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973-383-1985



WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday at 12:05pm

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday (*Sunday Vigil*) at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:30am

Misa en Español

Todos los Domingos a las 2:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (*or by appointment*)

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Each Monday from 7:00-8:30pm

ADORATION

First Friday of each month
after the 12:05pm Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 27, 2022

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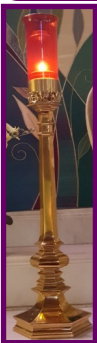
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Dorothy Bosi, Dorothy Sidnam
and Gerard Woodring

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE



The Sanctuary Lamp,
which burns near the Tabernacle
as a reminder of our Lord's presence
in the Most Holy Eucharist,
was given in loving memory of:

Father Gerald Brennan, OSM

The hosts and wine,
which will become the
Holy Body and Precious
Blood of our Lord, were
given in loving memory of:



Michael W. Pascrell

*May they now be resting in the peace
of the Lord's heavenly kingdom!*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/26

5:00pm Roman Salza
Jean Kerrigan

Sunday

8:00am Joseph Sciasia
Intentions of Father ST

March 27th

9:30am *Intentions of Deacon Tom*
Robert Pfeiffer, Jr.

**Fourth Sunday
of Lent**

11:30am Deborah Jean Smith
Lexi Faye

Monday 3/28

12:05pm Harry Aceto

Tuesday 3/29

12:05pm Theodore Eis

Wednesday 3/30

12:05pm Jose Rodriguez

Thursday 3/31

12:05pm Michael W. Pascrell

Friday 4/1

12:05pm Chester Zukowski

Saturday 4/2

5:00pm Doctor Nido Valencia

Sunday

8:00am Anne Lundgren
Thomas Galuppo, Jr.

April 3rd

**Fifth Sunday
of Lent**

9:30am *Intentions of Father ST*

11:30am Henri Kyle Porzuelo
Lexi Faye

OREMUS PRO INVICEM



**Kindly remember in your prayers
the following members of our parish family:**

Phyllis Adams, Meghan Aitkens, Donald Barletta,
Leslie Blakely, Dorothy Charette, Carole Cohn,
Geoffrey Crann, Father Angelus Croce, Archie DeMartino,
Derya Demirtas, Katie DeSantis, Peggy DiBello,
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Noelle Thibault, Irene Towey, Daisy Valentin,
Cathy Veluta, Deacon Thomas Zayac and Rita Zimich.

SACRED LINENS



We are looking for individuals who
might be interested in washing and
ironing the sacred linens used at Mass.
If you might be interested in this special
ministry, please contact Claire Luckman
at the Parish Center at: 973-383-1985.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 27, 2022

WEEKLY DONATIONS



Third Sunday of Lent

Collection: \$ 6,634
Online Giving: \$ 1,721
Total Donations: \$8,355

As a reminder, our weekly budget is still \$10,000.
As of January of this year, our snow removal costs have been \$4,409.76 and the heating bill has been \$ 6,924.39 (just for the church).

Thank you for your generosity!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 3rd

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
Saint John 8:1-11



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY



Days of Abstinence: No meat may be eaten on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday for all those who are 14 years or older. (*This does not end at age 60*).

Days of Fast: A limit of one full meatless meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (*for all who are 18-60 years old*).

Weekdays of Lent: There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are always a great way to be more involved during Lent.

Easter Duty Obligation: Every Catholic must receive Holy Communion and go to confession between the First Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday.

Acts of Devotion: are encouraged on a voluntary basis. These may include spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness. Of course, the greatest prayer and to receive the greatest fruits of the Lenten season is by participating in daily and Sunday Masses.

Eucharistic Fast: You should fast one hour from foods and liquids. (*Water and medicine are exceptions to this fast*).

ADORATION



There will be Benediction and Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, April 1st** after the 12:05pm Mass and Benediction at 3:00pm. "All Are Welcome" to spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord!

FOOD PANTRY

Many people continue to struggle during these difficult times. Therefore, we are asking you to kindly remember the following items when you are doing your own shopping:

- Pop-Tarts (*any kind*)
- Crackers (*any kind*)
- Cookies
- Salad dressings (*any kind*)
- Beef gravy
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Juice boxes
- Taco kits
- Boxed potatoes
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Mayonnaise
- Dinty Moore stew
- Tomato paste
- Crushed tomatoes
- Coffee
- Paper towels



- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Q-tips
- Dish detergent
- Laundry detergent
- Sugar
- Flour
- Granola bars
- Chili (*beans & no beans*)

Your generosity makes all the difference in the world to those who go without!

Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry Volunteers

HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN

We have reached our one million "Hail Mary" goal and now have moved onto two million, for the intention of **The United States of America**. Families, friends and neighbors are all asked to join us in praying for Mary's protection and intercession. Your total amounts of Hail Mary's may be e-mailed to: hailmarysfortheUSA@gmail.com.

**Our total to date is:
1,601,864**



FATHER ST'S HOMILY FROM LAST WEEK

"I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and heard their cry....." (Exodus 3:7).

Today's Readings focus on the well debated and much misunderstood notion of suffering; why it exists, who are the ones who fall victim to its reality and foremost in most people's minds, why do bad things happen to good people?

Jesus Himself tries to address some of these issues when He speaks about those Galileans who suffered at the hands of Pilate. Certainly, we can tell from the story and history that the cause of such suffering was at the hands of an insecure and conscienceless tyrant. But why? To this question, Jesus assures the readers of Saint Luke that it was NOT because they were sinners **"By no means!"** which He repeats several times. Then the example of those eighteen (18) who were killed at the tower at Siloam. They, too, fell victim to destruction and death. Was it because they were sinners? Again, Jesus tells us: **"By no means!"**

In each example that the Lord gives, although He assures us that the tragedy was in no way related to the sinfulness of the individual, He still does not lose a chance to challenge us (and the early Church) to repent from our sinful ways. While our sinfulness may not be the cause of tragedies, sicknesses or even evil in our lives, we nonetheless still possess the ability to do such evil, and it is to this point that the Lord challenges us to change.

- ♦ Everything happens for a reason.
- ♦ God never gives us more than we can handle.
- ♦ When God closes a door, He opens a window.
- ♦ God only gives us what we can handle.

How many times have we either heard these things or even said them to ourselves?

In addition to today's two examples, Jesus also uses another example in Saint John's Gospel when He spoke about the man born blind (John 9:1-12). When the Disciples asked Jesus about why he was born blind: *"Rabbi, who was the sinner, the man or his parents?"* Again, Jesus replies, *"Neither."*

I think we have come up with answers and clichés like "Everything happens for a reason" in order to make sense out of difficult things in our lives.

So, why does evil exist and why do bad things happen to us? The simple answer to this complex question is: Original Sin. Because of our First Parents, we are prone and directed toward sinfulness in our lives. But just because of this reality, it does not mean that we have to follow up on this inclination. Just like happiness, just like loyalty, just like being a man or woman of ethics and good morals, we can choose not to follow the path which leads away from God. The most important thing to remember is that we cannot do this alone; we cannot do this without God in our lives. In order to combat that which is natural, we need something SUPRA-natural to

help us.

So, when we approach God, let it not be out of fear and trembling. Even though it seems that Moses feared God, that does not mean he was afraid of Him. Rather, he respected and was in awe of His power and presence. That is what Proverbs 9:10 means when it says: *"Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."* It is not the fear that we generally know and experience, but it is awe. This does not mean we should be afraid of God, but that we should respect, honor and be in awe of Him.

Many people complain that we have lost the awe and reverence for God, especially after Vatican II, because we stopped praying in Latin, turned the priest around and stopped kneeling for Communion. To which I say: **"By no means!"** We lost the respect and reverence of God because we lost the respect and reverence for ourselves. It is easy to blame the Church and its changes for our failures, but just as God did not create anyone to be born blind or handicapped, He does not create us to be disrespectful, dishonorable or even sinful. These are the things we do ourselves.

The message of today's Gospel is that Jesus gives us a second and even third chance to change. But He will not change us, only we can do that.

And just because we come to church does not secure the promise of heaven. As Saint Paul clearly stated in today's Second Reading: *"I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters..... All of them were baptized into Moses.... All ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink.... Yet God was not pleased with most of them."* Why? Because of their hardness of heart. They said the right prayers, they gave the correct amount of money to the Temple, but their hearts remained cold as ice.

So let us take to heart the advice of Saint Paul, who also said: *"Therefore, whoever thinks they are standing secure, should take care not to fall."* And if we fall, whose fault is it? Our parents? Our ethnicity? Where we live? The sinfulness of those around us? Or do we own it directly and honestly as our own?

As we mark our halfway point in our journey of Great Lent, there is still time to "Repent and believe in the Gospel." There is still time to allow some fruit to be born on our trees.

There is still hope that we can become better, whole and even holy people if we repent, own our faults and failures, and make a resolution to become better, holier people.

