



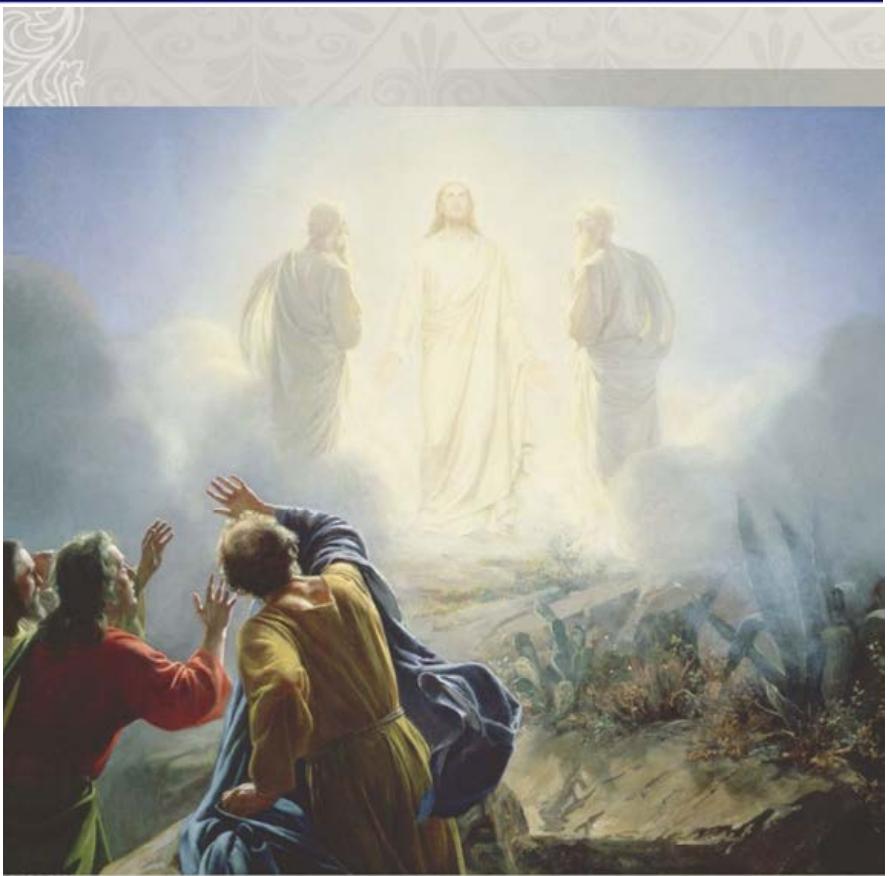
SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

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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2nd Sunday OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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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

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**

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.



Watching Where You Walk! My mom recently said that I'm lucky I'm not bound to HIPAA laws with our family and my bulletin articles; otherwise, I'd have little to write about! How true!

Last Friday, my mom and I had a fabulous day until about 5 PM! We toured the condo, and she was SO excited to see all the progress. They were in the process of cleaning the place, and we were seeing it without tons of debris and layers of dust for the first time. The carpet was laid, and things were being readied for her to move back in. The place looks incredible! I wish I had recorded my mom's reaction as we moved from room to room because it was like watching a kid open presents on Christmas morning. In every room, there was a gasp of excitement and comments like "I love it. I just love it" and "To think I did all this designing by myself." It was SO precious to watch her.

After touring the condo, we took off to pay a few renovation project bills. One of our stops was at Shelby Design Center in Shelby Township. We had to take back some mirrors that didn't fit well in one of the bathrooms. While we were there, she had the chance to show off some pictures of the condo to the people she's worked with over the past year. Again, the excitement in her voice as she explained the photos was precious!

We then returned to the condo. Lately, parking at the condo has become a challenge because a big dumpster is in the driveway. Adding to the driveway complexity at this moment was a huge Ford pickup truck now parked in front of the dumpster. My mom and I decided to walk alongside the truck to get to the garage door. I was directly behind her and was reminding her (probably more like nagging her) to watch the ground because the space between the truck and the soggy slushy grass was pretty narrow. As I finished talking, I heard a HUGE thud, and then my mom let out a gasp. She ran directly into the truck's passenger-side mirror. She hit the side of her head pretty hard. Her glasses were mangled, and it was apparent she was hurt. We took a few minutes to regroup, and I got her to sit down. We called her primary care doctor, and she thought it best to get it checked out. So off to Beaumont ER in Lenox

Township we went. Thankfully, the place wasn't too crowded, and she got a CT scan and x-rays rather quickly. Thankfully, everything turned out okay. Blessed be God!

