



ST. HELENA & ST. PATRICK

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



4th Sunday OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever given thought to the fact that you are an "ambassador for Christ?" An ambassador is an accredited diplomat and official representative. We are asked to be ambassadors for Christ and his message of reconciliation. Within each one of us is a prodigal son who realizes the need to return home, an elder brother who struggles with entitlement and self-pity, and a forgiving father who simply wants to celebrate love. Realizing that all of these things are operative in our hearts, we can bring credibility to God's ministry of reconciliation. Genuine witnesses are those who not only recognize their need for wholeness, mercy, and forgiveness but also their tendency to be over self-focused and stubborn. Then, discovering freedom from all that binds them, they can then extend the love they have received to others. These ambassadors embody unity, mercy, and reconciliation and can look on others with deep compassion because they know what it is to walk in their shoes. Can God count on you to deliver this message?

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena
Sunday 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)

Tue 7pm

Wed-Fri 8:00am

Confession Schedule

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
Sunday Before 8:30 am mass (1st, 3rd,
5th Sundays)
Tuesday 6:30-6:50pm
Wed-Fri Before 8:00 am daily Mass | By
appointment, call parish office

Adoration

Wed 5pm-8pm



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

In Jesus, God saves us by becoming so vulnerable that we are able to kill him in a vile and humiliating way. The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus assure us that God's offer of friendship will never be withdrawn, no matter what we do. If the cross did not result in a withdrawal of the offer, then nothing we do will lead to a change of God's heart. We can, however, refuse the offer. Friendship is a mutual relationship, and a person has to accept the offer; he or she cannot be coerced or tricked into it. And any human being's final refusal of God's friendship breaks God's heart. Still, God does not turn away from such a person in anger and rage. God lives eternally with a broken heart. That's how vulnerable God wants to be.

Loving God, I pray for the wisdom to never turn away from your friendship or take advantage of your love for me.

William A. Barry, SJ, in *Lenten Meditations: Growing in Friendship with God*

As parents, we can relate to God's vulnerability as described in this meditation. There is a saying that having a child is like putting limbs on your heart and setting it free in the world. We have this intense love for our children—no matter what—that indeed makes us vulnerable.

In my family's experience, we have had many a talk with our teenaged daughter about the extent of our love

for her. Afraid that in these delicate years ahead she might lose her way at some point, make some mistake she thinks is unforgivable, or something awful might happen that tears her away from us, we have tried to make it perfectly clear that we will ALWAYS love her, and that she is welcome home under absolutely any circumstances. We probably give her that speech more often than necessary, but we're doing all we can to drill it deep into her psyche. *You are always loved, you are always welcome, and nothing will ever change that.* There is a lot that can happen in this world—sometimes by one's own choices and sometimes by force—and nothing terrifies us more than losing our daughter. Indeed, if she ever turns her back on us we would be completely heartbroken, but we wouldn't give up on her. Ever.

Imagine that love we have as parents is merely a small reflection of the vulnerable, all-invested love that God has for us all. God's heart walks this earth by the billions. He carries a perfect love, even greater than that of a parent for a child, for each and every one of us. For me, that's unfathomable. Jesus tries to give us a sense of it in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, but as we know, Jesus used parables to give people a glimpse of understanding into something far greater than they could possibly comprehend. Thus, that parable shows us that the love of the forgiving father is just the beginning.

Now here's the challenge. The all-invested, life-changing love that a parent has for a child is also just the beginning. We are called to be disciples on this earth, to serve others and to treat others as Jesus would. Does that not mean that the intense love between a parent and child should be the same love we offer every child of God?

Father of us all, teach us to love all of your children as we love our own, so that everyone of this earth may glimpse the unfathomable love you have for us. Amen.

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

- 3/29 Confession 6:30pm, Mass 7pm, adoration, rosary, Divine Mercy Chap 7:30pm.
- 3/30 Simple supper, stations, Religious ed.
- 3/24 Stations of the Cross in Fullerton after 9am Mass
- 4/1 Fish Fry St Hellenas
- 4/10 Palm Sunday. Bottles for Life/Pregnancy Help Center turned in—thank you!
- 4/12 Chrism Mass: Tuesday, April 12th, 2022, 11am. St. Mary's Cathedral
- 4/5 7am Parish Finance Council Ellendale/ 4/1 7:30pm Parish Finance Council Fullerton

LOOKING AHEAD...



- Stations of the Cross and simple suppers will be on Wednesdays during Lent.
- Simple supper will run from 5pm—6 with Stations starting at 6:15. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for volunteers to make, serve and clean up after the meals..
- Also need servers for Stations. Any questions please contact Colleen Durheim.

Fish Fry will be April 1st.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Fr. Parks will be available to offer Holy Communion anytime that it works except Mondays. Please call Fr. At 701-349-3297 to make arrangements.

Matrimony

Those preparing for marriage, please contact Fr. Parks at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Baptism

To schedule a baptism please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is available anytime. Talk with the priest before or after Mass, or call the parish office to make an appointment. Don't hesitate to call, especially if you are preparing for a medical procedure or surgery.



Please join us in praying for our newly engaged couple Nathan Peterson and Alyssa Petersen.

YOUTH UPDATES

Young Disciples
Teams will resume the summer of 2022

To be considered for the team, please make complete the following steps in the application process. Applicants must be between ages 18-32, and must not be married

Go online to: <https://fargodiocese.org/yd-team-application>

1. Fill out and complete the online application by clicking the link.
2. Download, print, and complete the background authorization form
3. Find individuals to fill out references on your behalf
- Two references must come from an Employers/ Supervisors, Pastor/Parish Priest, Teacher/Professor, or Youth Minister/DRE
- If you are under the age of 21, a third reference must be completed by a parent
- Send a prayerful Picture



TIME TALENT TREASURE 4A

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Apr 2/3	(5:00pm)	(8:30am)
Usher	Volunteer	Vincent Carruth
Collection		Dave Eberle
Lector	Volunteer	Daryl Monette
EMHC	Volunteer	
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Paul and Lori Wald
Altar Servers	Courtney	Volunteers

St. Helena Breakfast Servers

April

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday	Mar 20
Adult	858.00
Children	2.00
Plate	11.00
Total	871.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Apr 3	(10:30 am)
Lector	Jim
Gift Carriers	Brian and Linda
Altar Servers	Owen and Faith
For the Month of April	
Breakfast Server	Megan and Alana
Collection Counters	Denny and Ruby
Church Cleaners	Alana and Christy
Altar Society Meeting	Following Mass on April 10

God's Gift Appeal 2022 *Steadfast in Faith, Joyful in Hope*

Report as of

St. Helena's: participate, \$, % of goal

St. Patrick's: participation, \$, % of goal,

Thank you for your support!

4B PRAYER & WORSHIP

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Mar 29

7:00 pm †Sylvester and Marie Radermacher

Wed. Mar 30

9:00am (St H) †Mary and Grover Hayhurst

Thu. Mar 31

8:00am (St H) Carmelite Nuns of Lake Elmo

9:00 am (St. P) †Jeanne Glynn

Fri. Apr 1

8 am †Juliet Kelly Parten

Sat. Apr 2

5.00pm †Jim Gusaas

Sun. Apr 3

8:30 am (St. H) †Jeanne Glynn

10:30 am (St. P) All Parishoners

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...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, Betty Hahne, Ashtyn Hatlewig, Jerry Kelsh.

If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.

