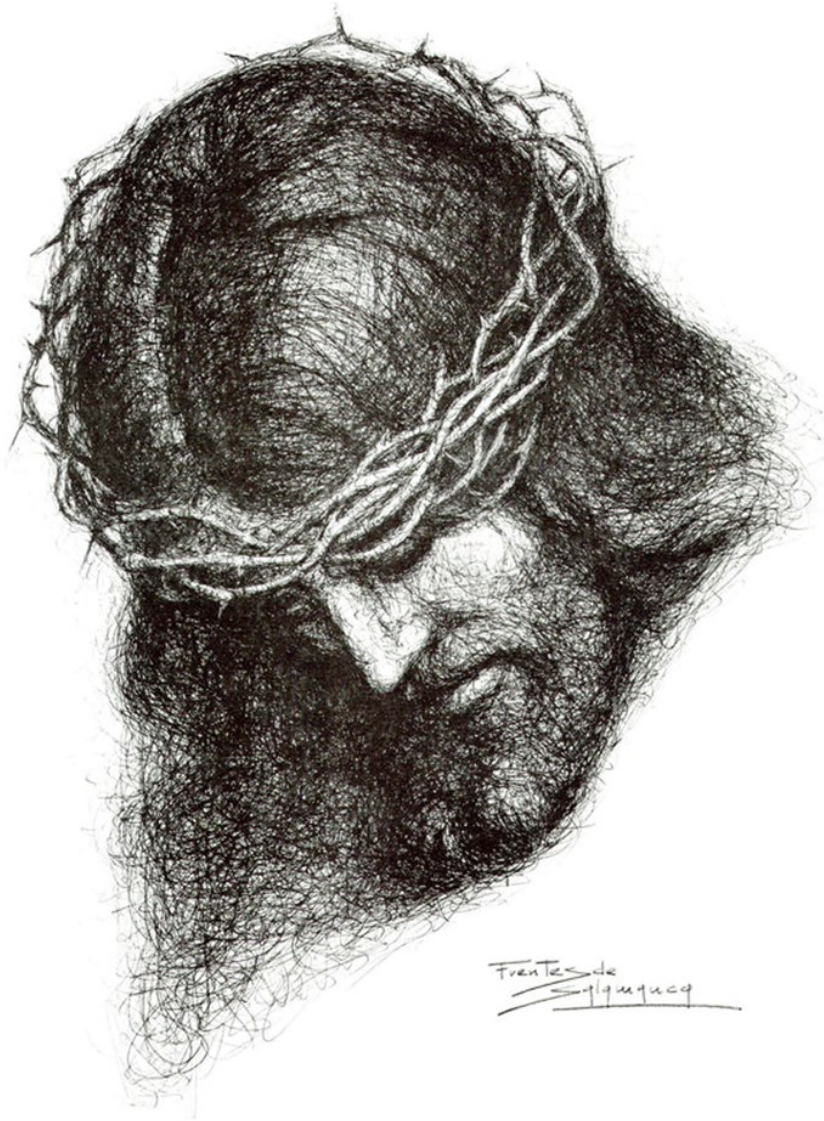


# Behold Your King



Lent 2023



## WELCOME HOME TO JESUS THE DIVINE WORD CHURCH!

We at Jesus the Divine Word welcome all who are new to our faith community, those returning to the Catholic Church and anyone who may be searching for a spiritual home. We are glad you have joined us and are blessed to have you with us

If you are interested in learning more about our parish or registering as a parishioner, we invite you to contact our pastor, Fr. John Dakes at [frjohn@jesusdivineword.org](mailto:frjohn@jesusdivineword.org) or any member of our parish staff at 410-414-8304. We also invite you to view our website - [www.jesusdivineword.org](http://www.jesusdivineword.org) – and to download our registration form, the link of which is on the front page of the website.

We look forward to meeting and getting to know you. Welcome!