We called my sisters and shared the news on the way home. Some of the comments were so typical Bugarin ... Griswold ... family talk. First, my mom shared that thankfully she didn't fall, but rather just ran into a truck! Then I got to hear this line a couple of times: "When I was younger, I would hear my mother always say to hold your head high. Now that I'm older, I ALWAYS hear my kids say, 'MOTHER, watch where you're walking.' So I listened to my kids and watched where I was walking! See where it got me in a collision course with a truck mirror! So much for your advice." I just listened like a Church mouse. Then one of my sisters piped up, "Mom, we're glad you're okay. But we're even more glad it didn't happen on our watch!"

Some Advice from a Parishioner: At least once a year I publish the text from an anonymous letter I received in 2005 shortly after the First Sunday of Lent. The scripture readings each First Sunday of Lent tell the story of Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by Satan. The letter offers timeless advice, and it warrants being reprinted frequently. Usually, I toss anonymous letters right away, but this one escaped that fatal ending. By God's grace, this letter has touched the hearts of many people at SJA and beyond (you would be amazed how many times I'm asked for a copy of it). I encourage you to keep a copy AND to pass a copy around to your family and friends. If you want a copy of the letter, I have posted a PDF copy of it on the homepage of our parish website.

"Fr. Bugarin, I was very moved by your homily on Sunday, February 13, 2005, regarding Hell, Satan, and the response of faithful people to temptation. I am the father of an adult son and daughter, and it pains me to think of the mistakes my wife and I made in raising our children. We thought we had a clever, well thought out solution to the dangers and evils of the world, but instead we were victims of our over estimation of our own perceived abilities and power. In so doing we neglected the saving power and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Knowing the evils and temptations of our world, my wife and I sought to shield our children through endless activity. Like

many other parents, we got our son involved in hockey and our daughter in dance; our goal was to keep our children busy and thus not give them a chance to get in trouble. However, I now realize that in engaging in a futile attempt to shield our children from battle with the Devil we were instead merely failing to equip our children for their inevitable battles with Satan. We attempted a human solution to a spiritual problem, and our human limitations and inadequacies resulted in failure. We failed to fill our children with Christ, and instead left a vacuum too easily exploited by Satan.

"In focusing our children on endless activity we created selfish, self-centered children. By failing to involve them in Catholic charitable works we taught them to believe they were the centers of their own universes. We replaced rosaries, adoration and bible study with ice time, games and recitals. We missed Sunday masses for tournaments and catechism for performances, and we rationalized it by asserting that it was 'for the best.' How wrong we were.

"Today, both of our children have left the Church. Our daughter is living with a man and has had an abortion; our son has experimented with drugs and regards the Church with contempt and cynicism. Our first priority should have been to pass on the faith and to teach trust in the Lord; instead, we relied on our human intellect and put our faith in schemes of this world.

"If I could only go back in time I'd make every Sunday mass as a family, lead my family in a weekly rosary, take my children to pray in front of an abortion clinic, lead them in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and help them volunteer at a soup kitchen. For despite our best efforts and intentions there still were times my children were alone and lonely, tired and weak, hungry and desirous. I failed to anticipate and prepare my children for those inevitable times of temptation, and the Devil had been patiently waiting.

"Father, please print my letter in the church paper. If it will serve as a warning to at least one family it may help them to avoid the pain and regret my wife and I have experienced. An Anonymous St. Joan of Arc Parishioner."

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

gmb

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PALM WEAVING WORKSHOPS



Saturday, April 2nd 1-3 pm

Wednesday, April 6th 6-8 pm

**All classes are in the SJA Sr. Carol Center Emmaus
Fellowship Hall**

Price: \$18.00 per person/per session

Name (Print) _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to attend this Day: _____ at this Time: _____

Make check payable to: Sandra Markielewicz and return this form with your check as soon as possible
to reserve a place to 22441 Edmunton, St Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-6659

visit palmweaving.net for examples

Workshop Objectives: This workshop is two (2) hours long. Participants will learn through hands-on experience the weaving of crosses, leaves, and bells also known as artichokes. Class size is limited to 10 people. Attendees need to bring a pair of sharp scissors.

