

SAINTS FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

ST. JULIANA OF LIEGE



In the early 13th century, many of the faithful were abstaining from receiving Holy Communion. This was not because the faithful were not devoted to the Eucharist, but rather because they believed they were unworthy to consume the body of Christ. Excessive scrupulosity was the cause of this distancing, as many medieval Christians were convinced of their own sinfulness to an unhealthy degree. Communion is serious business, and we need to be sure of our worthiness to receive the Body of Christ; however, it is important to have a rational understanding of our sins, and not be afraid.

Beginning in 1208, the Lord would use a pious and humble Norbertine canoness named St. Juliana of Liege (sometimes known as Juliana of Cornillon) to spread Eucharistic devotion. From a young age, Juliana had been devoted to the Eucharist. In a dream, Christ asked Juliana to

establish a feast day during which the faithful would adore the Blessed Sacrament, and seek pardon for the times they had distanced themselves from Jesus in the Sacrament: the feast of Corpus Christi. This vision took place when Juliana was 16, and out of humility she kept this information to herself, only speaking about them to an anchoress who lived near the canonry. In 1228, she was elected prioress of her congregation, and chose to disclose to her confessor the vision which she had received.

Juliana and her confessor set about contacting theologians, and after receiving permission from the Bishop of Liege they instituted Eucharistic adoration and began teaching on the need for a feast dedicated to Christ's Body and Blood. These efforts were made difficult by the intense political strife of her time— the conflict between Guelphs and Ghibellines made life unstable in Liege, and more than once she was ejected from her canonry and forced to find refuge among Cistercians.

Juliana's work came to fruition relatively quickly: in 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the Papal Bull *Transiturus*, which made the Feast of Corpus Christi obligatory throughout Latin Christendom. Over the centuries, and stemming from Juliana, we have many rituals and devotions during which we eagerly and publicly honor the Eucharist — for example, through processions such as those on the Feast of Corpus Christi, and the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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St. Patrick

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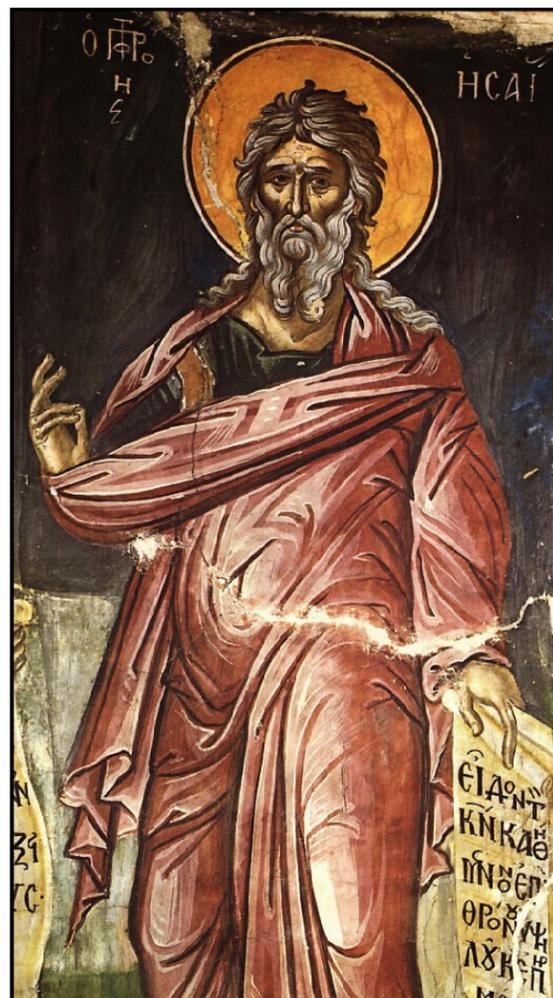
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 14TH, 2021

To resume with our analysis of Lenten traditions, this week will turn to the topic of prayer. Having previously covered ideas on fasting and almsgiving, we have saved the best and most pertinent for last. In the Catholic practice of Lent, we have an established tradition of prayer comprised of three parts: The seven penitential psalms, the songs of the suffering servant, and the stations of the cross. Today we will be looking at the penitential psalms and the songs of the suffering servant.

During times when we wish to express repentance, especially during lent, it is customary to pray the seven penitential psalms. These seven psalms were designated as “penitential psalms” by Cassiodorus, a sixth century Roman statesman and scholar who served in the administration of the Gothic rulers of Italy, and who was influential in the establishment and growth of monasticism and scholasticism in the west. These psalms are 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143, all of which emphasize the importance of humbling ourselves before the Lord. Prayerfully reciting these psalms will help us to recognize our sinfulness, express our sorrow and ask for God's forgiveness.



