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SAINT JOSEPH

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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 Second Sunday of Lent

March 4 and 5, 2023

4 y 5 de Marzo del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 6

No Mass

Readings: 230: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 7

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary

6:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Cecil Family

Readings: 231: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 8

8:15 a.m. Susan Hoopengartner

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 232: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 9

8:15 a.m. Warren VanFossen

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 233: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 10

8:15 a.m. Bob and Maude May

Readings: 234: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/Ps 105/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 11

The Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Doriche Family

Sunday, March 12

The Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Kathy Thomas

11:00 a.m. John Gopp

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

Readings: 28: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, March 7 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo

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

Thursday, March 9 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, March 10 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

March 11, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Bill Bartz – 1st Lector

Bonnie Edwards – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Mary Roberts, Beth Cecil

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Luna Gonzalez, Angel Gonzalez, Alex Utuy

March 12, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jack Burnham – 1st Lector

Matt Ritzert – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeannine Kennedy, John Kuczirka,
Sharon Kuczirka

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

Servers: Easton Pope, Nadia Pope, Brady Pope

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Mike Ernest – 1st Lector

Ann Bruno – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Joe Sciarretti,
Dan Galbraith

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

Servers: Izzy Murphy, Megan Martinez, Nick Civiello

Offertory for February 25 and 26, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 2,899.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 5,080.00
Online Giving	\$ 405.00
Total	\$ 8,384.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 170.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 160.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 15.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 85.00
Initial Offering	\$ 150.00
Other Collections	\$ 162.00
Second Collection for CRS	\$ 2,141.00

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 who 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 who have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

Spiritual Notes

The call of Abram is the beginning of Israel's history as a people. Already an old man, he follows God's command to go forth to "a land that I will show you." His faith in God becomes a model for future believers, and he and his descendants will share in God's promised blessing. For the Christian, Jesus, who is a Son of Abraham, will bring about the fullness of God's promise to bless all the communities of the earth. The author of Second Timothy - either Paul or a later Christian writing in his name - calls us to "bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God." Discipleship has a cost, but God saved us and called us to a holy life. This means that our lives should give witness to our faith even if, like Paul, we have to suffer. The transfiguration of Jesus, coming just after He sets His sights on Jerusalem, serves to reaffirm His identity as God's Son first announced at His Baptism. The high mountain is reminiscent of Mount Sinai, where Moses had encountered God. Matthew tells us that Jesus was transfigured in the presence of His disciples; both His face and His clothes take on a bright appearance. The imagery here is that of a heavenly being. The appearance of Moses and Elijah, two major prophets of Biblical Israel, reinforces the image of Jesus as a prophet, another theme in Matthew's text. But the voice from the cloud identifies Jesus as more than a prophet: "This is my beloved Son." Jesus' disciples will only understand this revelation in the light of His death and Resurrection.

For reflection: How can I, like Abraham, be a source of blessings for others? What do I see as a cost of my discipleship?



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.

Feast of St. Joseph

Monday, March 20, 2023

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m.

An Italian Dinner will follow in the Family Life Center! We hope you will join us.

"Mark Your Calendars!"

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 the Union Country Club.

Everyone is invited!

More information coming soon!



Knights of Columbus News

The Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 12th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. A freewill offering will be accepted.

The Knights will be selling their Super Bonanza Raffle Tickets that day as well. The cost of those tickets are \$5.00. You may also purchase them from any Knight.

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

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 be willing to share to display the Anniversary Dinner, they will be returned to you. Please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

St. Joseph Parish		
175th Anniversary Raffle		
The holder of this ticket number will be entered in 12 monthly drawings beginning January 2023 for \$175. Drawings will be held on the 17th of each month at 5:00 pm.		
Cost: \$20.00 Per Ticket One Winner Per Number		
No. 011	No. 011	
NAME _____	PHONE _____	EMAIL _____

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!

Easter Flower Memorials are in your envelope packets. The cost is \$20.00 for three names. They must be returned by April 5, 2023. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: _____

By: _____



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Flower and Vegetable Sale

Spring is coming and so is the annual TCC Saints Club Flower and Vegetable Sale. Order your annuals and vegetables for spring planting from the Saints Club. The plants are sold in pots, hanging baskets, half flats, and full flats. These plants do not disappoint! Prepaid orders are due by Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Pick up will be at TCC High School on Friday, May 12th between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Order forms are available in the Vestibule of the church or the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Price at 330-340-2028.

