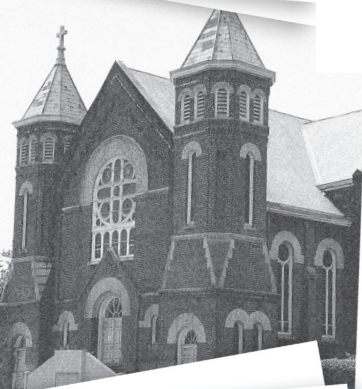




*In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly
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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF **SAINT JOSEPH**

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Please register in person at the Parish Office
or complete a registration form (available in
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in collection.

MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 & 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 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made through the Parish
Office at least eight months before any other
planning.

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30
p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the
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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. *Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al
mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y
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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have bulletin announcements to the
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St. Joseph Church

Dover, Ohio 44622

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 18 and 19, 2023

18 y 19 de Febrero del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20

No Mass

Readings: 341: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 21

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary

6:00 p.m. Charlotte Gabel

Readings: 342: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

8:15 a.m. Liz Springhetti

9:00 a.m. Rosary

6:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Readings: 219: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 23

8:15 a.m. Louis Brett Helwig, Jr.

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 220: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 24

8:15 a.m. Dolores Knestaut

Readings: 221: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 25

The Vigil for the First Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Theresa Wintrow

Sunday, February 26

The First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Marshall McCarty

11:00 a.m. Molly Paris

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

Readings: 22: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51/
Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

Offertory for February 11 and 12, 2022

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,065.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,809.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,239.00
Total	\$ 10,113.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 330.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 100.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 36.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 85.00
Initial Offering	\$ 35.00
Other Collections	\$ 100.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, February 21 – 6:00 p.m. – Vicki Wilhelm

Wednesday, February 22 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

Wednesday, February 22 – 6:00 p.m. – Volunteer Needed

Thursday, February 23 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, February 24 – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

February 18, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lector: Lyle Tope - 1st Lector

Debbie Tristano - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Mary Roberts,
Beth Cecil

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Kenton Renicker, Flynn Renicker Gabe Winnie

February 19, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Keith Knestaut - 1st Lector

Mike Finley - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeannine Kennedy, Jack Burnham,
Matt Ritzert

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,
Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Easton Pope, Nadia Pope, Brady Pope

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Cathie Peters - 1st Lector

Sue Worth - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Cathy Galbraith,
Dan Galbraith

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry Clawson, Linda Clawson,
Terry Olbrysh, Lindsay Williams

Servers: Izzy Murphy, Megan Martinez, Brisa Gonzalez

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.

Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day: posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

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 Leviticus is filled with laws, primarily for the priests but also for all the people. As the third of five books of the Torah its message to the people is concerned with establishing a way of life based on God's commands: "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." Because they will be spending 40 years together in the wilderness, God also gives them guidance concerning how to live with each other. "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Paul reminds the Corinthians that "the Spirit of God dwells in you." This means that we live in this world, but we belong to God. Because we are each a temple of God, we are holy. We are called to live lives guided by God's Spirit. Therefore, we should not view ourselves in terms of the wisdom of this world, which is foolishness in the eyes of God. In the Gospel today, Jesus continues his exposition on the commandments offering his interpretation of how they should be lived. Though Moses said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," Jesus' command is to offer no resistance to one who is evil. The command to hate your enemy that Jesus refers to is not found in the teaching of Moses, but it has been found in the Dead Sea Scrolls and would have been known to Jesus' contemporaries. Jesus calls us to not only love our neighbor, but also love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. We are children of a God Who sends the sun and rain to both the bad and the good, so we should follow this example.

For Reflection: What does it mean to me to be called to be holy? How does loving my enemy change my attitude toward that person?



"Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras "

On Tuesday, February 21st following the 6:00 p.m. Mass, we will burn our old blessed palms, at the Family Life Center.

The ashes from these palms are used for Ash Wednesday. Following this prayer service, a delicious Mardi Gras Dinner, prepared by Colin Capozella, will be served, to include Cajun Shrimp Mac and Cheese, Chef's "Gumbolaya," Muffaletta, Desserts, Traditional Milk Punch, other Adult Beverages, and More! We hope you attend, and make this evening the beginning of your Lenten journey.



Ash Wednesday - February 22, 2023

Masses will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of Presidents' Day. If you have an emergency, please leave a detailed message and someone will return your call as soon as possible. The voicemail is checked routinely.

"Mark Your Calendars!"

February 22nd

Ash Wednesday

Masses - 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

February 24th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

February 26th

First Communion Parent Meeting

TCCES - 9:45 a.m.

March 3rd

First Friday

Mass 8:15 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

March 10th

Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. - TCCES students

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

March 11th

First Penance - 10:00 a.m.

