

The Presentation Of The Lord February 2, 2020 La Presentación del Señor 2 febrero 2020



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

My mind told me I could do it; that is, play basketball against seminarians in their twenties. But, this 46 year old priest's body said something quite different. I even arrived early to the annual Cassock Classic priests vs. seminarians basketball game to warm up and stretch out.

However, it would prove not to be enough preparation. It was only a few minutes or so into the first quarter when, before I knew it, and after scoring the opening points of the game, I ran back to play defense. I stopped to guard one of those twenty-something-year-old future priest and all of sudden I heard a loud pop. It felt as if someone kicked me as hard as they could in the back of my ankle.

I looked behind me but no one was there. The "pop" that I heard was the sensation of being kicked hard in the back of the ankle. I would later find out that it was the rupturing of my Achilles' tendon. All this took place on January 3rd and six days later I had surgery to sew my tendon back together. I hope to return to celebrating Mass with you on Saturday, February 15th—doctor permitting.

It will be the first Mass that I will celebrate publicly in over 40 days. Indeed, it will be my longest streak by far of not celebrating a public Mass in my ten years of priesthood. Meanwhile, today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which always falls 40 days after Christmas while at the end of this month we will be starting our 40 days (or 46 days, if you count Sundays) Lenten Journey.

Forty days are given to me and forty days are given to you. Forty means something, besides the age that certain priest should have given up basketball, forty is a number symbolic of transformation.

Today we celebrate forty days since Christmas. Forty days are a gift; time given to convert; to repent; to be transformed; to grow especially spiritually and to receive healing and new life.

Thank you Lord for these forty days!

In Christ, Fr. Mark

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas hermanas y hermanos en El Señor:

Mi mente me dijo que podía hacerlo, que es jugar baloncesto contra los seminaristas en sus veintes, pero este cuerpo de sacerdote de 46 años dijo algo muy diferente. Incluso llegué temprano al juego anual de baloncesto de los sacerdotes y seminaristas se llama Cassock Classic o Sotana Clásica para calentarme y estirarme.

Sin embargo, no fue suficiente preparación, ya que solo pasaron unos minutos más o menos en el primer cuarto cuando antes de darme cuenta y después de los primeros puntos del juego, volví corriendo para jugar la defensa. Me detuve para guardar a uno de esos futuros sacerdotes de veinte años y de repente escuché un fuerte trueno. Se sentía como si alguien me hubiera pateado con todas sus fuerzas en la parte posterior de mi tobillo.

Miré hacia atrás pero no había nadie allí. El trueno que escuché y esa sensación de ser pateado con fuerza en la parte posterior de mi tobillo, descubrí que era la ruptura de mi tendón de Aquiles. Todo esto se llevó a cabo el 5 de enero y cuatro días después tuve una cirugía para coser y reparar mi pie. Espero volver a celebrar la misa en la parroquia el sábado 15 de febrero.

Será la primera misa que voy a celebrar públicamente en más de 40 días. Sin duda, mi estancia más larga de no celebrar una misa pública en mis diez años de sacerdocio. Mientras que celebramos hoy la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor, que siempre cae 40 días después de la Navidad y a fines de este mes comenzaremos nuestros 40 o 46 días, si cuentas los domingos, nuestra peregrinación Cuaresmal 40 días se me han dado a mí y 40 días se te han dado a ti. 40 significa algo, además de la edad en que un cierto sacerdote o sea yo debería haber abandonado el baloncesto, 40 es un número simbólico de transformación.

Hoy celebramos 40 días desde Navidad. 40 días es un regalo, tiempo dado para convertirse, arrepentirse, transformarse, crecer especialmente espiritualmente y recibir sanación y nueva vida.

¡Gracias Señor por estos 40 días!

En Cristo, P. Mark

Parish Information

	Monday 2/3/2020	Tuesday 2/4/2020	Wednesday 2/5/2020	Thursday 2/6/2020	Friday 2/7/2020	Saturday 2/8/2020
St. Mary	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:10 AM Poor Souls	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	11:00 AM Ryan Warner	8:00 AM Thomas Chezem	8:00 AM Mary Korba & Family	NO MASS	8:10 AM John Buckman	4:00-5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			St. Vincent Hospital 11:30 AM Poor Souls		10:30 AM CrownPointe Thomas & MaryAnn Chezem	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

