb. 27-Mar. 27; \$90 from Mar. 28-Apr. 4. For more info or to sign up go to www.diosav.org/campus-ministry/intercollegiate-retreat.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. This year's theme is "Steadfast in Faith." Our parish goal is \$140,258. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many

important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; the education of our children and seminary students; evangelization and Christian initiation; the ongoing formation for our clergy; and more. We are blessed with much. Let us be a blessing to others. Please help our parish exceed our goal once again this year.

VIRTUAL BAPTISM CLASS



Our next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, February 28th via Zoom. If you are a registered member of St. Anne and would like to have your child baptized, you must attend one of these classes which are scheduled throughout the year. To register for

the class go to our website: www.stannecsq.com/baptism-class-form. Closer to the date, Fr. Manny will send registrants an email with the Zoom link to "attend" the class.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR MILITARY

Please join us for a Rachel's Vineyard Abortion Healing Retreat exclusively for military, veterans and family members March 26-28. The retreat is located an hour north of Atlanta and is free of charge. The program is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion. If you're interested in attending, contact Jody Duffy @ 844-289-4673 or email her at militaryandveterans@supportafterabortion.com All correspondence is confidential.



FAMILY Lenten Mission

The Diocese of Savannah will be sponsoring *Love First, a family Lenten Mission series* at three different locations in the diocese. Missions will feature Gina Bauer, a Catholic speaker.

MACON

Sunday, February 28, 6:15-7:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church - Parish Hall
830 Poplar Street

AUGUSTA

Monday, March 1, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church
2607 Lumpkin Road

SAVANNAH

Tuesday, March 2, 6:15-7:30 p.m.
St. James Catholic Church
8412 Whitefield Avenue

Admission is free, but registration is required. Masks are REQUIRED and all safety protocols will be followed. To register go to: <https://diosav.org/family-life/flms>. For more information, please email: jstefanic@diosav.org.

OFFERTORY & ATTENDANCE

Stewardship of Treasure

February 13/14 In-Pew Offertory: \$27,416
February 13/14 Online Offertory: \$8,674

Please remember St. Anne Church in your will.

If you would like to set up online giving, please call the Parish Office for assistance.



Attendance

February 13/14 TOTAL: 718

5:30 p.m. - 125
8:00 a.m. - 166
10:30 a.m. - 289
12:30 p.m. - 138

GLORIA

ALL: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING: Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings." The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord,
are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

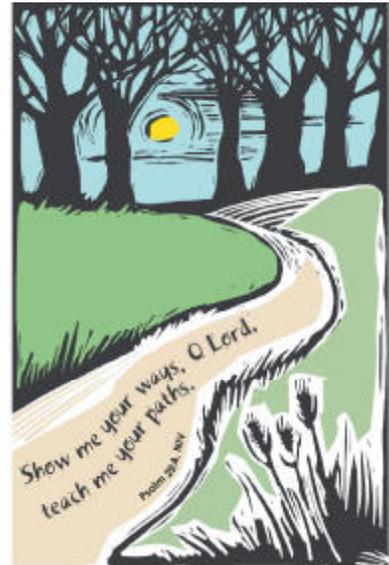
**R. Your ways, O Lord,
are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Your ways, O Lord,
are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

**R. Your ways, O Lord,
are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him. The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ALWAYS TOGETHER AT MASS (CONTINUED)

GOSPEL: Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Profession of Faith

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*(At the words that follow,
up to and including "and became man," all bow)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (For those who cannot be present)

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 into 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.

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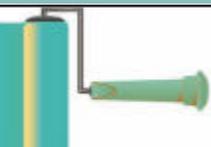
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