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we lovingly serve Jesus Christ
and His people.*

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

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 Third Sunday of Lent
March 2 and 3, 2024
2 y 3 de Marza del 2024



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 4

No Mass

Readings: 237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab, Ps 42/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 5

6:00 p.m. Diane Schilling

Readings: 238: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6

8:15 a.m. Anne Leibfarth

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 239: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7

8:15 a.m. Donnie Ballantyne, Jr.

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 240: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 8

8:15 a.m. Frank Conidi

Readings: 241: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9

The Vigil for The Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Dorothy Marinelli

Sunday, March 10

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. George and Catherine Morhardt

11:00 a.m. John Gopp

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

Readings: 32: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Offertory for February 24 and 25, 2024

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,200.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,506.00
Online Giving	\$ 515.00
Total	\$ 8,221.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 140.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 170.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
St. Joseph School Support	\$ 165.00
Other Collections	\$ 188.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,290.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday - March 5 - 6:00 p.m. - Vicki Wilhelm

Wednesday, March 6 - 8:15 a.m. - Matt Ritzert

Thursday, March 7 - 8:15 a.m. - Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, March 8 - 8:15 a.m. - TCCES Students

March 9, 2024

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Lyle Tope - 1st Lector

Mary Salvo - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler,

Beth Cecil, Kateri Renicker, Susan Murphy,

Michelle Tope, Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan

Servers: Sofia Ionno, Alex Utuy, Dylan Utuy

March 10, 2024

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Keith Knestaut - 1st Lector

Jack Burnham - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Matt Ritzert, John Kuczirka,

Sharon Kuczirka, Doug Telle, Becky Sedares,

Jan Michael LaBrake, Volunteer Needed

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

Sue Worth - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Galbraith, Dan Galbraith,

Elizabeth Clemence, Marcus Clemence,

Mark Clemence, Patti DeVault, Beth Ernest

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Lindsay Williams,

Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Nick Civiello, Megan Martinez, Johnny Sica

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



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

Spiritual Notes

Most people don't realize that the Ten Commandments are written in the second person singular. That means that God is addressing us individually, not as a group. Each of us is called to follow God's commands. In giving these words to Moses and the Israelites, God is inviting them into a covenant relationship, one that will be ratified later with a sacrificial meal. God's desire is for an exclusive relationship with the people: "You shall not have other gods besides me." The people have just left Egypt, a nation where hundreds of gods were worshiped. This relationship is based on the fact that it is the Lord "who brought you out of the land of Egypt;" therefore He says, "I, the Lord, am your God." The Egyptians may worship other gods, but Israel is called to be loyal to only the Lord. Paul tells the Corinthians that the core of the Gospel message, "Christ crucified," may seem foolish to others, but to those who are called, it expresses "the power of God and the wisdom of God." What seems foolish and weak to the world is actually the means by which God brings about our salvation. Jesus' cleansing of the Jerusalem temple, found earlier in John's text than in the Synoptics, casts the shadow of the cross over his entire ministry. The other evangelists place this event during the last week of Jesus' life. John tells us that Jesus "went to Jerusalem" for the feast of Passover. Though not the highest mountain in Israel, the mountain of Jerusalem is viewed as the high point of the Jewish theological world, and so in the biblical text, one "goes up" to Jerusalem. Encountering the merchants selling animals for sacrifice and the money-changers, Jesus drives them out, commanding "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." This action against the temple will be a key charge against Jesus at His trial, for in challenging the temple and its institutions, He is challenging the leadership of Judaism as well.

For reflection: Are there times when I think that God's commandments don't apply to me? Do I consider my local place of worship a spiritual high place in my world view?



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 Tuesday, March 19th from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the Vestibule.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events!

March 8, 2024

Stations of the Cross
1:00 p.m. with TCCES
7:00 p.m. in English
8:00 p.m. in Spanish

March 9, 2024

First Penance
10:00 a.m.

March 13, 2024

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School
Penance Service
10:00 a.m.

March 15, 2024

Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. in English
8:00 p.m. in Spanish

March 19, 2024

The Solemnity of St. Joseph
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Mass - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner following

March 22, 2024

Stations of the Cross
1:00 p.m. with TCCES
7:00 p.m. in English
8:00 p.m. in Spanish

March 25, 2024

Reconciliation Monday
Confessions - 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

March 26, 2024

No Mass

March 27, 2024

Mass - 8:15 a.m.

March 28, 2024

Thursday of the Lord's Supper
Mass - 7:00 p.m.

March 29, 2024

Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Service 3:00 p.m.

March 30, 2024

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Mass - 8:30 p.m.