March 12th

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Family Life Center - 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Session #5 - 11:00 a.m.

March 13th to 17th

TCCES Spring Break

March 17th

175th Anniversary Raffle ticket drawing - 5:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

March 20th

Feast of St. Joseph

Mass - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner following

March 22nd

TCCES Penance Service - 10:00 a.m.

March 24th

Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. - TCCES students

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

March 25th

The Annunciation of the Lord

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

March 31st

Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. - TCCES students

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

April 2nd

Easter Egg Hunt - Knights Hall

3:00 p.m.

Save the Date - Sunday, June 25, 2023

Bishop Fernandes will celebrate our Anniversary Mass,
followed by dinner at Country Club.

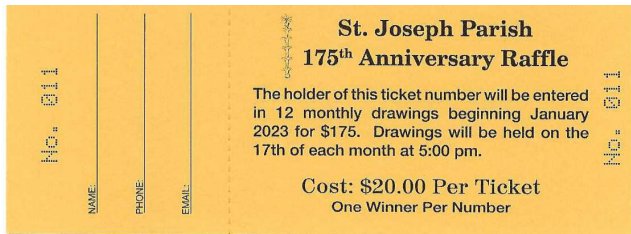
Everyone is invited!

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Family Life Center
Activity to be determined



175th Anniversary!

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen



Our next drawing will be
Friday, March 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Mini Food Pantry



Birthright Annual Steak Dinner

Sacred Heart Fish Dinners

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)

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It 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 BENEDICT XVI

Monday, February 20 ~ Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:14-29 As Jesus came down from the mountain with Peter, James, John and approached the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and scribes arguing with them. Immediately on seeing him, the whole crowd was utterly amazed. They ran up to him and greeted him. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I have brought to you my son possessed by a mute spirit. Wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they were unable to do so." He said to them in reply, "O faithless generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I endure you? Bring him to me." They brought the boy to him. And when he saw him, the spirit immediately threw the boy into convulsions. As he fell to the ground, he began to roll around and foam at the mouth. Then he questioned his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" He replied, "Since childhood. It has often thrown him into fire and into water to kill him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "'If you can!' Everything is possible to one who has faith." Then the boy's father cried out, "I do believe, help my unbelief!" Jesus, on seeing a crowd rapidly gathering, rebuked the unclean spirit and said to it, "Mute and deaf spirit, I command you: come out of him and never enter him again!" Shouting and throwing the boy into convulsions, it came out. He became like a corpse, which caused many to say, "He is dead!" But Jesus took him by the hand, raised him, and he stood up. When he entered the house, his disciples asked him in private, "Why could we not drive the spirit out?" He said to them, "This kind can only come out through prayer."

Meditation: The mighty works and signs which Jesus did demonstrate that the kingdom of God is present in him. These signs attest that the Father has sent him as the promised Messiah. They invite belief in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the world. The coming of God's kingdom means defeat of Satan's kingdom. Jesus' exorcisms anticipate his great victory over "the ruler of this world" (ref. John 12:31). While Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and may cause grave injuries of a spiritual nature, and indirectly even of a physical nature, his power is nonetheless limited and permitted by divine providence (ref. Romans 8:28). Jesus offers freedom from bondage to sin and Satan. There is no affliction that he cannot deliver us from.

Prayer: O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: There have been times when each of us have caused disappointment to others. In this gospel incident the disciples of Jesus brought disappointment to a pleading father because they failed to heal his epileptic son. Jesus' response seemed stern; but it was really tempered with love and compassion. We see at once both Jesus' dismay with the disciples' lack of faith and his concern to meet the need of this troubled boy and his anguished father. Jesus recognized the weakness of the father's faith and at the same time challenged him to pray boldly with expectant faith: "All things are possible to him who believes!" Saint Augustine of Hippo reminds us that prayer and faith go together: "Where faith fails,

prayer perishes. For who prays for that in which he does not believe? ..So then in order that we may pray, let us believe, and let us pray that this same faith by which we pray may not falter." The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit that we may have the confidence and boldness we need to ask our heavenly Father for his help and grace. Do you trust in God's love and care for you and pray with expectant faith that he will give you what you need?

Tuesday, February 21 ~ Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. For they had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Meditation: How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"? Even the psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us. You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor (ref. Psalm 8:5). Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart – who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may so follow the teaching and example of the Bishop Saint Peter Damian, that, putting nothing before Christ and always ardent in the service of your Church, we may be led to the joys of eternal light. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: One might wonder why Jesus told his disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod? To the Jewish person leaven was a sign of evil. It was a piece of dough left-over from a previous baking. In due course it fermented and this fermented dough became leaven. Fermentation was associated with decomposing rot. Jesus warned his disciples to avoid the evil influence of the Pharisees and of Herod who sought their own counsels rather than the will of God. As the apostles continued to worry about their lack of bread, Jesus reminded them of his miraculous provision of bread in the feeding of the four thousand. He then upbraided them for their lack of trust in God. "Do you still not understand?" It's easy to get preoccupied with the problems and needs of the present moment and to forget the most important reality of all – God's abiding presence with us and his abundant provision for our lives as well. Thus when you pray, do you pray with joyful confidence, "Father, give us this day our daily bread?"