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 8, 2023 – Team C (Knights of Columbus)

March 15, 2023 – Team H (Cindy Jones)

*Please note schedule change

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

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:

Cereal	Fruit Cocktail
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Toothpaste	Deodorant

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."

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.

Oh, Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh, Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, patron of departing souls - pray for me. Amen. +PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR PROTECTION

Monday, March 6 ~ Second Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:36-38 Jesus said to his disciples: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

Meditation: As difficult as it may seem at times, our love for others – even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us – must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. When we pray for those who do us harm, it both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm, ill-will, and grief? Remember, with God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who know his love and who ask for the gift and help of the Holy Spirit. What is grace, and how can one obtain it? There are two kinds of grace – actual and sanctifying. Actual Grace is that help from God which enlightens our reason and moves our will to do good and to avoid evil. The conversion of St. Paul on his journey to Damascus, to persecute the Christians there, is an inspiring example of actual grace. Actual grace comes to us through various channels, such as the sacraments, prayer, homilies, doing good works, and the good example of others. Sanctifying Grace is an unmerited gift of the Holy Spirit, whereby we become children of God and heirs of Heaven. Sanctifying Grace is the supernatural life, beauty, and brightness conferred on our soul by the presence of the Holy Spirit. It makes our soul the object of the special love and friendship of God. Without Sanctifying Grace, we cannot merit anything for Heaven. “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me” (John 15:4). St. Paul reminds us that “God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us” (Romans 5:5). God's love and grace conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and grief. Only the cross of Jesus Christ and his victory over sin can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, resentment, and give us courage to overcome evil (ref. Romans 12:21).

Prayer: O God, who have taught us to chasten our bodies for the healing of our souls, enable us, we pray, to abstain from all sins, and strengthen our hearts to carry out your loving commands. 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 pray for mercy and forgive those who wrong you? When we are confronted with our sinful condition and failings we experience guilt and shame. This can often either lead us to cast off pride and make-belief or it can lead us to lose our inhibitions and fall into more shameless deeds! If we are utterly honest and humble before God, we will admit our sins and ask for his mercy and forgiveness. Do you know the joy and freedom of repentance, forgiveness, and a clean heart?

Tuesday, March 7 ~ Second Week in the Season of Lent

Optional Memorial: Saints Perpetua and Felicity

Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12 Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Meditation: Jesus warns both his disciples and the religious leaders about the temptation to seek titles and honors to increase one's reputation and admiration by others. The scriptures give ample warning about the danger of self-seeking pride: "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:24). Respect for God and his ways helps us to embrace humility and simplicity of heart. Remember, true humility is not feeling bad about yourself, or having a low opinion of yourself, or thinking of yourself as inferior to others. True humility frees us from preoccupation with ourselves, whereas a low self-opinion tends to focus our attention on ourselves. Humility is truth in self-understanding and truth in action. Viewing ourselves truthfully, with sober judgment, means seeing ourselves the way God sees us (ref. Psalm 139:1-4). A humble person makes a realistic assessment of oneself without illusion or pretense to be something one is not. A truly humble person regards oneself neither smaller nor larger than one truly is. True humility frees us to be ourselves as God sees us and to avoid despair and pride. A humble person does not want to wear a mask or put on a facade in order to look good to others.

Prayer: Guard your Church, we pray, O Lord, in your unceasing mercy, and, since without you mortal humanity is sure to fall, and directed to all that brings salvation. 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: Humility is serves as the foundation of all the other virtues because humility enables us to see and judge correctly, the way God sees. Humility helps us to open our minds and hearts so we can acquire true knowledge, wisdom, and an honest view of reality. It directs our energy, zeal, and ambition to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility frees us to love and serve others selflessly, for their sake, rather than our own. St. Paul gives us the greatest example and model of humility in the person of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and ...who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (ref. Phil. 2:7-8). Do you want to be a servant as Jesus served and loved others? The Lord gives grace to those who humbly seek him.

