



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**L**ENT



AMAZING GRACE



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing



1. wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
5. as the sun, We've no less days to

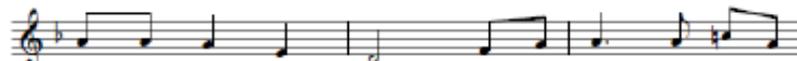


1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Tree of Life



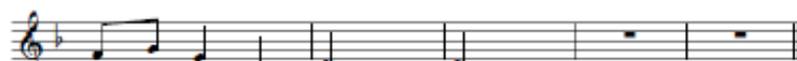
1. Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, In your
2. Liv - ing wa - ter of sal - va - tion, be the



- death we are re - born Though you die in all of  
 foun - tain of each soul; springing up in new cre -



- his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you  
 a - tion flow in us and make us whole, flow in



- rise with ev - 'rv morn.  
 us and make us whole

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**CUARESMA**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Called by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to live the Good News of Christ through Worship, Evangelization, Service, Spiritual Formation, and Stewardship.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 13**

4:00—5:00 p.m. Confessions

**7:00 p.m.** People of the parish (en Español)

**Sunday, March 14**

**9:00 a.m.** † Cindy Shelters

**11:00 a.m.** † Shirley Hill

**Monday, March 15**

**9:00 a.m.** People of the parish

**Tuesday, March 16**

**9:00 a.m.** † Marcella Merriman

**Wednesday, March 17**

**9:00 a.m.** † Jon Zurek

**Thursday, March 18 No Mass**

**Friday, March 19**

**5:00 p.m.** † John Stewart, 1st anniversary

**Saturday, March 20**

**7:00 p.m.** People of the parish (en Español)

**Sunday, March 21**

**9:00 a.m.** † Mary Jane Collard

**11:00 a.m.** † Mary Alice Janicki

**OFFERTORY GIVING**

All have felt the financial impact of COVID 19 in one way or another. Everyone's situation is very personal to them. Our offertory has dropped significantly with the limitations of capacity for participation at Mass.

**Average weekly contribution needed to meet budget  
\$11,050**

**Offering for March 7 weekend: \$7,907.25**

Please consider giving any amount that you are able to share so that we can continue the ministry of the church and help those in need. Contributions may be mailed in or made electronically via the church website. If you are interested in regular automatic giving, please contact the office for an ACH form or download at <https://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/parish-forms>

**Our Generosity to God  
for the weekend of March 7**

Envelope Offering (39) .....	\$6,600.00
Electronic/Online Contributions.....	\$828.00
Loose Offering .....	\$479.25
<b>Total Collection.....</b>	<b>\$7,907.25</b>

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**Parish Office Closed**

For information on our many services, groups, and committees, please visit our website at [www.SaintBasilCatholicChurch.org](http://www.SaintBasilCatholicChurch.org) or follow us on Facebook.

*Let my tongue be silenced  
if ever I forget You.*

**MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS**

If you are watching our live-stream of the 9:00 Mass on Sunday morning, the gathering hymn and closing hymn may be found on our parish website, "Music for Mass."



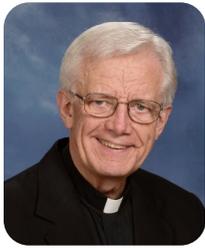
**WELCOME**

We welcome all visitors and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are moving to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please call the office (269-637-2404) or stop by the parish office to register. You may find a parish registration form on our website, [www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org), click on info, then links.

**MASS RESERVATION REMINDERS**

Just a reminder, when you use SignUp Genius to make a reservation to attend weekend Mass, please be sure to include the *number* of people in your group AND list the names of all who will be attending Mass.

Please contact the parish office if you have any questions, 269-637-2404.



I received my second COVID vaccination a couple of weeks ago so I should be about 92% protected from the virus. That means if a room full of one hundred of us similarly vaccinated people were deliberately exposed to COVID 19 (by some dastardly villain no doubt), only about eight of us would get it. That may sound shocking to those who think that vaccinated people are totally protected, but it's still a lot better than if the same hundred people were not protected at all — we could all get sick! The more vaccinated people we have, the better off we are and the more quickly this pandemic will come to an end.

