



## St. Raphael Catholic Parish

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**Find our parish calendar!!**

**Liturgy Schedule**

Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays :  
9:30am

Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Saturdays: 6:00 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:00 to  
5:30 pm or by appointment

Rosary: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Every 2nd  
Thursday 3:00 –8:00 pm

**Our Parish Mission:**

*As a Catholic parish working together in  
harmony with God, we share our gifts  
and talents to promote healing, helping  
and hospitality.*

**WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS**

*We are glad you chose to join us. If you have any  
questions please ask our hospitality ministers.*

*If you are new in town and looking for a parish  
home we welcome you. If you are visiting and  
only here for a weekend we welcome you.*

**Readings for this Week:**

Monday: Dn 9:4b/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thurs: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Entrance Antiphon**

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face, It is your face,  
O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**First Reading**

**Genesis 22:1-2**

God tested Abraham, asking him to sacrifice his only son Isaac.  
Seeing Abraham's obedience, God relented.  
Because of Abraham's faith, God blessed him greatly.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 116: 10,15, 16-17, 18-19**

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:31b-34**

We have received the ultimate proof of God's love:  
Christ Jesus, given up to death for the sake of us all.  
"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

**Gospel**

**Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus went up a mountain with us disciples and was transfigured  
before their eyes. A voice from a cloud proclaimed,  
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him".

**Please call the office if you are ill or need assistance.**

**In the Hospital?** Contact Fr. Ross to arrange a visit, or for

Holy Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick.

**Do you have a need for the parish prayer chain?** Please email Gloria at [stclare4@gmail.com](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com)

## EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, February 27th Mass 6:00 pm  
Confirmation Retreat 9 am–9 pm  
Sunday, February 28th Mass 9:30 am  
Wednesday, March 3rd Healing Mass 5:30 pm  
Rosary 6:00 pm Confession before or after Mass  
Thursday, March 4th DAILY MASS CANCELLED  
Friday, March 5th Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm  
Saturday, March 6th Mass 6:00 pm  
ZOOM Super Saturday 10:00-11:00 am  
Sunday, March 7th Mass 9:30 pm  
Thursday, March 11th Adoration 3 pm-8 pm  
Friday, March 12th Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm  
Saturday, March 13th Mass 6:00 pm  
Sunday, March 14th Mass 9:30 pm  
Tuesday, March 16th Chrism Mass SHC 7:00 pm  
Tuesday March 23rd Penance Service:  
Confession and Adoration 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Have you been to our webpage lately?  
[www.straphaelfairbanks.org](http://www.straphaelfairbanks.org)

Under Resources we have a variety of Lenten links including Dynamic Catholic, Formed.org, and Bishop Barron's Lenten reflections. Our homepage has an updated calendar link, link to the weekly bulletin, Father Ross' daily homilies and a Facebook link for the livestreamed Sunday and Wednesday Masses.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for Youth

**ZOOM Super Saturday March 6th, 2021**  
10:00 am—11:00 am 1st Saturday each month  
If not registered, email Camille or Marie for your invitation!!

All children pre-K thru 5th grade invited!

### Confirmation class

Sunday March 21st, 10:30 am –12:30 pm  
Sunday, April 11th, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

**TAKE HOME RESOURCES** Please come pick up Children's handouts for your family!

We have weekly Sunday activities or each age group, Pre-k to 8th grade.

**If you cannot pick up your resources at the parish, we will be happy to mail them to you. Please contact us at the parish email.**

### **Do You Want to Fast this Lent?**

*In the words of Pope Francis:*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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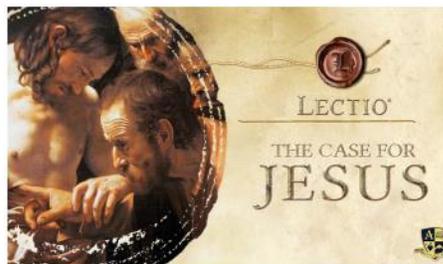
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 7, 2021

**LEARN**

### **LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS**

In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith: Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity.



To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

### March 3: Saint Katharine Drexel

If your father is an international banker and you ride in a private railroad car, you are not likely to be drawn into a life of voluntary poverty. But if your mother opens your home to the poor three days each week and your father spends half an hour each evening in prayer, it is not impossible that you will devote your life to the poor and give away millions of dollars. Katharine Drexel did that.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, she had an excellent education and traveled widely. As a rich girl, Katharine also had a grand debut into society. But when she nursed her stepmother through a three-year terminal illness, she saw that all the Drexel money could not buy safety from pain or death, and her life took a profound turn.

Katharine had always been interested in the plight of the Indians, having been appalled by what she read in Helen Hunt Jackson's *A Century of Dishonor*. While on a European tour, she met Pope Leo XIII and asked him to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend Bishop James O'Connor. The pope replied, "Why don't you become a missionary?" His answer shocked her into considering new possibilities.

Back home, Katharine visited the Dakotas, met the Sioux leader Red Cloud and began her systematic aid to Indian missions.