Misc. Announcements

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!

8th Grade Can and Bottle Drive

The Class of 2023 is now responsible for the can and bottle drive.

This is an important fundraiser that helps defray the cost of their graduation events.

Bring your returnables in bags to the Parish Center - West SIDE DOOR - (near Father Andrew's House) please. There is a large plastic bin with a lid that they can be placed in..

Or you can arrange a pick-up by calling or text-ing Erin at 586-321-0667.

The Class of 2023



St. Joan of Arc Knitting Group

The SJA Knitting Group will begin meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

The group will meet from 12pm - 3pm in the Mother of Mary Conference room in Church.

March meetings will be on the 9th and the 23rd all knitters are welcome.

If you are interested in joining or have questions please call Marie Byrski @ 586-943-0240.



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.

For any questions, feel free to contact us by phone or email:

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The Prodigal Son in Scripture and Art

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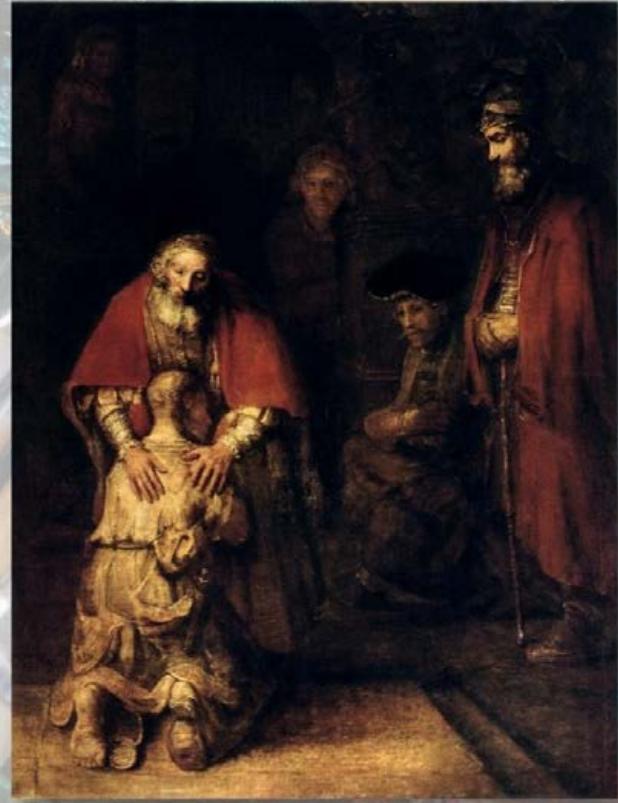
7 pm, Wednesday, March 23

Where

St. Joan of Arc Church and streaming
online at livestream.stjoan.church

Fr. Andrew Dawson
will present this one-
night study on the
parable of the
Prodigal Son using
Rembrandt's work
"Return of the
Prodigal Son."

Inspired by Luke's Gospel
for the 4th Sunday in Lent.



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.

7 pm 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: 7-8:15.

The Message of the Shroud

Its History; Scientific Analysis; The Imprint it Makes on Our Lives

March 15: 7-8 pm

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 22: 7-8 pm

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, March 14th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Tuesday, March 15th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Funeral for Nancy J. Trembetti

7:00 pm Shroud of Turin Retreat -Live Streamed

Wednesday, March 16th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 pm Funeral for Robert Palonis

Thursday, March 17th



7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, March 18th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 19th

10:00 am Funeral for Ray Johnson

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:30 pm Baptism of Grant Lee Schmelzle

1:30 pm Baptism of Dylan Everly Matouk

2:30 pm Baptism of Elana Ruth Cummings

4:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, March 13th

8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

March 13, 2022 – A Safer Place

It was an act of aggression the likes of which many people probably assumed was relegated to the history books. But, alas, Russia's invasion of Ukraine a few weeks ago, complete with missiles, tanks, troops, and cyber-warfare, was all too real.

