



SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm
Friday from 8:30-4pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: **586-777-1342**.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670**.

RCIA: Please call the Parish Center: **586-777-3670**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm
In the
Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone

OR

By calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St. Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Weekdays -7am Mass (Monday thru Friday)

Saturdays - 4pm & 6pm Masses

Sundays - 8am, 10am, 12pm Masses

Thursdays - 7pm Holy Hour

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.



Out of the Mouth of Children: Since COVID, our baptism celebrations have changed in that we no longer do group baptisms once a month.

While those monthly celebrations “took care of things,” they were rather impersonal. Now, all of our baptisms are individual celebrations, in that only one family is present at a time. We can do this because of the number of priests and deacons assigned to SJA.

Most of our baptisms happen on Saturday afternoons (and we generally have two or three each Saturday afternoon), with a few celebrations taking place on weeknights. As a result, each family gets more attention, and we can engage them in the celebration much more than before.

We really do go out of our way to make these celebrations very personal. For example, the baptismal garment given to the child as part of the ritual is embroidered with the child’s name and baptism date. Maria Krzesowski and Debbie Bigham make this keepsake for each child being baptized. Then, given all that we do with our video ministry, the video of that baptism celebration is just for that one child.

Whenever I preside at a baptism, I use the homily as an opportunity to do some teaching. As part of my methodology, I throw out a series of questions to those in attendance. If the one being baptized has any little siblings, I’ll usually start by asking them what the big deal is and why they’re in Church. As you can imagine, I get some pretty interesting responses.

This past weekend, I presided at the baptism of little Sawyer Elizabeth Bechard. Little Sawyer has an older brother, Llewlyn, who I also baptized. Llewlyn is two months shy of 3 years old. After the proclamation of the Gospel, I asked Llewlyn why we were in Church. Llewlyn offered an answer that was too quiet for me to hear, but his parents and those immediately around him started to laugh ... and laugh a lot. So, I repeated the questions, “Why are we here; do you know?” Llewlyn blurted out (with a TON of excitement), “Because of IRONMAN. He was at my home. I let out a big “WOW,” and then I asked, “What was he

doing?” Llewlyn was quick with his response about his favorite Marvel superhero, “He was eating all the bad guys!” It took everything I had not to laugh. Knowing I had to win little Llewlyn over and share in his excitement, I immediately made the analogy that Jesus was the ULTIMATE Ironman because we were there to celebrate Jesus getting rid of the ultimate bad guy, the devil himself. Little Llewlyn seemed to buy into my analogy and listened for a bit. But I have to admit I was happy I came up with that analogy so quickly. I’m usually not THAT quick with my comebacks. On many occasions, I’ll get a child who will say they’re not sure why they’re in Church, but they’ll know there’s a cake or some big food fest waiting for them afterward. I’ll post a snippet of the video in my Sunday update email. It was a cute exchange! Jesus as the Ultimate Ironman! Hmmm. I wonder what my theology professors would say? But as I think about it, we’d probably have to bring little Llewlyn back to help explain Ironman to them! It’s such a complicated world.

Ash Wednesday: This coming Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. While Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we follow our holy day mass schedule (except for the vigil mass) because so many people like to begin their Lenten journey with the celebration of Mass. Our mass schedule on Ash Wednesday will be 7:00 a.m., 12 Noon, and 7:00 p.m. Distribution of ashes will take place during each of these liturgies as well as throughout the day.

Please remember that Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence. Those who are 14 years old and older are obliged to abstain. The fasting obligation is obligatory for persons age 18 until and including their 59th birthday.