February 8th & 9th	Sat. 4:00 PM St. Mary	Sat. 5:30 PM St. Ambrose	Sun. 7:30 AM St. Mary	Sun. 9:30 AM St. Ambrose	Sun. 11:30 AM St. Mary
Mass Intentions	Agnes Amrine	Pro Populo	Teresa Lyle Hackett	Ronald Kempher	Cirila Ballela
Reader	Pat Pitcher	Dan Novak	Marcia Murphy	Greg Acra	Juan Briones
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Bailey-Evans H	Marvin Coryell H	Irv Noll H	Greg Kalisz H Roger Kemp H	Moises Cazares H
	"Precious Blood" withheld	"Precious Blood" withheld	"Precious Blood" withheld	"Precious Blood" withheld	"Precious Blood" withheld
Servers	Brent Layton Corey Layton Paul Porcaro	Dominic Bunch Simon Bell	Carolyn Pitts Leah Shaul	Emma Thompson Lilian Villegas E. Villegas	Emiliano Arciga Estefy Martinez Jennifer Soriano Sandra Velasco

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship	
St. Ambrose	\$ 6,908
YTD	\$ 40,735
NTD	\$ 48,000
112	

 St. Mary
 \$ 7,303

 YTD
 \$ 42,091

 NTD
 \$ 60,000

Renovation Fund \$ 259 (\$230,380 of \$330 K)

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St. Ambrose—https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/272 St. Mary—https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/13

Saint Vincent de Paul will be at the church doors next weekend to collect your monetary donations. Please remember the needy in our community.

"We Can Care"- Is a Collaborative Ministry of St. Ambrose and St. Mary Churches in Anderson for St. Vincent de Paul. The boxes will be at the entrances of both Churches to receive your donations. Monetary donations can be placed in the orange boxes.

The collection on February 8th and 9th will be Pasta with Sauce/ Velveeta Style Cheese. Your participation will be greatly appreciated by the hungry families of Madison County.

Do you have a new address or are you moving? If the answer is yes, please make certain you notify the parish office at the same time you notify other businesses or other relatives. This will help us keep your parish information current.

Indiana Holy Family Catholic Conference

Scheduled for Saturday, February 29th from 8:30 AM-6:00 PM. It is the only Conference of its kind! A small community feel with so much to offer! This is the 14th year for the conference.

We average 500-700 people each year—with 1/3 of those being children! Separate programming is planned for adults, HS, MS and children from 3-11 years, and a nursery for 1-2 year old's. Keep in mind that Kids Corner (ages 1-11 years) closes on February 17th.

This year welcome musician and storyteller Steve Angrisano, Dr. Tim Hogan-"The Gift of Cultural Hurricanes—Transforming our Families!" and Ellen Salter—"The Difficulties and Joys of the Cross". Your low, low registration fee covers everything including a hot, catered lunch from one of our highest rated caterers in Kokomo!

All Catholic elements are included: A Eucharistic Procession to begin the Conference, Adoration Chapel (your children will visit it guided by a Religious Sister), Confessions and a vocations lunch for High School students. We will conclude the conference with the Lord's Day Mass.

The Indiana Holy Family Catholic Conference is held at Kokomo High School, 2501 S. Berkley Road. Come celebrate our rich Catholic Faith and grow spiritually as a family! For more information and to register: Visit us at: www.holyfamilyconference.org.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

That Man Is You

ATTENTION! Men of St. Mary and St. Ambrose, come join the 21 men in **That Mas is You!** It's a wonderful way to get started on a more productive day! "as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another,"-Proverbs 27:17. We begin at 6:00 AM in the K of C Columbian Hall. Contact Mike Evans for Information at (765) 602-0306. It's never too late to begin. Please contact Mike Evans at 765-602-0306 for more information. Week 16-Saturday, February 8th. Presentation topic: <u>The Prodigal Son</u>

- Speaker: Paco Gavrilides STL
- An Insulting Demand
- Isolated and Desperate Man
- Awakening of Grace
- A Radical Reunion
- Robed in Righteousness
- Never A Lost Cause
- From Legality to Freedom

Weekly Scriptures: Sun. Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40; **Mon.** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13, Mk 5:1-20; **Tues.** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3, Mk 5:21-43; **Wed.** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17, Mk 6:1-6; **Thurs.** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12, 1 Chr 29:10-12, Mk 6:7-13; **Fri.** Sir 47:2-11, Mk 6:14-29; **Sat.** 1 Kgs 3:4-13, Mk 6:30-34

Special Intentions—Parishioners of St. Ambrose and St. Mary will pray for you and your special intentions. Call Betty Worden (6942-0824). You do not have to give your name. Please call Betty if you can help with the prayer line.

Please Pray For ...