At the time of this writing, the invasion was underway and Ukraine's capital under siege. News reports around the world were filled with pictures of innocent citizens caught in the wrong place (their homeland) at the wrong time (the commencement of a foreign assault on that homeland).

Media reported on Ukrainians – military and civilians alike – commenting on how they were honor- and duty-bound to defend their country, come what may. And, of course, the support and prayers of people of goodwill from around the world went with them.

How things have developed – and will continue to develop – in this saga remain to be seen, but sympathy with the beliefs and national pride of Ukrainians is something we can all share.

And regardless of how bleak – or how bright – the picture may become in the coming weeks and months, perhaps Ukrainians, their loved ones, and people around the world can take solace in is the fact that we all belong to a higher authority.

All of us, regardless of the constraints, advantages, or details of our current geography, can aspire to one day know that our true homeland will be in a place where war is not a threat; where – with God's grace – peace, love and harmony will reign.

“Our citizenship is in heaven,” we hear in today’s second reading to the Philippians, “and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.”

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday March 14, 2022 Lenten Weekday (Purple)

7:00 a.m. Leona Mecha and Sam & Grace Valenti

Tuesday March 15, 2022 Lenten Weekday (Purple)

7:00 a.m. Jerry Valeck and a Special Intention for Patty Fleming

Wednesday March 16, 2022 Lenten Weekday (Purple)

7:00 a.m. Joan Linden and Sharon Strus

Thursday March 17, 2022 Lenten Weekday, Saint Patrick, Bishop (Purple)

7:00 a.m. Aniello Mazzella

Friday March 18, 2022 Lenten Weekday, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Purple)

7:00 a.m. Jerry Valeck and the deceased members of the Calisi Family who died in the month of March

Saturday March 19, 2022 Third Sunday of Lent, Vigil, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White/Purple)

4:00 p.m. Joan Weber, Dr. Lori Karol, the deceased members of the Walsh Family, Bonnie Batche, the deceased members of the Batche Family, Gerald Ellar, Marie Singer, Ronald Napoli, Joan Hopcian, Andy Dunlop, the deceased members of the Hopcian Family, Primitivo Sandoval, Edward & Henry Blind, Italo Binelli, Joseph Snyder, Virginia Curran, Cheryl Lynn Mensch, Chuck Colbert, Joseph & Ann Niemezyk, and Special Intentions for the Family of Tina Calisi, for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, Rebeca Drummond, the Hollern Family, and for Ilona Higgins on her 96th Birthday

6:00 p.m. Joseph Abdella

Sunday March 13, 2022 The Third Sunday in Lent (Purple)

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Leroy Noviff

12:00 p.m. James LeFevre, Jim Poling, Carol Plotkowski, and Special Intentions for Katelyn Tomasello and for Patrick Driscoll

Daily Readings

Monday, March 14

Daniel 9:4b-10
Luke 6:36-38

Friday, March 18

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Tuesday, March 15

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Matthew 23:1-12

Saturday, March 19

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday, March 16

Jeremiah 18:18-20
Matthew 20:17-28

Sunday, March 20

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

Thursday, March 17

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Luke 16:19-31



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.”

Larry Szambelan
Robert Palonis
Michael Reynolds



“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



They Say Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day: I

don't know if you've noticed, but word on the street is that I've been on a little

bit of a kick about Spring lately...! Well, I was appreciating the sunshine after the 7am Mass one day recently, as the students were beginning to arrive at my door for school, when one particular 8th grader walked-up to me and said, "Hello there! Kinda cold for a Friday."

I looked at him with a rather inquisitive, even skeptical smile on my face, and said, "For a Friday?! Y' know, Friday's are pretty evenly distributed throughout the year, Summer and Winter. Cold for a Friday?"

"Yes!" he said, doubling-down on his original proclamation.

I thanked him for making my day. Only an 8th grader could come-up with that kind of assessment. But I also appreciated his confidence in sticking to it.