Concerning fasting, here’s a blurb from one of my favorite Catholic websites, bustedhalo.com: “The Catholic Church, our Mother, His Body on earth, is a very wise mother. She knows we aren’t perfect. She knows we struggle. In her wisdom, she asks very little of us when it comes to fasting. The Church officially lays out for the rest of us mortals the minimum requirements that to fast one must be between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive) and that fasting involves taking only three meals a day. I guess Taco Bell’s ‘Fourth Meal’ is out. Those three, by the way, should include no meat and that two of the meals together not equal the size of one full meal.... Most of us skip meals all the

time. I think it’s only when discipline is attached that we really feel the pinch. This is part of the big picture. We should feel a pinch. Remember, we’re giving of ourselves. The Church also asks those of us over the age of 14 to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (and to perform some penitential act of sacrifice on all other Fridays). God, when does it end?! Trust me, it’s not as hard as we make it to be.”

Lenten Resolutions: Have you decided on any Lenten resolutions yet? Lent gives us concrete time to step back and set some spiritual priorities in our life. Of course, many people will give up chocolate, ice cream, and the like. But honestly, those practices do little to make us better disciples, nor do they prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ.

What are your Lenten resolutions? Here are some suggestions: 1) attend daily Mass more often; 2) spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration on Thursdays; 3) make more time for prayer or spiritual reading, possibly being faithful to reading the *Little Black Book* or praying the *Liturgy of the Hours*; 4) pray the rosary or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy more often; 5) take time to read some of the amazing online Lenten resources that are available (ewtn.org, osv.com, franciscanmedia.org, avemariaradio.net, sacredspace.ie, liturgy.slu.edu, to name a few). And there are plenty of apps for your phone or iPad / tablet to consider: Hallow, Formed, The Chosen, The Magnificat Lenten Companion, iMissal, iBreviary, and Laudate are always favorite apps. There is also the Stations of the Cross app from Ave Maria Press, the 3 Minute Retreat app, the Rosary app, the Pray as You Go app, to name a few. Consider having reflections sent to your inbox with Bishop Barron’s Daily Lenten Reflections (lentreflections.com). You could also explore many of the phenomenal videos available on Formed.org (remember, we have a parish subscription to formed.org, so there’s no charge to you). There’s certainly no shortage of material on the internet to help us with our Lenten journey. We just have to decide what we will do ... and stick to it! Happy Lent!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction



and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be

made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

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St. Joan of Arc SVDP Lenten Folders



The Lenten Folders with Quarter Coin slots are available starting this weekend at all Church entrances and exits and at the Parish Center.

All proceeds go directly to the SJA Chapter of St. Vincent DePaul to serve the needy in our area.

This is an easy way to donate \$10 - to SVD during Lent -one Quarter per day!

Folders can be returned in the collection boxes at Church and at the Parish Center.

Thank you for your generosity!

Can Tab Recycling

We are back to recycling can tabs. All proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

How you can help: Spread the word! Let your family, friends, co-workers, and classmates know that their small pop tabs, food can tabs all can make a big difference for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Donations can be dropped off in the buckets at church, brought to the Parish Center during business hours.



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St. Joan of Arc Pilgrimage

June 17-26, 2022

Stay in Monasteries while visiting St. Joan's 'Deep France'

God willing, next June we will again lead a St. Joan of Arc pilgrimage/retreat to France. This will be our thirteenth opportunity for taking a group on this fascinating journey. Our travel philosophy remains the same - one of going back to the essentials, of simplicity, of quality time in some places instead of 'rush-rush' in many. Although we will indeed see and do much, we hope to travel first of all as spiritual travelers, rather than as consumers. Consequently, we will again purposely remain a small group. Each day we will gather for some combination of the following: prayer/meditation, information on activities of the day, addressing questions, *Question du Jour* discussions. Come and experience many of the places where St. Joan lived, visited, and prayed.

Sites will include: Orléans, Troyes, Domrémy-la-Pucelle, Vaucouleurs, and Reims, with quiet stays at monasteries in the heart of France. Please visit our website, with more information and photos: www.pilgrimwitnesses.com.

