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we lovingly serve Jesus Christ
and His people.*

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

SAINT JOSEPH

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Dover, Ohio 44622

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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.

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 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. *Bautismo*
en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo.
Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charlas de preparación en el Centro
Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Please have bulletin
announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or
e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The First Sunday of Lent
February 25 and 26, 2023
25 y 26 de Febrero del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 27

No Mass

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

Tuesday, February 28

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary

6:00 p.m. Pauline Gombos

Readings: 225: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 1

8:15 a.m. Lorrie Phillips

9:00 a.m. Rosary

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

Thursday, March 2

8:15 a.m. Denny Casady

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 227: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138/
Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 3 (First Friday)

8:15 a.m. Kathy Thomas

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Readings: 228: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 4

The Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Larry Jones

Sunday, March 5

The Second Sunday of Lent

**8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Lorenzo and Mary Berarducci Family**

11:00 a.m. Lisa Wiegand

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

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

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, February 28 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo

Wednesday, March 1 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

Thursday, March 2 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, March 3 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

March 4, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Mary DeBois - 1st Lector

Janice Cosenza - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Mary Roberts, Beth Cecil

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Charlie Montan, Cecilia Hostetler,

Chase Hostetler

March 5, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Tony Incarnato - 1st Lector

Jeannine Kenndy - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka,
Jessica DeBois

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

Servers: Matthew Olson, Miya Olson, Piper Olson

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Sue Quillen - 1st Lector

Mark Clemence - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Elizabeth Clemence,
Joe Sciarretti

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

Servers: John Nguyen, Greg Nguyen, Tessa Williams

Offertory for February 18 and 19, 2022

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,405.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 5,137.00
Online Giving	\$ 745.00
Total	\$ 9,287.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 335.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 86.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 80.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Other Collections	\$ 99.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

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 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, introduction 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' 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' 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?

Please keep in your prayers, Ember Baten Pastor, age 3 who died on February 5, 2023. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.* Please also, keep his family in your prayers.



Every day for 40 days, different parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus will host Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration throughout the day. **St. Joseph will be the host parish on Monday, March 20th from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the Vestibule. Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph will follow at 6:00 p.m.

"Mark Your Calendars!"

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 15th

St. Joseph Seniors – Manor Restaurant

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.

April 3rd

Reconciliation Monday – 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 4th

No Mass

April 6th

Holy Thursday Mass – 7:00 p.m.

April 7th

Good Friday Service – 3:00 p.m.

April 8th

Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 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!

Youth Ministry News

Sunday, March 5th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – TCCES Gym Games

Sunday, March 19th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Holy Trinity
Guest Speaker – Father Tomas

Sunday, April 2nd

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Dover Knights Hall
Help the Knights with the Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 16th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Holy Trinity
Activity to be determined



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



Registration underway at TCCES!

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open for pre-school through grade six at Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School. If you would like to learn more about our schools and arrange a visit, please call 330-343-9134. We are open to all. Affordable to all.

We invite you to be a Saint.

175th Anniversary!

We need your help!

Do you have photos from parish events in the past?

We are doing a video to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, and are looking for more candid pictures, if you have some you would like to share. We are also looking for mementos that you may willing to share to display at the Anniversary Dinner. They will be returned to you. Please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.



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Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School • Dover
Immaculate Conception School • Dennison

- Loving and supportive environment centered on Gospel Values and teachings of Jesus Christ
- Small class sizes
- Excellent academic track record
- Commitment to service
- Opportunities for participation in extra-curricular activities
- Scholarships including Ohio EdChoice are available

Now accepting applications
for the 2023-24 school year: pre-school through grade 12
Learn more at www.tccsaints.com



Open House

TCC Junior/Senior High School
Thursday - February 16 - 5:30-7pm
777 Third Street NE, New Philadelphia

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Tuna	Spam
Pancake mix	Canned Fruit
Syrup	Sardines
Rice	Cereal

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church; or you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

Congratulations Mike and Sandy Rubino,
winners of our February drawing!!

