



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The 3rd Sunday of Lent—March 23, 2025



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply,
"Do you think that because
these Galileans suffered in
this way they were greater
sinners than all other
Galileans? By no means! But I
tell you, if you do not repent,
you will all perish as they
did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 03/21 3pm Adult Volleyball
Mon 03/24 HFCS Spring Break
6:30pm Trail Life
7:30 Adult Pickleball
Wed 03/26 9:15am Daily Mass
Thur 03/27 8pm Men's Basketball
Fri 03/28 9am Adoration
10am Bible Discussion
6:15pm Soup Supper
7pm Stations of the Cross
Sun 03/30 3pm Adult Volleyball
6pm Confirmation Prep

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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| Wed 03/26 | 9:15am Mass: | Int. Craig Mullett 🎁 |
| Thur 03/27 | 12pm Mass: | The Suffering Souls in Purgatory |
| Fri 03/28 | 12pm Mass: | The Souls in Purgatory & Our Beloved Dead + |
| Sat 03/29 | 5:30 pm Mass: | Int. Adelaide Spurgin 🎁 |
| Sun 03/30 | 8:30am Mass: | Int. Elena de Mesa |
| | 10:30am Mass: | Stephen Elliot Gaucher + |

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THE STORY OF HOLY WEEK

STATIONS OF THE CROSS and Soup Supper

Fridays in Lent

MARCH~

- Fri, March 7: KofC Fish Fry 5pm - Stations at 7pm
- Fri, March 14: Soup Supper 6:15pm - Stations at 7pm
- Fri, March 21: Soup Supper 6:15pm - Stations at 7pm
- Fri, March 28: Soup Supper 6:15pm - Stations at 7pm



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LENTEN RETREAT

PILGRIMS OF HOPE ON THE ROAD TO EASTER

Saturday, April 5
10:00am-1:00pm
Celebration Hall
Presenter: Elaine Park

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CONTINUED...Change & Growth during Lent

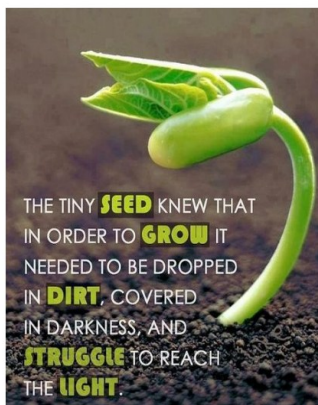
Lent provides a perfect occasion to identify and break free from bad habits. Whether it's overindulging in junk food, spending money frivolously, or wasting time on social media, this season challenges us to confront these habits head-on. Use Lent as a catalyst for positive change that will create a ripple-effect in your life, and focus on self-improvement during this season.

In the story of Jesus healing the paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-15), we learn the power of transformation and self-improvement. Lent challenges us to confront our bad habits and initiate positive change. Just as Jesus instructed the paralyzed man to "rise, take up your mat, and walk," use this season to confront your habits and embrace the opportunity for personal growth.

"Rise, take up your mat, and walk." - John 5:8

What has changed in the church?

How are you continuing to transform during this beautiful Lenten Season?



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Observances for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday:

Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following items:

Saltines crackers

Peanut Butter

Jam or Jelly

Boxed Meals, not Mac & Cheese

Please put your contributions in the bins in the back of church, or drop them off at the Parish Office Tuesday through Friday

Many thanks for your abundant generosity!