Wednesday, March 8 ~ Second Week in the Season of Lent

Optional Memorial: Saint John of God

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28 As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the Twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day." Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee approached Jesus with her sons and did him homage, wishing to ask him for something. He said to her, "What do you wish?" She answered him, "Command that these two sons of mine sit, one at your right and the other at your left, in your kingdom." Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?" They said to him, "We can." He replied, "My chalice you will indeed drink, but to sit at my right and at my left, this is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus summoned them and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Meditation: Have you ever given any thought as to who or what takes first place in your life? Selfish ambition drives us to get ahead of others. When two of Jesus' disciples tried to get ahead, Jesus did the unthinkable by telling them that the path to glory would be through suffering and the cross. And he

wedded authority with selfless-service and with sacrifice – the willing offering of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus used stark language to explain what kind of sacrifice he had in mind. His disciples must drink his cup if they expect to reign with him in his kingdom. The cup he had in mind was a bitter one involving crucifixion. What kind of cup does the Lord have in mind for us? For some disciples such a cup entails physical suffering and the painful struggle of "martyrdom" in one form or another. This entails the long routine of the Christian life, with all its daily sacrifices, disappointments, set-backs, struggles, and temptations. A disciple must be ready to lay down his or her life in martyrdom and be ready to lay it down each and every day in the little and big sacrifices required. An early church father summed up Jesus' teaching with the expression: to serve is to reign with Christ. We share in God's reign by laying down our lives in humble service of one another as Jesus did for our sake. Are you ready to lay down your life and to serve others as Jesus did?

Prayer: Keep your family, O Lord, schooled always in good works, and so comfort them with your protection here as to lead them graciously to gifts on high. 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: Jesus paid the price for our redemption with his blood. Slavery to sin is to want the wrong things and to be in bondage to destructive desires. The ransom Jesus paid sets us free from the worst tyranny possible – the tyranny of sin and the fear of death. Jesus' victory did not end with death but triumphed over the tomb. Jesus defeated the powers of death through his resurrection. Do you want the greatest freedom possible – that is, the freedom to live as God truly meant us to live as his sons and daughters? Embrace his laws, his teachings, and his will, and true and lasting freedom will be yours!

Thursday, March 9 ~ Second Week in the Season of Lent **Optional Memorial: Saint Frances of Rome**

Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Meditation: The name "Lazarus" means "God is my help." Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material wealth and possessions. He not only had everything he needed, he selfishly spent all he had on himself. He was too absorbed in what he possessed to notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven because he was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God. In the end the rich man became a beggar! Do you know the joy and freedom of possessing God as your true and lasting treasure? Those who put their hope and security in heaven will not be disappointed (ref. Hebrews 6:19)?

Prayer: O God, who delight in innocence and restore it, direct the hearts of your servants to yourself, that, caught up in the fire of your Spirit, we may be found steadfast in faith and effective in works. 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: The parable about the afflictions of the poor man Lazarus brings home a very important lesson for us to think about during Lent, and to change the way we freely choose to help or not to help those in need. In this story Jesus paints a dramatic scene of contrasts – riches and poverty, heaven and hell, compassion and indifference, inclusion and exclusion. We also see an abrupt and dramatic reversal of fortune. Lazarus was not only poor, but sick and unable to lift himself. He was "laid" at the gates of the rich man's house. The dogs which licked his sores probably also stole the little bread he got for himself.

Dogs in the ancient world symbolized contempt. Enduring the torment of these savage dogs only added to the poor man's miseries and sufferings. The rich man treated the beggar with contempt and indifference, until he found his fortunes reversed at the end of his life! In God's economy, those who hold on possessively to what they have, lose it all in the end, while those who share generously receive back many times more than they gave away.

Friday, March 10 ~ Second Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew that he was speaking about them. And although they were attempting to arrest him, they feared the crowds, for they regarded him as a prophet.