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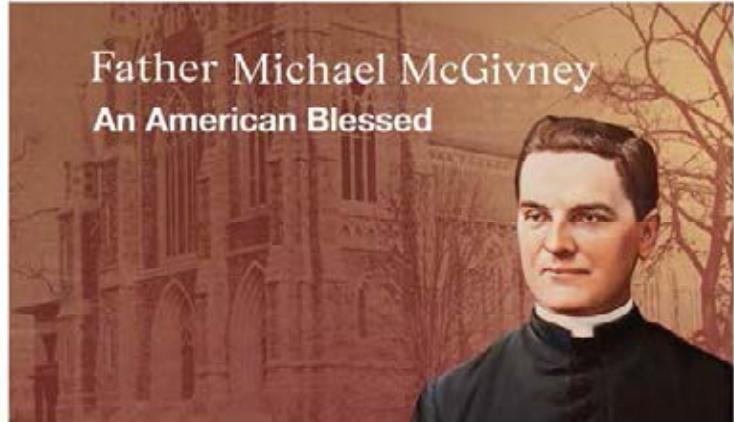


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WATCH

**FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY:
AN AMERICAN BLESSED**

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This new documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



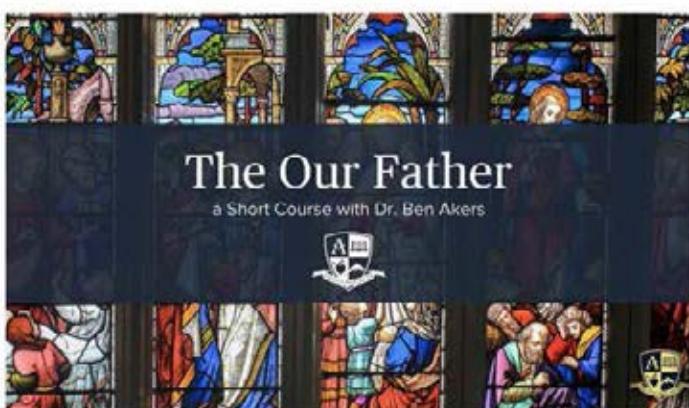
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The Our Father

a Short Course with Dr. Ben Akers

**JESUS: THE MODEL
AND MASTER OF PRAYER**

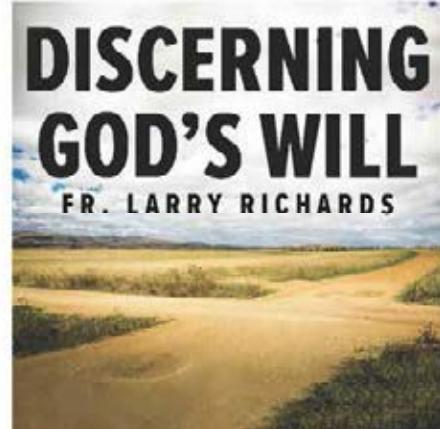
In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.



LISTEN

**DISCERNING GOD'S WILL
BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS**

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!



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Jesus: Image of the Invisible God program on the Shroud of Turin

This Lent, discover Jesus, the source of our salvation. Having been tested like us in every way, Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses and understands our sufferings. We will deepen our appreciation of the historic reality of Jesus' conquest of suffering and death through His Passion and Resurrection by focusing on the message left behind on the Shroud of Turin.

Tuesdays, March 8, 15 and 22

Join us At St. Joan of Arc, in person and by livestream, presented by David J. Conrad, M.A. Theology. livestream.stjoan.church

March 8: The Message of the Shroud
Its History; Scientific Analysis; The Imprint it Makes on Our Lives

March 15: Praying with the Shroud

Sung meditation on the Passion of Our Lord employing the scripture passages that correspond to the wounds of the Man of the Shroud.

March 21: The Empty Tomb and the Shroud

Take a journey through time at the site of Jesus' death and resurrection, from the discovery of the empty tomb and the burial cloths lying within, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which houses the locations of these historic events.



