CHURCH OF

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

OF LITTLE CANADA

MARCH 26, 2023 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

EUCHARIST

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM (also live streamed; find the link on our website)

SUNDAY: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

DAILY: 8:00 AM Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri.; 9:10 AM Wed. with the School

RECONCILIATION

7:30 AM Tue., Thu., Fri.
3:30 PM Sat. and by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

P: 651-484-2708
8:30 AM—3:00 PM Mon.-Thu.

CHURCH HOURS

Mon.—Fri. | 7:30 AM—4:30 PM; 30 minutes before Masses

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PARISH OFFICE

A NOTE FROM OUR OFFICE OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

Yesterday (March 25), the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Annunciation. This Marian feast was recorded as early as the 5th century. It is the feast day in which the Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is to be the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God. Nine months later on Christmas, we celebrate Christ's birth.

Receiving the Angel Gabriel's announcement, Mary gives her assent, her *fiat,* her "yes." She says, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to the word." The Catechism of the Catholic Church beautifully states: "At the announcement that she would give birth to the Son of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary responded with the obedience of faith, certain that 'with God, nothing will be impossible'. . . [When] She gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son, she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him, and dependent on him with God's Grace" (CCC 494).

Mary's *fiat* can have great meaning for each of us. Following her example, you too, with God's grace, can say "yes" to God's particular call in your life. This Sunday is the fifth Sunday of Lent. Where do you stand in your commitment to the resolutions you made at the beginning of Lent (prayer, fasting, almsgiving)? Or if you didn't make any, are you willing to begin now? In imitation of Christ's 40 days in the desert, the call to these Lenten practices are meant to take you into a spiritual desert, testing your resolve to draw closer to God and become more like Christ. Saint Paul warns and gives us a promise in today's reading from Romans: "Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you" (Rom 8:11-12).

On March 31 and April 1, I would encourage you to participate in the Lenten Retreat on the Life in the Spirit. It is an excellent opportunity to grow in your understanding of a life lived and guided by the Holy Spirit. There will be opportunity for prayer, confession and Mass.

FUNERAL LUNCHES RETURN!

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteers of the parish, funeral lunch ministry will begin again. We are excited to announce the return of catered funeral lunches. To learn more and find the list of approved caterers, go to sjolc.org/funerals and click on Funeral Lunch Ministry. Thank you to all who helped make this possible.
~Tina LaVergne, pastoral minister

COMING UP THE WEEK OF MARCH 26

SUNDAY, MARCH 26: DISCIPLESHIP SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Mass | Church
9:30 AM	Discipleship Sunday | Gathering Space
9:30 AM	Family Discipleship | Lower Church
9:30 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd | Atrium
10:30 AM	Mass | Church
10:30 AM	OCIA (RCIA) Third Scrutiny | Church

MONDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 AM	Communion Service | Church
6:30 PM	Christian Services Committee | Fireside Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:30 AM	Confession | Church
7:30 AM	MS Confessions & Coffee: Boys | Church
8:00 AM	Mass | Church
8:30 AM	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion | Church
5:30 PM	Contemporary Choir Rehearsal | Church
7:00 PM	School Gala Committee Meeting | Fireside Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

7:30 AM	Confession | Church
8:00 AM	Mass | Church
9:10 AM	School Reconciliation Service | Church
3:00 PM	MS Youth Group | Youth Room
6:00 PM	RCIA Class | Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Traditional Choir Rehearsal | Church
7:00 PM	AA Meeting | Holy Family Room
7:30 PM	Foundations | Youth Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 AM	Confession | Church
8:00 AM	Mass | Church
8:30 AM	Adoration | Church & Lower Church Chapel
9:00 AM	Communion Service | Offsite: Suite Living
1:15 PM	Adult Formation | Fireside Room
6:00 PM	PreK Mom's Night | School Gym
6:30 PM	Adult Bible Study | Virtual
6:30 PM	Liturgy Committee Meeting | Fireside Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 31: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT LENTEN RETREAT
Day of Abstinence

7:30 AM	Confession | Church
8:00 AM	Mass | Church
1:00 PM	All-school Adoration | Church
6:00 PM	Life in the Spirit Retreat | Gathering Space
6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross | Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 1: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT LENTEN RETREAT

7:30 AM	Confession | Church
8:00 AM	First Saturday Mass | Church
9:30 AM	Lay Carmelite Meeting | Lower Church
9:30 AM	Life in the Spirit Retreat | Gathering Space
3:30 PM	Confession | Church
4:30 PM	Mass | Church and Live Streamed

SUNDAY, APRIL 2: PALM SUNDAY & FOOD COLLECTION

8:30 AM	Mass | Church
10:30 AM	Mass | Church
6:00 PM	Communal Reconciliation Service | Church

LIVING OUR FAITH

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CHURCH CLEANERS

If you're noticing how spick and span the church pews are this weekend, it's thanks to a small group of dedicated cleaning volunteers who joined us Saturday morning to prep our church for Easter with a bit of spring cleaning. THANK YOU to all who helped, and to Ste. Anne's for supporting w/ snacks and food.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE APRIL 2

Our annual Communal Reconciliation Service will be at 6:00 PM Sunday, April 2. Please join us for this powerful sacrament.