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or injured, especially the sick and elderly in our parishes:

Serving in the Military: Josh Fisher, son of Gary and Kathy; Pvt. Jalen Lewis US Army, son of Stephanie Akin; Sergeant Joseph Schulten and Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter, Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Sergeant Brock Acra stationed in California US Marine Corp, son of Greg and Sonia Acra; First Lt. Sean Scally, 82nd Airborne, grandson of Tom Chezem, stationed in United Arab Emirates; and, Lt. Daniel Perrine, son of Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito and Dan Ippolito.

If you have a family member who is in the service and called to active duty and would like to add their name to a list for special prayers, please call the rectory and give us this information. Let us pray for PEACE Worldwide. **God Bless us all!**

Legion of Mary: Is about bringing the heart of Mary ("to Jesus through Mary") to our homebound and ill parishioners through prayer and SPIRITUAL works of mercy. (St. Vincent DePaul Society members focus on the CORPORAL works of mercy). If you are interested you may call Jeanné Papai at (541) 908-1032, Allen Raver (765) 615-1939, Ruth Strittmatter (765) 642-6944 or Pat McGee (765) 602-3087.

OUTREACH

Knights Of Columbus News:

The following is a list of events (dinners) for February:

Friday, Feb. 7th —Pizza Night 5:00-7:30 by Francis Robinson

Saturday, Feb. 15th—5:00-7:30 Chicken Fry

Friday, Feb. 28th—5:00-7:30 Lenten Fish Fries begin.

Please come and support the Knights who offer us good food and fellowship.

Save Your Change\$

If you have picked up a baby bottle to fill with change for the St. Mary/St. Ambrose Gabriel Project together with the Anderson Catholic Respect Life Committee, they will be collected the weekend of March 21st-22nd. The money raised will be used to serve women in crises pregnancies and their families; to support the up-keep of the Gabriel vans which are used to provide free ultrasounds and counseling to these women; to help with needed expenses of financially struggling new moms; and, to promote respect for the unborn here in Anderson.

St. Ambrose and St. Mary Food Pantry is in need of the following items: pasta sauce, canned chicken, toilet paper, and trail sizes of shampoo and deoderant. You can drop any of the above items off at the St. Mary Rectory. Your generosity it greatly appreciated.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSIONS:

Due to the increase of influenza across the country and the spreading of the "Coronavirus" from China; the Office of the Bishop has suggested that BOTH the Rite of Peace and the Administration of the Precious Blood at Communion be suspended until at least until the end of February 2020. "We recommend a simplification of the 'Sign of Peace' or not inviting people to offer the Sign in the first place. People should be free not to shake hands or embrace; and no one should reach out and grab another person who prefers a polite distance." Perhaps consideration can be given to an "elbow bump"!

Due to this advice, the number of Eucharistic Ministers will be reduced for each Mass and Communion will only be distributed under the form of the Host. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Let us join with the world in praying for a resolution to the health issues stemming from the "Coronavirus".

"Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord!"

(Psalm 24:8)

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Holy Cross School had a wonderful Catholic Schools Week! Current families are reminded to register returning students for the 2020-21 school year by returning the yellow "Returning Student" Registration Form.

A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools was Tuesday January 28th. Our 24 hour web page is now closed, but if you would like to give a donation to Holy Cross School, you may do so by mailing in or dropping off your donation to the school at 1115 Pearl St., Anderson, IN, 46016. Thank you for sharing your treasure.

¡Holy Cross School tuvo una maravillosa Semana de Escuelas Católicas! Se recuerda a las familias actuales que inscriban a los estudiantes que regresan para el año escolar 2020-21 al devolver el 'Formulario de Inscripción' amarillo para estudiantes que regresan.

Un día de donaciones a las escuelas católicas fue el martes 28 enero. Nuestra página web de 24 horas ahora está cerrada, pero si desea hacer una donación a Holy Cross School, puede hacerlo enviando o enviando su donación a la escuela en 1115 Pearl St., Anderson, IN, 46016. Gracias Gracias por compartir tu tesoro.

Young Church

Destination Jesus 2020

Is a retreat for High School students (9-12 grades) from our diocese. It will take place at St. Theodore Guerin Catholic High School on Feb. 14-16, 2020. Please contact Laura Torres for questions at (765) 644 -8467 Ext. 323. Scholarships ARE available!

Es un retiro para estudiantes de Secundaria (grados 9-12) de nuestra diócesis. Tendrá lugar en St. Theodore Guerin Catholic H.S. del 14 al 16 de febrero. Póngase en contacto con Laura Torres para preguntas en (765) 644-8467 Ext. 323. Becas disponibles!



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