**Rev. John T. Dakes,**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. Michael Witczak,**  
*Weekend Clergy*

**Deacon Ron Burns**

**Daily Mass Schedule**  
Tuesday-Friday 8:00AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

**Weekend Mass Schedule**  
Saturday 5:00 PM  
(Vigil Mass)

Sunday  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM

**Weekday Adoration**  
Monday-Friday  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

**Weekday Holy Hour**  
Wednesday  
7:00 PM-8:00 PM

**First Friday  
Adoration**  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**  
Tuesday & Thursday after  
8:00 AM Mass

Wednesday  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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## *Behold Your King*

### Lent 2023

“Hosanna!

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
[even] the king of Israel.”*

John 12:13

The great crowd outside Jerusalem was filled with anticipation, Jesus was coming. They had hurried to the city gate carrying palm branches and on seeing him coming towards them on a donkey cried out full-throated, “Hosanna,” a word meaning “Save now!” and “*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel*” (Jn 12:13)! The promise they and their ancestors had sung for generations was now being fulfilled. In their minds their great oppressor, the Roman Empire, would now be cast down.

Yet, God’s kingdom is not like any kingdom of this world and Jesus did not come into the world to be another political leader. This was all illustrated by his riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Contrary to popular understanding, riding in on a donkey was not simply a sign of Jesus’ humility. It was, instead, the fulfillment of an Old Testament promise. The prophet Zechariah would use this imagery saying, “*Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king\* is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey*” (9:9). Riding on a donkey, Jesus would show himself to be a different kind of king, a king of mercy, one who days later would wear as the symbol of his high office not a gilded crown of jewels, but instead a prickly crown of thorns and who would reign not from a throne of gold, but the throne of an old rugged cross.

This is our king, and he comes for all people. He comes not for the righteous, but for sinners. He comes not only for the rich, but especially for the poor. He comes not only for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. He comes for those who are outsiders, those who are strangers, those who are without hope, those who are lost and searching, those who are rejected and abandoned, and he comes for those who do not know God, even those who have rejected God. He comes to “save now” all God’s people. It is this all-inclusive King we honor and behold this Lent and Easter. It is this king whose sovereignty we come under.

As we undertake our Lenten Journey this year, we are encouraged, *Behold Your King* and to embark on a change of life that embraces his way of living, a sacrificial, merciful way of life. In this we are being specifically challenged to *Behold Your King* in our neighbor by undertaking *40 Acts of Kindness in 40 Days*. These acts could include donating to a favorite charity, leaving a note in your mailbox for the mail carrier, sending a postcard to friends and family, donating old clothes, baking cookies for the local fire department, giving compliments to strangers, taking a neighbor’s (or pastor’s) dog for a walk, donating food to a food pantry and more. Be creative but commit to one random act of kindness every day of Lent, beholding in those you serve the face of your king, Jesus our Savior.

Lent is our annual opportunity to renew our commitment as subjects to the King of kings. With this as our goal, may we begin Lent ready to acknowledge Jesus as our king as well as the king of the universe.

***Let us embark on works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving all in honor of our king who loves us fully and sacrificed himself for us.***





## **Prayer to Christ our King A Prayer for Lent**

As we *Behold [Y]our King* this Lent, we will continue the tradition of concluding our Lenten Masses – weekday and Sunday - with a prayer composed to express our parish theme.

The prayer, found below, will be located on the back inside cover of the *Breaking Bread* hymnal. On Ash Wednesday a prayer card – along with a symbol of Christ our King, a crown of thorns - will be distributed for use at home, serving as a reminder that over all things Jesus Christ is our king and all things, especially our very lives, are to be made subject to him.

**Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You to be the King of the universe.  
All that has been created has been made for You.  
Exercise over me all Your sovereignty.**

**Today I renew the promises I made in Baptism,  
renouncing Satan and all his works and all his empty promises.  
From this moment forward I promise to lead a truly Christ-like life.  
In particular, I commit to bringing about the triumph  
of God and Your Church in my life.**

**Crucified Christ, crowned with thorns,  
who suffered and died that all might have life,  
I offer you all my efforts  
so that every heart may acknowledge  
your Sacred Kingly Power.  
May the Kingdom of Your peace  
be firmly established in my life  
and in the lives of all people. Amen.**

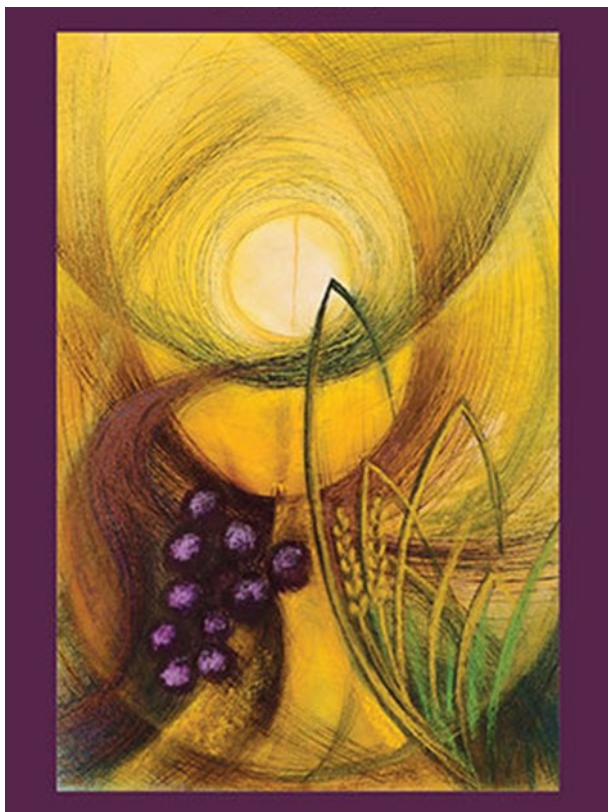


## LENT: WHAT IS IT?

Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) when we participate in self-examination, fasting and penance in preparation for our Easter observance. We prepare to renew our baptism – when we rose into our new Christian life – as we celebrate Christ rising from the dead. It is a time of prayer, forgiveness and grace.



## Masses during Lent – What is Different?



**Lent Color:** Purple is used as a sign of repentance.

**Prayerful Pauses:** Use these times to reflect on our sins and ask for God's mercy.

**Music:** No "Alleluia" – we "fast" from the joyful songs during Lent while we seriously reflect on God's mercy, his sacrifice and his love. The Mass Setting will indicate the new season. During Lent and Easter the Mass of the Resurrection will be used for the sung Mass parts – Holy, Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation; Great Amen; Lamb of God in Lent and in Easter for the Glory to God and for the "Alleluia"

To emphasize the penitential nature of Lent and to ensure the sense of silence called for by the season, we will "fast" from the recessional hymn at the end of our Masses. Instead, the ministers will process out in silence and the congregation is asked to depart in the same manner.

**Response to the General Intercessions (Universal Prayer):** Christ our King, hear our prayer.

**Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation:** Notice the strong theme of forgiveness and reconciliation.

*Wednesday Evening Masses  
will be celebrated  
at 6:30 PM on  
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5  
followed by a holy hour and confessions -  
opportunities each week to Behold Your King*





"Lord,  
teach us to  
pray..."

## PRAYER

### The Little Black Book (Adults)

To take time for prayer during Lent is to acknowledge that we need help to turn back to God. From daily Mass to the Rosary, from meditation on Sacred Scripture to Centering Prayer, from the Stations of the Cross to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Church encourages us with a wealth of prayer practices.

A very simple way to pray is to sit quietly for a moment before taking up one of the Gospels and slowly reading a passage. After reading the passage, sit with it for a time, savor the Word just read and allow it to touch your heart, then read it again slowly and respond to God.

To assist you with this form of prayer, the Lenten packets contain a copy of the *Little Black Book*, six-minute daily reflections on the Parables of Jesus.