Within the Book of the Prophet Isaiah we encounter four poetic sections known as the “Songs of the Suffering Servant”. The specific identity of this Servant of the Lord remains the topic of scholarly debate. Perhaps it refers to the prophet Isaiah himself, perhaps the entire nation of Israel, or possibly the promised Messiah. Christian tradition interprets these prophetic utterances as being fulfilled in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Lord. The first song introduces God's Servant who will establish justice upon the earth. The second song, spoken in the Servant's own voice, tells of being selected from the womb to renew the nation. In the third song, we learn of the abuse and derision the Servant endured at the hands of his enemies. The fourth song proclaims that the Servant's innocent suffering that will justify many and blot out their offenses. These four songs have long been recognized as a way to encounter our savior.

This week, forgo your usual entertainments. Do your best to check and respond only to necessary work emails, and avoid social media. What does it feel like to increase the silence in your life? Ask yourself what silence does for you, and spend the time listening for God's voice. Our lives are bombarded by external stimuli at an alarming rate, and genuine peace requires abstinence from these distractions.

In Mary's Immaculate Heart,



St. Patrick our Patron Pray for us and our families!

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me. Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ lying down, Christ in sitting, Christ in rising up, Christ in the heart of every person who may think of me, Christ in the mouth of every person who may speak of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me!- St Patrick's Breastplate



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The schedule for Holy Mass and Confessions this weekend is the following:

Saturday

8am – Daily Mass followed by Confessions (St. Patrick)

3pm – Confessions (St. Francis Xavier)

4pm – Vigil Mass (St. Francis Xavier)

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass (St. Francis Xavier)

9:00am – Holy Mass (St. Patrick)

11:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form (St. Francis Xavier) – Fr. Gaines

**12:30pm – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form (St. Francis Xavier) – Fr. Gaines

**We have temporarily added this Mass to help with diocesan occupancy requirements because the 11am Latin Mass is often very full.

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Jesus,

We believe that you are Lord and Christ.
We believe that you are the Way, the Truth,
and the Life.

We believe that you have the words of
everlasting life.

Give us the courage to follow you,
To live out our faith with conviction,
And to serve others with boldness.
May our faith be a source of healing

**St. Patrick's Day
Parish Mass**

**Wednesday, March 17
5:30 PM**

**Our parish was established
in 1893!
Please join
us as we
celebrate
128 years of
our Parish!**



St. Patrick's Prayer Line

Have a certain need that prayer can help? St. Patrick's Prayer Line is available. Call Jackie Silvey (483-3109).

The diocese is committed to helping victims/survivors of sexual abuse and to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Volunteers who supervise other volunteers who work with minors and vulnerable adults **are required to report** any suspected abuse by others they supervise. Contact: Roberta Smith, Victims Assistance Coordinator (509) 353-0442 Office Phone or (509) 998-18340 Cell. You may also go to the Diocesan website: www.dioceseofspokane.org

For spiritual emergencies, scheduling sacraments or funerals please contact Fr Gaines at 487-6363

To request a certificate, bulletin ad or to speak to someone about your charitable contributions please contact the office and say you are calling for St. Patrick Parish. 509-466-7738



Religious Education

The Catechism of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-6) and the Fatima Club (ages 7-12) meets on Mondays (Except Holidays) from 3:30 PM-5:00 PM.

The Fatima Club will be in the sisters' convent and the Good Shepherd classes will be held in the Chesterton Classical High School.

Contact the Missionaries of Charity at 487-3963 or Mrs. Casey at 280-4402 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intention Book
Did you know that there is a Mass intention book available for you to write your petitions? These intentions are included in the prayers offered during each Mass. Please feel free to include all and any of your prayer requests in the book, which is located at the entrance to the church.



Remember, Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from eating meat. Abstinence from meat is required for everyone 14 and older on all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting is required for those between the ages of 18 to 59 on Good Friday. A proper fast means only one full meal a day with other meals limited.

What are you doing to make Lent truly penitential and transformative:
What are you giving up, denying yourself, to be open more generously to the Lord? What have you added to be open to God's grace to grow in holiness?

The Sisters will have Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent at 5:30 just before the Holy Hour.



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February Contributions
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Click on the link in the home page—you may set up recurring or one-time donations.

Holy Hour and Rosary

The Missionaries of Charity invite you to pray for our families and friends who are not in full communion with the Catholic church and no longer practicing their Catholic faith and for their growth in holiness every Friday evening at St. Patrick's from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent at 5:30 PM. Please join us.

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Any one, families, or singles, who would like to consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please contact the sisters at 487-3963.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:
Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)

PSALM:
Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

SECOND READING:
For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

GOSPEL:
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021
Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



REFLECT

FIRST READING
The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance. How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

SECOND READING
Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us. In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

GOSPEL READING
Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. Who in your life needs to hear this message?