Katharine Drexel could easily have married. But after much discussion with Bishop O'Connor, she wrote in 1889, "The feast of Saint Joseph brought me the grace to give the remainder of my life to the Indians and the Colored." Newspaper headlines screamed "Gives Up Seven Million!"

After three and a half years of training, Mother Drexel and her first band of nuns—Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored—opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. A string of foundations followed. By 1942, she had a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, plus 40 mission centers and 23 rural schools. Segregationists harassed her work, even burning a school in Pennsylvania. In all, she established 50 missions for Indians in 16 states.

Two saints met when Mother Drexel was advised by Mother Cabrini about the "politics" of getting her order's Rule approved in Rome. Her crowning achievement was the founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the United States for African Americans.

At 77, Mother Drexel suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire. Apparently her life was over. But now came almost 20 years of quiet, intense prayer from a small room overlooking the sanctuary. Small notebooks and slips of paper record her various prayers, ceaseless aspirations, and meditations. She died at 96 and was canonized in 2000.

From Franciscan Media



### Knight's Corner

Next meeting:  
March 20, 2021 8:00 am

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Fairbanks Court  
(ICC, St. Raphael, Sacred Heart  
Cathedral, St. Mark's)  
Looking for new daughters!  
For info see Nancy Kelly  
ALL ARE WELCOME...!**



### The Marian Prayer Group:

Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 pm after mass.

You are welcome to join in person OR on ZOOM. If you would like to join through ZOOM please contact Gloria Slagle at [stclare4@gmail.com](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com).

All ages are welcome!

### Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen

is always is always in need of volunteers and donations.

There is more information on the website:

<https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>

You can also donate \$\$ directly to the soup kitchen thru Immaculate Conception Church's giving link on the website.

Contact Nick Shamrell to volunteer:

[iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org)

### *Lent is the perfect time...to build greater LOVE*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Virtual Experience

March 20-21, 2021

Apply online by March 8th

<http://alaskawwme.org>

"Love one another as I have loved you"



Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) brings couples together to learn and grow. Our Experiences provide a safe supportive place to pause, reflect and recommit to the foundational relationship of your life: your marriage.

**Pastor**

Father Ross Tozzi 457-6603 message  
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**Pastoral Ministers**

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George Bowder  
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**Office Hours:**

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 am—2 pm**

**Sacramental Information:**

**Baptism:** Please call the office to schedule class a month in advance. **Marriage:** Please contact the office at least six months prior to schedule your date and begin preparation classes.

**Parish Finances July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021**

Budgeted Need \$217,100.00

Monthly Need \$18,091.67

Week 1 collection \$

Week 2 collection \$

Week 3 collection \$

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****Lector**

Charlene Hendrichs February 28th  
Sonja Thomas March 7th  
David Szumigala March 14th  
Tammy Miller March 21st

**Hospitality****Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 27	Deceased member of our parish
Sunday, February 28	Our Parish
Tuesday, March 2	poor souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, March 3	those suffering with Covid19
Thursday, March 4	No Mass
Saturday, March 6	Sanctity of Life
Sunday, March 7	Our Parish
Tuesday, March 9	Sanctity of Life
Wednesday March 10	Diocesan donor intentions
Thursday March 11	No Mass
Saturday, March 13	Gena and Donald Pizzini (d)
Sunday, March 14	Our Parish

**Area Mass Times****Sacred Heart Cathedral**

Sat. 4:30 PM livestreamed  
Sun. 8:00 AM; 11:00 AM (livestreamed)  
1:00 PM Spanish  
Mon-Friday. 7:30 AM

**Immaculate Conception**

Sat. 4:00 PM; Sun. 7:30 AM 10:00 AM  
M, T, T, F. 12:10 PM Wed 5:30 PM  
All Masses livestreamed

**Saint Nicholas, North Pole**

Sat. 5:00 PM; Sun. 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM  
M, T, Th, F. 9:00 AM; W 6:30 PM

**St. Mark University Parish**

Sun. 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

**Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright**

Sunday 9:00 am

*The fervent prayer of a righteous person  
is very powerful .. James 5:16*

*Please remember these friends in your  
prayers....*

Linda Winkler, Theresa Tomczak,  
Our Doctors, Nurses, medical staff;

Everyone affected by COVID 19; Betty &

Frank Johnson, Rob Johnson, Scott Stout,

Robin Eagan, Nancy Kelly, Laurel Ruth,

special Lady, Fred, Bill Love, Michael & Leslie Harrington,

Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Kaspar Mallavarapu, Fr. Ross

Tozzi, Josh Miller (our seminarian).

Seminarians Piotr Oprych, Dominik Wojcick, Michael  
Kohler, and all priests & religious.



# LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

"Lent is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism."

