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Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:30 AM (English)
 12 PM (Tiếng Việt)
 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
 9:00 AM
 Monday, Wednesday
 6:00 PM

HOLY HOUR / HOLY ROSARY
 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM / 8:00 AM
 Monday; Wednesday
 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM / 5:00 PM
HOLY HOUR / DIVINE MERCY
Saturday: 4:00 PM / 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM / 8:00 AM

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After Mass
 Monday - Thursday & Saturday
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LENT
*Fast
 Pray
 Give*



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 03. 03. 2024

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this Sunday, our attention is drawn to an enriched diet of scripture readings in the liturgy's three-year cycle. Forty years ago, there was merely one set of readings for Sunday: two readings only, an Epistle, and a Gospel. Each Sunday of the year had two readings, and they never varied from year to year. In the late 1960s, we received an enriched book of readings (a lectionary) keyed to a course of readings over three years, named A, B, and C. The architects of this new plan realized that in Jesus' time, it took three years to read through the Law and the Prophets completely in synagogue worship. With the renewed liturgy, our worship has embraced this same rhythm that Jesus experienced in public prayer.

This year we are using the readings from Year B. The readings for Year A, however, are closely attuned to the Church's work of preparing to celebrate baptism at Easter. When the worship assembly includes people in the final stages of preparation, the Year B readings will often be set aside in favor of the readings from Year A, which this week include the story of the woman at the well. She is a fitting companion for those thirsting for living water. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS: - First reading: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 - Psalm: 19
 - Second reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25 - Jn 2:13-25

Mass Intentions 03/02 - 09/2024

SAT: 03/02	(Vigil) THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
5:00 PM	Joan Akins <i>by Mrs. Li</i>
SUN: 03/03	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 PM	Schork family's intentions for the living & the deceased <i>Joseph Schork</i>
12:00 PM	Lh. Phêrô <i>by GD AC Thắng & Lan</i>
MON: 03/04	Lenten Weekday
6:00 PM	Tạ ơn Chúa và cầu bình an <i>Bà Ánh Nguyệt</i>
TUE: 03/05	Lenten Weekday
9:00 AM	Schork family's intentions for the living & the deceased <i>By Joseph Schork</i>
WED: 03/06	Lenten Weekday
6:00 PM	Đaminh Nguyễn Văn Rỹ <i>By Bà Ánh nguyệt</i>
THUR: 03/07	Lenten Weekday
9:00 AM	St. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Schork family's intentions for the living & the deceased <i>Joseph Schork</i>
FRI: 03/08	VIẾNG ĐÀNG THÁNH GIÁ
SAT: 03/09	Lenten Weekday
9:00 AM	Saint Frances of Rome, Religious Tạ ơn Chúa nhân dịp mừng nhật Ông Bà Tâm
5:00 PM	Joan Akins <i>by Mrs. Li</i>
SUN: 03/10	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM	Mr. Andrews Dundee <i>by Fr. Henry</i>
12:00 PM	Cầu cho Ông Bà Tổ Tiên <i>GD AC Chương & Hải</i>

PLEASE KEEP Mr. ANDREWS DUNDEE IN YOUR PRAYER

Please pray for Mr. Andrews Dundee, our former Contractor who recently recover from Stroke, just passed way from and repository infection. May His soul rest at peace in Christ. Fr. Henry will have a Mass for him and pray for his beloved ones.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention ON MARCH 2024

For the new Martyrs

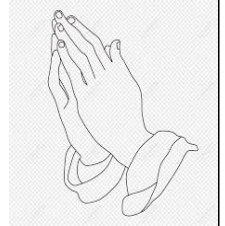


We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Cầu cho các Vị Tử Đạo mới

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện để việc những ai có nguy cơ phải mất mạng sống vì Tin Mừng tại nhiều nơi trên thế giới có thể khơi lên trong Giáo hội lòng can đảm và nhiệt thành truyền giáo của họ.

Please keep the following People in your prayers



Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, Sharon Cook, Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, John Craton, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Jerry Powell, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Joy Powell, Joachim Phạm M.Tường, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr., Robert McGlone, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Rebecca Gonzalez, Nancy Barbour, Larry Barbour, Madeline Mary Singer, Connie Tirico, Tmy Tweedy, Nancy Sterling, Geneva Alexander, Alie Smith, Mr. Dundee Andrew, Anne Kuter, Lisa Carothers, David Grigsby, Randall Adams, Baby Theresa Hanna Kim, Melissa Dillon and for all others not mentioned. If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please call the office at: (706) - 886 - 2819 - ext 1 or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 - 963-0050 for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you the Holy Communion and Weekly Bulletin.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-3
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-1
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-3
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10
	Jn 3:14-21
	or, for Year A, 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
	Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
	or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Meditation: Third Sunday Of Lent

“They kept the matter to themselves”.

