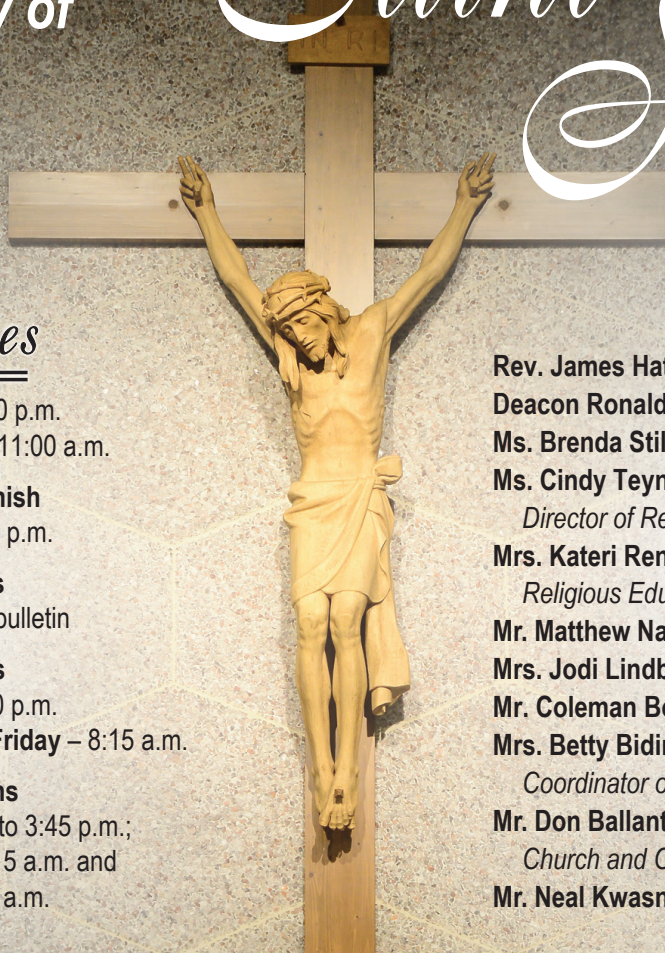


**The Catholic
Community of**

Saint Joseph



Masses

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Mass in Spanish

Sunday – 1:30 p.m.

Holy Days

Check inside of bulletin

Weekdays

Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday – 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.;

Sunday – 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. and
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Rev. James Hatfield, Pastor

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Church and Cemetery Maintenance

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“In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly serve Jesus Christ and His people.”

Parish Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

- ◆ **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Mr. Brian Bauer, Mr. Chris Chaney, Mr. Mark Clemence, Mr. Jack Dooling, Mr. Dennis Gonano, Mr. Jan-Michael LaBrake, Mrs. Brenda Pope, Mr. Frank Rose, Mr. Joe Sciarretti.
- ◆ **MARRIAGES** – Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.
- ◆ **BAPTISMS** – Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office.
- ◆ **BAUTISMOS** – Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.
- ◆ **NEW PARISHIONERS** – Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.
- ◆ **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

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330-364-6661

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330-364-6662

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330-602-7488

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330-364-6661

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Catholic Elementary**

School:

330-343-9134

**Tuscarawas Central
Catholic High School:**

330-343-3302

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The First Sunday of Lent
February 29 and March 1, 2020
29 de Febrero y 1 de Marzo del 2020

Mass Intentions



Monday, March 2

No Mass

Readings: 224: Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Ps 19/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 3

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

6:00 p.m. Rebecca Droll

Readings: 225: Is 55:10-11/Ps 24/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 4

8:15 a.m. Rita McNeil

9:00 a.m. Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 226: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 5

8:15 a.m. Shirley Fondriest

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 227: Est C:12, 14-16/Ps 138/Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 6

8:15 a.m. Ann Leibfarth

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 228: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 119/Mt 5:43-48

Saturday, March 7

The Vigil of The Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Beatrice Ann Blosser

Sunday, March 8

The First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Emidio and Concetta Settimio

11:00 a.m. John Gopp

**1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish
(Mass in Spanish)**

Readings: 25: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Ministry Schedules

March 7 and 8, 2020

4:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Mark Clemence – 1st Reading

Sue Quillen – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Roberts, Mary DeBois,
Jessica DeBois, Vicki Wilhelm, Vicki Avon, Tim Avon,
Jeri Middaugh