**DAILY  
PRAYER  
DURING  
LENT**



### Tick, Tock, It's Lent A 2023 Lenten Calendar for Teens

The daily encouragements in this booklet prompts teens to take just a minute each day to read, reflect, rewind, repent and repost about the Lenten opportunities they have to serve, share and spend time in Scripture. Tick, Tock, It's Lent! provides an up-to-the-minute daily devotional journey throughout the season, encouraging young Christians to express their faith through words and actions.

### Lent 2023 Children's Calendar

Lent is an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus every day.

This colorfully illustrated and spiritually enriching calendar is filled with suggestions to encourage prayer, Bible reading, kind actions, and activities sure to foster a growth in faith during the forty days of Lent.





## Vocation Tree

### Pray for Our Seminarians

Please stop by our “Vocations Tree” in the church foyer, where you’ll see cards for each of the seminarians of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent.

Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese.



## Veneration of the Relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

### (*Padre Pio*)

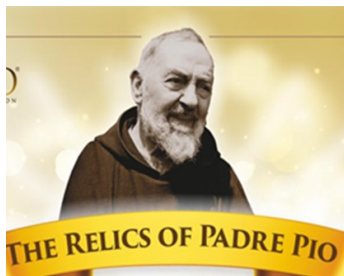
At the Second Vatican Council, the Church recalled that the “saints have been traditionally honored in the Church and their authentic relics and images have been held in veneration.” Similar to how we might keep a cherished possession of a deceased family member, the Church has always preserved the relics of the martyrs and saints. By venerating relics, we give thanks to God for the saints’ holy lives and pray for the grace to imitate them. We can also ask saints to pray to God for us, for others, and for our special intentions. However, the Church is quick to remind us that a relic is not magical. It is not the actual object of the relic that brings grace or causes a miracle. **Grace and healing come from God alone.**

On **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**, the parish will host the relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (*Padre Pio*).

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as Padre Pio, was a Franciscan priest who received the stigmata (wound of Christ) and bore them for 50 years after offering himself to God “as a victim for poor sinners and for the souls in Purgatory,” as he wrote. He was the first stigmatized priest in the Church. His many spiritual gifts included bilocation (the ability to be in two places simultaneously), prophecy, miracles, healing, the discernment of spirits, the ability to read hearts and to speak and understand languages without study, the gift of seeing angels, the charism of converting hearts, and the “odor of sanctity” that came from his wounds.

The day will begin with **Mass at 8:00 AM** in honor of St. Pio. **Following the Mass until 4:00 PM the relics of St. Pio will be available in the church for veneration by parishioners.** In the words of Pope St. John Paul II, “Prayer and charity – this is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio’s teaching.” As an act of charity towards the poor whom Padre Pio loved, those coming to venerate his relics are asked to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to local food banks in honor of the saint.

**How to venerate relics:** When venerating a relic, it is appropriate to honor the saint by performing a simple exterior gesture. A person can touch the glass case that houses the relic or simply stand near the relic in a prayerful attitude while invoking the intercession of the saint. The veneration of a relic is meant to be an external expression of “one’s commitment to live the Christian life.” Please keep in mind that we do not genuflect before a relic in a similar way to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament. Genuflection is a sign of adoring Christ who is truly present in the consecrated hosts kept within the Tabernacle.



For more information on the life of St. Pio of Pietrelcina please visit:  
[www.saintpiofoundation.org/saint-pios-biography](http://www.saintpiofoundation.org/saint-pios-biography)




# Women's Retreat

Loyola Retreat House

March 31st - April 2nd, 2023

[loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://loyolaonthepotomac.com)

A great LENTEN RETREAT!



~ REGISTER TODAY ~



## 2023 Theme

### "If Today you Hear God's Voice"

Utilizing the Daily Examen Prayer of St. Ignatius, we will explore ways to open ourselves to the voice of God as we discern the next steps on our journey.

Conducted in prayerful silence, the Ignatian weekend retreat includes invitation to prayer and time for personal prayer and reflection. You may feel you have too much to lose if you register, but you just might GAIN much needed time with God. How could that ever be a bad thing?