That being said, there are some moral concerns about one of the vaccines available so far. The bishops recommend that people avoid getting the Johnson & Johnson vaccine because it uses material from aborted fetuses. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines do not. If there isn't any other option, however, the level of "material cooperation" is low enough that you can go ahead and get the Johnson & Johnson variety without guilt. The moral principles are far too complicated to try to explain here, but this YouTube video might help:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PeScAapnPGE>

This link may be found on our parish website, under Father Jim's Corner, click on "This 'n That."

Meanwhile, even those of us who are vaccinated still need to take precautions. The jury is still out as to whether the vaccinated people can still transmit the disease to others even while protected themselves. We all still need to social distance, wash our hands frequently, wear our masks— and wear them properly covering both mouth and nostrils which is from where the virus most often spreads.

Only if we remain diligent in our protective measures can we safely be able to loosen some of the restrictions. The diocese has recently relaxed some of the restrictions pertaining to religious education, Sacramental preparation and even altar servers, but we do have to be careful to see that all the protocols are followed even there. If we're careful, who knows? Maybe we can have one or two altar servers for Holy Week services. They wouldn't be doing all the things they normally do, and the only way I'd have two is if they were siblings, but I would be delighted to see them up there again.

*Fr. Jim*



### TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fish ponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit [crsrice-bowl.org](http://crsrice-bowl.org) to learn more.

**It's not too late to pick up your Rice Bowl on the table in the South Lobby any time the church is open.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



### March Confirmation Sessions

Please pray for our candidates as they participate in an online retreat this Sunday afternoon from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.. Eleven New Evangelization Team (NET) members will accompany the students on a quick (virtual) trip to the theatre to unpack what really happens in the sacrament of Confirmation. Using dramatic skits and lively songs, the students will see how Confirmation can change lives!

Sunday, March 21

#### In-person session for all candidates (this is NEW!)

We will meet in the church from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. to discuss Lesson 10, "Why tell my sins to a priest?" (The Healing Power of Confession). Father Jim will hear candidates' confessions beginning at 5:00 p.m. as desired.

No Confirmation sessions will be held on Palm Sunday, March 28, or Easter Sunday, April 4.

*"May the strength of God pilot us,  
may the wisdom of God instruct us,  
may the hand of God protect us,  
may the word of God direct us.*

*Be always ours this day and for evermore."*

St. Patrick

Feast day March 17

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Eventually we would like to return to offering a Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 p.m. In order to do that, we will need volunteers to help with the check-in table as well as serving as ushers and cleaners. Please visit our website [www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/clean-church](http://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/clean-church) and see what's involved. Contact the parish office if you can volunteer on Sundays or Saturday. We can't do it without your help!



Our parish office remains closed. You may still contact us at 269-637-2404. Your call will be automatically sent to our personal phones. If we don't answer immediately, your call will be forwarded to a voicemail which we are able to retrieve from home. We remain available for you, just not in the office. Just about everything you need from us can be handled via phone and email.



### THANK YOU, ST. BASIL PARISH!

Our Virtual Soup Luncheon was a big success, thanks to the support of our parishioners and visitors. We raised \$2,615 to donate to the We Care Warm Your Heart efforts. Several grocery cart loads of soup were taken to the Food Pantry at First Congregational Church as well.

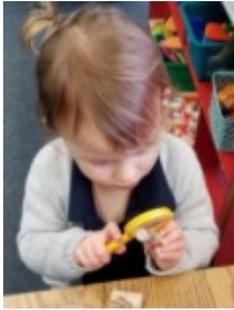
Our St. Basil Knights of Columbus collected \$3382 for Warm Your Heart, and members also donated over \$600 to We Care I.N.C. in memory of dedicated Knight Jon Zurek who recently passed away.

## ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This week I'd like to highlight our fabulous preschool program. Saint Basil is blessed to have not one, but two, preschool programs: 3 year old and 4 year old. Both are very popular in our area as they are known for their structure and their attention to early childhood needs. Students not only learn early social skills and engage in community play, but there is also a focus on early academics such as letters, colors, and shapes. Our preschool staff fosters a love of learning while having fun.



Ms. Ana and Ms. Susan head up our 3 year old program. These little ones are such a joy to watch as they discover new things in their surroundings. They can often be found walking around the building, investigating nature and finding examples of learned letters, numbers, and shapes.



