



*In the spirit of St. Joseph,
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 Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 16 and 17, 2024
16 y 17 de Marzo del 2024



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 18

No Mass

Readings: 251: Dn 13:14c-62/Ps 23/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph

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

Readings: 543: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday, March 20

8:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the Ritzert Family

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 21

8:15 a.m. Denny Casady

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 254: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 22

8:15 a.m. Jack and Ruth Beckman

Readings: 255: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 23

The Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Catherine and Mario Corsi

11:00 a.m. Richard Figuly

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

Readings: 37: Mk 11:1-10 (Procession)
38: Is 50:4-7/Ps 22/Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1-15:47

Offertory for March 9 and 10, 2024

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 6,022.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,558.00
Online Giving	\$ 685.00
Total	\$ 11,265.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 395.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 20.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 135.00
St. Joseph School Support	\$ 140.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 155.00
Other Collections	\$ 314.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, March 19 – 6:00 p.m. – Volunteers Needed

Wednesday, March 20 – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

Thursday, March 21 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, March 22 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

March 23, 2024

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Keith Knestaut – 1st Lector

Mary DeBois– 2nd Lector

Janice Cosenza – Narrator

Lyle Tope – Voice

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler,

Beth Cecil, Susan Murphy, Jessica DeBois,

Michelle Tope

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan

Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson, Sofia Ionno

March 24, 2024

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Matt Ritzert – 1st Lector

Jack Burnham – 2nd Lector

Jeannine Kennedy – Narrator

Sally Dooling – Voice

Eucharistic Ministers: John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka,

Doug Telle, Jan Michael LaBrake, Jack Dooling,

Lou Settimio, Andrea Settimio

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Easton Pope, Nadia Pope, Brady Pope

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Cathy Galbraith – 1st Lector

Anne Bruno – 2nd Lector

Mike Ernest – Narrator

Mark Clemence – Voice

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Galbraith,

Elizabeth Clemence, Marcus Clemence,

Patti DeVault, Beth Ernest, Sue Worth,

Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Lindsay Williams,

Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Izzy Murphy, Greg Nguyen, Nick Civiello

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.

Spiritual Notes

Jeremiah, living during some of Israel's darkest days - the Babylonian Exile - prophesies a time when God will renew the earth and its people: "Days are coming ...when the Lord will make a new covenant." In the prior covenant, God's law was written on stone tablets but they broke that covenant. Now God's law will be written upon their hearts; it will be internalized. The prophet anticipates that God will once again lead them back to the Promised Land and renew their relationship: "I will be their God, and they shall be my people." The author of Hebrews speaks of Christ's sacrifice as the "source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." In light of the sacrifice of His death, Jesus is "declared by God, high priest," whose task is to offer sacrifices on behalf of the people. But unlike the other high priests, who repeatedly offer sacrifices for sins of the people, Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice once and for all. Through his death, He reconciled us with God and established the new and eternal covenant. In Jesus' death and Resurrection, the new covenant foreseen by Jeremiah is established. In today's Gospel, some Greek-speaking Jews ask Philip to introduce them to Jesus. Our evangelist does not narrate a mere meeting, but uses this request to introduce the beginning of Jesus' "hour" - His Kairos: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified," Jesus says. Earlier in the Gospel, Jesus had anticipated this hour, but from this point He embraces it. It is a time of significance, the time He has waited for and the reason He came into the world. In this "hour," Jesus will experience death and then Resurrection, inaugurating the new covenant that binds the people to God in a new way, leading to our salvation.

For reflection: How does having God's law written on my heart help me in my spiritual life? Has this Lent been a time of renewal for me? How can I best make use of these last weeks to grow spiritually?



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 is a sign-up sheet in the Vestibule.

Holy Week Ministers Needed!

It is difficult to schedule parishioners for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you are a Lector, Eucharist Minister, or Altar Server, and would like to participate in one of these liturgies, please call or email Brenda.

Mark Your Calendars Upcoming Events!

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

April 1, 2024

Parish Office is Closed

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)

Seniors

March 20, 2024 - 12:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

The Menu will be Lee's chicken strips, rigatoni, meatballs, salad and cake. For more information, call Larry Cihon at 330-364-0393.

St. Joseph Youth Ministry – Upcoming Dates!

Sunday, March 17th
Holy Trinity Church
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 7th
TCCES Gym
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools



You're invited – 2024 Open House and Art Fest

Thursday, March 21st
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - TCC High School

Nominations for Peter Clore Memorial Scholarship

Peter Clore attended Sacred Heart School and was a 2006 graduate of Tuscarawas Central Catholic. He studied for a time at the Pontifical College Josephinum and later joined the Marines. Peter died in May, 2011, while on active duty in Afghanistan. Peter was a Certified Explosives Detector Dog Handler, a position that put him ahead of his unit as they made their patrol.

