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**Tues. through Sat.:** 8:30 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION:**  
**Wed.** 9:30 a.m. **Sat.:** 9:00 a.m.

**ADORATION**  
**Wednesdays:** 4:30 p.m.—7 p.m.  
**Fridays:** 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

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## March 1, 2026 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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### Mission Statement

*Professing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired by the example of our patron Saint Paul, educating our children, serving others and supporting one another as loving witnesses for the Lord.*

## Deacon's Corner

### A Vision at the Top of Beautiful Mesa, Utah

Years ago I set about to physically train for a guided Vision Quest excursion offered by Bill Plotkin's Animas Valley Institute, which involved hiking into a remote wilderness area with nothing but the clothes on my back, a simple nylon shelter, a sleeping bag, a journal, a pen, and sufficient water for a five-day fast. The site chosen for my particular Vision Quest excursion was Beautiful Mesa, Utah.

To prepare for the hiking portion of the Vision Quest, I invited my oldest daughter Kate to join me in a three-day hike into California's John Muir Wilderness area. Our hike began at Upper Edison Lake, where we planned to pick up the Pacific Crest Trail in hopes of finding a pastoral meadow I had visited years earlier with a friend who was an avid backpacker.

Anyway, I suspect you know where Part I of this Deacon's Corner is going. We turned left when we should have turned right and ended up following a different trail that led us to a 4,000-foot climb in elevation to a new location . . .

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### Liturgical Volunteers March 7 & 8, 2026

#### Greeters

Sat: 4:30p-Vicky H  
Sun: 8:00a-Liz  
Sun: 10:30a-Penny

#### Lectors

Sat: 4:30p-Vicky  
Sun: 8:00a-Bob  
Sun: 10:30a-Katie Jo

#### EMHC

Sat 4:30p-Susan, Louie, Melanie  
Sun:8:00a-Sam, Phoebe, Jeremy  
Sun:10:30a-Jim, Carla, Theresa

## Mass Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	<b>February 28</b> Jack Kutlas † Phil Rosebrook †
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<b>March 1</b> St. Paul Parishioners & Guests Bill McGuigan †
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>March 2</b> Prayer
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>March 3</b> Bodie Von der Mehden †
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>March 4</b> Jason Jessie †
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>March 5</b> Betsy Moffet †
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>March 6</b> Robert Sbragia †
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	<b>March 7</b> Jack Ruppert † St. Paul Parishioners & Guests

### Please pray for those on our prayer list.

Bob Simon	Sharon Wade
William Thompson	Doralyn Bocchi
Faline Sikes	Patty Roland
Judah Sikes	Ally Angelastro
Raini Nelson	Frank Paula
Gracie Guardino	John Ressler
Ella	Joseph Barba
Kirk Bembry	Colleen Bushmaker
Pamela Blanton	Justin Allensworth
Tracy Villada	John Guardino
Sr. Miriam	Timothy McDonald
Douglas DeWald	Ray Miller
Colleen Howard	Peggy Crisp
Joyce Rauschert	Eric Brandon
Cheryl Suzuki	Susanne Simonich
Larry Wade	

<b>Monday</b> 5:15 p.m.	<b>March 2</b> OCIC
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>March 3</b> Koffee Klatch Quilters Penance Service Catholic in Recovery
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>March 4</b> Reconciliation SVdP Book Club Craft & Coffee Adoration & Reconciliation OCIA
<b>Thursday</b> 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>March 5</b> Lenten Study Catholic Sisterhood
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>March 6</b> Adoration Stations of the Cross Lenten Meal
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 7</b> Reconciliation

### Thank you for supporting our ministries.

#### Weekly Financial Report February 22, 2026

Identified	\$ 12,626.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,048.00
Maintenance	\$ 55.00
eGiving	\$ 8,725.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,454.00</b>



### Readings for March 8, 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Exodus 17:3-7  
Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2,6-7,8-9  
Reading 2: Romans 5:1-2,5-8  
Gospel: John 4:5-42  
Communion Antiphon: John 4:13-14

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy is moving to Twice a Month! Thanks to an amazing team of volunteers we are able to have Children's Liturgy two times a month in March it will be 1, 8 and 15 during the 10:30 Mass for kids ages Preschool-2nd Grade Bake Sale for Steubenville after Sunday Masses March 1.  
RCIC Monday, March 2 at 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

March 8 Middle School YG 5-6:15, High School 6:30-8:30

Steubenville NW registration is Here! For incoming Freshman-Graduated Seniors. Please contact Kristin for questions at [kwhite@archdpdx.org](mailto:kwhite@archdpdx.org)

## SCHOOL

### Project Starfish Spaghetti Feed

Please join us for our annual Project Starfish Spaghetti Feed on March 12th, 5:00-7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Community Services.