The cost is \$245 for the weekend. First time retreatants cost is \$195.00. You can register at <https://loyolaonthepotomac.com/registration-16/ignatian/>

Register soon-space is limited! Choose weekend of MARCH 31-April 2nd on the registration form. Put down JDW as your parish in the registration area.



## Online Retreats

### 1. Lives to Inspire: *Looking at people who encourage us to live better, more fulfilled lives*

We all know of people whose lives inspire us by their courage, generosity, imagination or brilliance. Christian churches either informally, or formally present us with inspiring people that are called saints. Over Lent this year we shall tell you a little about the lives of over 40 people, some canonized saints, others renowned for their lives of love and public service. Saints are not perfect people, but they do have aspects of their lives that stand out and are worthy of emulation.

Each day of Lent offers:

- Some information about one of the "Lives to Inspire"
- A reading from Scripture
- A picture to ponder
- Music to inspire (on the web and App)
- A short reflection



To participate go to [www.onlineprayer.net/saints/](http://www.onlineprayer.net/saints/)

### 2. An Ignatian Prayer Adventure. This is an adapted version of the Spiritual Exercises.

Join in a flexible experience of daily prayer and reflection. Choose to commit to a regular period of prayer each day or start with only one day a week. Use as much or as little of the material as helps you in your Ignatian adventure.

Topics Include:

- Week 1: Love, Freedom, and Purpose
- Week 2: Finding God in All Things
- Week 3: Something's Broken
- Week 4: Knowing Jesus
- Week 5: What Do I Really Want?
- Week 6: The Public Ministry of Jesus
- Week 7: The Suffering Jesus
- Week 8: God's Love and Our Response

To participate visit:

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-spiritual-exercises/an-ignatian-prayer-adventure/>

### 3. Scott Hahn's *Holy is His Name*

#### JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Draw near to the tremendous mystery of God's holiness

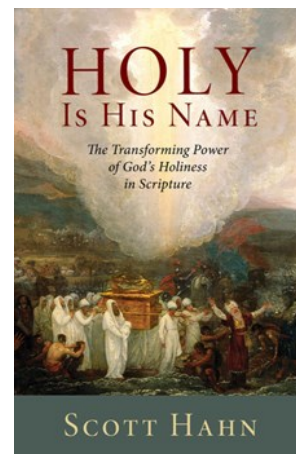
In 1 Peter 1:16, we're reminded of our call to holiness.

You shall be holy, for I am holy.

But what is holiness?

Join us in this new Bible study as Scott Hahn traces the meaning of holiness from its origins in Scripture to its appearance in our own lives today. Together, let's experience the transformative power of God's holiness.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/holystudy/>



## FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

**Fasting** is observed on **Ash Wednesday** (February 22) and **Good Friday** (April 7) by all who are 18 years of age and older and who have not yet celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. On a day of fast, one full meal is allowed.

Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.



**Abstinence** is observed by all persons 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Please note that when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply.

**Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence from all meat.**

**Note:** If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

*Fasting and Abstinence practiced as the Church instructs are bodily ways to remind ourselves that we need God above all things. Fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship with God*



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Shrove Tuesday Dinner: February 21  
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Pancake Supper in Doran Hall -  
All are Welcome!**

**What is Shrove Tuesday?** Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, has as its past tense the word "shrive," which means to obtain absolution for one's sins. In the early Church, people took fasting so seriously that on the day before Lent began, they "used up" all the rich foods they would not eat during Lent.

**Pancakes and Shrove Tuesday:** Historically, as the faithful prepared for the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period and forbidden by the Church to eat meat, fat, eggs or dairy products, families had to use up these foods so that they would not go bad by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday.

What to do? The Solution: use up the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday (or "Fat Tuesday"). And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in . . .  
Pancakes!