Wednesday, February 22 ~ The Beginning of the Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see

them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

Meditation: One might ask why Jesus singled out prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for his disciples. The Jews considered these three as the cardinal works of the religious life. These were seen as the key signs of a pious person, the three great pillars on which the good life was based. Jesus pointed to the heart of the matter. Why do you pray, fast, and give alms? To draw attention to yourself so that others may notice and think highly of you? Or to give glory to God? The Lord warns his disciples of self-seeking glory – the preoccupation with looking good and seeking praise from others. True piety is something more than feeling good or looking holy. True piety is loving devotion to God. It is an attitude of awe, reverence, worship and obedience. It is a gift and working of the Holy Spirit that enables us to devote our lives to God with a holy desire to please him in all things (Isaiah 11:1-2). The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. We are called to journey with the Lord in this special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penitence as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of testing and preparation, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love and embrace his will more fully in our lives.

Prayer: Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: God wants to set our hearts ablaze with the fire of his Holy Spirit that we may share in his holiness and radiate the joy of the gospel to those around us. St. Augustine tells us that there are two kinds of people and two kinds of love: "One is holy, the other is selfish. One is subject to God; the other endeavors to equal Him." We are what we love. God wants to free our hearts from all that would keep us captive to selfishness and sin. "Rend your hearts and not your garments" says the prophet Joel (Joel 2:12). Use this Season of Lent to the fullest – embrace the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Holy Catholic Church. Undergo a conversion of mind and heart. Conform your will to God's; don't ask God to conform his will to yours, as so many foolishly try to do. With the help of the Holy Spirit, become humble, transform your minds and hearts to be lead in God's way of truth and holiness.

Thursday, February 23 ~ The Day After Ash Wednesday

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:22-25 Jesus said to his disciples: "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?"

Meditation: Quite simply, the cross of Jesus Christ leads to freedom and victory over sin and death. We then need to ask ourselves: "What is the cross which Christ commands me to take up each day as his disciple?" When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake. What makes such sacrifice possible and "sweet" is the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). We can never outdo God in giving, no matter how abundant we try. He always gives us more than we can expect or imagine. Are you ready to lose all for Christ in order to gain all with Christ?

Prayer: Turn our hearts to you, eternal Father, and grant that, seeking always the one thing necessary and carrying out works of charity, we may be dedicated to your worship. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We need to ask ourselves: "What will I give to God in exchange for freedom and eternal life?" In thinking about this question, are you ready to part with anything that might keep you from following him and his perfect plan for your life? Jesus poses these questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile in life. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. It is possible that some can gain all the things they set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important things of all. A true disciple is ready to give up all that he or she has in exchange for happiness and life with God. The life which God offers is abundant, everlasting life. And the joy which God places in our hearts no sadness or loss can diminish.

Friday, February 24 ~ The Friday After Ash Wednesday

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:14-15 The disciples of John approached Jesus and said, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast."

Meditation: What kind of fasting is pleasing to God? Fasting can be done for a variety of reasons – to gain freedom from some bad habit, addiction, or vice, to share in the suffering of those who go without, or to grow in our hunger for God and for the things of heaven. Basil the Great wrote: "Take heed that you do not make fasting to consist only in abstinence from meats. True fasting is to refrain from vice. Shred to pieces all your unjust contracts. Pardon your neighbors. Forgive them their trespasses." Do you hunger for more of God and for his holiness and for the abundant life he has to offer you?

Prayer: Show gracious favor, O Lord, we pray, to the works of penance we have begun, that we may have strength to accomplish with sincerity the bodily observances we undertake. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We must remember that hungering for God and fasting for his kingdom go hand in hand. When asked why he and his disciples did not fast Jesus used the vivid picture of a wedding celebration. In Jesus' time the newly wed celebrated their honeymoon at home for a whole week with all the guests! This was a time of great feasting and celebrating. Jesus points to himself as the bridegroom and his disciples as the bridegroom's friends. He alludes to the fact that God takes delight in his people as a groom delights in his bride (Isaiah 62:5). To be in God's presence is pure delight and happiness. But Jesus also reminds his followers that there is a time for fasting and for humbling oneself in preparation for the coming of God's kingdom and for the return of the Messianic King. The Lord's disciples must also bear the cross of affliction and purification. For the disciple there is both a time for rejoicing in the Lord's presence and celebrating his goodness and a time for seeking the Lord with humility, fasting, and mourning for sin. If we hunger for the Lord, he will not disappoint us. His grace draws us to his throne of mercy and favor. Do you seek the Lord with confident trust and allow his Holy Spirit to transform your life with his power and grace? If not, perhaps this is an area for you to work on during this Season of Lent.