Servers: Marcus Clemence, Peyton Olson, Piper Olson
(Alt: Kenton Renicker)

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Jeannine Kennedy – 1st Reading

Jack Burnham – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Ayers, Doug Telle,
Anne Telle, John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka,
Matt Ritzert, Milt Hamilton, Lou Settimio,
Andrea Settimio

Servers: Max Burnham, Joe Pruni, Stella Everett
(Alt: Cole Seigler)

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Sally Dooling – 1st Reading

Cathie Peters – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Kevin Fitzgerald,
Stacy Savage, Joe Sciarretti, Becky Nylund,
Dave Nylund, Jack Dooling

Servers: Ali Price, John Nguyen, Greg Nguyen
(Alt: Katie Bruno)

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063, if no one is available, please leave a message.

Offertory for Sunday, February 22 and 23, 2020

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 2,247.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,142.00
Online Giving	\$ 480.00
Total	\$ 9,869.00
Contributions needed each week	\$12,192.00
Other Funds:	
Poor Fund	\$ 85.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 265.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 46.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.

Please remember in your prayers, all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions.

Please include all those on our prayer lists that have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

Spiritual Notes:

The Book of Genesis tells us that sin is a result of human choice; it is not something created by God. After creating "the man," the Lord God places him in a garden, surrounded by trees delightful to look at and good for food. But there is a forbidden tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil, introducing free will into the picture. When the man and woman eat from the tree, they are disobeying God, opening the door for sin to enter the world. Paul views Christ as a second Adam. Through Adam, sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, since we are all sinners. But through Christ's obedience, by God's grace, acquittal and life came to all. Sin is powerful, but God's grace is even more powerful. Christ's sacrifice makes us righteous, restoring our relationship with God. In the Gospel, Jesus's temptation immediately follows His Baptism at which He had been identified by a heavenly voice as My beloved Son. The devil challenges His identity, tempting Him to prove it by working miracles: If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread. Matthew tells us that Jesus, after His 40 day fast, was hungry, perhaps one of the greatest understatements in the Bible. But Jesus knows that there is more to life than food. "One does not live on bread alone," He replies to His tempter. The devil then tempts Him to test His trust in God and offers Him power over the nations of the world, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me. Jesus's temptation is based on the Scriptures; He shows us that He lives by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

For Reflection: Do I strive to live by God's word? In my spiritual life, do I focus more on my own sin or on God's grace?

Cemetery Cleanup: Cemetery workers will be removing wintertime decorations from the graves beginning March 16th. We request that anyone wishing to retain personal keepsakes, to please remove them by March 10th. **Due to the number of decorations involved, the cemetery staff cannot be responsible for collecting or storing personal items.** If you are unable to do so, or need assistance, please call Russ in the Parish Office.

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a FREE email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. You will get... Short inspirational videos... Practical tips... Study Guide (for individuals or groups) this program will help you identify what stands between you and happiness.... and what to do about it. Are you ready for the Best Lent Ever? Sign up at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>.

No Greater Love

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Tuesdays, March 3 to March 31, 2020

7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you.

The Wild Goose

Sundays, March 1 to June 7, 2020

9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our Heavenly Father. As you walk through this series, you will encounter the Holy Spirit and the Spirit will breathe life into your very being.

Spiritual Life of Saint Joseph Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:00 to 3:45 p.m., Sunday, 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Adoration of the Eucharist

The Eucharist will be exposed for Adoration every Thursday morning after Mass until 9:30 a.m. and the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., along with the first Friday of each month following the 8:15 a.m. Mass

Rosary

Each Wednesday Morning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, join us as we pray the Rosary.

Anointing of the Sick

Annointings will take place on the third Sunday of each month following each of the Masses.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in English and at 8:00 p.m. in Spanish. You may also attend Stations with the students from TCCES at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays, March 6th and March 20th and April 3rd.

Feast of St. Joseph: Thursday, March 19, 2020

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will follow in the Family Life Center.

Upcoming Meetings in the Life of Saint Joseph Parish

Secular Franciscans invite everyone wishing to attend the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Prayer followed by coffee and donuts.

Knights of Columbus: The first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dover. For more information contact John Kuczirka.