Today, we prayed with the Psalmist, *"The Lord is kind and merciful"* the only question left is: **Are we?**



FAITH FORMATION

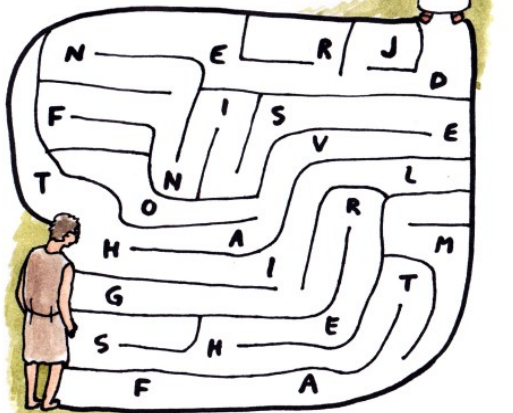
SACRED HEART CENTER

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27th, 2022

What did the son in today's
Gospel reading say to show his
father he was sorry?

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



As you go through the maze, use only
the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:

_____, _____

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat
at Sacred Heart Center on

April 7th, 2022

Our Theme will be:
"Renewed in Love".

Schedule:

- 9:00am Arrival – Coffee and...
- 9:30am Opening Prayer
Short Talk on Monthly Theme
- 10:45am Eucharistic Adoration &
Opportunity for Confession
- 11:45am End of Adoration – Preparation for Mass
- 12:00pm Eucharistic Celebration
Lunch and Departure

There is no need to pre-register. Instead of a set
fee, we will have a "free will offering" box available
for donations to cover our expenses. Thank you for
whatever you can contribute.

For further information, e-mail us at
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PIZZA FUNDRAISER

The Don Bosco Columbiette Auxiliary
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Villa Capri Restaurant
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Friday, April 8th.

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LENTEN ACTIVITIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Each Friday

evening
during Lent at
7:00pm

From March 4th
through April 8th

Also **every Friday** during Lent after the
12:05pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday evening
March 28, 2022
from 7:00-8:30pm



HYMNS FOR HOLY MASS THIS WEEKEND

PROCESSIONAL

"Lord Let Me Walk"

Lord, let me walk that lonely road with You, under the weight of the wood. Lord let me walk that last mile in Your shoes, under the weight of the wood. **R.**

Refrain: Freedom can be found, laden down, under the weight of the wood.

Lord, let me cool Your lips, baked like clay, under the weight of the wood. Dried up like rain on a hot, dusty day, under the weight of the wood. **R.**

They gave You gall and sour wine for Your food, under the weight of the wood. Father forgive them; they don't know what they do, under the weight of the wood. **R.**

Lord, must the journey always end this way, under the weight of the wood? How many times have we nailed You up today, under the weight of the wood? **R.**

PSALM RESPONSE

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"

OFFERTORY

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun.

COMMUNION

"Jesus, the Lord"

Refrain: Jesus. Jesus. Let all creation bend the knee to the Lord.

In Him we live, we move and have our being; in Him the Christ, in Him the King! Jesus, the Lord. **R.**

Though Son, He did not cling to Godliness; but emptied Himself, became a slave! Jesus, the Lord. **R.**

He lived obediently His Father's will accepting His death, death on a tree! Jesus, the Lord. **R.**

RECESSIONAL

"Tantum Ergo Sacramentum"

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui:
et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui:
praestet fides supplementum sensum defectui.

Genitori, genitoque laus et jubilatio, salus, honor,
virtus quoque, sit et benedictio: procedenti
ab utroque, compar sit laudation.



Special thanks for the many prayers, Mass cards, notes, cards, emails and texts which I received, as I continue to get stronger each and every day. May the Lord bless you and your families with His goodness and peace.

-Father ST

LENTEN PRAYER

Lord, Jesus Christ,
take all my freedom,
my memory, my understanding
and my will.
All that I have and cherish,
You have given to me.
I surrender it all
to be guided by Your will;
Your grace and Your love
are wealth enough for me.
Give me only these, Lord Jesus
and I ask for nothing more.
Amen.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY



I cried the day
you passed away,
and I still cry today.

Although I loved
you dearly,
I couldn't make
you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
hardworking hands at rest.
God broke my heart to prove to me
He only takes the best!

FATHER BRIAN TOMLINSON

OFM CAP.

Confessor, spiritual advisor and friend.
Gone to his eternal reward.

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Correctional Lieutenant Steve Taylor,
Deputy First Class Kenny Olander,
Sergeants Barbara Fenley, Kenneth
Thurman, Sr., Troopers Branden Sisca,
Martin Mack, III and
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THROUGH
MY HEART.

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*"He is before
all things, and
in Him all things
hold together."*

- Colossians 1:17

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the Resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen



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Saint Michael, the Archangel defend us in battle;
be our defense against the wickedness and snares
of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do You, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan
and the other evil spirits who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

-Pope Leo XIII (1864)



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