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A REFLECTION AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Lent should be a long retreat, one in which under the guidance of the Church we are led to the practice of a more perfect Christian life. She shows us the example of Christ and by fasting and penance associates us with his sufferings that we may have a share in His redemption.

We should remember that Lent is not an isolated personal affair of our own. The Church avails herself of the whole of the mystery of redemption. We belong to an immense concourse, a great body in which we are united to the whole of humanity which has been redeemed by Christ. The liturgy of this season does not fail to remind us of it.

This, then, is the meaning of Lent for us: a season of deepening spirituality in union with the whole Church which thus prepares to celebrate the Paschal mystery. Each year, following Christ its Head, the whole Christian people takes up with renewed effort its struggle against evil, against Satan and the sinful man that each one of us bears within himself, in order at Easter to draw new life from the very springs of divine life and to continue its progress towards heaven. [*Excerpted from The Saint Andrew Daily Missal*]

Safe Haven Sunday

Make Your Home a Safe Haven



Join Bishop Fernandes and parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus to help everyone live free of pornography. Scan the QR Code for a free digital resource book. Additional Resources are available at columbuscatholic.org/safe-haven-sunday



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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

February 2023

For parishes

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19 de Febrero del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Miércoles de Ceniza

Febrero 22 8:15 a.m. y 6:00 p.m.

Domingo	Febrero 26	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Marzo 5	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

Sábados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Febrero 2023

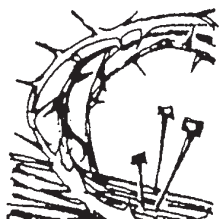
Por las parroquias

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Horario de los Coros

26 de Febrero	Reina de Los Ángeles
5 de Marzo	El Nuevo Sembrador
12 de Marzo	Seguidores de Cristo
19 de Marzo	Mensajeros de Cristo
26 de Marzo	El Buen Pastor
2 de Abril	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
9 de Abril	Reina de Los Angeles



Miércoles de Ceniza

Es el inicio de la Cuaresma. La imposición de la ceniza nos recuerda que nuestra vida en la tierra es pasajera y que nuestra vida definitivamente se encuentra en el cielo. La Cuaresma comienza con el Miércoles de Ceniza y es un tiempo de Oración, penitencia y ayuno. Cuarenta días que la iglesia nos pide un cambio a nuestras vidas. El ayuno consiste en hacer una sola comida al día y la abstinencia es no comer carne. Este es un modo de pedirle perdón a Dios por haberlo ofendido y decirle que queremos cambiar de vida para agradecerle siempre.

Notas Espirituales

El libro de Levítico está lleno de leyes, sobre todo para los sacerdotes (que son de la tribu "Levi"), sino también para todas las personas. Como el tercero de los cinco libros de la Torá, su mensaje a la gente tiene que ver con el establecimiento de una forma de vida basada en los mandamientos de Dios: "Sed santos, porque yo, el Señor, vuestro Dios, soy santo." Porque ellos van a pasar 40 años unidos en el desierto, Dios también les da orientación sobre cómo vivir uno: "No tomes venganza ni guardes ningún rencor.../Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo." Pablo recuerda a los corintios que "el Espíritu de Dios habita en vosotros." Esto significa que vivimos en este mundo, pero nosotros pertenecemos a Dios. Debido a que somos cada uno, un "templo de Dios," somos santos. Somos llamados a una vida guiada por el Espíritu de Dios. Por lo tanto no debemos vernos a nosotros mismos en cuanto a la sabiduría de este mundo, que es "locura a los ojos de Dios." En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús continúa su exposición sobre los mandamientos, ofreciendo su interpretación de cómo deben ser vividas. Si Moisés dijo: "Ojo por ojo y diente por diente," el mandato de Jesús es la de "ofrecer ninguna resistencia a uno que está mal." El mandamiento de "odiarás a tu enemigo" que Jesús se refiere no se encuentra en la enseñanza de Moisés, pero se ha encontrado en los Pergaminos del Mar Muerto y habría sido conocido por los contemporáneos de Jesús. Jesús nos llama a no sólo amar a nuestro prójimo, sino también "ama a tus enemigos/y orad por los que os persiguen." Somos hijos de Dios, que envía el sol y la lluvia tanto a "los malos y a los buenos," por lo que debemos seguir este ejemplo. *Para la reflexión: ¿Qué significa para mí ser llamados a ser santos? ¿Cómo amar a mi enemigo cambia mi actitud hacia esa persona?*



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