With over two decades in full-time parish ministry, Mr. Conrad has been serving as Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia since 2003. At the same time, Mr. Conrad serves as a part-time instructor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary (since 2009), and Coordinator of Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue for the Archdiocese of Detroit (since 2017).



Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, February 28th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Tuesday, March 1st

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

6:15 pm Faith Formation Gds. 7/8



Wednesday, March 2nd

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

10a -7pm Ashes available in Church

12:00 pm Mass—Live Streamed

7:00 pm Mass —Live Streamed

Thursday, March 3rd

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, March 4th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, March 5th

11:00 am Reconciliation

1:30 pm Baptism of Leia Diane Phillips

2:30 pm Baptism of Adalynn Faith Werth

4:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, March 6th

8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Faith Formation grades K-6

12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

February 27, 2022 – Lucky Day

Depending on one's perspective, it may be the luck of the Irish, or it may be that the Omicron variant is truly beginning to wane, or that folks are just tired of the pandemic overall.

Or some combination of all those things.

Regardless, it was nice to read a couple weeks ago in *The Detroit News* that the annual Corktown St. Patrick's Day parade, one of the largest of its kind in the country – and which dates back more than six decades – is finally back after a two-year Covid-induced absence.

"We're thrilled to be back and know this year's event will be better than ever with all of the positive momentum in Corktown for everyone who lives, works and spends time there," one of the event's officers said in a press release.

The *News* story noted that the event typically draws between 80,000 and 100,000 people.

All of them, no doubt, regardless of nationality, are looking forward to being Irish for a day.

More importantly, they're very likely looking forward to what the event portends in terms of a return to some sense of normalcy.

"The St. Patrick's Parade has brought together people of all cultures and nationalities in Metro Detroit to celebrate Irish culture and make lasting memories," the event's grand marshal said in the press release.

And for all of that, we can give heartfelt thanks to God.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, Most High," we pray in today's responsorial psalm. "To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."

Indeed, God is good. All the time! Let the parade commence!

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	February 28, 2022 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Hugo Calisi and Sam & Grace Valenti
Tuesday	March 1, 2022 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Giuseppina Ciccone ad Daniel Voss
Wednesday	March 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday (Purple)
7:00 a.m.	Sue Krolikowski
12:00 p.m.	The Intentions of St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
7:00 p.m.	George J. Bugarin
Thursday	March 3, 2022 Thursday after Ash Wednesday, Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin (Purple)
7:00 a.m.	Sister Silveria Conte
Friday	March 4, 2022 Friday after Ash Wednesday, Saint Casimir (Purple)
7:00 a.m.	A Special Intention for the Mordovanakis Family
Saturday	March 5, 2022 Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Purple)
4:00 p.m.	Paul L. Daudlin, the deceased members of the Walsh Family, Sam & Grace Valenti, Gerald Ellar, Ralph Marzolino, Bonnie Batche, Mark Brys, Pasquale & Stella Urso, Gertrude Shaw, the deceased members of the Karam Family, Special Intentions for the Thomas Family, the J. Champine Family, and Prayerful Appreciation for the work of the Priests and Staff of SJA.
6:00 p.m.	A Special Intention for the Bradley Family
Sunday	March 6, 2022 The First Sunday in Lent (Purple)
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Frank J. Adamcik
12:00 p.m.	Salvatore Ciaravino, Thomas Blondell, William Kownia, Carl Rieger, Ann Dams, Frank Burke, and Special Intentions for Katelyn Tomasello and Patrick Driscoll

Daily Readings

Monday, February 28	Friday, March 4
1 Peter 1:3-9 Mark 10:17-27	Isaiah 58:1-9a Matthew 9:14-15
Tuesday, March 1	Saturday, March 5
1 Peter 1:10-16 Matthew 10:28-31	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Luke 5:27-32
Wednesday, March 2	Sunday, March 6
Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13
Thursday, March 3	
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25	



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

Amanda Baumann
Fr. George Kowalski
Rebekah Powelczyk
David Alan DeLeeuw
Michael Carollo



“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

Minnie Louise Haskins



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse.

Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



Dust and Ashes: Somehow, we have already almost arrived at the season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday this week. Far from a

time of gloom and darkness, Lent is a time for reflection, renewal and the chance for growth and new beginnings. It's also a time to be honest with ourselves: "Make no mistake: God is not mocked, for a person will reap only what he sows." (Galatians 6: 7) In other words, whatever needs to change in us, that we may try to hide from others, God is not fooled.

The wearing of ashes remains a popular Catholic devotion. Ashes are equivalent to the dust and clay of human flesh. (Genesis 2:7)

Abraham told God, "I am but dust and ashes," (Genesis 18:27) a reference to his human mortality. Jeremiah described death as a "valley of corpses and ashes." (Jeremiah 31:40)

When the prophet Daniel clothed himself in sackcloth and ashes, it was a sign of the people's contrition for their rebellion, wickedness and treachery (Daniel 9:3).

When Jonah warned the Ninevites that God planned to destroy their city because of their corruption and depravity, the people covered themselves with sackcloth and ashes as a sign of their intention to turn from their evil ways (Jonah 3:6,10).

Ashes are an ominous sign, and we use them on Ash Wednesday to remind ourselves of our own inevitable deaths. Death may come sooner, or it may come later, but it will surely come. Many of the saints would repeat, "Remember your death," meaning that we must be mindful of how we are living now, with a view to being ready for the eternity to follow.

Ashes are a plea to God for mercy and compassion, pardon and forgiveness. Moreover, wearing ashes is a public admission of guilt, an expression of sorrow for sins that we have committed, a promise to reform and a pledge to resist temptation in the future.

We too are sinners. When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying publicly that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want

to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy. That's what the ashes testify to.... but then we must go and actually do that! It's not enough to "do the Catholic thing" and get ashes, but have no desire to change.

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Today's gospel teaches us how "otherly" is the mind and the expectation of Jesus for his followers. *"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father."* There will be no reward from God for those whose faith is a superficial image created for others to see.

Frequently, people come to the Sacrament of Confession and begin to list all their good deeds and pious acts. Maybe they are trying to lead into confessing their sins, but let's call a spade a spade; we are all sinners. We would be nothing, but for the grace of God. God knows this. And by His infinite mercy, He's not done with us yet. What an amazing, healing experience it can be to admit our guilt before Him, to accept His grace and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to simple begin again. When we've already admitted to the world publicly that we are sinful, broken people by wearing ashes on our foreheads, doing this privately, under the seal of confession... now that should be easy!

Lent can be transformative, but it takes commitment, it takes effort and it takes the desire to grow—to know God in a new and deeper way when we arrive at Easter Sunday, resurrected from our old lives and planted firmly in the new.

The Prodigal Son: Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15) is perhaps the best known of all His parables. It is an almost inexhaustible lesson in forgiveness and the mercy of God. I have always been fascinated by this piece of scripture and just how much it contains. We will hear this Gospel on the 4th Sunday in Lent (March 27th) but it occurs to me that it is very difficult to give a full accounting of

the message it contains in a 10 minute homily. A good understanding of the parable requires some understanding of the culture of the day. For that reason, I want to highlight a future attraction—a one evening study of this parable that I will present in Church on **Wednesday, March 23rd**, just a few days before we hear it at Mass. This program, "**The Prodigal Son in Scripture and Art**" will be held in Church at 7pm.



I'm excited to present this program to you and really hope it will help those attending to get even more out of the gospel this Lent.

