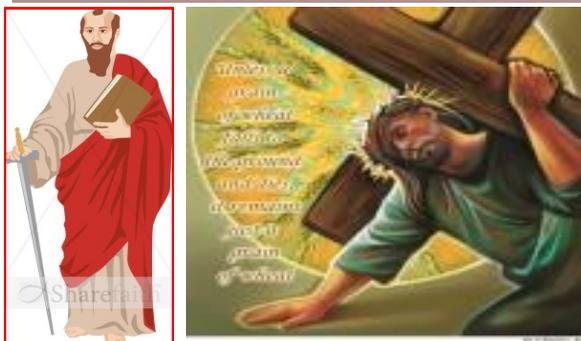


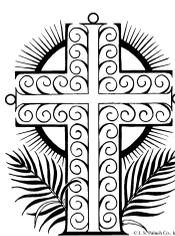
St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Eufaula, Oklahoma
March 21st 2021



WEEKLY COLLECTION
March 14th:
Week 37

Envelopes:	\$	162.00
Loose Checks:	\$	910.00
Loose Cash:	\$	100.00
Foreign Churches:	\$	70.00
Total:	\$	1,242.00
YTD Budget:	\$	49,210.00
YTD Actual:	\$	38,225.68

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

 Please keep Charles Weigel and his family in your prayers following the loss of his sister Rita Brown on 10 Mar 2021.

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 21st:	Paul Srebala
MARCH 22nd:	Dale Hewett
MARCH 23rd:	Josiah Reeves
MARCH 25th:	Samuel Mullin
MARCH 27th:	Caitlin Lane

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Tuesday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Thursday:	The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday:	Abstinence

 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
March 21, 2021
 I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
 — *Jeremiah 31:33*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ask senior parishioners about this fifth Sunday, and they will share memories of this Sunday years ago, when it was known as "Passion Sunday." In those days, the statues and crucifixes were draped in purple cloth, and a deeply somber atmosphere infused worship. The structure is different today for good reason. The stunning changes in the appearance of the church building drew attention away from the twofold work of Lent: reconciliation and preparing for initiation. Today, this Sunday is given to reflection on the necessity to commit, like Jesus, to the Father's will. Wherever elect are present today, the "A" reading reveals Jesus' compassion in the face of human suffering, and his desire to call us from the tombs of sin, isolation, and even death itself.

As Lent draws to a close over the next ten days, and before the beginning of the Easter Triduum on Holy Thursday, we enter an ideal time for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Today's old title of "Passion Sunday" has migrated to next Sunday, also called "Palm Sunday." In many places, people prepare their own bundles of branches for next week's liturgy: pussy willow, forsythia, dogwood. If your parish schedules a procession, you may want to prepare these branches at home and bring them along.

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Lets Face the Facts and Tell the Truth about Abortion (Part I)

"Don't look for applause, but look to obey the truth. Speaking just to find applause or to tell people what they want to hear is like prostitution". - Pope Benedict XVI

The truth about abortion is repugnant and abhorrent. It is therefore not easy and requires courage to speak out about abortion. However, as Catholics, we must boldly speak the truth and contradict the untruths and misleading rhetoric which surrounds the issue.

Some of the myths are discussed below:

- * "The government should not interfere with someone's personal choice." This is neither practical" desirable or correct. If there is only one legitimate function of government, it is the protection of innocent human life and to prevent one individual victimizing another. The word "choice" might sound good, but the reality is that some "choices" are crimes and all crimes are "choices".
- * Abortion advocates try to use smokescreen language to conceal the truth about abortion. A good example is the term "women's reproductive rights". The biological reality is that when a woman is pregnant, reproduction has already occurred. If that were not true, there would be nothing for the abortionist to abort.
- * Another deliberately misleading term is "woman's access to healthcare". Healthcare relates to the treatment of diseases, injuries or illnesses. Since pregnancy is none of these, abortion is definitely not "healthcare".

Pro-Life Articles

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Pray for ...

The Sick:

Jean Scott, the Creekmore family, Mona Hatfield, Jana Gerhart, Terri Morgan, Carlee Eaton, Norma Determan, Charlotte Gibson, Keaton Petrone, Dan Hudson, Elizabeth Hudson Teer, Stan Shade, Jess Phelps, Brady Thornton, Brittany Cagle, Hilda Sorenson, C.R. Ramsey, Marianne Determan, Mason & Ganner Anthamatten, Dan Remington, Wyatt Alexander, Alicia Pope, Keirla and Raiden Bennett, Cody Simon, Sonny Fulton, Betty Kelsoe

**FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY PROJECT
WEEKLY COLLECTION**

God bless you for your generosity. You have made a positive difference in the lives of hungry families. The requested food item for this week's collection is **CAN GOODS AND ANY NON-PARISHABLE ITEMS ONLY.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Jana Gerhart
- Beverly Stokes
- Billy Haltom
- Mark Kringlen
- Karen Willoby

FEAST OF FAITH

The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."

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THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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LOVE AND DEATH

Unhappy is death without the love of the Savior; unhappy is love without the death of the Savior.
—St. Francis de Sales

RISKS

I risk being wrong if I trust too much. But I risk living in torment if I don't trust enough.
—Anonymous

Church Security System

We have installed a security system in the church. If you have a key, call Larry to get the code to deactivate the alarm.



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Mass Schedule:

Wednesday at 9:00 AM

Sunday at 8:30 AM

Holy Days at 5:30 PM

Confession before Mass or by Appointment

March 2021 ~ April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 8:30 am Mass 4th Sunday of Lent	15	16	17 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm Mass	18	19	20
21 8:30 am Mass 5th Sunday of Lent	22	23	24 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm Mass	25 5:30 pm Lenten Reconciliation Service	26	27
28 8:30 am Mass Palm Sunday	29	30	31 9:00 am Mass	1 5:30 pm Mass Holy Thursday	2 3:00 pm Good Friday Service	3
4 8:30 am Mass Easter	5	6	7 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Adoration	8	9	10
11 8:30 am Mass Divine Mercy Sunday	12	13	14 9:00 am Mass	15	16	17