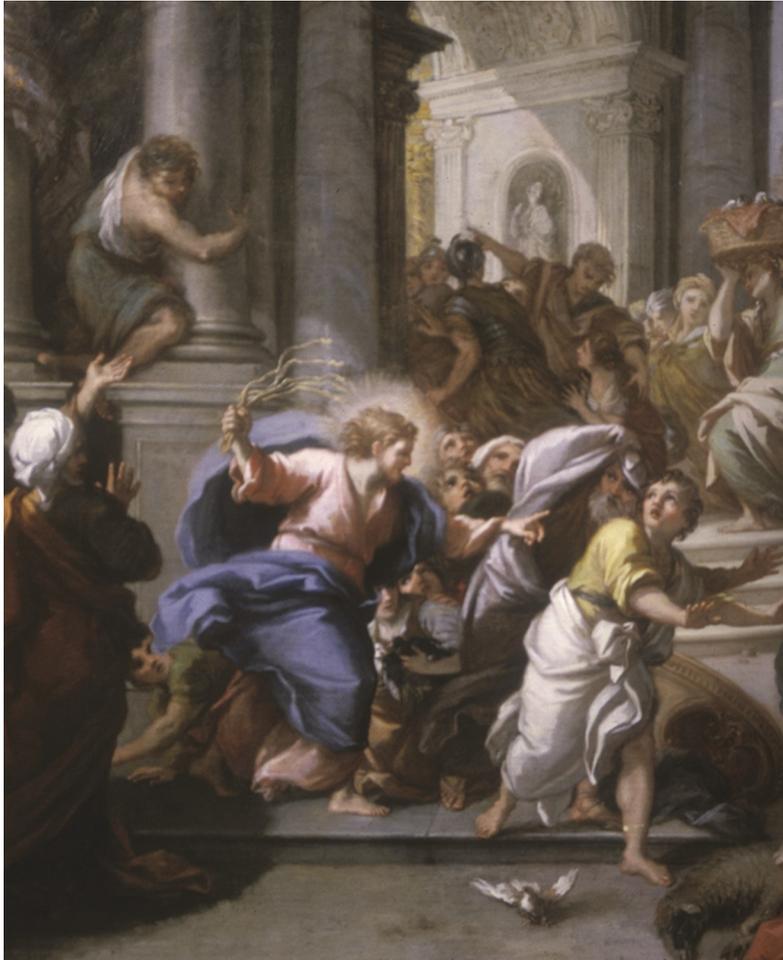




ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.

Stations of the Cross & Simple Suppers—Wednesdays during Lent—See pg. 3 for details



ST. HELENA PARISH

Mass Schedule

Saturday (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena

Sunday 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)

Tue–Fri 8:00am

Confession Schedule

Saturday 3:30–4:30pm

Sunday Before 8:30 am mass (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

Tuesday 7:00–8:00pm

Tues–Fri Before 8:00 am daily Mass | By appointment, call parish office



ST. PATRICK PARISH

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30am

(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)

Thursday 9:00am

Confession Schedule

Sundays after 10:30 am Mass
By appointment - call parish office

FROM OUR PASTOR

Identity and fear

Dear friends in Christ,

Several weeks ago, I proposed a question: are you a thermometer or a thermostat? I applied this analogy to our lives as disciples of Jesus. Our surroundings can dictate how we live, or we can be the ones who set the temperature. Today is the sixth meditation on the sorrows and joys of St. Joseph. The sorrow we consider this week is the fear he felt when he was told to return to his homeland; the joy for us to ponder is his experience of going to Nazareth. (See Mt 2:19-23; Lk 2:40).

To unlock this meditation, let's briefly explore the notion of identity. Your identity is given to you by God, "Male and female he created them." God also gives us an identity as his beloved sons and daughters through baptism. Our name also becomes part of our identity. Finally, think about how your identity points beyond yourself. Specifically, as husband, wife, father, mother, pastor, son, daughter, student, etc. The scope of this article only permits a cursory analysis of identity. Lovingly accepting our God-given identity and appreciating the physical, moral, and spiritual differences and complementarity of persons is crucial to family life and society (CCC 2333).

St. Joseph's role as father and husband caused him to be fearful when he learned Archelaus, son of Herod was ruling in Judaea. His role of father and husband included protecting Mary and Jesus. Why was Joseph worried about Herod's son as king? Well, like father, like son! He believed the wicked traits of king Herod would be passed on. Our lives are

shaped by those who raise and nurture us. We are also formed by the people we allow to teach us or speak into our lives. The Apostolic Letter for the year of St. Joseph states, "Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person." (*Patris Corde*, #7)

In the Litany of St. Joseph, two important titles are given to the saintly man, "Example to parents and Protector of the Church." These titles of St. Joseph reveal how he embraced his identity to serve others. Despite the fear of returning home to face evil, Joseph trusted in the plan of God; he listened to and acted on the message he received from the angel. Imagine Joseph allowing his fear to guide his actions—he would be a thermometer. The Holy Family may not have made it to Nazareth. Now is the time to consider your fears. Ask yourself truthfully, who have you permitted to speak into those fears and who is guiding your life? Who are the trusted teachers and sources of wisdom guiding your actions?