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Mass - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m. in Spanish

Family Faith Formation

Important Date!

April 21, 2024 - First Communion Family Retreat
May 4, 2024 - First Holy Communion - 4:00 p.m.
Rehearsal on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m.
May 19, 2024 - Confirmation - 3:00 p.m.
Rehearsal to be determined.



Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools



Registration underway at TCCES!

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open for Preschool 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

You're invited

2024 Open House and Art Fest

Thursday, March 21st

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

TCC High School

The TCC Track Team Presents:

Donuts with the Easter Bunny Fundraiser

Saturday, March 16th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the TCCHS Cafeteria. Cost: \$5.00 per person - includes donut and punch. Children also receive a craft and a small treat. Adults, bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny. Presale tickets are encouraged and are due March 8. For tickets, contact Amy Pace at 330-705-5004.

Spring is coming and so is the 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! Order forms are available in the church and online at tccsaints.com. **Prepaid orders are due by Monday, April 8, 2024.** Paid orders can be mailed to TCC High School (at 777 3rd Street NE, New Philadelphia, 44663), dropped off to TCC Jr./Sr. High School, Immaculate Conception Elementary or TCCES, or the church. Pickup will be at TCC High School on Friday, May 10, 2024 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Any questions, call Becky Price at 330-340-2028.

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Centers, 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:

Canned Ravioli	Canned Meats
Canned fruit	Canned Vegetables
Dry Beans	Rice

Please No Glass

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."

We cannot accept food items that have expired.

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 6, 2024 - Team M (Fran Mason)

March 13, 2024 - Team O (Pat Figuly)

March 20, 2024 - Team A (Mike Comg.)

March 27, 2024 - Team B (Sue Capozella)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery Cemetery Cleanup

Cemetery workers will begin removing wintertime decorations from the graves on **March 15th**. We request that anyone wishing to retain personal keepsakes, to please contact the Parish Office by Monday, March 11th. Due to the number of decorations involved, the cemetery staff cannot be responsible for storing personal items.



Become a Knight

The Knights of Columbus is a trusted name, tried by time, present where men are, providing inspiring resources and support for strengthening your faith and living a life of virtue. Knights lead with faith. Knights protect our families. Knights serve those in need. When the world says men should step aside, Knights of Columbus step up. We are Catholic men. We live by principles informed by faith. We are sons, fathers, husbands, and grandfathers. Join on life's greatest adventure to discover the man God calls you to be.

Consider joining our group of Good Men, Dover Saint Joseph's Council #1973 Knights of Columbus, to continue to grow your Catholic faith. You can join the Knights by using the e-membership, www.kofc.org/joinus. Enter Council Number 1973 where it asks for Preferred Local Council. Any further questions, call Larry Cihon at 330-365-0393.

SWAP - Sharing with Appalachian People

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

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

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.

“If we look forward to receiving God’s mercy, we can never fail to do good, so long as we have the strength. For if we share with the poor, out of love for God, whatever He has given to us, we shall receive according to His promise, a hundredfold in eternal happiness. What a fine profit, what a blessed reward! With outstretched arms He begs us to turn toward Him, to weep for our sins and to become the servants of love, first for ourselves, then for our neighbors. Just as water extinguishes a fire, so love wipes away sin.” +SAINT JOHN OF GOD

Monday, March 4 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent
Optional Memorial: Saint Casimir of Poland

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:24-30 Jesus said to the people in the synagogue at Nazareth: “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But he passed through the midst of them and went away.

Meditation: When Jesus spoke in his hometown synagogue he startled his listeners with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. He then angered them when he complimented the gentiles who seemed to have shown more faith in God than the “chosen ones” of Israel. They regarded gentiles as “fuel for the fires of hell.” Jesus’ praise for “outsiders” caused them offence because they were blind-sighted to God’s mercy and plan of redemption for all nations. The word of warning and judgment spoken by Jesus was met with hostility by his own people. They forcibly threw him out of the city and would have done him harm had he not stopped them. The Lord offers us freedom and pardon and the grace to walk in his way of truth and righteousness. His discipline is for our good that we may share his holiness (Hebrews 12:10). “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates reproof is stupid” (Proverbs 12:1). Do you seek the Lord for instruction and help so you can grow in holiness and grace, and become a stronger disciple of Christ?