L.C.B.A. Invites everyone wishing to attend the first Tuesday, of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center - Downstairs Meeting Room. **Guest speakers Dover City Council will be Greg Bair Ward 1 Councilman and Don Maurer Council at Large. Everyone is invited to attend.**

Crafty Ladies: The first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center - Downstairs Meeting Room. All are welcome

Isabellas: The third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Knights Hall.

Men's Bible Study Group: Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Meeting Room D

Matthew Bible Study: Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

R.C.I.A.: Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Family Life Committee: Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Catholic Youth Ministry

There will be a Junior High Youth Ministry event on March 8th, the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. Come and grow closer to God as we learn the importance of service and faith.

The Dead Theologians Society will be meeting on March 22nd at Immaculate Conception at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be about Saint Patrick, the patron Saint of Ireland. Bring a friend to learn more about the celebrated saint. Grades 6 through 12 are welcome. We will meet first at the IC gym.

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School

Registration 2020-2021

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now underway for all classes from pre-school to grade 12 at Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools. A Catholic Education is a priceless investment in the future of our children. **For more information, please call 330-343-9134.**



Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School



TCC St. Paddy's Bash

Saturday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m. at TCC High School

Tickets are \$15.00 which includes entry into the St. Paddy's Bash, entry into door prize drawing for an Apple/Android Watch, Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, dessert and cash bar. The event will feature horse races, live and silent auction items, raffles, and casino games.

The committee is accepting donations of auction items. For more information, contact Monica at 330-312-0358.

Saints Club Annual Flower and Vegetable Sale

Order your annuals and vegetables for spring planting from the Saints Club. Order forms will be available in the Vestibule of the church. Prepaid orders are due no later than Wednesday, April 7th. You may drop off at the Parish Office, or mail them directly to TCCHS. For questions, please call Becky Price at 740-922-4081. Pickup will be on Friday, May 8th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at TCC High School.

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen Everyone is welcome!!

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimo or the Parish Office.

March 4, 2020 - Team Q (CCUH)

March 11, 2020 - Team A - (Mike Comg)

March 18, 2020 - Team B (Capozella Family)

March 25, 2020 - Team C (Knights of Columbus)

April 1, 2020 - Team D (Lisa Weigand)

April 8, 2020 - Team E (Judy Burnham)

**Please keep our guests and our volunteers
in your prayers. Thank you for your support!**

Immaculate Conception Annual PTA Card Party

Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for an evening of cards, board games and fellowship. Tickets are \$12.00 each and include your entrance, a meal catered by El Pueblitos Restaurant, beverages, and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar. For more information or reservations, please call Becky Price at 740-922-4081 or Jody Ross at 740-922-6253.

Sacred Heart Lenten Fish Dinner



Each Friday through Friday, April 3rd at TCC High School. Dinner will be served from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Dinners are \$8.00 for a small, \$10.00 for a large, and \$12.00 for all you can eat! This includes fried or baked fish, French fries/seasoned roasted potatoes/mac and cheese/coleslaw/applesauce/bread/beverage/and homemade dessert.

The Annual Birthright Steak Dinner

Saturday, March 7, 2020

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dennison Knights of Columbus Hall

The cost is \$20.00 per meal. Limited ticket sale at the door. For advanced ticket purchases, please call 330-874-3635.

Dover/New Philadelphia Food Pantry



Volunteer at the Food Pantry each Thursday evening during Lent! Help distribute 50K to 60K lbs. of food to an average 750 needy families each week. Come between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Questions, Call 330-852-4132.

SWAP - Sharing with Appalachian People What is SWAP?

June 15 to 20, 2020
Kimball, West Virginia

SWAP is a service of MCC/Great Lakes. It is a home repair ministry that serves low-income families in several counties of southeastern Kentucky and West Virginia. A SWAP experience includes spending time in the mountains of Appalachia, ministering to and building relationships with local folks in need while reflecting on and sharing your experiences as you serve "In the name of Christ."

If you are interested in joining us, or learning more about the trip and the experiences of those who attended last year, please contact, John Karl or Matt Ritzert.

Rice Bowls

Beginning next weekend, there are Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services at each of the entrances. We are reminded that Jesus identified Himself with the poorest brothers and sisters. The monies from these rice bowls are vital in supporting those who suffer from the unjust laws and those who are in need of pastoral care and humanitarian assistance around the globe.