John Paul II wrote that St. Joseph, "was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood." All disciples of Jesus are being called to *set the temperature* of our surroundings. The temperature of faith will be set by someone. Will it be you?

Fr. Asselin



*Don't Forget!
Daylight Savings time
begins next week,
March 14!*

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

3/9—Adoration & Confession, 7pm-8pm
 3/10—Simple Supper, 5:00 pm; Stations of the Cross, 6:15 pm
 3/12—Fish Fry, 5:30-7:00pm, *take out only*, north alley, parking lot
 3/16—Adoration & Confession, 7pm-8pm
 3/17—Simple Supper, 5:00 pm; Stations of the Cross, 6:15 pm
 3/24—Parish Penance Service, St. Helena's, 6:30pm



St. Helena's is looking to hire a person or persons for the positions of parish bookkeeping and administrative office work. Duties include editing the weekly bulletin, bi-monthly ministry schedule. These positions would take approximately 4-5 hours per week. Training is available for each position. If interested please contact Fr. Asselin.

LOOKING AHEAD...



FISH FRY

Join us for our Annual Fish Fry, THIS FRIDAY, March 12. Take-out meals available in the parking lot. 5:30-7:00pm. Free-will donation to support our youth programs.

Fall Raffle Donations

St. Helena Altar Society is now taking donations for the annual Raffle to be held Sep 26, 2021. Contact Michele T. or Kathy M. to make a donation.

Military Appreciation

A box for Peyton Merkel is located in the church entry. Peyton is serving overseas and items that could be used are shampoo, deodorant, laundry soap, hand soap, chips, and candy. Please place items in box before March 14.

Simple Suppers

We are having simple suppers and Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays during lent. Sign-up sheet is in the church entry.

Easter Flowers—Order Now!

Make our church beautiful for Easter. Lilies and calandiva plants are \$30 each (same as last year). Orders are due by March 15. Signup sheet in church entry.

SEARCH Retreats Attention Youth!

SEARCH is an opportunity to think, talk, question, and wonder about the joys and struggles of faith in everyday life. How does Christ fit into your busy schedule? Why is it important to have Christ as your center? This weekend retreat gives young people, an opportunity to mature and grow in their faith. Visit the [registration page](#) to join us. Retreat is scheduled for April 16-18, 2021 (Deadline March 29).

Retrouvaille

Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally March 5-7, 2021 in Fargo. For more information visit: HelpOurMarriage.com or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org.

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 13/14		5:00pm	10:30am
Usher	Volunteer	Pete Flynn, Jr	
Collection		Dave Eberle	
Lector	Volunteer	Daryl Monette	
EMHC			
Gift Bearers			
Altar Servers	Madeline T, Mackenzie T	Carly K, Tiahna W	

WEEKLY GIVING

February 28, 2021

Adult	\$1329.
Children	\$5.
Plate	\$20.
Total	\$1354.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday March 14 (8:30 am)

Lector	Kayce
Gift Carriers	
Altar Servers	Boston, Lennon

For the Month of March

Breakfast Server	
Collection Counters	
Church Cleaners	Geri Glynn, Pat Glynn
Altar Society Meeting	

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Mar 9

8:00 am †Donald Asselin

Wed. Mar 10

8:00 am †Sr. Ethel Widhalm, OSF

Thu. Mar 11

8:00 am (St. H) †Pius & †Katherine Kuhn

9:00 am (St. P) †Sylvester & †Marie Radermacher

Fri. Mar 12

8:00 am †Alvin Gross

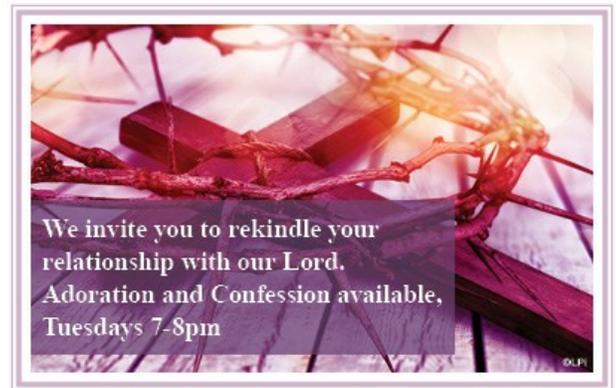
Sat. Mar 13

5:00 pm †Yikealo Breidenbach

Sun. Mar 14

8:30 am (St. P) †Donald Asselin

10:30 am (St. H) For the Parishioners



Please Pray

...for all who are sick, elderly or alone

Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina.