After spending time in our 3 year old program, students then head across the hall to hang out with Ms. Sue and Ms. Melissa, the leaders of our 4 year old program. Students continue to learn social skills and routines, along with continued reinforcement of patterns, numbers, and letters. After Christmas, Sue and Melissa shift things to a more "pre-Kindergarten" focus, prepping students for the next step in their academic careers.



I am continually impressed with all our preschool staff does each day with our youngest students. They are a student's first introduction to school, and Saint Basil, and the love and care they show to each is a testament to their dedication. I am grateful for all their efforts!



We welcome all students from the area to be a part of our early childhood program, and we hope that many will continue their education from Kindergarten through 8th grade here at Saint Basil. Preschool is just the beginning!

Thank you for all you do for us and have a wonderful weekend!

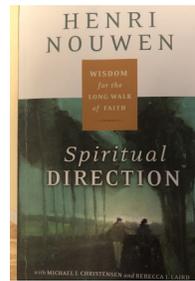
### JOIN OUR SCHOOL FAMILY!

We are currently enrolling students in all grades, K-8. Please contact the office via email or phone for more information.

269-637-3529

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camilledelano@saintbasilcatholic.com

To enroll, go to our website, [saintbasilcatholic.com](http://saintbasilcatholic.com), and click on Admissions, then Prospective Families. Come be a Basil Bear!



## A GOOD LENTEN READ

by Deacon John

Following last week's theme, Nouwen says that, "Becoming the Beloved is the great spiritual journey that all of us have to make." And this process requires the regular practice of prayer. He says, "I have come to define prayer as a listening to that voice, to the one who calls you the Beloved. The discipline of prayer is to constantly go back to the truth of who we are and claim it for ourselves. Prayer is listening with obedience, listening with careful attention. Jesus listens with obedience to the Father; he keeps listening to the Father's affirmation.

During this season of Lent we are reminded of the 40 days Jesus spent in fasting and above all in PRAYER where he constantly reminded himself that he was the Beloved. This is our opportunity to spend more time in prayer, too, and affirm our identity In Christ.

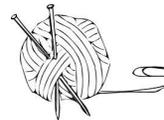
*Thank you!*

On Sunday evening on January 31st one of your people, a lady, stopped by here at 829 Phillips St. to give us (12 people) living here a free meal. Just wanted to say thanks from everyone here.

Thank you!  
John Davis

## DONATIONS FOR EL SITIO, EL SALVADOR

We will continue to accept donations to help improve the health, education, and economic stability of this community. Simply put "El Sitio" on the memo line of your check and drop it off at the parish office, sliding it under the door or through the office window. If you have any questions please contact Bobbie Otto at 269-313-1761.



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is still going strong. During these stay-at-home days, perhaps you can spend some time knitting or crocheting! There is a constant need for prayer shawls, and we have gifted many to members of our parish and our community, accompanied by a specially written prayer. Completed shawls may be dropped off near the office window.

If you'd like to receive a copy of the standard pattern used, please contact Cecilia, 269-637-2404, ext. 1103.

## TRAUMA RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Trauma Recovery Program is available to adult survivors of childhood trauma (emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or severe neglect). The program focuses on the present, rather than the past, and teaches skills for more effective daily functioning. Call Trauma Recovery Associates at 269-459-2121 and learn about our free programs.

## IN OUR COLLABORATIVE

MASS AT ST. PETER PARISH, DOUGLAS SATURDAY 5:00 P.M., SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.  
 DAILY MASS MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.  
 MASS AT SAN FELIPE, FENNVILLE THURSDAY 6:30 P.M.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**MONDAY, MARCH 15**  
 9:00 a.m. Mass  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 16**  
 9:00 a.m. Mass  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17**  
 9:00 a.m. Mass  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 18**  
 NO MASS  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 19**  
 5:00 p.m. Mass  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 20**  
 7:00 p.m. Mass—Español  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 21**  
 9:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:00 a.m. Mass

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday and Sunday Mass attendance requires advance registration: <https://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/sign-up-for-mass> We are grateful to the volunteers who have offered to check-in our Mass participants, usher, and clean the church after each Mass. Please contact Andrea at the parish office if you can help, 269-637-2404, ext. 1102.

### Scripture Readings for the Week of March 14

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
<b>Monday</b>	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Patrick, Bishop</b> Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>Saturday</b>	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

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