Meditation: Why did Jesus' story about wicked tenants cause offense to the scribes and Pharisees? It contained both a prophetic message and a warning. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jesus' listeners would likely understand this parable as referring to God's dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people. This parable speaks to us today as well. It richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God likewise trusts us enough and give us freedom – "free will." As Saint Irenaeus once wrote: "Man is rational and therefore like God; he is created with free will and is master over his acts." But with freedom comes responsibility. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes in the following paragraphs: **#1731:** Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude. **#1732:** As long as freedom has not bound itself definitively to its ultimate good which is God, there is the possibility of choosing between good and evil, and thus of growing in perfection or of failing and sinning. This freedom characterizes properly human acts. It is the basis of praise or blame, merit or reproach. **#1733:** The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin." **#1734:** Freedom makes man responsible for his acts to the extent that they are voluntary. Progress in virtue, knowledge of the good, and *asceticism* enhance the mastery of the will over its acts.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, purifying us by the sacred practice of penance, you may lead us in sincerity of heart to attain the holy things to come. 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: Jesus knew he would be rejected and be killed, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory – the glory of resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father. The Lord blesses his people today with the gift of his kingdom. And he promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him (ref. John 15:1-11). He entrusts his gifts and grace to each of us and he gives us work to do in his vineyard – the body of Christ. He promises that our labor will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end (ref. 1 Corinthians 15:58). We can expect trials and even persecution, but in the end good will triumph. Do you labor for the Lord with joyful hope and confidence in his victory?

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L.C.B.A. Crafty Ladies

The L.C.B.A. Crafty Ladies will meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, in the Family Life Center at 10:00 a.m. and the LCBA meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us, our guest speaker will be Jessica DeBois, the principal at TCCES School. The schoolchildren, are currently collecting hygiene products for the Food Pantry. If you would like to assist in this project, please bring them with you as you come to our meeting.

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.



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The Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County

The Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County and League of Women Voters of Tuscarawas County invite all residents of Tuscarawas County for an informational meeting on the state of homelessness in our county, existing facilities for housing the homeless, and future opportunities to serve those in Tuscarawas County requiring assistance. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Fourth & Faith, the community center next to St. John's United Church of Christ in downtown Dover. Light refreshments will be provided by the League of Women Voters of Tuscarawas County.

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St. Joseph Cemetery

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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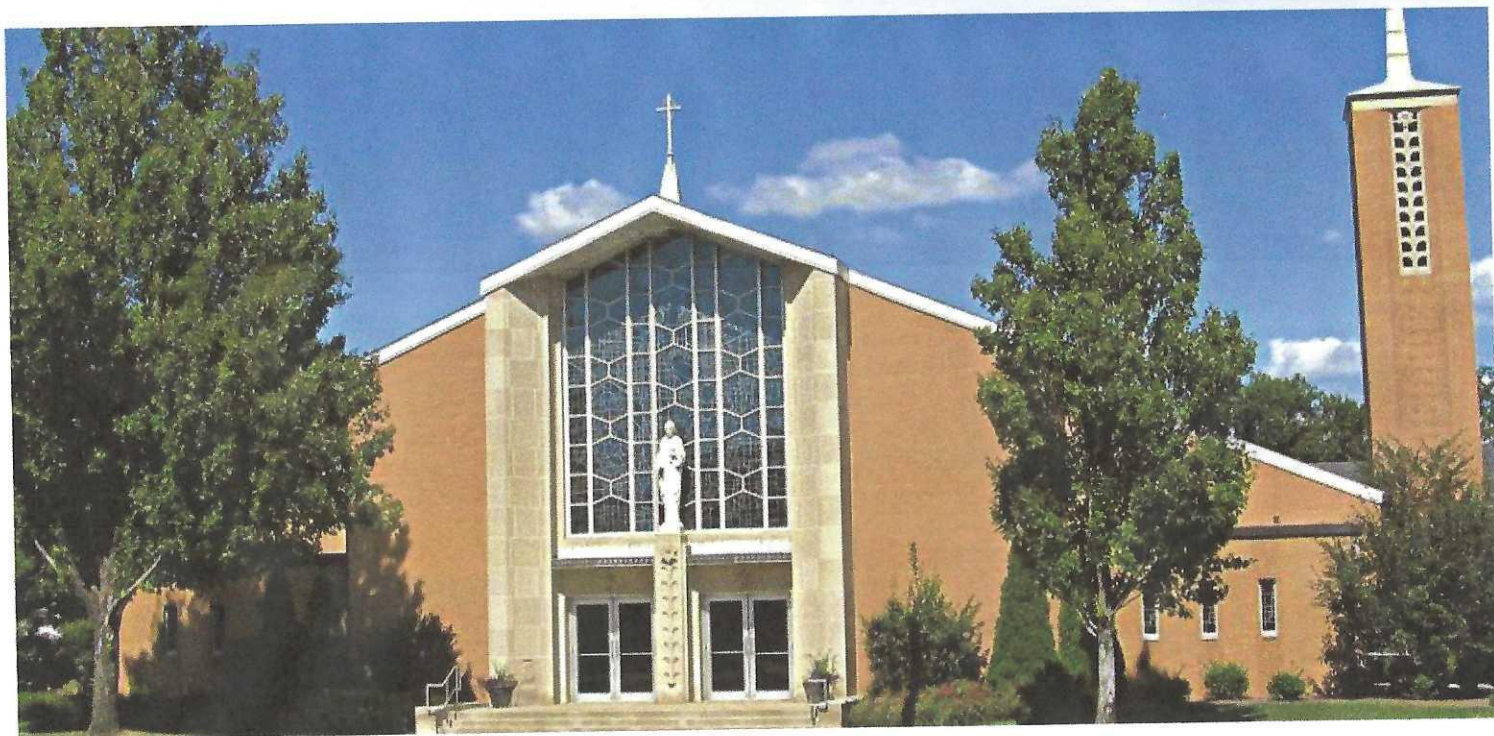


