

Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord

and the angels
ministered to Him



Mark 1:13

St. Lambert Parish

First Sunday of Lent ~ February 21, 2021

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The Archdiocese of Chicago is delighted to provide Catholics and non-Catholics with a wide variety of opportunities to take Pope Francis' words to heart and begin a Lenten mission of deepening relationships with those around them and with Jesus Christ.

This year, Lent begins on February 17 and is a time in the Catholic tradition in which we are asked to slow down, reflect and prepare ourselves to receive the incredible gift of Easter morning. We are invited to pray more, deny ourselves by fasting, and give alms to the poor. There are many ways you can live out these practices.

To assist you in your Lenten preparation and practices, here are a few resources we have compiled for your use:

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: Online Thursday at 5 p.m.
- Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: Online Friday at 3 p.m.
- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: Online Saturday at 8 p.m.
- Sunday Easter Mass (English, Spanish, Polish): Online Sunday at 6 a.m.

All these liturgies can be viewed anytime after their original online broadcast.

ON SUNDAY:

- ABC-7 will televise Easter Mass in English at noon.
- Univision will televise Easter Mass in Spanish at 10 a.m.

POLVISION WILL TELEVISION EASTER MASS IN POLISH AT 9 A.M. AND 3 P.M.

ON RADIO:

- WGN-720 will broadcast the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil from Holy Name Cathedral Saturday at 10 p.m.

WGN-720 will broadcast Easter Sunday Mass with Cardinal Blase Cupich on Sunday at 9 a.m.

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8am, 10am, 12pm

Confessions: Saturday at 3:30 pm

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 St. Lambert Parish - Skokie, IL

Baptisms: Third Sundays of the month at 1:30 pm. For guidelines and more information please speak to Deacon Chick after mass.

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Sunday Offertory Collection

February 13- 19, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,021.00
Sunday Loose:	609.00
Sunday Env. Mail In:	1,753.00
GiveCentral:	<u>1,212.00</u>
Total:	\$6,595.00



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SAINT JULIANA
**MONDAY EVENINGS
OF PRAYER**

Lenten Prayer Series

GUEST SPEAKERS

- 2/15- Fr. Hank Lyon, Associate Pastor of St. Emily Parish
- 2/22- Fr. Tim Monahan, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago
- 3/1- Fr. Tom Byrne, Director of Chicago Seminarians
- 3/8- Fr. Derek Ho, Pastor of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish
- 3/15- Bishop Mark Bartosic, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago
- 3/22- Fr. Tim Anastos, Associate Pastor of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish
- 3/29- Fr. James Wallace, Pastor of St. Juliana Parish

Schedule

- 6:00-8:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30pm: Rosary
- 6:30-7:30pm: Confessions
- 7:30pm: 25-minute talk on prayer and the spiritual life
- Concludes with Night Prayer (*Compline*) and benediction

Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm at
Saint Juliana Church
7201 N. Oketo

Masks required. Please register at stjuliana.org.

Michelle Martin

We are tired

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

We are tired of death.

That's what Father Esequiel Sánchez, rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, said in his homily at the Feb. 10 funeral of a mother and four young daughters who died in a house fire Jan. 27.

After a year that has seen more than 470,000 people in the United States die from a disease that we were just learning the name of last February, after a year in which the rituals around even non-COVID-19 deaths are warped and strained by pandemic protocols, we are so, so tired of death.

Every day, it seems, brings word of another celebrity death. The obituary section of this newspaper has been larger than usual for months. And still, people die.

That hit home to me when one of my aunts, someone who was always there to support me, was always on my side, died the same week that the Espinosa family mourned its unimaginable loss.

I am so tired of death.

Death, we know, comes for us all in the end. It's part of the cycle of life here on earth, that everything that is alive one day will die. It's there in the reading from Ecclesiastes: "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die. A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant" (Eccl 3:1-2).

Of course, that's not the end of our story, not our story as individuals or our story as a church. Jesus came to save, to triumph over death and to lead us all into eternal life.

Because Jesus lived, died and was resurrected, we can talk about the communion of the saints, about the relationship we have with those who have gone before. We can pray for them, and ask them to pray for us, and know that the love we shared with them when they were with us here has not died.

God has promised us that there is more than this world, where our lives inevitably end in death, Sánchez told the Espinosa family.