In memory of Peter, this scholarship recognizes a student for outstanding contribution to the Catholic Identity of TCC. The ideal honoree is a gentle leader who is active in parish life, contributes to the religious dimension of the school and participates willingly in service to others. Consideration will also be given to a student who is active in diocesan youth ministry activities. **Any staff member, parent, student or friend of the school may submit nominations for this honor for students who will attend TCC as sophomores, juniors or seniors next year.** The nomination should include the student's name and a brief narrative description of why the student is a worthy candidate for this honor. Nominations may be submitted to Karen Dick at TCC at kdick@cdeduction.org or mailed to Tuscarawas Central Catholic, 777 Third Street NE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663. **Nominations must be received by March 22.**

The Neal Kwasnicka Tuition Assistance Catholic Foundation Endowment Fund

The Tuition Assistance Fund named in honor of longtime custodian at Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School, is being established by the St. Joseph Parishioners for his retirement with love and gratitude for his service to the community. If you would like to make a contribution to this new endowment fund that will provide tuition assistance to deserving students, who will attend TCCES in the future, please make your checks payable to either St. Joseph Church or the Catholic Foundation. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

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 20, 2024 – Team A (Mike Comg.)

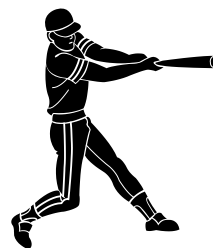
March 27, 2024 – Team B (Sue Capozella)

April 3, 2024 – Team C (The Knights of Columbus)

April 10, 2024 – Team D (Andrea Settimio)

April 17, 2024 – Team E (Judy Burnham)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!



Would you like to join a Co-Ed Softball league and represent St. Joseph Catholic Church?

The season officially begins May 2nd and 3rd, and we are looking for players, ages 18 and up, to compete weekly on Thursday and/or Friday nights. To sign up, please email Jan-Michael LaBrake at jilabrake@hotmail.com, or call the Parish Office by April 7th. The only fee to play may be the purchase of a team shirt. Informational meeting and practices to follow!

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.

"It is not hard to obey when we love the one whom we obey."

+SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Monday, March 18 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Optional Memorial: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: John 8:1-11 Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Meditation: This incident conveys to us a great deal about Jesus' attitude toward the sinner. The scribes and Pharisees wanted to entrap Jesus with the religious and civil authorities. That is why they brought a woman caught in adultery before Jesus. Jesus turned the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he said: Go ahead and stone her! But let the man who is without sin be the first to cast a stone. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences. When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. The scribes wished to condemn, Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice – either go back to your former way of sin and death or to reach out to the new way of life and happiness with him. Jesus gave her pardon and a new start on life. God's grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is – unfaithfulness to God, and to turn back to God with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for God's mercy and forgiveness. Make a good confession and experience the joy of repentance and a clean heart.

Prayer: O God, by whose wondrous grace we are enriched with every blessing, grant us so to pass from former ways to newness of life, that we may be made ready for the glory of the heavenly Kingdom. 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: In your heart of hearts, do you desire to be changed and transformed in Christlike holiness? God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (ref. Lamentations 3:22-23). Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from our unruly desires and passions. As St. Augustine prays: "God our Father, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy; we have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins; and we have foolishly conceived you to be a tyrant over human life. But since Jesus came among us, he has shown that you are loving, that you are on our side against all that stunts life, and that our resentment against you was groundless. So we come to you, asking you to forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you and your forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Tuesday, March 19 ~ Fifth Week in the Season Lent

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

Meditation: Joseph's faith was put to the test when he discovered that his espoused wife was pregnant. Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish Mary. To all appearances she had broken their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. God rewarded him not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called Joseph to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah. Joseph was a worthy successor to the great patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He followed the call of God through the mysterious circumstances that surrounded the coming of Jesus. God entrusted this silent, humble man with the unique privilege of raising his only Son as a growing child. Joseph is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? God the Father has not left us alone, but has given us his only begotten Son as our Savior. Where does your faith need to be strengthened? Ask the Lord to increase your faith and trust in his word.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. 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.

An Ancient Prayer to Saint Joseph (this prayer dates to the year 50 A.D.): O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. O St. 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. O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

Contemplation: Ask yourself: Are you prepared to obey the Lord in everything? Everything?! Faith in God's word and obedience to his commands go hand in hand. Joseph, like Mary, is a model of faith and justice. Matthew tells us that Joseph was a "just man." St. John Chrysostom once wrote: "The concept of 'just' here signifies the man who possesses all the virtues. By 'justice' one at times understands only one virtue in particular, as in the phrase: the one who is not avaricious is just. But 'justice' also refers to virtue in general. And it is in this sense, above all, that scripture uses the word 'justice'. For example, it refers to: 'a just man and true' (cf. Job 1:1), or the two were just (cf. Luke 1:6). Joseph, then, being just, that is to say good and charitable..."