***Bring the whole family. All are Welcome!!***



## Soup Suppers 2023

Prior to Friday evening Stations of the Cross the parish is hosting simple Lenten Suppers. Individuals and families are invited to gather in Doran Hall beginning at 5:30 pm for a meal of meatless soup, rolls and drinks. Fish sticks along with macaroni and cheese will be available for children.

On **Friday, March 3**, when the parish will have *Children's Stations of the Cross*, pizza will be served in place of soup.

*All are Welcome!*



## Meatless Soup Recipes

As part of our commitment to abstaining from meat every Friday of Lent, the parish's Green Team (Environmental Ministry) will be providing meatless soup recipes every week in the bulletin. We hope you enjoy them. Next week's bulletin will include a recipe for Simple Homemade Tomato Soup.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30PM Soup Supper

or pizza or fish

7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Lenten service & fun activity for  
both kids & adults each week  
after Stations!

*(stay an extra 30 minutes!)*

FEB 24th - Soup supper

MAR 3rd - Pizza family night

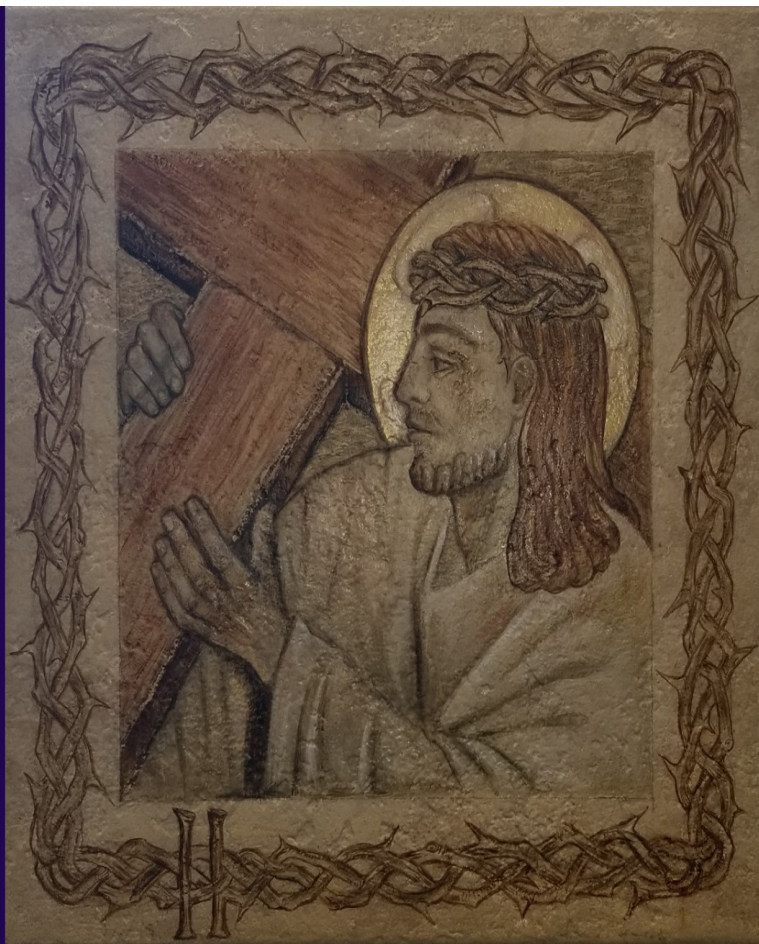
MAR 10th - Soup Supper

MAR 17th - Stations outdoors

MAR 24th - Soup Supper

MAR 31st - Fish Fry Stations outdoors

*Outdoor Stations weather permitting*





## Fish Fry

**Enjoy good ol' country cookin and hot, fresh fish**

Join us for an old-fashioned Fish Fry on Friday evening, **March 31** in Doran Hall from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

The menu includes fresh fish, green beans, applesauce, mac and cheese, coleslaw, cornbread, and cold drinks