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Feast of St. Joseph

Monday, March 20, 2023

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m.

A traditional St. Joseph meal will follow, in the Family Life Center.

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Please return to the box in the Vestibule or
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Iglesias San José

Ministerios Hispanos

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

5 de Marzo del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	Marzo 12	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Marzo 19	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Marzo 26	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.

Vía crucis "Estaciones de la Cruz"

Marzo 10, 17, 24, 31

8:00 p.m. en Español

Notas Espirituales

El llamado de Abram es el comienzo de la historia de Israel como pueblo. Ya un hombre viejo, el sigue el mandato de Dios de "ir adelante...a la tierra que yo te mostraré." Su fe en Dios se convierte en un modelo para los futuros creyentes, y él y sus descendientes compartirán en la bendición prometida por Dios. Para el cristiano, Jesús, que es un "hijo de Abraham," traerá consigo la plenitud de la promesa de Dios de bendecir a "todas las naciones de la tierra."

El autor de la segunda carta a Timoteo - ya sea Pablo, o un escrito cristiano más adelante en su nombre - nos llama a "soportar su parte en los duros trabajos del Evangelio/con la fuerza que viene de Dios." El discipulado tiene un costo pero Dios "nos salvó y nos llamó a una vida santa." Esto significa que nuestras vidas deben dar testimonio de nuestra fe, incluso si, como Pablo, tenemos que sufrir.

La trasfiguración de Jesús, que viene justo después de que él fija su mira en Jerusalén, sirve para reafirmar su identidad como Hijo de Dios anunciado por primera vez en su bautismo. La "montaña alta" nos recuerda del monte Sinaí, donde Moisés había encontrado a Dios. Mateo nos dice que Jesús se transfiguró en presencia de sus discípulos, tanto su rostro y su ropa adquieren un aspecto brillante. La imagen aquí es la de un ser celestial. La aparición de Moisés y Elías, dos grandes profetas del Israel bíblico, refuerza la imagen de Jesús como profeta, otro de los temas en el texto de Mateo. Pero la voz de la nube identifica a Jesús como algo más que un profeta: "Este es mi Hijo amado." Los discípulos de Jesús sólo entienden esta revelación a la luz de su muerte y resurrección.

Para reflexionar: ¿Cómo puedo yo, al igual que Abraham, ser una fuente de bendición para otros? ¿Qué es lo que veo como el costo de mi discipulado?

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Marzo 2023

Por las víctimas de abusos

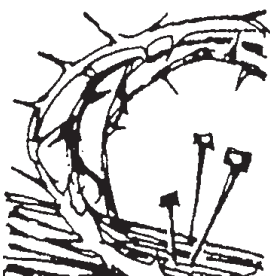
Oremos por los que sufren a causa del mal recibido por parte de los miembros de la comunidad eclesial: para que encuentren en la misma Iglesia una respuesta concreta a su dolor y sufrimiento.



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.



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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