STEWARDSHIP

| Holy Family Parish Offertory | | | |
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| 3/9/2025 | | | |
| | Actual | Budget | % of Goal |
| March 3 - March 9, 2025 | \$ 6,636 | \$ 9,416 | 70% |
| March 2025 | \$ 13,630 | \$ 41,699 | 33% |
| YTD | \$ 483,840 | \$ 585,000 | 83% |



MINISTRY SCHEDULE ~ March 29-30, 2025 Saturday & Sunday

| | Altar Server | Greeter/Usher | Eucharistic Minister | Reader | Sacristan |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|--|---|--------------------|
| Saturday 5:30 pm | Gabriel Jamarillo Tomas Jamarillo | Bruce Wright | Tim Dooley Michelle Hart Bruce Wright | Patricia Markesino - Lector Chuck Sparks - Commentator | Joyce Holohan-Bell |
| Sunday 8:30 am | Nate Mullett Jacob Mullett | Monika Tuckness | Sean Cain Brian Cass Ann Conlon Brittany Leaverton JoAnna Mullett | Sam Burgher - Lector Kristin Burgher - Commentator | JoAnna Mullett |
| Sunday 10:30 am | Kiele Kaopuiki-Delaney Jessica Rask | Shannon Kaopuiki-Delaney | Krisi Christensen Michael Dominguez Noa Kaopuiki-Delaney Malia Kaopuiki-Delaney Carolyn Scherler | George Bengtson - Lector Kathie Robison - Commentator | |



On March 10, 2025, Oregon Governor Tina Kotek signed a proclamation in support of Abortion Provider Appreciation Day reaffirming her administration's commitment to maintaining unrestricted abortion access throughout all stages of pregnancy in the state.

According to finalized 2023 Oregon Health Authority (OHA) records, there has been a dramatic increase in abortion rates across multiple categories:

- Highest Number of Abortions Since 2009: Oregon recorded 10,075 abortions in 2023, a 16.2% increase from 2022.
- 165% Increase in Late-Term Abortions: Abortions performed at or after 23 weeks gestation rose from 85 in 2022 to 225 in 2023.
- 60% Increase in Out-of-State Women Seeking Abortions: 1,661 women traveled to Oregon for an abortion in 2023, compared to 1,036 in 2022.

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Not to tell the truth, but
to make the truth more
palatable.*

~ Archbishop
Alexander Sample

March 13, 2025

The Celebration of Death

There are moments when words fail. When the mind stares into the abyss and finds no bottom. When all that's left is a kind of stunned silence—the kind you feel when you realize just how far a culture can drift from reality.

"Abortion Provider Appreciation Day" is one of those moments. Not just the act of abortion itself, but the celebration of it. The idea that those who make a living ending innocent, unborn life should be publicly honored. Thanked. Applauded.

This isn't just moral confusion. It's something deeper. A kind of spiritual blindness so thick that what should be self-evident—the sheer wonder and worth of a human life—is obscured entirely.

The Great Deception

The modern world is a master of euphemism. We don't say, "killing." We say, "choice." We don't say, "ending a life." We say, "reproductive freedom." The words are carefully chosen, not to reveal, but to obscure. Not to tell the truth, but to make the truth more palatable.

Because deep down, we know. We know what abortion is. We know what it does. And we know that no amount of slogans or legal jargon can make a wrong thing right.

And yet, modern culture insists on turning tragedy into triumph. It demands not just tolerance for abortion, not just legal protection, but celebration. It must be honored, enshrined.

Why? Because modernity has exchanged the wonder of life for the pursuit of power. If a baby is inconvenient, it must go. If it interferes with autonomy, it must be sacrificed. A life is no longer a gift. It is an obstacle, a burden, a problem to be solved.

A World Without Wonder

This is what happens when a culture loses its sense of the sacred. When it stops seeing existence as a miracle, as something given, something to be received with gratitude. Instead, life is reduced to a transaction. A commodity to be managed. And, when necessary, discarded.

The language of "rights" and "freedom" in these conversations sounds noble. But strip away the rhetoric, and what's left? A world where the strong decide the fate of the weak. Where those with power have permission to eliminate those without it. Where human worth is conditional-based on ability, autonomy, wantedness.

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That's not progress. That's collapse. A return to humanity's oldest, darkest impulse: might makes right. But followers of Jesus have always stood in the way of that tide and simply said, "no." Blessed are the poor. Blessed are the meek. Blessed are the ones with no power at all.