Prayer: May your unfailing compassion, O Lord, cleanse and protect your Church, and since without you she cannot stand secure, may she be always governed by your grace. 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: What limits God’s grace and power in our lives to undergo change and transformation of mind and heart? Indifference and lack of faith for sure! The prophets confronted God’s people with their indifference and unbelief. God’s grace and mercy is offered freely to those who seek it with sincerity, repentance, and faith. When Naaman, a non-Jew went to Jerusalem to seek a cure, the prophet Elisha instructed him to bathe in the river. In faith he obeyed and was healed. Jesus did not hesitate to confront his own people with their indifference and unbelief. Have you looked at where your faith life is? Are you indifferent? Are you lukewarm about your faith, and how you live out your faith? If so, it’s time to set your faith on fire. But you need first to rid yourself of those things which hold you back – whatever they may be. Pray that you will rid yourself of these barriers. Then free from those things which hold you back, may your faith life flourish and bear much fruit.

Tuesday, March 5 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven

times but seventy-seven times. That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Meditation: Who among us doesn't have debts that need to be paid off? And who wouldn't be grateful to have someone release them from their debts? But can we really expect mercy and pardon when we owe someone a great deal? The prophet Amos speaks of God forgiving transgression three times, but warns that God may not revoke punishment for the fourth (see Amos 1:3-13; 2:1-6). When Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he characteristically offered an answer he thought Jesus would be pleased with. Why not forgive seven times! How unthinkable for Jesus to counter with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times that. Jesus made it clear that there is no reckonable limit to forgiveness. And he drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money – millions in our currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province – more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however bring himself to forgive his neighbor a very small debt which was about one- hundred-thousandth of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater!

Prayer: May your grace not forsake us, O Lord, we pray, but make us dedicated to your holy service and at all times obtain for us your help. 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 is no way we could repay God the debt we owed him because of our sins and offenses. Only his mercy and pardon could free us from such a debt. Despite how we may feel at times toward people in our lives, there is no offense our neighbor can do to us that can compare with our debt to God! If God has forgiven each of us our debt, which was very great, we too must forgive others the debt they owe us. Through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross – which atoned for our sins – each one of us has been forgiven a debt beyond all reckoning. It cost God his very own Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to ransom us with the price of his blood. Jesus paid the price for us and won for us pardon for our sins and freedom from slavery to our unruly desires and sinful habits. God in his mercy offers us the grace and help of his Holy Spirit so we can love as he loves, pardon as he pardons, and treat others with the same mercy and kindness which he has shown to us. God has made his peace with us. Have you made your peace with God? Have you reconciled yourself with God? Especially during Lent we are called to reconcile ourselves with God and with one another. A healthy trip to the confessional to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a first and important start. Have you been to confession lately? If not, why not?

Wednesday, March 6 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19 Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

Meditation: Jesus taught reverence for God's law – reverence for God himself, for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbor lest wrong or hurtful desires master us. Folks, reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love – love of God and love of neighbor. What is impossible to men and women is possible to God and those who put their faith and trust in God. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord transforms us and makes us like himself. We are a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17) because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans

5:5). God gives us the grace to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think as he thinks, and to act as he acts. The Lord loves justice and goodness and he hates every form of wickedness and sin. He wants to set us free from our unruly desires and sinful habits, so that we can choose to live each day in the peace, joy, and righteousness of his Holy Spirit (Romans 14: 17). To renounce sin is to turn away from what is harmful and destructive for our minds and hearts, and our very lives. As his followers we must love and respect his commandments and hate every form of sin. Do you love and revere the commands of the Lord?

Prayer: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, schooled through Lenten observance and nourished by your word, through holy restraint we may be devoted to you with all our heart and be ever united in prayer. 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: How do you view the laws of God? Negatively? Positively? A pick-and-choose ("cafeteria Catholic") approach? Do you allow the human laws of any local, state or federal legislative body or the human decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court to supersede the divine laws of God and the divine teachings of Jesus Christ – especially when these laws or decisions are contrary to God or Jesus? Jesus' attitude towards the law of God can be summed up in the great prayer of Psalm 119: "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." For the people of Israel the "law" could refer to the Ten Commandments or to the five Books of Moses, called the Pentateuch, which explain the commandments and ordinances of God for his people. The "law" also referred to the whole teaching or way of life which God gave to his people. The Jews in Jesus' time also used it as a description of the oral or scribal law. Needless to say, the scribes added many more things to the law than God intended. That is why Jesus often condemned the scribal law. It placed burdens on people which God had not intended. Jesus, however, made it very clear that the essence of God's law – his commandments and his way of life – must be fulfilled. So, once again, how do you view God's law? How do you put God's law into action and practice in your daily life?