I then told him a story about my time working in Ireland. I lived in Galway Bay, on the west coast of Ireland—a beautiful town, but one in which the rain blows in horizontally off the Atlantic, with nothing to stop it from New York City to the Irish coast. I worked in Galway as a manager in a department store. One day, another manager came-up to me with a grin on his face, eager to tell me about a conversation he'd just heard in the next aisle. "Listen, you'll never guess what I just heard," he said, "There were two ladies in the aisle next to me and I heard one of them say how bad the weather is today, and the other one said, 'Oh, but sure, Mary, it always rains on a Thursday.'" Even to an Irishman, this conversation and logic had apparently caused some amusement. "You can't argue with that kind of logic, can you?!"

So recalling this story, I was not going to argue with this decree that today was cold "for a Friday." But it got me wondering, was this one, lone opinion, or was it shared by the masses? Was today really "cold for a Friday" in the United Minds of 8th grade?

Since this budding meteorologist of a student was almost the first to arrive, I polled the rest of his class one-by-one as

they arrived. And, yes, indeed, I would say there was relatively high confidence that this was, in fact, a cold day... "for a Friday."

I was even careful (you know how misleading polls can be) to point-out to the students participating that it being cold was not necessarily in question, but that it was cold "*for a Friday*" specifically. This distinction changed only one student's answer.

Overall, I would say the 8th grade concluded by a landslide majority of 80% to 20% in favor of that day being "cold for a Friday."

That kind of unity and like-mindedness, I thought, correctly harnessed, could be dangerous. Of course, *correctly*-harnessed it could be a positive thing, but they are 8th grade, so of course my mind was immediately concerned that they could one day plot against us!

There were two notable discrepancies, both involving food, and one of them resulting in an abstention. One student arrived eating a pop-tart and the question of the temperature, relative to the day of the week was quickly brushed aside by the much more pressing issue and debate over whether he was eating *in* school, *at* school, or *on school property*. Honestly, you can't make this stuff up!

There followed a visual demonstration by the student as to what each of these would look like. I'm not entirely sure what we concluded on this vital issue, but he voted "yes" in the original referendum, that in fact it was a cold day "for a Friday."

The abstention came from another student who arrived eating a Girl Scout Thin Mint. She was, understandably distracted by this delightful cookie moment (everybody knows that they are the best of all the Girl Scout cookies) and due to this important quasi-breakfast distraction, she was unable to render a decision in the cold "for a Friday" vote.

All of this went down in 15 minutes at school arrival time. You can learn a lot, those few minutes holding a door open... and be quite entertained, if you can get a middle-schooler to speak!

All of this has led me to the obvious conclusion that all 8th graders are Irish. They almost all think with the mind of the Irish department store lady shopper, who recognizes something other mortal humans do not... that it always rains on a

Thursday, or that it's cold "for a Friday." And then it all made sense.... It's St. Patrick's Day this week. On St. Patrick's Day, everyone is Irish, right? Clearly the 8th grade have been honing their Irish logic skills. After months of the efforts of an Englishman to interrupt their middle-schooler morning-coma-like state before they enter the school building, they are training their powers against me, uniting in solidarity to scupper my effort to convince both them and myself that it's Spring. So cunning.... But I'm onto them!

If they continue this clever campaign, I may have to pull out my secret weapon and remind them that St. Patrick was English, "the best thing the English ever gave to the Irish" I may have claimed once or twice.

Divine Encouragement: This brief glimpse of Jesus in all his glory in today's Gospel is also meant not only for the Apostles, but for us.

Perhaps like them, we too experience fear, doubt and even a lack of faith. Perhaps we too need to be encouraged and strengthened by Jesus, especially as we continue our journey through Lent. We too need know that our prayer, fasting and sharing with the poor is not an end in itself or that it is all done in vain but it meant to allow us to share more fully in the Revelation the Apostles received that day, that we might know Him better and be transformed by this experience.

We are heading towards the resurrection and the new life of Easter, but we have a distance to go yet. But the experience of Jesus transformed offers each of us taste of what lies ahead of us. If we share in the suffering and passion of Jesus, we will also share in his Resurrection.

This is the hope in which we are asked to have faith as we make our way through Lent. When we are tempted to give-up and give in, may we look to Jesus, changed and transformed. May see in Him the future that is promised to us, not only at Easter but in the fullness of God's Kingdom.

As we continue to make our way through Lent, let us do what the voice of God says to each of us; 'This is my chosen Son, Listen to him.'

You are in my prayers this week.