A Theology of Death

Make no mistake, this is a spiritual issue. It always has been. Because at its core, abortion is not just about politics or law or even ethics. It's about how we see reality itself.

Is life a gift? Or an accident? Is a baby something to be received with awe? Or something to be discarded at will? Is love the foundation of the universe? Or is it simply power?

Modernity has chosen the latter. It has built an entire system—legal, medical, ideological—on the premise that some lives matter more than others. That some are expendable. That the strong can dictate the terms of existence.

And yet, the truth lingers. It cannot be fully erased. The unborn child is not just tissue. Not just an inconvenience. But a presence. A reality. A life.

And that's why, no matter how loudly abortion is celebrated, something feels... off. The need to frame it as a social good, as a moral necessity, reveals the guilt just beneath the surface. If abortion were truly nothing, no one would need to justify it. No one would need to celebrate it. The fact that it must be ritualized as progress is itself an admission of its darkness.

A Different Way

But here's the thing about darkness, it doesn't get the final word.

Because the gospel is not about condemnation. It's about invitation. Even for those who have celebrated abortion. Even for those who have profited from it. Even for those who have convinced themselves that this is somehow a moral good.

Grace is still available. Forgiveness is still possible.

The call of Jesus is always the same: Repent. Open your eyes. Step out of the lie and into the light. And most of all—choose life. Not just biologically, but spiritually. Choose to see reality as it truly is. To embrace the mystery, the beauty, the wonder of existence itself.

Because life—every life—is a gift. And a world that forgets that is a world that has lost its soul.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon

HOLY FAMILY

Seder Meal

Wednesday, April 16th - 6pm-8pm

ALL AGES WELCOME!

\$25 per person (\$100 for 4+)

Includes kosher dinner

Dietary restrictions? Please indicate that on your registration

****Please bring a dessert to share****

Click on the QR code to register OR contact
Krisi @ pastoralministry@holyfamilypartland.com



What is a Seder Meal?

The word "seder" means "order" and refers to the sequence of the celebration. The Seder is the traditional Passover meal that includes reading, drinking 4 cups of wine, telling stories, eating special foods, singing, and other traditions. The actual script we will be using came from a Jewish Rabbi and is in line and honor to our Jewish brothers and sisters.



BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Turn in food to the parish center or back of church by
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LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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Practices on 4/6 @ 12pm & 4/9 at 3:30

Actors and readers
needed!

Questions, contact Krisi @
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SAVE *the* DATE

Alleluia! Love is Alive

A JOINT EASTER CONCERT
IN HONOR OF VICKI FORD

Sunday, April 27th @ 4:30pm



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| Elena de Mesa | Sabas Quiray | All special intentions |
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| Mary DeSousa | Marilyn Walstrom | Mental Health of all HF Parishioners |
| Tim Evens | Leasa Wiebke | Ukraine |
| Jean Goerl | Patricia McEvoy | Peace in the Middle East |
| Per-Olof Jarnberg | David Hart | |
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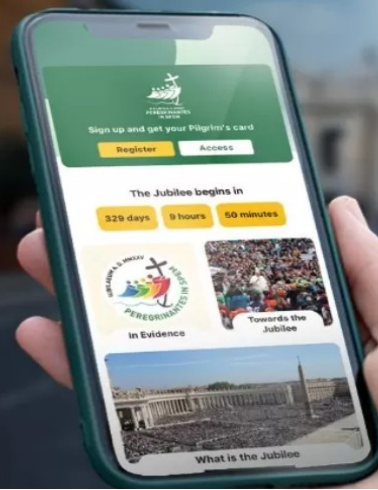
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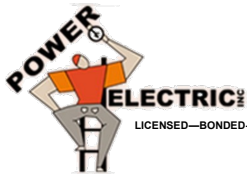
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