Wednesday, March 20 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-42 Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. A slave does not remain in a household forever, but a son always remains. So if the Son frees you, then you will truly be free. I know that you are descendants of Abraham. But you are trying to kill me, because my word has no room among you. I tell you what I have seen in the Father's presence; then do what you have heard from the Father." They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus

said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works of Abraham. But now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God; Abraham did not do this. You are doing the works of your father!" So they said to him, "We were not born of fornication. We have one Father, God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and am here; I did not come on my own, but he sent me."

Meditation: The world presents us with a false notion of truth and freedom – "truth is relative so I choose my own criteria for what is true" and freedom means "I can do whatever I please – regardless of what God or others might think." This confusion only gets compounded when civil laws make legal many things which are contrary to the laws of God, and the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church – abortion, euthanasia, and same-sex marriage, to name a few. This is really a mask for slavery to one's passions and desires – to do what "me, myself and I" will versus humbly submitting ourselves to live our lives according to the will of God. Jesus offers his disciples true freedom – freedom from slavery to pride and arrogance – disbelief and ignorance – selfishness and greed – hatred and revenge – fear and anxiety – despair and depression – and a host of many other hurtful desires and addictions which cripple our lives.

Prayer: Enlighten, O God of compassion, the hearts of your children, sanctified by penance, and in your kindness grant those you stir to a sense of devotion a gracious hearing when they cry out to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The good news is that Jesus Christ has truly set us free from sin and its destructive force in our lives. How is this possible? Through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit we can choose to renounce sin, we choose to live up to the challenges put forth to us by Christ in the Gospel, and in doing so we can yield to God's grace which enables us to walk each day and each moment in Christ's way of love and holiness. A disciple is a follower and a listener. If we want to be a true follower of Christ and live as his disciples, then we must listen to the words of Jesus, with a humble and teachable spirit, and put Jesus' words into action in our daily lives. As we listen with faith and obey with trust, Christ himself gives us grace – the enabling power of his Holy Spirit – to live, think, and act in the truth of his word. Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to change your life and to set you free to walk in Christ's way of love and holiness?

Thursday, March 22 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 8:51-59 Jesus said to the Jews: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death." So the Jews said to him, "Now we are sure that you are possessed. Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'Whoever keeps my word will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? Or the prophets, who died? Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is worth nothing; but it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' You do not know him, but I know him. And if I should say that I do not know him, I would be like you a liar. But I do know him and I keep his word. Abraham your father rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old and you have seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM." So they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area.

Meditation: When the Jews asked Jesus "Who do you claim to be?" Jesus answered, "before Abraham was, I AM." Jesus claims to be timeless and there is only one in the universe who is timeless, namely God. Scripture tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus was not just a man who came, lived, died, and then rose again. He is the immortal timeless One, who always was and always will be. In Jesus we see the eternal God in visible flesh. His death and rising make it possible for us to share in his eternal life. Do you live in the hope and joy of the resurrection?

Prayer: O God, who reward the merits of the just and offer pardon to sinners who do penance, have mercy, we pray, on those who call upon you, that the admission of our guilt may serve to obtain your pardon for our sins. 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 thirst and hunger to know God fully – to know him personally, and to know the transforming power of his love and wisdom for your life? God made us to know him and he gives us the gift of faith and understanding to grow in our knowledge of him. Jesus challenged the people of Israel to accept his word as the revelation of God. His claims challenged the very foundation of their belief and understanding of God. Jesus made a series of claims which are the very foundation of his life and mission. What are these claims? First, Jesus claims unique knowledge of God as the only begotten Son of the

Father in heaven. Since he claims to be in direct personal communion with his Father in heaven, he knows everything about the Father. Jesus claims that the only way to full knowledge of the mind and heart of God is through himself. Jesus also claims unique obedience to God the Father. He thinks, lives and acts in the knowledge of his Father's word. To look at his life is to "see how God wishes me to live." In Jesus alone we see what God wants us to know and what he wants us to be.

Friday, March 23 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent
Optional Memorial: Saint Turibius, Archbishop; First Saint of the New World

Holy Gospel: John 10:31-42 The Jews picked up rocks to stone Jesus. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "We are not stoning you for a good work but for blasphemy. You, a man, are making yourself God." Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, You are gods'"? If it calls them gods to whom the word of God came, and Scripture cannot be set aside, can you say that the one whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." Then they tried again to arrest him; but he escaped from their power. He went back across the Jordan to the place where John first baptized, and there he remained. Many came to him and said, "John performed no sign, but everything John said about this man was true." And many there began to believe in him.