STE. ANNE'S SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 15

High school seniors: Don't miss the deadline for Ste. Anne CCW Scholarship application. Applications are located in parish office vestibule and in the Gathering Space. Please don't delay, get your scholarship application to the parish office.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Saint John's is collecting donations for Easter flowers. Suggested donations are $20, and can be dropped in the collection baskets or sent to the Parish Office. All donations are used for flowers and Church environment.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Parish office and school closed Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 7 &10.

Palm Sunday, April 2

8:30 AM Mass | Church
10:30 AM Mass | Church

6:00 PM April 2: Communal Reconciliation Service | Church

Holy Thursday, April 6

9:00 AM Morning Prayer | Church

7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass | Church & Live Stream

Good Friday, April 7

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

9:00 AM Morning Prayer | Church

12:00 PM Good Friday Service | Church & Live Stream
7:00 PM Good Friday Service | Church

Holy Saturday, April 8

9:00 AM Morning Prayer | Church

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass | Church & Live Stream

Easter Sunday, April 9

8:30 AM Easter Sunday | Church & Live Stream
10:30 AM Easter Sunday | Church and School Gym
10:30 AM Easter Sunday | School Gym

DISCIPLESHIP SUNDAY

March 26, 2023
9:30 – 10:20 AM in the Gathering Space

VOCATION TO BE A SISTER

Since 2004, Sr. Julieta has been a member of Pro Ecclesia Sancta, a religious order of priests, brothers and sisters that started in Peru in 1992. Their mission is to live and promote the universal call to holiness in the church through the spirituality of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They walk with people from every stage in life, with an emphasis on ministering to the whole family. Sr. Julieta currently serves as middle school youth minister and confirmation coordinator at Our Lady of Grace in Edina.

8:30 AM	Mass
9:30	Fellowship/Food in Gathering Space
9:45–10:15	*Vocation to be a Sister* (adults) *Divine Mercy Activity* (youth)
10:30 AM	Mass

DIVINE MERCY ACTIVITY

Youth in grades K-5 will be doing a Divine Mercy Activity in the Lower Church.

Free child care provided for ages 0-5.

March Discipleship Sunday co-hosted by the Pastoral Council, the School and the Discipleship Sunday Committee.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 28—APRIL 2

TUESDAY, MARCH 28
Gary Limborg Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 | 8:00 AM
For the Parish

THURSDAY, MARCH 30
Steve Lauinger

FRIDAY, MARCH 31
For the Parish

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 | 8:00 AM
Meghan Habisch

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 | 4:30 PM
Jim Alfonse †

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 | 8:30 AM
Rudy Reinhardt †

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 | 10:30 AM
Audrey Zachman †

IN OUR PRAYERS

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO NEED HEALING, INCLUDING Kevin H., Kathy K., Alice S., Gary L., Stan V., Charles F., Vickie G. and Shannon K. If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact our Pastoral Ministry Office at 651-288-3268. We will include names in this listing for two months.

IN MEMORIAM

As a faith community, it is important to hold each other in prayer, especially in difficult moments such as the death of a loved one. The families experience much comfort knowing that we are supporting them. Please pray for Mary Jo Garay, and for the souls of all the faithful departed, and for their families.

PRAYER NETWORK

Parish teams pray on behalf of the entire parish for needs brought to them. Only a first name and the prayer need are given to preserve confidentiality. Please call 651-288-3285.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Next Level high school youth group is seeking donations for upcoming events. Chips, soda, snacks are welcome; email lharaldson@sjolc.org. **More Live-Streaming Crew:** Be a doer behind the scenes of any Mass; contact Ryan at rchimzar@sjolc.org. Be a hall monitor at **Youth Group**. Or consider donating snacks or juice boxes.

Contact Joe at jblock@sjolc.org.

Playground Volunteers: Must be able to sustain cold temperatures for an hour. Contact Dan at dhurley@sjolc.org. **Sacristans, EMEs and Servers:** With the return of these ministries, we'd love to boost our volunteer corps. Please contact rchimzar@sjolc.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY 2023

Numbers reflect Fiscal Year 2023, which began July 1, 2022, and ends June 30, 2023.

	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Sunday/Childrens Envelopes	$83,742	$445,876	$465,710
Holy Day Collection	$2,400	$24,772	$32,000
Plate Collection	$2,006	$15,742	$14,595
General Second Collection	$5,291	$35,439	$36,500
Total	$93,439	$521,829	$548,805

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH REGISTRATION: All those interested in joining the parish are invited to call the parish office to register. Please call 651-484-2708.

VISITING THE SICK: Visiting the sick is a corporal work of mercy and something we want to help with! Procedures for ministry to those who are homebound, sick or in hospitals varies depending on location. Please contact the parish office if you would like to schedule a visit for yourself or a loved one.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE: For questions or to set up a meeting, please contact Joe Block in our Parish Office, jblock@sjolc.org or 651-288-3269.

Call the Parish Office: 651-484-2708

GIVE HERE:

Scan this QR Code to donate Weekly Offerings or any donation direct via our secure online site.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: WWW.SJOLC.ORG/NEWS