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

## RITE OF ELECTION & CONTINUING CONVERSION

Join our catechumens and candidates as they enter into the final stages of preparation to receive the Easter Sacraments. The Rite will be celebrated during Vespers at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Sunday, Feb. 21 at 4:00 pm.**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Every Friday during Lent except Mar. 19th*

Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:00 pm  
**St. Raphael Church 6:00 pm**  
 St. Nicholas Church 7:00 pm  
 Immaculate Conception 5:30 pm Mass & Stations

## PENANCE SERVICES

### *Confession & Adoration*

Thurs., Mar. 18– St. Nicholas Church 6:00-8:00 pm  
**Tues., Mar. 23– St. Raphael Church 6:00-8:00 pm**

### *Mass, Confession & Adoration*

Wed., Mar. 24– Sacred Heart Cathedral 5:30-8:00 pm  
 Wed., Mar. 31– Sacred Heart Cathedral 5:30-8:00 pm  
*Fr. Robert will be available for inquiries regarding annulments on March 31.*

## CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrism Mass, at which the Holy Oils are blessed and the priests renew their ordination promises, will be celebrated by Bishop Zielinski on **Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm** at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

During the Year of St. Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis, Bishop Zielinski will celebrate a special Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral **at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 19** to mark the solemnity of the universal patron of the Church.



## SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION

The Shroud of Turin has fascinated the faithful for centuries. Believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus it bears the image of the crucified Christ. Join Dr. Glenn Juday at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday) from 2:30-4:30 pm** as he discusses the shroud and the devotions associated with it. Sung Vespers will follow.

## THE SACRED TRIDUUM

### *Holy Thursday– Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:00 pm  
**St. Raphael Church 7:00 pm**  
 Immaculate Conception 7:00 pm  
 St. Nicholas Church 6:00 pm

### *Good Friday– Veneration of the Cross*

Sacred Heart Cathedral 3:00 pm Stations  
 7:00 pm Veneration  
**St. Raphael Church 6:00 pm Stations**  
**7:00 pm Veneration**  
 Immaculate Conception 3:00 pm Stations  
 7:00 pm Veneration  
 St. Nicholas Church 6:00 pm Stations  
 7:00 pm Veneration

### *Easter Vigil*

Sacred Heart Cathedral 8:00 pm  
**St. Raphael Church 8:00 pm**  
 St. Nicholas Church 8:00 pm



## United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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February 23, 2021

United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative/Senator:

As chairmen of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Religious Liberty, Pro-Life, Marriage, Catholic Education, and Domestic Justice committees, we write to share our support for laws that protect the dignity and ensure the respect that is due all people, as well as our grave concerns with the Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5).

Human dignity is central to what Catholics believe because every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. This commitment is reflected in the Church's charitable service to all people, without regard to race, religion, or any other characteristic. It means we need to honor every person's right to gainful employment free of unjust discrimination or harassment, and to the basic goods that they need to live and thrive. It also means that people of differing beliefs should be respected. In this, we whole-heartedly support nondiscrimination principles to ensure that everyone's rights are protected.

The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from discrimination. But instead, the bill represents the imposition by Congress of novel and divisive viewpoints regarding "gender" on individuals and organizations. This includes dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting "gender" as only a social construct. As Pope Francis has reflected, however, "biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated." ... It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness and the complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality."<sup>1</sup> Tragically, this Act can also be construed to include an abortion mandate, a violation of precious rights to life and conscience.<sup>2</sup>

Rather than affirm human dignity in ways that meaningfully exceed existing practical protections, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. It would also inflict numerous legal and social harms on Americans of any faith or none. If passed, this legislation would:

- punish faith-based charities such as shelters and foster care agencies, and in turn their thousands of beneficiaries, simply because of their beliefs on marriage and sexuality (§§ 3, 6);
- force both people and organizations in many everyday life and work settings to speak or act in support of "gender transitions," including health care workers and licensed counselors, even when it's against their professional judgment (§§ 3, 6, 7);
- risk mandating taxpayers to pay for abortions, and health care workers with conscience objections to perform them, ultimately ending more human lives (§§ 3, 6, 9);

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<sup>1</sup> Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, no. 56 (2016).

<sup>2</sup> See USCCB Fact Sheet, "[The Equality Act: Its Impact on Government Funding of Abortion.](#)"

- force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in school sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who claim to identify as women (§§ 6, 9);
- expand the government’s definition of public places into numerous settings, even forcing religiously operated spaces, such as some church halls and equivalent facilities owned by synagogues or mosques, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their broader communities (§ 3);
- exclude people from the careers and livelihoods that they love, just for maintaining the truth of their beliefs on marriage and sexuality (§ 3); and
- discriminate against individuals and religious organizations based on their different beliefs by partially repealing the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, an unprecedented departure from that law and one of America’s founding principles (§ 9).

Each year the Catholic Church, as the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the United States, helps millions of people in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and other charities. The same core beliefs about the human person--made with inherent dignity and in the image of God--motivate both our positions on life, marriage, and sexuality, and also our call to serve the most vulnerable and the common good. We oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,



Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, S.J.  
Bishop of Oakland  
Chairman, Committee on Catholic Education



Most Rev. Paul S. Coakley  
Archbishop of Oklahoma City  
Chairman, Committee on Domestic Justice  
and Human Development



His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York  
Chairman, Committee for Religious Liberty



Most. Rev. David A. Konderla  
Bishop of Tulsa  
Chairman, Subcommittee for the Promotion  
and Defense of Marriage



Most Rev. Joseph F. Naumann  
Archbishop of Kansas City, KS  
Chairman, Committee on Pro-Life Activities