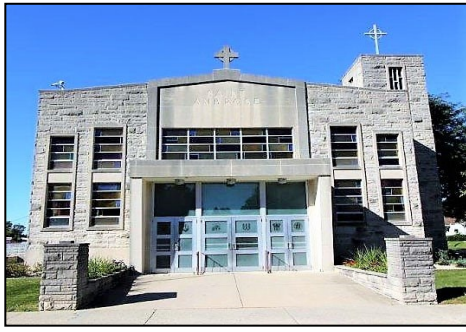




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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

14 de febrero 2021

Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Off the Top of My Head...

Lent begins this Wednesday.

Rather than the customary question, "What am I giving up for Lent?" we might ask ourselves, "How will I undertake the three Lenten practices of sacrifice, prayer, and charity?"

These practices are not simply a matter of self-discipline or self-improvement, but a forty-day period of preparation for the fifty days of Easter.

Fasting or sacrifice is the Lenten practice that comes to mind first for most people. We may choose to fast from certain foods for many legitimate reasons. But connecting our chosen Lenten sacrifices with the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ, and with the suffering of so many in our world who do not have the luxury of choosing a sacrifice, are probably the best two. During Lent, we may give up certain foods or drinks, or other elements of our daily life, like television or social media. Or we may choose a practice like cold showers or sleeping on the floor. (Yes, I know people who have chosen those Lenten practices!)

Prayer can connect us with the prayer of Jesus as described in the Gospels, especially his forty days of prayer (and fasting) in the desert before beginning his public ministry and his prayer in the garden the night before his death.

We can commit to a daily rosary, prayerful Bible reading, or the Liturgy of the Hours. We can make time and space for quiet, reflective prayer on a daily basis. We can enter into a dedicated time for shared family prayer.

Service or charity, I believe, is the most difficult practice to choose and to practice, and therefore probably the most important. This practice may take the form of financial donations. (If you give up your weekly pizza, the cost of those pizzas can be given to a worthy charity at Easter.) Even more meaningful, and more difficult, is some sort of direct involvement with an organization like St. Vincent de Paul or with a neighbor in need.

Sacrifice leads to prayer and charity. Charity leads to prayer and sacrifice. Prayer leads to sacrifice and charity.

Sacrifice, charity, and prayer lead to Easter.

One caution: While our Lenten practices should not be too easy, they should not be so ambitious that we give up on them in a day or two.

Have a holy and happy Lent!

Fr. Tom Metzger
 February 14, 2021

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Pensamiento de Fr.Tom...

Cuaresma comienza este miércoles.

En lugar de la pregunta habitual: "¿A qué renuncio durante la Cuaresma?" podríamos preguntarnos: ¿Cómo emprenderé las tres prácticas cuaresmales de sacrificio, oración y caridad?"

Estas prácticas no son simplemente una cuestión de autodisciplina o superación personal, sino un período de cuarenta días de preparación para los cincuenta días de Pascua.

El ayuno o sacrificio es la práctica de Cuaresma que viene a la mente primero para la mayoría de las personas. Podemos optar por ayunar de ciertos alimentos por muchas razones legítimas. Pero conectar nuestros sacrificios de Cuaresma elegidos con el sufrimiento, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo, y con el sufrimiento de tantos en nuestro mundo que no tienen el lujo de elegir un sacrificio, son probablemente los dos mejores. Durante la Cuaresma, podemos renunciar a ciertos alimentos o bebidas, u otros elementos de nuestra vida diaria, como la televisión o las redes sociales. O podemos elegir una práctica como duchas frías o dormir en el suelo. (¡Sí, conozco personas que han elegido esas prácticas de Cuaresma!)

La oración puede conectarnos con la oración de Jesús como se describe en los Evangelios, especialmente sus cuarenta días de oración (y ayuno) en el desierto antes de comenzar su ministerio público y su oración en el jardín la noche antes de su muerte. Podemos comprometernos con un rosario diario, una lectura bíblica en oración o la Liturgia de las Horas. Podemos hacer tiempo y espacio para la oración tranquila y reflexiva todos los días. Podemos entrar en un tiempo dedicado a la oración familiar compartida.

El servicio o caridad, creo, es la práctica más difícil de elegir y practicar y por lo tanto, probablemente la más importante. Esta práctica puede tomar la forma de donaciones financieras. (Si renuncia a su pizza semanal, el costo de esas pizzas se puede donar a una organización benéfica digna en Pascua). Aún más significativo y más difícil es algún tipo de participación directa con una organización como San Vicente de Paúl o con un vecino necesitado.

El sacrificio conduce a la oración y a la caridad. La caridad lleva a la oración y al sacrificio. La oración conduce al sacrificio y la caridad. El sacrificio, la caridad y la oración conducen a la Pascua. Una advertencia: si bien nuestras prácticas de Cuaresma no deberían ser demasiado fáciles, no deberían ser tan ambiciosas como para dejarlas en uno o dos días.

¡Que tengas una santa y feliz Cuaresma!

Fr. Tom Metzger
febrero 14, 2021

CONFESSION TIMES on Saturdays-St. Mary Anderson will be 1:00-2:00 PM until further notice, to enable social distancing, Confessions will take place in the sacristy.

St. Ambrose will be 4:00-5:00 PM.