(Cr 1,24)

The words roll off our tongues so easily. Of course Jesus is God’s wisdom and power! He’s the Son of God, after all. But what do these words mean? Today’s readings can help us.

First, there’s Jesus as the wisdom of God. The story of the Ten Commandments in the first reading shows us that God’s commands are nothing more – and nothing less – than a revelation of his own divine wisdom. They reveal how he wants his children to live: by loving God and one another. This is the wisdom that Jesus lived out perfectly. In everything he said and did, he showed us what it is like to love God completely and to pour ourselves out in love for the people around us. And nowhere is this revealed more powerfully than when he laid down his life on the cross!

As for Jesus being the power of God, what could be more astounding than his promise in today’s Gospel to rebuild the “temple of his body” after three days (John 2:21)? Imagine the kind of power it took for Jesus’ crucified, lifeless flesh to come back to life! Imagine the power that transformed his body into something radiant and glorious! That was a work that only God, by his own mighty power, could do!

These are not just historical facts. The power and wisdom of God are present today – and they’re yours in Christ! Every act of love, forgiveness, and generosity that you perform demonstrates his wisdom to a world lost in folly. Every time you pray in confident intercession, every time you rely on God’s grace to say no to temptation, and every time you lay down your life to care for someone, you are revealing the power of God.

That’s right. You can be God’s revelation to this world!

“Jesus, fill me with your wisdom and power so that I can share them with everyone around me!”

*Chuyển ngữ: Sr. Maria Trần Thị Ngọc Hương
Theo the Word Among us*

Suy Niệm - Chúa Nhật III Mùa Chay

“Đức Kitô ô sức mạnh và sự khôn ngoan của Thiên Chúa”. (Cr 1, 24)

Những lời này thốt ra khỏi môi miệng chúng ta thì quá dễ dàng. Dĩ nhiên, Chúa Giêsu là sự khôn ngoan và quyền năng của Thiên Chúa! Trên hết, Người là Con Thiên Chúa. Nhưng những lời này có ý nghĩa gì? Các bài đọc hôm nay có thể giúp chúng ta.

Trước hết, có Chúa Giêsu là sự khôn ngoan của Thiên Chúa. Câu chuyện về Mười Điều Răn trong bài đọc thứ nhất cho chúng ta thấy rằng các mệnh lệnh của Thiên Chúa không hơn và không kém – là mạc khải về sự khôn ngoan thần linh của chính Người. Các mệnh lệnh ấy mạc khải cách Người muốn con cái mình sống: yêu mến Thiên Chúa và yêu thương nhau. Đây là sự khôn ngoan mà Chúa Giêsu đã thể hiện cách hoàn hảo. Trong mọi điều Người nói và làm, Người đã tỏ cho chúng ta thấy như thế nào là yêu mến Chúa cách trọn vẹn và hy sinh chính mình để yêu thương những người xung quanh chúng ta. Và không nơi nào bộc lộ điều này cách mạnh mẽ hơn khi Người hy sinh mạng sống mình trên thập giá!

Về việc Chúa Giêsu là quyền năng của Thiên Chúa, còn gì đáng kinh ngạc hơn là lời hứa của Người trong bài Tin Mừng hôm nay để tái xây dựng “đền thờ thân xác của Người” sau ba ngày (Ga 2,21)? Hãy tưởng tượng xác thịt vô hồn, bị đóng đinh của Chúa Giêsu cần phải có loại quyền năng như thế nào để sống lại! Hãy tưởng tượng quyền năng đã biến đổi thân xác của Người thành điều gì đó rạng rỡ và vinh quang! Đó là một công việc mà duy chỉ mình Thiên Chúa, bằng quyền năng của chính Người, mới có thể làm được!

Đây không chỉ là những sự kiện lịch sử. Quyền năng và sự khôn ngoan của Thiên Chúa vẫn đang hiện diện ngày nay – trong Chúa Kitô chúng ta là của bạn! Mỗi hành động của tình yêu, sự tha thứ và lòng quảng đại mà bạn thực hiện đều tỏ lộ sự khôn ngoan của Người đối với một thế giới lạc lối trong sự điên rồ. Mỗi lần bạn cầu nguyện trong sự chuyển cầu đầy tin tưởng, mỗi lần bạn cậy dựa vào ân sủng của Thiên Chúa để nói không với cám dỗ và mỗi lần bạn hy sinh mạng sống mình để chăm sóc cho ai đó, bạn đang tỏ lộ quyền năng của Thiên Chúa.

