

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY AND SAINT ANN

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THE WEEK'S LITURGIES

Mon.	Mar 25	7:15 a.m.	Comm. Service, Stanley
Tue.	Mar 26	12:00 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>Marshall Fjeldahl</i>
		6:30 p.m.	Stations of Cross, Berthold
		7:00 p.m.	Mass, Berthold <i>Victims of flooding</i>
Wed.	Mar 27	6:30 a.m.	1 hr. Adoration, Stanley
		5:15 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>Michael P. Wall</i>
		6:45 p.m.	Stations of Cross, Stanley
Thu.	Mar 28	6:30 a.m.	1 hr. Adoration, Stanley
		12:00 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Betty Kudrna</i>
		5:15 p.m.	Mass, Bethel Home <i>Bethel Home Residents</i>
Fri.	Mar 29	7:15 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Betty Kudrna</i>
		12:00 p.m.	Adoration, Stanley
		3:00 p.m.	Chaplet & Benediction
Sat.	Mar 30	5:00 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Betty Kudrna</i>
Sun.	Mar 31	8:30 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>All Parishioners</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Mass, Berthold <i>+Carolyn Brown</i>

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 4:15 to 4:50 p.m. on Saturdays and 7:45 to 8:20 a.m. on Sundays in Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church. It is available 10:20 to 10:50 a.m. at St. Ann on Sundays. It's also available 15 minutes prior to weekday Masses, or by appointment anytime.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Linda Holte, Doris Bures, Doris Walter, Duane Lalim, Joan Fladeland, Gene Neiss, Allan Beehler.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Since the founding of the state, North Dakota has outlawed nonessential business on Sundays. North Dakota has been a good place to raise a family. The tradition of Sunday closings was part of the reason why. But, sadly, that tradition is now coming to an end. Last week, our legislature voted to repeal the so-called "blue laws" that kept Sundays a bit more relaxed in our state.

So, what should we do now that this change is coming to North Dakota? The obvious path, of course, is to stick with the Lord's commandment to "keep holy the Lord's Day." Sunday is *not ours*. It is the Lord's! We cannot claim it as our own. The Church, in its Canon Law, explains what that means in more concrete terms:

On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be

rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body (c. 1247).

Work is prohibited on Sunday, then, if it hinders our (or others') 1. worship, 2. joy, or 3. relaxation of mind and body. Worship, joy, and relaxation: aren't those things we *all* want? Clearly, the commandment is not meant to be burdensome! There is a joy proper to the Lord's Day. Jesus Christ is risen! We must take time to remind ourselves of that fact. God knows that left to ourselves, we'll squeeze God and family off the agenda in favor of work, sports, shopping, or other business.

There are exceptions, of course. Works of charity are traditionally done on Sundays (cf. CCC §2186). Police, firefighters, hospital workers, and nursing home staff must be on the job at all times and that's certainly not a sin. But even they, if possible, should seek to keep the Lord's Day in some manner.

After all, we are not merely *encouraged*, but rather *commanded*, to attend Mass and avoid unnecessary work on Sundays. To fail in this regard with full knowledge and freedom is to sin mortally, meaning that if we do not repent and seek confession, such a sin could keep us out of heaven. In short, if we choose the world over God, we won't be with God in the next life. To put it bluntly, we'll be in hell.

Christians need to stand up more often to defend the Lord's Day. When an employer says we must work for them on Sunday we should protest, unless doing so would put our livelihood seriously at risk. When stores are open on Sundays, we should avoid doing business at that time even if doing so is especially convenient. The more we shop on Sundays, the more employees in the stores will be unable to obey the Lord's commandment themselves. If you are a business owner, take a stand for the Lord and let your employees have the day off. God will not be outdone in generosity.

-Fr. Jason Signalness

NEWS AND EVENTS

Please welcome our new business manager and secretary for Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, *Reann Bohrer*. Congratulations!

Bingo! Everyone is welcome for a day of Bingo to raise funds for our students attending the Steubenville Conference this summer. The students will be serving soup and bars this Saturday after Mass.