Thursday, March 7 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent **Optional Memorial: Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-23 Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute, and when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke and the crowds were amazed. Some of them said, "By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he drives out demons." Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe. But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

Meditation: Jesus' numerous exorcisms brought freedom to many who were troubled and oppressed by the work of evil spirits. Jesus himself encountered personal opposition and battled with Satan when he was put to the test in the wilderness just before his public ministry. He overcame the evil one through his obedience to the will of his Father. Some of the Jewish leaders reacted vehemently to Jesus' healings and exorcisms and they opposed him with malicious slander. How could he get the power and authority to release individuals from Satan's power? They assumed that he had to be in league with Satan. They attributed his power to Satan rather than to God. Jesus answers their charge with two arguments. There were many exorcists in Palestine in Jesus' time. So Jesus retorted by saying that they also incriminate their own kin who cast out demons. If they condemn Jesus they also condemn themselves. In his second argument he asserts that no kingdom divided against itself cannot survive for long? We have witnessed enough civil wars in our own time to prove the destructive force at work here for the annihilation of whole peoples and their land. If Satan lends his power against his own forces then he is finished. How can a strong person be defeated except by someone who is stronger? Jesus asserted his power and authority to cast out demons as a clear demonstration of the reign of God.

Prayer: We implore your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as the feast of our salvation draws ever closer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly towards the worthy celebration of the Paschal Mystery. 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 live in a world of compromise. And yet, there are some aspects of our life that we just cannot afford to compromise on – especially our faith life, and the teachings of the one, holy, Catholic and

Apostolic Church. The teachings of the Church are based on the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Jesus makes it clear that there are no neutral parties. We are either for Jesus or against him, for the kingdom of God or against it. Once we start going down the road of compromise, we turn against God and Jesus, because we begin to place our will above and before the will of God (sound familiar – Adam and Eve?). There are two kingdoms in opposition to one another – the kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness under the rule of Satan. If we disobey God's word – if we compromise God's word – then we open the door to the power of sin and Satan in our lives. If you want to live in freedom from sin and Satan, then your house – your life and all you possess – must be occupied by Jesus where he is enthroned as Lord and Savior. Is the Lord Jesus the Master of your home, heart, mind, and will?

Friday, March 8 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent
Optional Memorial: Saint John of God, Religious

Holy Gospel: Mark 12:28-34 One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, He is One and there is no other than he. And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

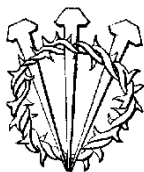
Meditation: How do love and obedience to God's law go together? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will. What, then, makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart? Remember and reflect on what Saint Paul the Apostle said: "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

Prayer: Pour your grace into our hearts, we pray, O Lord, that we may be constantly drawn away from unruly desires and obey by your own gift the heavenly teaching you give us. 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 following prayer by Saint Anselm is worth contemplating on this day: "We love you, O our God; and we desire to love you more and more. Grant to us that we may love you as much as we desire, and as much as we ought. O dearest friend, who has so loved and saved us, the thought of whom is so sweet and always growing sweeter, come with Christ and dwell in our hearts; that you keep a watch over our lips, our steps, our deeds, and we shall not need to be anxious either for our souls or our bodies. Give us love, sweetest of all gifts, which knows no enemy. Give us in our hearts pure love, born of your love to us, that we may love others as you love us. O most loving Father of Jesus Christ, from whom flows all love, let our hearts, frozen in sin, cold to you and cold to others, be warmed by this divine fire. So help and bless us in your Son."

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Daily meditations and contemplations adapted from the Irish Jesuits' *Sacred Space* web page and *Biblical Medications for Lent* by Rev. Carroll Stuhlmuehler, C.P.; prayers are from *The Roman Missal*, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011; information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture web site.

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Divine Mercy Message Part 4

Divine Mercy Graces We Acquire at Mass

There are multiple graces the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass confers on believers. There is the grace of *expiation* (cleansing and removal of guilt of sin) and *propitiation* (assuaging, alleviation of God's wrath by Jesus' sacrifice). God offers these graces to make up for, amend and expiate the ravages of sin. Guilt incurred by our sins is really the loss of divine grace. In the Mass, we may obtain the grace of mercy from God, who removes, more or less, the guilt we have from our sins.

We may also receive the grace of repentance, strengthening of the will, and the grace of obtaining grace for others. In these graces, the Divine Mercy is with us today.



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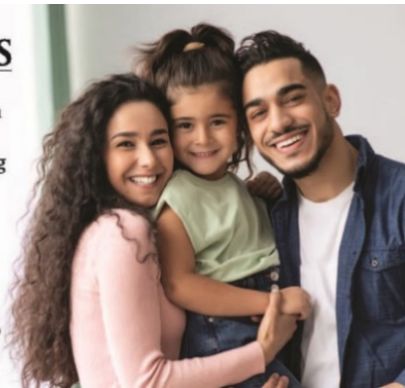
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Other Information To Note:

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.