The Catholic Times

It's not too late to sign up for *The Catholic Times*. For a minimum donation of only \$20.00, Catholic news from the diocese will be delivered right to your mailbox. Use the envelope provided in your February packet, or simply write your name and "*Catholic Times*" on a plain envelope, make your check payable to St. Joseph, and drop it into the collection basket. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Brennan encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Times*. You need *The Catholic Times* to keep up on all of the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic world.



If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like giving to your church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. To get started, please visit www.stjosephdover.org. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith

Your last will and testament can leave a legacy of your faith by helping to pass it on to others. When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information, contact the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions March 2020

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Other information to Note

Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

Low-Gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Russ in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.



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Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

~SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA (MOTHER TERESA)

Monday, March 2 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Meditation: Jesus' parable about goats and sheep is a call to action – now, today, get with it! Just as goats and sheep shared the same grazing ground during the day, people from all walks of life share the same life that God has given us. But in our daily living do we simply ignore the needs of others? Are we so focused on ourselves that we choose not to hear the cry of the poor and the oppressed? Do we adopt the mentality that taking care of those in need "is someone else's job – I'm too busy"? In today's Gospel Jesus is giving each and every one of us a list of things to do, and those who live our lives seeing to the needs of others will be deemed "righteous" and inherit eternal life; those who choose to not help those in need – those who fail to love thy neighbor as thyself – will go off to eternal punishment. The choice is clear and quite simple. The Day of Judgment will reveal who showed true love and compassion toward their neighbor. Open your hearts, folks, and love your neighbor as yourself – begin this form of charity toward others this Lent and carry it through the year, for the rest of your lives. Your eternal soul depends on it!

Prayer: Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: At the core of this parable is the call to love. Almsgiving, helping to feed and clothe those in need, to visit the imprisoned – these are acts of love of others. Authentic love presents itself in all humility and with reverence toward the other and the other's integrity, identifying with that which is transcendent in both oneself and another. Authentic love requires a death of one's own ego in order to accommodate the needs of charity and of others. Christ lived a life of love, and so must we if we are striving for authenticity in our discipleship of Christ. Learn to love without imposing limits on ourselves!

Tuesday, March 3 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15 Jesus said to his disciples: "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This is how you are to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. "If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions."

Meditation: Jesus gave his disciples then, and us today, the perfect prayer that dares to call God, Our Father. This prayer teaches us how to ask God for the things we really need, the things that matter not only for the present but for eternity as well. We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and mercy. He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbor the same.

Prayer: Look upon your family, Lord, that, through the chastening effects of bodily discipline, our minds may be radiant in your presence with the strength of our yearning for you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Consider what Saint John Cassian wrote about the Lord's Prayer and the necessity of forgiving others from the heart: "The mercy of God is beyond description. While he is offering us a model prayer he is teaching us a way of life whereby we can be pleasing in his sight. But that is not all. In this same prayer he gives us an easy method for attracting an indulgent and merciful judgment on our lives. He gives us the possibility of ourselves mitigating the sentence hanging over us and of compelling him to pardon us. What else could he do in the face of our generosity when we ask him to forgive us as we have forgiven our neighbor? If we are faithful in this prayer, each of us will ask forgiveness for our own failings after we have forgiven the sins of those who have sinned against us, not only those who have sinned against our Master. There is, in fact, in some of us a very bad habit. We treat our sins against God, however appalling, with gentle indulgence: but when by contrast it is a matter of sins against us ourselves, albeit very tiny ones, we exact reparation with ruthless severity. Anyone who has not forgiven from the bottom of the heart the brother or sister who has done him wrong will only obtain from this prayer his own condemnation, rather than any mercy." Thus we need to honestly ask ourselves: do I treat others as the Lord has instructed me – with compassion, mercy, steadfast love, and kindness?

Wednesday, March 4 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent

Saint Casimir of Poland

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:29-32 While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgment the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."

Meditation: We must remember that out of love God searches our hearts, not to condemn us, but to show us where we need His saving grace and help. He calls us to seek Him with true repentance, humility, and the honesty to see our sins for what they really are – a rejection of his love and will for our lives. God will transform us if we listen to and obey His word and allow His Holy Spirit to work in our lives. Make the sign of the cross that pray, asking the Lord to renew your mind and heart and to increase your thirst for His wisdom and to put His teachings and wisdom into practice each day of your life, in all situations, with all people.