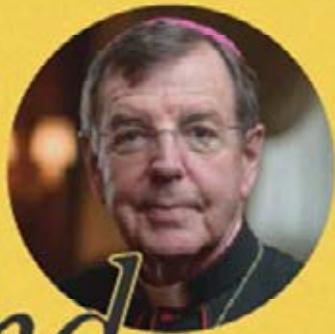
Spring...oh yes it is!: Yup! I told you it was Spring. I know, some of you questioned my thinking here. But now I have solid grounds for making this claim. And it's not just that on Monday we box-up February and put it back on the shelf until next year. I know people will tell you that Spring officially begins March 20th.... BUT... the first *official* day of Spring is not the same as the first day of Meteorological Spring. Meteorological seasons begin at the start of the month. So Spring begins March 1st and runs for three complete months, ending May 31st.

Meteorologists calculate the seasons this way, in 3-complete month blocks to make it easier to record and compare seasonal statistics... And I like it!! So, the first day of Spring this year will fall on Fat Tuesday, before we even reach Lent. So pour yourself a nice iced glass of milk and a Paczki, sit out on the patio and enjoy the smell of melting snow. To all the nay-sayers, Happy Spring!

You are in my prayers this *Spring* week.

Fr. Andrew

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 6 C

Reading One – Dt 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

Responsorial Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Reading Two – Rom 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart* — that is, the word of faith that we preach — for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame*. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Verse Before The Gospel – Mt 4:4b

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel – Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone*." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written, *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve*." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone*." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test*." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.



February 27, 2022

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7 | 1 Cor 15:54-58 | Lk 6:39-45

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Parenthood can be humbling. When our children are young, we celebrate even the tiniest accomplishments: "You put on your socks!" or "Wow, good job putting your dish in the dishwasher!" And rightly so. Then come the teen years, and some of us can err on the side of criticism. "Why did you put off that project until the last minute?" "Turn off the electronics by 10 p.m. or else ..." "What, another energy drink?" (We say, looking up from our own phone with a cup of tea in hand ...) The same can be said of our spiritual lives. We want our children to pray and participate in the sacraments, but we may rush through Grace before meals, skip opportunities for confession, or treat holy Mass as an afterthought. Today's Gospel reminds us why our admonitions won't work if we don't walk our talk: The blind can't lead the blind. None of us is perfect, and neither are our children or the other people in our lives. But as our second reading reminds us, Jesus has won for us victory over sin. When we ask Jesus to help us remove the "wooden beam" from our own eyes, we can see his will for us more clearly and lift up those around us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We don't have to be perfect to encourage one another in our faith. Like the "good tree" Jesus describes in the parable and the tree that bears "good fruit" in Sirach, however, we need to nourish our faith before we can share it with others. It can start with something as simple as adding prayer to our morning routine. We can bring our flaws, our doubts, our bad habits to Jesus and ask him to free us from whatever might be holding us back. As we accompany others, whether it is those with whom we live, work, or worship, we can turn to Jesus to help us be a force for good. We will stumble. But as St. Paul reminds us, "Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

PRAY Have you prayed The Examen? This Ignatian practice, often at the end of the day, encourages reflection - on God's presence in our day and the areas where we may have fallen short. We can ask the Lord for forgiveness and the grace to do better tomorrow.

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Bringing Home the Word

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

February 27, 2022

Silence Regenerates Our Inner Sanctuary

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Silence. A fresco by Paris Nogari with that name, *Silence*, appears outside the pope's residence where the Swiss Guards stand. It reminds us of an important virtue that is often absent in modern times: the capacity to be silent. "Be still and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11).

The figure in the fresco holds a finger over his mouth, indicating that silence starts with us. Speak less! Then we should muffle the background noise, represented by the stork with a stone in its bill to stifle its squawk.

Sunday Readings

Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do people's faults when they speak....The test of a person is in conversation.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

The sting of death is sin.

Luke 6:39-45

[Jesus said], "Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles."

How often do we have times of silence in our lives—and not just moments when there doesn't happen to be a radio or TV on? I mean purposeful, intentional periods of quiet to be alone with God and ourselves.