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

Tickets are available in Parish Office,
or by contacting Jeannine, Meg, Janice, or Brenda!

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

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 Settimio or the Parish Office.

March 1, 2022 – Team B (Sue Capozella)
March 8, 2023 – Team C (Knights of Columbus)
March 15, 2023 – Team D (Andrea Settimio)

**Please keep our guests and
volunteers in your prayers!**

Cemetery Cleanup

Cemetery workers will be removing wintertime decorations from the graves beginning March 15th. 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.

Birthright Annual Steak Dinner

Saturday, March 4, 2023, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Dennison Knights of Columbus Hall
\$25.00 per meal

For advanced ticket purchase, call 330-343-1855 or 330-874-3635. There will be limited tickets at the door.

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 March is dedicated to Saint Joseph.

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

~MEMORARE TO SAINT JOSEPH

Monday, February 27 ~ 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 separating the goats and the sheep must have amused and surprised his audience. Goats and sheep shared the same grazing ground during the day, but had to be separated at night. Goats were less docile and more restless than sheep. They came to symbolize evil and the expression “scapegoat” has become a common expression for someone bearing blame for others (ref. Book of Leviticus 26:20-22 for a description of the ritual expulsion of a sin-bearing goat on the Day of Atonement). Separation is an inevitable consequence of sin and judgment. The Day of Judgment will reveal those who freely chose to give of themselves by showing true care and concern, compassion and mercy toward their neighbor, and those who freely chose to ignore the needs of others. Our choices have consequences; let’s make sure our choices are aligned with the mind and heart of Christ.

Prayer: Convert us, O God our Savior, and instruct our minds by heavenly teaching, that we may benefit from the works of Lent. 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: This parable is similar to the parable about Lazarus and the rich man. The rich man, who let Lazarus die on his doorstep, was doomed to crave for drops of cold water he had not thought of giving to the poor man. When Saint Martin of Tours, a young Roman soldier and seeker of the Christian faith, met an unclothed man begging for alms in the freezing cold, he stopped and cut his coat in two and gave half to the stranger. That night he dreamt he saw the heavenly court with Jesus robed in a torn cloak. One of the angels present asked, “Master, why do you wear that battered cloak?” Jesus replied, “My servant Martin gave it to me.” Saint Martin’s disciple and biographer, Sulpicius Severus, states that as a consequence of this vision Martin “flew to be baptized.” God is gracious and merciful; his love compels us

to treat others with mercy and kindness. When we do something for one of Christ's little ones, we do it for Christ himself. Do you treat your neighbor with mercy and love as Christ has treated you? If not, why not? This might be an opportunity to improve ourselves in this regard during this Lenten season.

Tuesday, February 28 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent

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: We can approach God confidently because he is waiting with arms wide open to receive his prodigal sons and daughters. That is why Jesus gave his disciples 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, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Consider what Saint John Cassian wrote about the *Lord's Prayer* and the necessity for us to truly forgive 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 mercy, steadfast love, and kindness? If not, why not? Something, no doubt, for each of us to work on during this Season of Lent.

Wednesday, March 1 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent

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: The Lord Jesus came to set us free from slavery to sin and hurtful desires. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit he pours his love into our hearts that we may understand his will for our lives and walk in his way of holiness. 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 his word and allow his Holy Spirit to work in our lives. Ask the Lord to renew your mind and to increase your thirst for his wisdom. James says that the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity (ref. James 3:17). A double-minded person cannot receive this kind of wisdom. The single of mind desire one thing alone –

God's pleasure. God wants us to delight in him and to know the freedom of his truth and love. Do you thirst for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord (ref. Hebrews 12:14)?