Prayer: Look kindly, Lord, we pray, on the devotion of your people, that those who by self-denial are restrained in body may by the fruit of good works be renewed in mind. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Adam and Eve, our first parents, are also the first sinners – the first of those who were instructed by God not to do something, and they freely chose to disobey God. Since then history shows

there have been generations of sinners – including you and me. Why do we choose to disobey God? Why do we sin against God who has given us everything? When we sin against God we show that we love someone or something above Him. Isn't that sad?! We put someone or something above God! Let's use this Lenten season to thoroughly examine our lives and our lifestyles – let's choose to follow God and His Son, Jesus Christ, and turn away from those people and things that have led us to sin against God. Let's undergo a conversion of mind and heart and once again love God above all things.

Thursday, March 5 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12 Jesus said to his disciples: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asked for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asked for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him. "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets."

Meditation: There is great power in fervent prayer from the heart, as Saint John Chrysostom once noted: "Prayer is an all-efficient panoply [i.e. 'a full suit of armor' or 'splendid array'], a treasure undiminished, a mine never exhausted, a sky unobstructed by clouds, a haven unruffled by storm. It is the root, the fountain, and the mother of a thousand blessings. It exceeds a monarch's power. ..I speak not of the prayer which is cold and feeble and devoid of zeal. I speak of that which proceeds from a mind outstretched, the child of a contrite spirit, the offspring of a soul converted – this is the prayer which mounts to heaven. ..The power of prayer has subdued the strength of fire, bridled the rage of lions, silenced anarchy, extinguished wars, appeased the elements, expelled demons, burst the chains of death, enlarged the gates of heaven, relieved diseases, averted frauds, rescued cities from destruction, stayed the sun in its course, and arrested the progress of the thunderbolt. In sum prayer has power to destroy whatever is at enmity with the good."

Prayer: Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord, a spirit of always pondering on what is right and of hastening to carry it out, and since without you we cannot exist, may we be enabled to live according to your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Jesus' parable of the father feeding his son makes a startling claim: How much more will the heavenly Father give to those who ask! Our heavenly Father graciously gives beyond our expectations. Jesus taught his disciples to pray with confidence because the Heavenly Father in his goodness always answers prayers. That is why we can boldly pray: Give us this day our daily bread. Prayer flows from the love of God; and the personal love we show to our neighbor is fueled by the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (ref. Romans 5:5). Jesus concludes his discourse on prayer with the reminder that we must treat our neighbor in the same way we wish to be treated by God and by others. We must not just avoid doing harm to our neighbor, we must actively seek his or her welfare. In doing so, we fulfill the law and the prophets, namely what God requires of us — loving God with above all things and loving our neighbor as ourselves. The Holy Spirit is every ready to transform our lives in Jesus' way of love. Do you thirst for holiness and for the fire of God's love?

Friday, March 6 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26 Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the Kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, *Raca*, will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny."

Meditation: Do you allow sin or anger to master your life? Maybe at first glance you say "no, of course not." But take a deep look, an honest look at yourself, at your life, at how you live. The first human to hate his brother was Cain. God warned Cain: 'Why are you angry? ...Sin is couching at the door; it's

desire is for you, but you must master it (Genesis 4:6-7). Sin doesn't just happen; it first grows as a seed in one's heart. Unless it is mastered, by God's grace, it grows like a weed and chokes the fruitful vine. Jesus addressed the issue of keeping the commandments with his disciples. The scribes and Pharisees equated righteousness with satisfying the demands of the law. Jesus showed them how short they had come. Jesus points to the heart as the seat of desire and choice. Unless forbidden and evil desires are eradicated, the heart will be corrupted. Jesus points to forbidden anger with one's brother. This is a selfish anger that broods and is long-lived, that nurses a grudge and keeps wrath warm, and that refuses to die. Anger in the heart as well as anger in speech or action are equally forbidden. What is the antidote to anger and rage? Mercy, kindness, and forbearance spring from a heart full of love and forgiveness. God has forgiven us and he calls us to extend mercy and forgiveness towards those who cause us harm and grief. In the cross of Jesus we see the supreme example of love and the power for overcoming evil. Only God's love and grace can set our hearts and minds free from the tyranny of wounded pride and spiteful revenge. Do you harbor any anger towards another person? And are you quick to be reconciled when a rupture has been caused in your relationships? Ask God to set you free and to fill your heart and mind with his love and truth.

