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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Spanish Mass: 2:00 PM

Weekday Masses:

Monday—Friday 7 AM & 12 PM

Weekday Adoration:

Every Friday following Mass

7:30 AM-8:30 AM

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Confession:

30 minutes before Vigil Mass

And anytime by request

all the other Masses

First Friday Adoration

7 AM - 5 PM

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion:

8:00 AM—9:30 AM

Confession, Mass, Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,
Meditation and Benediction

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

And when he had said this, he cried out in a
loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" - Jn 11:43

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If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.



Parish Office Hours

Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. In the event of an emergency or if you need to reach Fr. Satish, you may call or text him at 228-297-7774.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 2:00 pm

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00pm

Easter Vigil Mass: 7:30 pm

NO DAILY MASS on Holy Thursday or Good Friday
(7:00 am or 12:00)

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

Daily Mass Times Lent: 7am & 12:00 noon

Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 6:30 PM

Grief & Loss Support Group 1st Tuesday (Apr 4) 4 PM

K C Ladies Auxiliary: 3rd Tuesday (Apr 17 - 6:30 PM)

Young at Heart: Apr20 in Presentation Hall at 12 pm

Legion of Mary: Every Thursday - 10:30 AM

RCIA CREDO Every Thursday 6:00 PM

Feed Your Body, Feed Your Soul: Monday at 11 am

Couples Date Night: April 27, 6-8 pm

Catholic Sharing Appeal

In today's Gospel, Jesus glorifies His heavenly Father through His good work of bringing Lazarus back from death into life. We too, can glorify the Father through our good work and good deeds. Giving a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal is one way to expand the good work of the Church. Please consider making a gift of any amount to this year's appeal.

Bishop Louis Kihneman III

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Rowan Symmes, Mar 27

Anna DiRaumo, Callie Sauro, Mar 28

Betty Piatek, Gred Cooper, Mar 28

Sandra Erhard, Mar 29

Jennifer DiRaimo, Mar 31

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

PENANCE SERVICE

Penance service will be held Monday (March 27) at 6pm. Six priests will be available to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (to hear confessions).

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Committed

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, "Don't give up; you can never give up." The former coach of the NC State men's basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

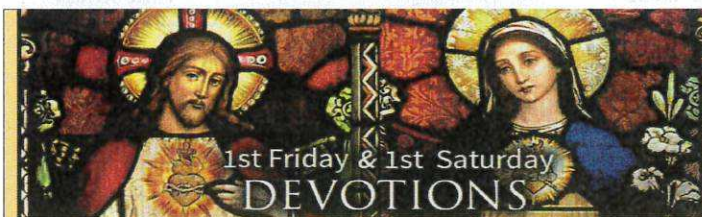
Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Ed Martin	Camela Fant	Vicky Tiner
Beverly Crawford	Amy Elizabeth	Roberta Hill
Peggy Ryland	Wheeler	Paul Fair
Werner Huber	Harvey Young	Sue Papania
Betty Martin	Suzanne Bowles	John Cuevas
Suzanne King	Shirley Caston	David McGuffie
Buddy Cospelich	Ernie Brown	Wendel Johnson
Bennie Roy	Dean Bowles	Jean Marcel
Easterling	Beverly Crawford	
Ray Perego	Diane Riel	Parishioners of
Kathy Dufrene	Jordan Hoang	St. John the
Jolene Wilson	Kim Hoang	Evangelist
Brett Cooper	George Balhofs	
Brileigh Dunn	Ronnie Wade	



First Saturday Devotion will be held from on April 1 from 8:00am—9:30am. Confession, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:	4:00 PM	✠ Glen Carter
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠ Kendall Dedeaux
		✠ Esther Autin
		✠ Dennis Canova
		✠ SJ Marengo
		✠ Monsigneur Mercier
		✠ Kris Allen
		✠ Carolyn Fayard
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
	5:00 PM	✠ Mary Ann Bishop
Monday:	7:00 AM	✠ Anna Schiffner
	12:00 PM	✠ Kevin Collins
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠ James Fletcher
	12:00 PM	✠ Dina Forbes
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Mackie Fayard
	12:00 PM	✠ (Special intention Auxillary Members of Legion of Mary)
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠ Guy & Elizabeth Casper
	12:00PM	✠ Mary Ann Bishop
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠ Jonel Smith
	12:00PM	✠ Mary Ann Bishop

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5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 26

Ezra 37:12-14
Ps 130:1-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Monday March 27

Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,
33-62 or 13:41c-62
Ps 23:1-6
John 8:1-11

Tuesday March 28

Numbers 21:4-9
Ps 102:2-3,16-21
John 8:21-30

Wednesday March 29

Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95
Daniel 3:52-56
John 8:31-42

Thursday March 30

Genesis 17:3-9
Ps 105:4-9
John 8:51-59

Friday March 31

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Ps 18:2-7
John 10:31-42

Saturday April 1

Ezra 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10-13
John 11:45-56

Lent is not about suffering and sacrifice. It's a corridor to new life. Good Friday is not about pain and death. It's the door that Jesus opens to invite us into that new life.

Yes, suffering is part of the Lenten journey (which can be experienced at any time of the year). Yes, Lent includes the sacrifices of fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and extra time in church. But these are just vehicles for the trip.

God uses our sufferings (if we let him) to help us grow in compassion, persistence, and ministry. Our sacrifices teach us discipline (which is discipleship) so that we can purify our will and grow stronger in holiness. But the trip is not the destination.

Lent is all about reaching the resurrection: renewing our faith, entering a new life free of old sins, reconciling damaged relationships, and living in the

Spirit of God more than we ever did before.

Which day is more important to your faith: Good Friday or Easter? That horrid day on Calvary was necessary for Easter, but we are living in the resurrection! Catholics are an Easter people. This means that nothing bad can ever happen to us that will not be transformed into blessings if Jesus is the Lord of our lives.

He proved himself to be the Resurrection and the Life by displaying his power over life and death. Now he wants to prove it again – to you and to all those who are watching.



Reflect & Discuss:

† We can personalize the first reading by understanding that God will open our graves (whatever is dead inside of us) and will place his Spirit of Life within us. How does the Holy Spirit help us discover healing and hope amidst daily sufferings?

† In the scripture from Romans, we are reminded again of the Holy Spirit within us. Since the Spirit is alive in you, what affect does this have on your Lenten journey? What is being purified, strengthened, and renewed?

† In the Gospel, Jesus proves his power over death just before he enters Jerusalem and heads toward Calvary. How does this prove to you that your own sufferings and sacrifices will not lead to permanent disaster?

Lenten Activity:

What needs to be resurrected in your life? What will you do this week to accept the death of what has ended so that you can prepare for the new life that Jesus is preparing for you?

Stations of the Cross

Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH Faith and understanding

What moves us to believe is not the fact that revealed truths appear as true and intelligible in the light of our natural reason: we believe "because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived." (to be continued)

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Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir

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