Lenten Penance Services: There will be a penance service today, March 24th, at 4 p.m., in Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church. Fr. Corey Nelson will be assisting Fr. Jason in the hearing of confessions. A penance service will also be held on April 4th, at 4 p.m., in St. Ann Church, Berthold. Fr. Jason and Fr. Teji of Parshall will be present at that service.

K of C Meeting Wed, March 27 @ 8:00pm, Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

"Return to Joy" Parish Mission: The Church of St. Anthony in New Town is hosting a parish mission titled "Return to Joy" on April 7-9 from 6:30-8 p.m. each evening. The mission will feature guest Shelly Preszler speaking on the themes of joy, divine mercy, and more. For more information, call 701-627-4423 or Bobbi at 701-720-3998.

A Simple Lenten Retreat for Men will be held on Saturday, April 13 beginning with 8 a.m. Mass at the Church of Saint Anne in Bismarck. Presenters are Msgr. Tom Richter and Fr. Wayne Sattler. Adoration and Stations of the Cross are also planned. The event will conclude by 2:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are included in the \$25 fee. Preregistration is preferred. Either send a check made out to "A Simple Lenten Retreat" to John Berger, 714 Crescent Lane, Bismarck, ND 58501, or email jberger5@midco.net and pay at the retreat. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m.

How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all
the saints,
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

(*Rite of Penance*, no. 45)

- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

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Prayer for an End to Infanticide

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that would prohibit infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Thankfully, both of North Dakota’s senators supported this bill. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide:

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS FOR QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

+Eugene Eisenzimmer, +Anthony Giesen,
+The Eisenzimmer family, All deceased
Relatives and friends, +Gordan Wilhelmi,
+Kyle Wilhelmi, +Darrel & Don Hammack,
+Flora & Gene Hammack, +Joe & Marie
Wilhelmi, +Virgil Wilhelmi, +Dave Dusek,
+Larry & Audrey Dusek, +Dennis Wentz,
+Rosie Wentz, +Arlin Wentz, +Carl Arndt,
+Marie Arndt, +Wendelin Walter, +Margaret
Walter, +Gloria Worley, +Don & +Betty
Kudrna, +Fred and +Esther Hynek, +Mary M.
Holte, +Wallace M Holte, +Allan Wahl,
+Mildred Wahl, +Dylan McGinnity,
+Lawrence Hellman, +Lyne Enget, +Gene
Bieri, +Jack & Lavon Nichols, +Ruth &
LeRoy Larson, +Joslyn LaClair, +Anthony
DeTura Sr., +Larry & Connie Raymond,
+Myron Aune, and +Bev Sauber

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, March 30th:

Ushers: Gary Martens
Rhett Hanson
EMHCs: Barb Meiers
Doris Walters
Lector: Denise Hanson
Servers: Trent Leith
Danae Vachal
Rosary: Bob Holte
Gifts: Hanson Family
Greeter: Hanson Family

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, March 31st:

Ushers: Lilly Obert
Penny Wolter
EMHCs: Jessica Wolter
Justin Goettle
Lector: Jodi Obert
Gifts: Obert Family
Servers: Ben Hynek
Jacob Hynek
Greeters: Obert Family
Rosary: Jessica Wolter

Saint Ann, Sunday, March 31st:

Ushers: Curt Hall & Shane Lemer
EMHCs: Elaine Brookhouser
Fay Lautenschlager
Lector: Aliviah Lemer
Gifts: Shane & Mandy Lemer
Servers: Aubrey & Sadie Lemer
Greeters: Dennis & Gayle Hanna

LAST WEEK’S GIVING

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

	<i>Last Week</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Adult Collection.....	\$3455.....	\$1684
Loose Collection.....	\$413.....	\$118
Maintenance Fund.....	\$10.....	\$200
Social Concerns	\$5.....	\$136
Total	\$3883.....	\$2138

Church of Saint Ann

	<i>Last Week</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Total	\$807.....	\$540