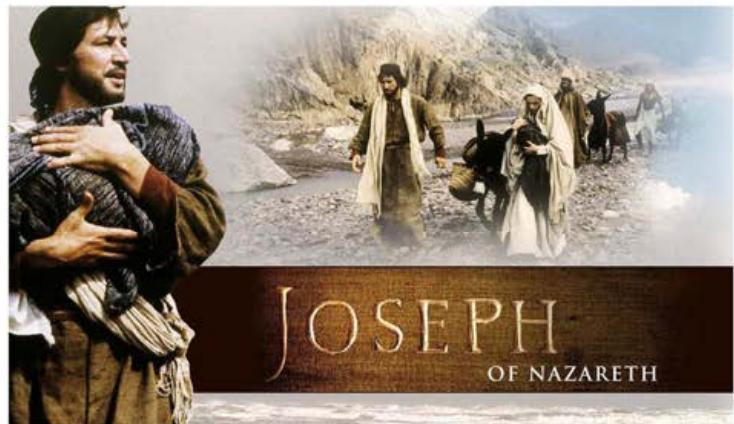
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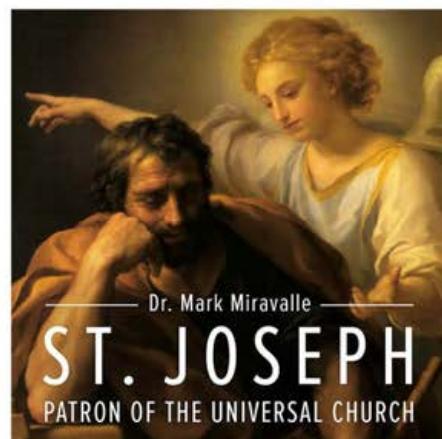
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 20 A

Reading One – Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!” The LORD answered Moses, “Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”

Responsorial Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.”

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading Two – Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access

by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel Reading and Rosary Rally



Gospel – Jn 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come

back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?"

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Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 | Phil 3:17—4:1 or Phil 3:20—4:1 |
Lk 9:28b-36

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

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus is transfigured before the disciples: They see a glorious vision of him wearing dazzling white, with a "face changed in appearance," and conversing with Moses and Elijah about the "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." This is in marked contrast to what Luke had recounted just prior to these verses: Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death, and the assertion that his disciples must take up their crosses daily in order to follow him. So it is no surprise that Peter, likely somewhat stunned after being a part of both moments, "did not know what he was saying." Then a cloud passes over and, while they are frightened, they hear God's voice affirm what they have just seen: "This my chosen Son; listen to him." We all experience these extremes – days where all seems lost; others where we feel as though we've had glimpses of heaven. Today's Gospel encourages us to look to Jesus, who has experienced the frailty of humanity and the glory of divinity. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, we are redeemed, and ultimately – as the disciples glimpsed today – "he will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Life can bring unexpected joys and disappointments. One day we celebrate a birth; another we grieve the loss of a loved one. We fall in love; we experience broken relationships. Many of us may find ourselves in flux much of the time: Will this pandemic ever end? Will the cancer recur? What's next now that the kids are grown? Today's readings give me great hope in the knowledge that God is with us through all the twists and turns and ups and downs of our lives. Just as God fulfilled his promises to Abraham, God has given us a Savior in Jesus Christ and promises that we will someday share in his glory. To that end, we can strive to ensure that no darkness in our world prevents us from becoming a source of light to others. Jesus and the saints walk before us. We pray, then, for the grace to listen to God's chosen Son, and to "stand firm in the Lord."

PRAY Lent is a good time to try a new form of prayer. Do you often pray silently? Try the rosary or spoken prayer. Do you normally pray out loud? Try centering prayer or another form of quiet or silent prayer, such as *Lectio Divina*.

Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

March 13, 2022

Transfiguring Our Lives through Christ

By Fr. Mark Haydu

The same three apostles who are present in the Garden of Gethsemane are also at the transfiguration. On both occasions they fall asleep! But when they awake at the transfiguration, they see something totally different. They see Jesus radiant and resplendent like they had never seen him before. This revelation of his glory is meant to strengthen their faith and prepare them for seeing Jesus later, sweating blood in the agony of the Garden. Experiencing the joy and beauty of Jesus is essential to persevering

through the inevitable passions we will have to undergo. Faith is not all about suffering, but about joy, love, and intimacy with Christ. Yes, love sometimes means we must suffer, but the fruit is greater intimacy. A diamond is made under great pressure and love must pass through temptations.