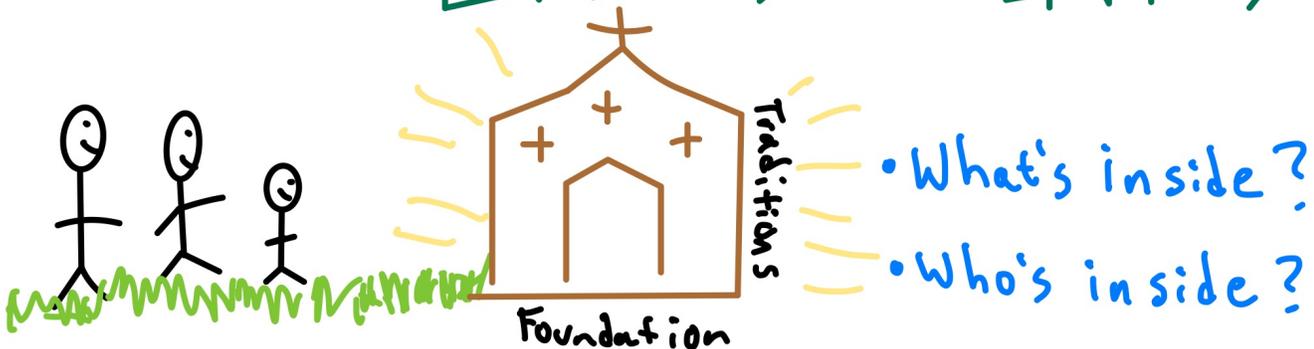
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Lenten Learning Leaflet

7 March, 2021

Buildings + Blueprints



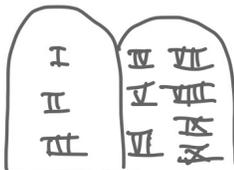
Praying Together

- Lord Jesus, you healed the sick, Lord have mercy
- Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners, Christ have mercy
- Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and bring us strength, Lord have mercy

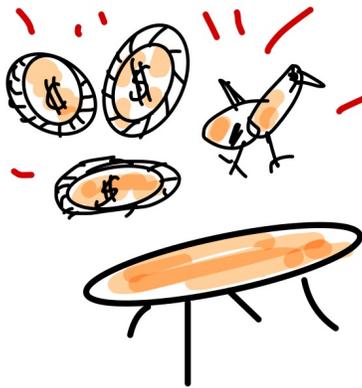
a place of refuge from the world ... a place to encounter Jesus

Laws... Let's think about the law giver...

- Given to the people he freed from slavery
- Intended to entreat his people to become wholeheartedly attached to him
- God doesn't abandon his people even when they abandon him
- A house needs walls and a foundation. What "commandments" does your favorite sport have?



Without
the Commandments:
No-walls, no foundation



Jesus, Anger, and the Temple...

- He was presented in the temple. He respected tradition.
- It was the place to encounter God, yet it became polluted by worldly influences.
- Jesus identified himself with the temple, as God's definitive dwelling place on earth.
- His signs either produce Faith or Provoke Hostility.

Questions:

Why do we come to Mass? Am I bringing the world into worship, or my worship into the world? Do I see my body & heart as a temple of the Holy Spirit, and treat it as such?

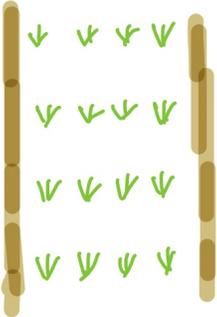
Temple + Garden



“The Church has no other light than Christ’s; according to a favorite image of the Church Fathers, the Church is like the moon, all its light reflected from the sun.” [CCC 748]

↳ Am I allowing the light of Christ to shine into my life?

↳ How can I reflect Christ to someone this week?



“The Church is a *cultivated field*, the tillage of God. On that land the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about again. That land, like a choice vineyard, has been planted by the heavenly cultivator. Yet the true vine is Christ who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is, to us, who through the Church remain in Christ, without whom we can do nothing.” (CCC 755)

↳ A garden requires much work. A garden needs attention. Will you allow Christ to uproot the weeds of sin by going to the sacrament of confession?

★ Penance service: Wed, Mar 24, 6:30 pm

Mt 21:42



“Often too, the Church is called the *building* of God. The Lord compared himself to the stone which the builders rejected, but which was made into the corner-stone... This edifice has many names to describe it: the house of God in which his *family* dwells... the dwelling place of God among men... As living stones we here on earth are built into it. (CCC 756)

• Jesus, your hands alone can place me perfectly into your beautiful creation and you call us to act on your word. Guide me, lead me...