Regular times of quiet offer many benefits. They help us reflect, order our thoughts, and contemplate what's happening inside our hearts and minds. Silence is regenerative and gives us new energy, clarity, and serenity. If we add to this quietude an internal dialogue with ourselves and our Lord, it can take our inner sanctuary to a new level. One will not only find strength but also purpose and focus. Silence is the natural habitat of a flourishing soul, yet we often lock out our inner self in the mayhem of the external world, never allowing it to take in what gives it life—silence.

How about taking an hour without phones, radios, TVs, and computers to dedicate yourself to some meditative work or recreation? Or better yet, take a moment and go to a local perpetual adoration chapel to quietly sit with our Lord. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

Hypocrisy is the worst enemy of this Christian community, of this Christian love: pretending to love each other but only seeking one's own interests.... Those who behave in this manner transit in the Church like a tourist. There are many tourists in the Church who are always passing through but never enter the Church.

—General audience, August 21, 2019



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- Is there a daily moment when I can enjoy some silence? What will I find there?
- In my frenetic activity, am I running from something that I should otherwise confront?

Turn Off That Racket!

By Kathleen M. Basi

I recently heard a reliable source report that one in five adults in the United States has hearing loss, and most don't even know it.

Let's face it. Our world is loud: music in restaurants, deejays at wedding celebrations and dinner events, concerts, sporting events, a car with a subwoofer that rattles the teeth of everyone nearby.

Whether exercising or driving around town, we act as if a soundtrack must accompany life. I once saw a middle-aged woman at the grocery store go through a checkout lane with her earbuds in, music blasting. Of course, she was oblivious to the cashier trying to ask her a question.

It seems to me we've become terrified of silence, petrified of contemplation. When we turn off the noise, we start feeling twitchy, anxious, and out of control.

The trouble is, it's not just our physical hearing that's suffering from lack of quiet. Our spiritual hearing, our "inner ears," are dulled too.

I have no research to back me up, but I think we react this way to quietness because silence and stillness put us face to face with an examination of self—especially the parts we'd rather not confront. Worse, all that racket in our life keeps us from hearing and listening to the voice of God.

Surely we have all experienced those "aha" moments on the verge of sleep.



Maybe it's the story element that makes the entire plot work. Maybe it's the solution to a sticky work problem or family situation. Maybe it's as simple as how to reorganize the kitchen more efficiently.

The Holy Spirit speaks in the quiet. Elijah knew this (1 Kings 19:13). Jesus knew it, too (Matthew 14:23, Mark 1:35, and Luke 6:12). So did Thomas Merton (see his book *New Seeds of Contemplation*).

We know what it means for our kids to be overstimulated, but we don't often think about how overstimulation affects us adults. Constant noise and distractions rob us of the ability to think

critically. A noisy interior life encourages us to jump to the quickest conclusion and make snap judgments about people and situations so we can move on.

Noise impedes our ability to take time to ponder the dignity of persons involved and nuances that must be acknowledged in order to reach workable solutions to our problems.

It takes time to make peace with silence, but it's important to do. Every so often, we need a breather. We need to experience the truth revealed by the author of Psalm 46 when he wrote, "Be still and know that I am God!" +

Our "inner ears" beg us to make peace with silence.



*Lord, you show me the pathway of goodness and truth.
Help me to bear the fruit of love, compassion, and peace.*

—From *Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

February 28–March 5

Monday, Weekday:
1 Pt 1:3–9 / Mk 10:17–27

Tuesday, Weekday:
1 Pt 1:10–16 / Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday:
Jl 2:12–18 / 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 / Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday after Ash Wednesday:
Dt 30:15–20 / Lk 9:22–25

Friday after Ash Wednesday:
Is 58:1–9a / Mt 9:14–15

Saturday after Ash Wednesday:
Is 58:9b–14 / Lk 5:27–32



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