Prayer: Grant that your faithful, O Lord, we pray, may be so conformed to the paschal observances, that the bodily discipline now solemnly begun may bear fruit in the souls of all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Saint Eusebius, a Father of the Church, offered the following prayer as instruction for his fellow Christians: "May I be no man's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides. May I never quarrel with those nearest me: and if I do, may I be reconciled quickly. May I love, seek, and attain only that which is good. May I wish for all men's happiness and envy none. May I never rejoice in the ill-fortune of one who has wronged me. When I have done or said what is wrong, may I never wait for the rebuke of others, but always rebuke myself until I make amends. May I win no victory that harms either me or my opponent. May I reconcile friends who are angry with one another. May I never fail a friend who is in danger. When visiting those in grief may I be able by gentle and healing words to soften their pain. May I respect myself. May I always keep tame that which rages within me. May I accustom myself to be gentle, and never be angry with people because of circumstances. May I never discuss who is wicked and what wicked things he has done, but know good men and follow in their footsteps." Do you seek to live peaceably and charitably with all people? Step-by-step, we turn away from sin and selfishness, and turn back to Christ. Begin these steps now, during Lent.

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ON DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH
AND DECLARING SAINT JOSEPH
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Saint Joseph and Lent: Joseph was a great man, but where would he be without his family, without Jesus and Mary? I doubt he would make many appearances in 21st-century blog posts—most 1st-century Jewish carpenters don't. Joseph's holiness came through Jesus and Mary, by serving them and receiving from them. Similarly, God draws us to Himself through those around us. We do not become saints as isolated individuals, but as members of a family or community. "With their parents leading the way by example and family prayer, children and indeed everyone gathered around the family hearth will find a readier path to human maturity, salvation and holiness" (*Gaudium et spes*, 48). Lent is a good opportunity to examine our closest relationships. Is there a need to forgive? Is there love that needs rekindling? Is there gratitude missing? These are excellent ways of giving alms. (*Courtesy of the Catholic Exchange*)



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Febrero 28

Marzo 6, 13, 20, 27

Abril 3

8:00 p.m. en Español

Notas Espirituales:

El libro del Génesis nos dice que el pecado es el resultado del cambio de la humanidad; no es algo creado por Dios. Después de crear "al hombre", el SEÑOR DIOS lo coloca en un jardín, rodeado de árboles "de hermoso aspecto y sabrosos frutos para comer". Pero también existe el árbol prohibido, "el árbol de la vida y el árbol del conocimiento del bien y del mal", la introducción del libre albedrío en la imagen. Cuando el hombre y la mujer comen de este árbol, están desobedeciendo a Dios, abriendo la puerta para que el pecado entre en el mundo.

Pablo considera a Cristo como un segundo Adán. A través de Adán "el pecado entró en el mundo, / y por el pecado, la muerte, / y así la muerte pasó a todos" Desde entonces todos somos pecadores. Pero a través de la obediencia de Cristo, por la gracia de Dios, "la absolución y la vida llega a todos". El pecado es poderoso, pero la gracia de Dios es aún más poderosa. El sacrificio de Cristo nos hace justos, la restauración de nuestra relación con Dios. En el Evangelio, la tentación de Jesús sigue inmediatamente a su bautismo, en la que había sido identificado por una voz celestial como "mi Hijo amado". El diablo desafía su identidad, tentándole para probarlo por milagros: "Si eres el Hijo de Dios, / ordena que estas piedras se conviertan en panes". Mateo nos dice que Jesús, después de su ayuno de 40 días, "tenía hambre" – quizás uno de los mayores eufemismos en la Biblia. Pero Jesús sabe que hay más a la vista que el alimento. "El hombre no vive solamente de pan", responde a su tentador. El diablo lo tienta y pone a prueba su confianza en Dios y le ofrece el poder sobre las naciones del mundo "si te postras y me adoras". La respuesta de Jesús a cada tentación se basa en las Escrituras; y nos muestra que él vive por "toda palabra que sale / de la boca de Dios."

Para reflexionar: ¿Me esfuerzo por vivir de acuerdo a la palabra de Dios? ¿En mi vida espiritual, puedo centrarme más en mi propio pecado o en la gracia de Dios?



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.



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