Điều đó đúng. Bạn có thể là sự mạc khải của Thiên Chúa cho thế giới này!

“Lạy Chúa Giêsu, xin lấp đầy con bằng sự khôn ngoan và quyền năng của Chúa để con có thể chia sẻ chúng cho mọi người quanh con!”



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Auxiliary

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Auxiliary Annual Appreciation Tea/Silent Auction Fundraiser will be Sat. April 13, 11:30-1:30 at St. Peter Chanel Church Roswell. Join us in celebrating the Dominican Hawthorne Sisters' 85th anniversary of caring for cancer patients at the Home in this Diocesan – wide event.

Reservations \$50per person (tables of 8 available), silent auction donations, sponsors, program ads, more information/ payment at our website:

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Invite friends, family members and colleagues!

Questions-contact Christi (Donations Chair) at:

coseifring@bellsouth.net.

St. Mary's Ladies Guild Bible Study

We are starting a Women's Bible Study, Walking with Purpose. It is a Catholic Bible study for women during lent. We will meet on



- ♦ the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
- ♦ at 11:00am.
- ♦ **The cost is \$10 for the book/workbook.**
- ♦ If you are interested, please contact:
- ♦ **Connie Tirico 678-464-3214**
- ♦ **or Stephanie Cortellino 404-353-0475.**

The Bible study will begin once we have the number of participants and the books have been ordered.

PENANCE SERVICE



St. Mary's Parish will have the Lenten Peance Sevice on

- **Thursday Evening**
- **03/21/2024**
- **At: 5:30 PM**

Priests in the Deanery will come to help hearing the Confession.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

If you would like to contribute the flowers to our Church for Easter, in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out the Easter Flowers Offering Envelope and put them into the offertory plate. Thank you very much for your generous to make our Church more beautiful in respect and worship our God!



LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds;
God wants the love that prompts them.

Parish Council

will have the meeting on Thursday, **March 07, 6:00 PM, at Social Hall.** All registered parishioners are invited.

Birthday/Anniversary



If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary announced on WNEG Radio by Connie Gaines. Please use the signup sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Contact: **Gary Cortellino: 678 - 360 - 2545**
Email: garycortel@aol.com

Easter Egg Hunt

St. Mary's will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, all children are welcome to attend and participate. Please help support the Easter Egg Hunt by donating plastic eggs and/or individually wrapped candy or prizes by Sunday, March 24th. If you have any questions, contact Jessica Burger jnburger4@gmail.com





St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. **St. Patrick's Day 2023**

will take place on Friday, March 17. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. **On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent,** Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. **Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.**

Who Was St. Patrick?

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States; New York City and Boston are home to the largest celebrations.

St. Mary Ladies Guild

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday March 16 at 6:15pm



Tickets on Sale:

Mar. 2 & 3 Mar. 9 & 10

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PSR ON MARCH

2024

9:30 AM-11:30 AM



Class	Date	Breakfast schedule
PSR	03/10	Mrs. Angie & Mrs. Lan
PSR	03/17	Ladies Guild
PSR	03/24	Mrs. Huyen & Mrs. Toan

PARISH MINISTRIES

The list of ministries and contact information is available in the Narthex of the Church and published on our church website: www.stmarystoccoa.org

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A Catholic Men's organization whose principles are charity, unity and fraternity: all activities that the council involves itself in are based upon these tenets. We work closely with our Pastor and members are involved in a wide range of church functions in support of the parish family.

* **Members are required to be practicing Catholics** and a minimum of eighteen years old. **Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6PM** in the Parish Social Hall.

* **Monthly parish breakfast is sponsored on the first or second Sunday after the morning Mass.** For more info please visit: www.kofc.org

St. Mary's Ladies

The Ladies of St. Mary serve to provide a community of fellowship and growth in faith, reaching out to serve and support our pastor, parish families and the community. We serve God through a commitment and uniting our members through prayer, work and service. **Meet: 2nd Wednesday of every month**

- 10 AM; at the Social Hall

Co-Presidents: - Donna: (678) - 851 - 7170

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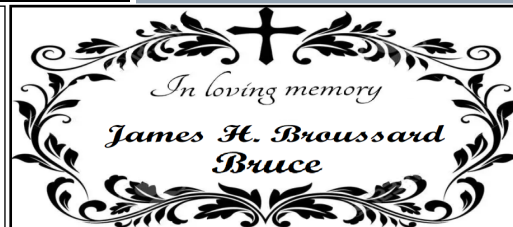
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