Meditation: Why were the religious leaders so upset with Jesus that they wanted to kill him? They charged him with blasphemy because he claimed to be the Son of God. Jesus made two claims in his response: He was consecrated by the Father to a special task and he was sent into the world to carry out his Father's mission. Jesus challenged his opponents to accept his works if they could not accept his words. One can argue with words, but deeds are beyond argument. Jesus is the perfect teacher in that he does not base his claims on what he says but on what he does. The word of God is life and power to those who believe.

Prayer: O God, who gave increase to your Church through the apostolic labors and zeal for truth of the Bishop Saint Turibius, grant that the people consecrated to you may always receive new growth in faith and holiness. 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: Have you consecrated your life to God? Do you strive to grow in holiness and grace? The scriptural understanding of consecration is "to make holy for God" – to be given over as a free-will offering and sacrifice for God. Jesus made himself a sin-offering for us, to ransom us from condemnation and slavery to sin. He spoke of his Father consecrating him for this mission of salvation. Jesus shows us the way to walk the path of truth and holiness. And he anoints us with his power to live the gospel with joy and to be his witnesses in the world. Are you a doer of God's word, or a hearer only, failing to put into action that which is taught to us in the sacred scriptures so that we may live in the light of Christ? God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy and truths of the Gospel. **As we approach Holy Week – the holiest week of the year in the Christian world – let's make sure that we put the "holy" back in Holy Week; it's not just another week of the year.** Let us live this week illuminated with the light of Christ, so that his light shines through each of us. Let us set aside this one week of the year for added prayer, scripture reading and meditation, daily Mass, the Stations of the Cross. Let us remember most of all to thank Christ for his suffering the Passion and death on the cross, with the weight and pain of the cross being our own sinfulness.

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 Stuhlmueller, 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 6

Plan Ahead to Receive God's Endless Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday

Our Lord's words to Saint Faustina about the requirement to be merciful are very strong and leave no room for misinterpretation: "Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always, and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it." (Diary #742)

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Divine Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast of the Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins;
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus;
4. Go to Confession; (may be before Divine Mercy Sunday)
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast;
6. Venerate the image of the Divine Mercy;
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

Jesus said, "Tell sinful souls not to be afraid to approach Me; speak to them of My great mercy." (Diary #1396)



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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 the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



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Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

17 de Marzo del 2024



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo Marzo 24 1:30 p.m.

Ramos la Pasión de Señor

Domingo Marzo 31 1:30 p.m.

Pascua De la Resurrección del Señor

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 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 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 agradecerle 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

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

Jeremías, viviendo durante algunos de los días más oscuros de Israel, el exilio babilónico, profetizó un momento en que Dios va a renovar la tierra y su gente: "Vienen días ... cuando (el SEÑOR) hará un nuevo pacto, En la antigua alianza la ley de Dios fue escrita en .. tablas de piedra, pero "rompieron mi alianza" Ahora la ley de Dios será escrita "en sus corazones," será interiorizada. El profeta anticipa que Dios les volverá a llevar de vuelta a la Tierra Prometida y a renovar su relación: "Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo." El autor de Hebreos habla del sacrificio de Cristo como la "causa de salvación eterna para todos los que le obedecen." A la luz del sacrificio de su muerte, Jesús es "declarado por Dios sumo sacerdote," cuya tarea es ofrecer sacrificios en nombre del pueblo. Pero a diferencia de los otros sumos sacerdotes, que en repetidas ocasiones ofrecen sacrificios por los pecados de la gente, Jesús se ofreció a sí mismo como un sacrificio de una vez por todas. A través de su muerte, nos reconcilió con Dios y estableció la nueva y eterna alianza. En la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, se establece la nueva alianza prevista por Jeremías. En el Evangelio de hoy algunos Judíos de habla griega preguntan a Felipe para darles a conocer a Jesús. Nuestro evangelista no narra una simple reunión, pero utiliza esta solicitud a introducir el principio de la "hora" de Jesús, su Kairos: " Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado ", dice Jesús. Anteriormente en el Evangelio, Jesús había anticipado esta hora, pero a partir de este punto él la abraza. Es un momento de importancia, el tiempo que ha esperado y la razón por la que vino al mundo. En esta "hora" Jesús experimentará la muerte y luego la resurrección, inaugurando, el nuevo pacto que une a las personas a Dios de una manera nueva, que conduce a nuestra salvación.

Para reflexionar: ¿Cómo teniendo la ley de Dios escrita en mi corazón me ayuda en mi vida espiritual? Ha sido esta Cuaresma un tiempo de renovación para mí? ¿Cómo puedo mejor hacer uso de estas últimas semanas para crecer espiritualmente?



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