All three synoptic Gospels unite the transfiguration with Peter's profession of faith. The reality of the passion and cross should not shake the apostle's faith, but they should realize that his exaltation can only be accomplished in the cross: "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32).

The sufferings we see in the world, in our own past and present, shouldn't shake our faith in Jesus, either. Overcoming sin comes from embracing suffering.

Jesus is so radiant that he awakes the apostles from their slumber. May the consuming love with which we burn for Jesus transfigure us into beautiful lights that awaken this world from its slumber of faith as well. +

Experiencing the joy and beauty of Jesus is essential to persevering through the passions we must undergo.

A Word from Pope Francis

Belief in God and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we are actually living in a way pleasing to God. A believer may be untrue to everything that his faith demands of him, and yet think he is close to God and better than others.

—On Fraternity and Social Friendship (*Fratelli Tutti*), October 3, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- What area of your life does Jesus want to transfigure into a brighter testimony for him?
- Light comes from energy consumed and transformed. How does that truth apply to your spiritual life?

Sunday Readings

Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18

The LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: To your descendants I give this land.

Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 9:28b–36

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

An Unexpected Awakening

By Barbara Hughes

I'm not sure what I expected, but as I crossed the threshold, the room with its cement floor, cinder-block walls, and two small windows placed near the ceiling caused me to question my sanity. What in the world was I doing here? In lieu of a bed, a hammock hung from the ceiling in one corner of the room, and in another was a straight-back chair facing a shelflike table that held a wooden cross fashioned from tree branches. There was no electricity, but there was running water, evidenced by the small sink and toilet tucked behind a half-wall that partially divided the space. This was my first trip to the hermitage hidden deep in the woods on the grounds of a Benedictine monastery. I had decided spending time in a hermitage would be a meaningful, delightful way to begin the season of Lent. Now I wasn't so sure.

But as I looked around the room, I realized the bare-bones environment was intentional. There was nothing pleasant to look at, nothing to distract me. I could no longer run from God or hide behind work or family commitments. With nothing else to do, I took a deep breath, closed my eyes, and let the world around me disappear.

A cocoonlike silence enveloped me, and as my heart began to swell, I knew I stood on holy ground. In the hours and days that followed, I discovered that it wasn't the hermitage I was visiting that was holy. It was the hermitage that



God was building inside me that was pure, a place I could carry with me long after I left the monastery grounds. This unexpected awakening gave me a new perspective, which, in essence, is what Lent is all about.

The word *Lent* means "lengthening of days." It reminds us we have time to turn away from sin and fall in love with God. We begin by stripping away excuses for our sins and shortcomings. We strive to shed illusions rooted in the false self and enter the desert with Jesus, where we are given the opportunity to discover what can only be learned through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Each year, the Church invites us to enter the desert, because once is never enough. Despite our best intentions,

we grow weary, our resolve dissipates, and our baptismal robe becomes soiled. Hence, the penitential tone of Lent invites us to fast not only from food but also from sin and all that may lead us astray. We recognize that we can't do this by ourselves and so we profess our weakness and ask God to create a clean heart in us and renew our commitment to practice good works.

Lent is serious business, but serious is not the same as gloomy. In fact, Lent can be a time of joyful consolation because the more we empty ourselves, the more God fills us with his mercy and grace. This is the good news with which we are called to begin our Lenten journey, because, according to St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:2, God affirms, "In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." +

During Lent, we strive to shed illusions rooted in the false self and enter the desert with Jesus.



Lord, you desire to be with me and walk with me along life's journey. Awaken in my heart a desire and commitment to be with you in prayer.

—From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 14–19

Monday, Lenten Weekday:
Dn 9:4b–10 / Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday:
Is 1:10, 16–20 / Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday:
Jer 18:18–20 / Mt 20:17–28

Thursday, Lenten Weekday:
Jer 17:5–10 / Lk 16:19–31

Friday, Lenten Weekday: Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a / Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday, St. Joseph: 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a



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