That can be hard to remember when death is so much with us, in the news, in our neighborhoods and in our families, just as it can be hard to remember that spring is coming when the garage door is frozen shut and the snowman we made has been buried under another six inches of snow and ice.

But the sun is rising earlier and setting later every day, and Ash Wednesday was this past week. That starts the season of Lent, a word whose origins go back to the Old English for "springtime."

That means that under the snow and the ice, where we can't see them, the bulbs are probably growing, sending roots deeper into the soil and leaves starting toward the surface, ready to poke through when there is a thaw, maybe even ready to bloom around the time we celebrate Easter, the feast of the Resurrection.

In the meantime, there are the two things Benjamin Franklin said were certain in this world: death and taxes.

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Feast of the Chair of St. Peter ~ February 22

It's kind of funny to have a feast day for a chair. When we think of a chair, perhaps we think of a soft recliner into which our body lowers itself as if into a warm bath. Or our mind turns to a classroom chair, a chair in a waiting room, or one at a restaurant. But the chair the Church commemorates today is more like the heroic-sized marble chair which holds the giant body of President Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial. We commemorate today a chair like the judge's in a courtroom or that unique high-backed chair called a throne. These are not ordinary chairs. They are seats of authority and judgment. They hold power more than people. We stand before them while their occupants sit. Judges and kings retire or die, but chairs and thrones remain to hold their successors. The Nicene Creed even describes Jesus as "seated" at God's right hand. The fuller, symbolic meaning of the word "chair" is what today's feast commemorates.



Against the farthest wall of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome is not a statue of Saint Peter, as one might imagine, but a gorgeous heroic-sized sculpture with a chair as its focus. To celebrate the Chair of St. Peter is to celebrate the unity of the Church. The chair is a symbol of Saint Peter's authority, and that authority is not meant for conquest like military power. Ecclesiastical authority is directed toward unity. Jesus Christ could have gathered an unorganized group of disciples united only by their common love of Him. He didn't. He could have written the Bible Himself, handed it to His followers, and said, "Obey this text." He didn't. Jesus called to Himself, by name, twelve men. He endowed them with the same powers He possessed and left this organized band of brothers as an identifiable, priestly fraternity specifically commissioned to baptize and to preach. In North Africa at the time of Saint Augustine, twelve co-consecrating bishops were canonically required at the ordination of a bishop, mirroring "The Twelve" called by Christ. What a profound liturgical custom! Today the Church requires only three co-consecrators.

What is even more striking about Christ's establishment of an orderly Church structure is its double organizing principle. The Twelve's headship over the many is itself subjected to the internal headship of Saint Peter. He is the keeper of the keys, the rock upon which the Lord built His Church. This all makes sense. What good would a constitution be without a Supreme Court to adjudicate disputes over its interpretation? Any authoritative text needs a living organ to stand outside and above it to arbitrate, interpret, and define, with authority equal to the text itself, any and all misinterpretations, confusions, or honest disputes. Just as a constitution needs a court, the Bible needs a Magisterium. And that Magisterium needs a head as well.

The authority of the papal office, doctrinally, is a negative charism preserving the Church from teaching error. It is not a guarantee that the pope will teach, explain, or live the faith perfectly. Christ himself guaranteed that the gates of hell would not prevail against the Church. That's a negative promise. But isn't this promise also a prophecy that the Church, and the office of Peter, will be a lightning rod absorbing every strike from the forces of evil? That this Church, and no other, will be the target of the darkest of powers? A real Church has real enemies.

There was never an office of Saint Paul in the Church. When the person of Paul disappeared, his specific

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role did too. But the office of Peter continues, along with the office of all the Apostles, despite their deaths. In other words, the Church has not just a foundation but a structure built on that foundation. And authority in that structure is not transmitted personally, from father to son or from one family to the next. Authority attaches to the Office of St. Peter and endows its occupant with the charisms promised by Christ to Saint Peter. And this charism will endure until the sun sets for the last time. As long as there is a Church, it will teach objective truth, and objective truth requires objective leadership. And that objective leadership, symbolized in the Chair of St. Peter, is directed toward unity. One Lord. One faith. One Shepherd. One flock. The united fabric of the Church, so fought for, so torn, so necessary, is worth honoring in the liturgy of the Church.



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