St. Mary Alexandria will be 3:30-4:00 PM

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St. Ambrose será de 4: 00-5: 00 PM.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	15-Feb.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Poor Souls Betty Brownfield
Tuesday	16-Feb.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Betty Brownfield
Ash Wednesday	17-Feb.	8:10 AM 8:30 AM 8:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Vincent Hosp. St. Ambrose St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex.	Dec'd of George Mehling Family David Papai Allan Matrchetti Pauline Schrontz Not open to the public Poor Souls Veniero Ippolito Terry McCormick
Thursday	18-Feb.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And	Raymond Novak NO MASS
Friday	19-Feb.	8:10 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex.	Poor Souls Mike Chatterson
Saturday	20-Feb.	4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	St. Mary And St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Bernard Edward O'Donnell Living & Deceased of the Almack, Watson, Derry, Scribner & Nigh Families Josphone Sellers
Sunday	21-Feb.	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Pro Populo Intentions of Jack & Pat Woods Ryan Warner Poor Souls

Spiritual Life

Ash Wednesday (February 17th)

St. Ambrose Masses - 8:10 AM and 6:00 PM

St. Mary Anderson Masses - 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM

St. Mary Alexandria Masses - 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Regulations regarding Fast and Abstinence for Lent: Fasting applies to all adults who have completed their 18th year of age through age 59. When fasting a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as 2 smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence is for all persons who have completed their 14th year of age. On a day of abstinence NO MEAT OR MEAT PRODUCTS are permitted. Abstinence applies to Ash Wednesday and ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT.

Regulaciones con respecto al ayuno y la abstinencia para la Cuaresma: El ayuno se aplica a todos los adultos que hayan cumplido los 18 años hasta los 59 años. Cuando ayuna, una persona puede comer una comida completa, así como 2 comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalen a Comida completa. La abstinencia es para todas las personas que hayan cumplido los 14 años de edad. En un día de abstinencia NO se permiten CARNES NI PRODUCTOS CARNE. La abstinencia se aplica al Miércoles de Ceniza y TODOS LOS VIERNES DURANTE LA CUARESMA.

Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

Monday, February 22nd	St. Mary Anderson	8:30-10:00 AM
Tuesday, February 23rd	St. Ambrose	8:30-10:00 AM
Wednesday, February 24	St. Mary Alexandria	8:30-10:00 AM
Monday, March 1st	St. Mary Alexandria	4:00 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, March 2nd	St. Mary Anderson	4:00 - 5:00 PM
Thursday, March 4th	St. Ambrose	4:00 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, March 9th	St. Mary Alexandria	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Wednesday, March 10th	St. Mary Anderson	7:00 - 8:00 PM
Thursday, March 11th	St. Ambrose	7:00 - 8:00 PM
Monday, March 15th	St. Mary Anderson	8:30-10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 16th	St. Ambrose	8:30-10:00 AM
Friday, March 19th	St. Mary Alexandria	8:30-10:00 AM
Thursday, March 25th	St. Ambrose	4:00 - 5:00 PM
Thursday, March 25th	St. Mary Alexandria	4:00 - 5:00 PM
Friday, March 26th	St. Mary Anderson	4:00 - 5:00 PM



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This coming Wednesday, February 17th, begins the 2021 Spring Campaign of 40 Days for Life. This campaign will continue until Sunday, March 28th. Please pray and fast during this time for an end of abortion and for the safety of the vigil participants who will be praying at abortion centers during these 40 days. More information can be found at www.40daysforlife.com/INDIANAPOLIS

The Catholic Moment

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Soup Kitchen Menu *"For I was Hungry and You gave me Food."* (Mt 25:35) The Catholic Community of Anderson encourages **Everyone to bring any of the following food items** to church and place them in baskets during the weekend Masses on **Saturday, February 20th or Sunday February 21st**: 14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes; 15.5 or 30.5 oz. cans of Chili Hot beans; Onions; 8 oz. box of spaghetti; 3 oz. cans of Chili powder; 30 oz. or six pound cans of fruit; 1 lb. packages of frozen ground beef; Packages of American cheese; Boxes of Saltine crackers; And quart or gallon size cans of fruit. We will be serving Chili at the Christian Center and Alternatives Shelton for Women.

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A concept for ecclesiastical reflection, reorganization, and renewal to better position the Church to evangelize and to be responsive to the pastoral needs of society. The impetus for this concept stems from Vatican II and has grown with subsequent ecclesial documents and the Church's lived experience. It seeks to continue the Church's mandate to proclaim the Gospel by directing the Christian community to make a determined missionary decision, "transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." Mission is its guiding principle and it favors the rediscovery of the vocation of the baptized as a missionary of the Gospel. It may also include conversion of the parish community in a gradual process of a renewal of structures, to include parish groupings, in order to refocus on mission.



Conversión pastoral

Este es un concepto que implica el llamado a la reflexión, reorganización y renovación de la Iglesia para que ella pueda evangelizar y responder a las necesidades pastorales de la sociedad actual. El ímpetu de este concepto proviene del Vaticano II y ha crecido con los documentos eclesiales posteriores y la experiencia vivida por la Iglesia. Con este término se busca recordar que "la primera obligación de la Iglesia no es buscar su supervivencia sino anunciar el Evangelio, tomando una actitud decididamente misionera, que la lleve a transformar sus formas de hacer las cosas, sus horarios y su lenguaje y las estructuras de la Iglesia, canalizando adecuadamente sus recursos para la evangelización del mundo de hoy". Hacer misión es su principio rector y favorece el redescubrimiento de la vocación del bautizado como misionero del Evangelio. También puede incluir la conversión de la comunidad parroquial en un proceso gradual de renovación de estructuras, para incluir agrupaciones parroquiales, con el fin de volver a enfocarse en la misión.



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