Tickets: \$7 per person or \$30 per immediate family. Thank you for your support!

## Parish News

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

HI, JESUS? SORRY I MISSED YOUR CALL. I THOUGHT YOU WERE SPAM



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Beloved:

Jesus saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design 2 Tim 1:9

## Parish News



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



### For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Join us Tuesday, March 3 at 6 p.m. for a Penance Service. Multiple Priests will be on hand to hear your confession.

*Lord, we want with all our hearts to follow you. However, we have failed you and chosen our own way instead of your way. We also realize we can't do this alone and need your help. Enlighten our minds to know our sins and give us the strength to turn away from them in the future. Lord, give us repentant hearts and the grace to make a good confession. Catechist*



Please join us in the Church for Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays during Lent followed by a meatless meal in the Parish hall. Thank you to the St. Paul Youth Group and Confirmation Class for hosting the March 6th meal.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting breakfast Sunday, March 8 after the morning Masses. A free will offering is appreciated. Thank you Knights for all you do for St. Paul Parish.

## Community

Join Catholic Community Services for their annual St. Patrick Day Dinner, March 13, 6 p.m. at Marist High School. For more information visit [www.ccslc.org/irishecho](http://www.ccslc.org/irishecho). All proceeds benefits CCS.

### Deacon's Corner (cont'd)

called Mott Lake. Despite taking a much more difficult trail, I gained the self assurance that I was ready for any hike the Vision Quest guide had planned for my group of vision seekers.

The theory behind a Vision Quest excursion is, I believe, the pursuit of a personal transformation and a vision for the future from spending time in nature. The five-day wilderness fast is not a survival challenge but rather an opportunity to be in nature without the distraction of cell phones, televisions, radios, internet, and other humans. The Vision Quest is understood by some as a rite of passage designed to help each participant discover a deeper purpose and clear vision for their future. Some consider the Vision Quest excursion as an outer exploration of the inner *wilderness* of the soul.

Once I had settled into my Vision Quest location, I went about setting up my camp, which took less than an hour. The remainder of the first day and the first night I struggled with hunger, boredom, and the scary nighttime noises coming from the forest that surrounded my campsite. By the second day, even though still hungry, my body began to reach a level of calm without having to expend the energy needed to digest the food normally filling my stomach. By the third and fourth days, I found it increasingly difficult to distinguish between myself and my surroundings; somehow my perception of being distinct or separate from my surroundings was lost and I was, as they say, *one* with nature.

At sunrise on day five, deprived of nourishment for almost a week, I hallucinated. As the morning sun breached the edge of the mesa cliff, the trees surrounding my camp appeared to be covered in a glistening, syrupy gold, symbolizing to me all that was honorable and good in this world, especially God. This vision of the gold-covered trees ultimately *directed* my life toward the diaconate and to ordination as permanent deacon.

This weekend's reading from Matthew's gospel shows Peter, James, and John being confronted with their own *vision* of the resurrected glory of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah, a vision that most likely solidified the direction that would lead them to becoming Apostles for Christ. Amen?



The Second Sunday of Lent focuses on the Transfiguration of Jesus – when human nature meets God, when the temporal meets the eternal. For the disciples, this experience strengthened their faith and prepared them for the suffering and death their Master would soon endure. For us, it serves as a glimpse of the resurrection glory that awaits us at the end of our own life's journey.

Lent is our invitation to climb the mountain to face challenge, fear, and self-examination – and to discover who Jesus truly is. We may feel unworthy or afraid in God's presence, but Jesus meets us in our humanity, touches us, and invites us to rise. OCP

Marist Theatre presents Moana Jr. directed by the amazing Sarah Burch and Cait Breitenstein!! Come see our incredible show on March 6-7 at 7:30pm, and March 1 (Sensory Inclusive) & 8 at 1pm!! Find tickets online at [marist.seatyourself.biz](http://marist.seatyourself.biz) or buy them at the door, \$10 for students/seniors & \$15 for general admission. Hope to see you there!!



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