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

March 2024

For families in crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



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Sunday, March 3rd --- Cancelled--- No Meeting This Week

Sunday, March 17th---6:30pm to 8:00pm --- Holy Trinity Church



- Lessons, activities, and games to celebrate St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) and the Feast of St. Joseph (March 19th)



Sunday, April 7th --- 6:30pm to 8:00pm --- TCCES Gym

- Divine Mercy Sunday
- Speaker: Ms. Roseann Bonamico
- Games (Dodgeball, etc.)



Sunday, April 21st --- *6:00pm to 8:00pm* --- St. Joseph Family Life Center

- TIME/ ACTIVITY Tentative
- Play games with the residents of a local nursing home

***Some teens may need a ride to and from the nursing home. If you would be willing to drive additional teens, please contact the church office and let them know how many people are able to ride with you. (St. Joseph: 330-364-6661 or Holy Trinity: 330-874-4716) A copy of your driver's license and insurance must be provided to the church. (Protecting God's Children and Fingerprints must also be on record.)

Sunday, May 5th --- 6:30pm to 8:00pm --- Dover Knights of Columbus Hall

- End of the year celebration!



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Iglesias San José

Ministerios Hispanos

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

3 de Marzo del 2024



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	10 de Marza	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	17 de Marza	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	24 de Marzo	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

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

Misas en Inglés

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

Vía crucis "Estaciones de la Cruz"

Marzo 8, 15 y 22 - 8:00 p.m. en Español

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 agradarle siempre.



Ya está abierta la registración para la escuela TCCES, si usted tiene niños en edad escolar o conoce a alguien que le interese registrar a sus niños, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela.



Horario de los Coros

10 de Marzo	El Buen Pastor
17 de Marzo	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
24 de Marzo	El Nuevo Sembrador
31 de Marzo	Seguidores de Cristo

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Marzo 2024

Por Los Nuevos Mártires

Oremos para que quienes en diversas partes del mundo arriesgan su vida por el Evangelio contagien a la Iglesia su valentía y su impulso misionero.

Notas Espirituales

La mayoría de las personas no se dan cuenta de que los Diez Mandamientos están escritos en la segunda persona del singular. Que significa que Dios se dirige a nosotros de forma individual, no como grupo. Cada uno de nosotros está llamado a seguir los mandamientos de Dios. Al dar estas palabras a Moisés y los israelitas, Dios los está invitando a una relación de pacto, que será ratificada más tarde con una comida sacrificial. El deseo de Dios es para una relación exclusiva con el pueblo: "No tendrás otros dioses delante de mí." Las personas que acaban de salir de Egipto, una nación donde se adoraba a cientos de dioses. Esta relación se basa en el hecho de que es el Señor, "que te saqué de la tierra de Egipto;" Por lo tanto, dice, "Yo, el Señor, soy tu Dios." Los egipcios pueden adorar a otros dioses, pero Israel está llamado a ser leal sólo al SEÑOR. Pablo le dice a los corintios que el núcleo del mensaje del evangelio - "Cristo crucificado" - puede parecer tonto a los demás, sino a los que son llamados, expresa "el poder de Dios y sabiduría de Dios." Lo que parece tonto y débil para el mundo en realidad es el medio por el cual Dios produce nuestra salvación. La limpieza de Jesús del templo de Jerusalén, presentada anteriormente en el texto de Juan que en los sinópticos, proyecta la sombra de la cruz sobre todo su ministerio. El otro lugar evangelista de este evento durante la última semana de la vida de Jesús. Juan nos dice que Jesús "subió a Jerusalén" para la fiesta de la Pascua. Aunque no es la montaña más alta de Israel, el monte de Jerusalén es vista como el punto más alto del mundo teológico judío, y así en el texto bíblico se "sube" a Jerusalén. El encuentro con los comerciantes que venden los animales para el sacrificio y a los mercaderes, Jesús los lleva a cabo, al mando, "Deja de hacer la casa de mi Padre un mercado." Esta acción contra el templo será un cargo clave en contra de Jesús en su juicio, para desafiar el templo y sus instituciones, que está desafiando el liderazgo del judaísmo también.

Para reflexionar: ¿Hay momentos en que pienso que los mandamientos de Dios no se aplican para mí? ¿Considero mi lugar de culto local (parroquia iglesia, capilla, catedral) un alto lugar espiritual en mi visión del mundo?



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