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, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you pay careful attention to warning signs? Do you pay attention to these signs at all? Many fatalities could be avoided if people paid attention to such signs. When the religious leaders demanded a sign from Jesus, he gave them a serious warning to avert spiritual disaster. It was characteristic of the Jews that they demanded "signs" from God's messengers to authenticate their claims. When the religious leaders pressed Jesus to give proof for his claims he says in so many words that he is God's sign and that they need no further evidence from heaven than his own person. The Ninevites recognized God's warning when Jonah spoke to them, and they repented. And the Queen of Sheba recognized God's wisdom in Solomon. Jonah was God's sign and his message was the message of a merciful God for the people of Nineveh. Unfortunately the religious leaders were not content to accept the signs right before their eyes. They had rejected the message of John the Baptist and now they reject Jesus as God's Anointed One (Messiah) and they fail to heed his message. Simeon had prophesied at Jesus' birth that he was "destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that inner thoughts of many will be revealed" (Luke 2:34- 35). Jesus confirmed his message with many miracles in preparation for the greatest sign of all – his resurrection on the third day.

Thursday, March 2 ~ 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: Those who know and trust in God's love, pray with great boldness. Saint John Chrysostom, a Father of the Church, had this to say about the power of prayer: "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, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Esther's prayer on behalf of her people is a model for us. She prayed for help according to God's promise to be faithful to his people. God wants us to remember his promises and to count on his help when we pray. Jesus wanted to raise the expectations of his disciples when he taught them how to pray. Jesus' parable of the father feeding his son illustrates the unthinkable! How could a loving father refuse to give his son what is good; or worse, to give him what is harmful? In conclusion Jesus 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 3 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent

Optional Memorial: Saint Katharine Drexel

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 all or part of your life? The first human to hate his brother was Cain. God warned Cain: "Why are you angry? Sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it" (Genesis 4:6-7). Folks, 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 of love, charity and peace. 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 his timeless truths.

Prayer: Grant that your faithful, O Lord, we pray, may be so conformed to the paschal observances, and 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, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint Katharine Drexel: God of love, you called Saint Katharine Drexel to teach the message of the Gospel and to bring the life of the Eucharist to the Native American and African American peoples; by her prayers and example, enable us to work for justice among the poor and the oppressed, and keep us undivided in love in the Eucharistic community of your Church. 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.

Contemplation: Saint Eusebius, a Church Father, 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? If not, pray that you will – begin this Lent!

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Sacred Heart Fish Dinners

You are invited to the Sacred Heart Parish Center each Friday during Lent through March 31st, serving from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dine in or carry out. Choice of fried, baked, or lemon peppered fish. Menu includes fish, potatoes, hush puppies, coleslaw, bread and butter, and dessert. (Small \$9.00, Medium \$12.00, Large \$15.00). Ala cart, Mac and Cheese and Cheese Pizza is also available. We hope you will support our neighboring parish.

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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.



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Please Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

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When traveling, and you need to find information on the closest Catholic Church and the times for their Masses, please check out www.masstimes.org.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

February 2023

For parishes

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Food For The Poor is able to build homes for \$9,800. But this Lent, every gift of \$4,900.00 will be matched by another generous donor to build a home for a family waiting in faith!

Each weekend in March, we will have a second collection. Our goal is to raise enough money to be able to provide for at least one home. Our hope is, that home will be Guatemala, from where many of our fellow parishioners have migrated.

For more information please visit www.FoodForThePoor.org or pick up one of the packets in the Vestibule or in the Parish Office.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this worthy organization and their good works during this Lent.

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Iglesias San José

Ministerios Hispanos

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

26 de Febrero del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	Marzo 5	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Marzo 12	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Marzo 19	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

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

Misas en Inglés

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

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Febrero 2023

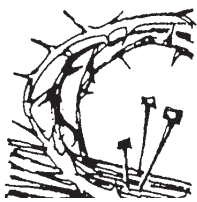
Por las parroquias

Oremos para que las parroquias, poniendo la comunión en el centro, sean cada vez más comunidades de fe, fraternidad y acogida a los más necesitados.



Horario de los Coros

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



La Cuaresma: 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.

Vía crucis "Estaciones de la Cruz"

Marzo 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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: "¿Sí 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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