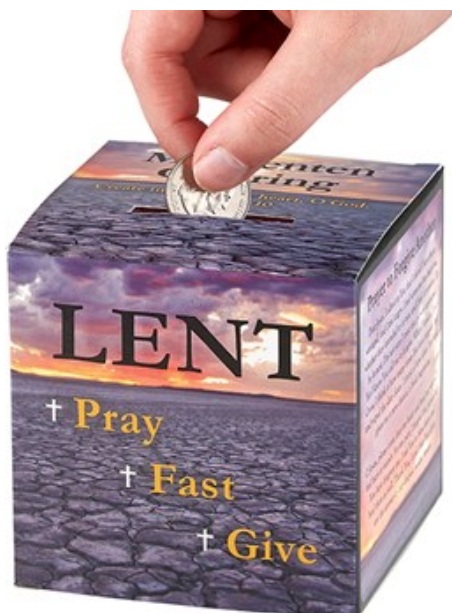
Adults: \$10; Children: \$5; Children under 5 FREE

## ALMSGIVING

**Almsgiving** readjusts our priorities while also expressing our love of neighbor and our trust in God. A free gift to those in need confirms our basic trust in Providence while concretely helping those in need.

Just as we fast without starving ourselves, so, too, we give alms without jeopardizing our security of that of our family.

The essential point is to give from the heart.



## Lenten Offering Box

**St. Teresa of Calcutta Church, Mahanoy City**

Pope Francis challenges us: “Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others.”

Once again our parish almsgiving is designated for our sister parish, St. Teresa of Calcutta Church in Mahanoy City, PA. to help with needed expenses.

Use the cardboard Offering Box contained in the Lent Packet.

Offering Boxes will be collected during the Sacred Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter or may be dropped off at the parish during Holy Week or Easter Week.



## Lenten Day of Service



### IT'S PLANTING SEASON!

*The **Green Team** along with the Knights of Columbus are hosting "A Day of Service" on **Saturday, March 18 at 10:15 AM***

Please join them in readying for planting the parish's raised beds in the back of the church. First the beds need to be cleared of weeds before we plant our first round of spring veggies, potatoes, garlic and onions to name a few. A deer fence also needs to be built around the beds. This is the first round of our plantings for this summer; other veggies and flowers will be planted in April and May. The herb bed in the front of the church near the flag pole will also need some weeding and pruning.

The Knights of Columbus will be working to rake and mulch the church grounds in preparation for spring.

Trees and bushes may need to be trimmed and the area around the Stations of the Cross will need some clean up as well. Bring gloves, sunscreen, hats, bug spray and shovels and join us for a fun, productive day cleaning our church grounds.



***Don't forget -  
Earth Day is Saturday, April 22!***



## St. Joseph Food Drive

Hunger is an ever-present reality in Calvert County. Local food pantries regularly experience a great demand for food.

To help replenish supplies, we are sponsoring our **St. Joseph Food Drive** (first begun in 2021, *The Year of St. Joseph*) in honor of him who is the Pillar of Families. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the **weekend of March 18/19.**

When you come to Mass that weekend, please leave your donation in the narthex. Our collection will continue to benefit both the Food Pantry at St. John Vianney Church in Prince Frederick and the Ladies of Charity of Calvert County Food Pantry in North Beach.





## Ash Wednesday

February 22

**Mass Times: 8:00 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM**

### Why do we receive ashes?

***“You are dust, and unto dust you will return.”*** This ancient formula will be heard by millions of Catholics all over the world on Ash Wednesday. This symbolic act is both a solemn reminder and an invitation to renewal.

Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance. They remind us of our mortality and thus of the day when we will stand before God and be judged. To prepare well for the day we die, we must die now and rise to new life in Christ. Being marked with ashes at the beginning of Lent indicates our recognition of the need for deeper conversion of our lives during this season of renewal.

***Lord God, help me during this season of Lent to do my best to keep my mind and heart fixed on you and the coming of your kingdom.***



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays through Thursdays 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM, Divine Mercy Chapel

Wednesday Evenings (except Ash Wednesday) 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Church

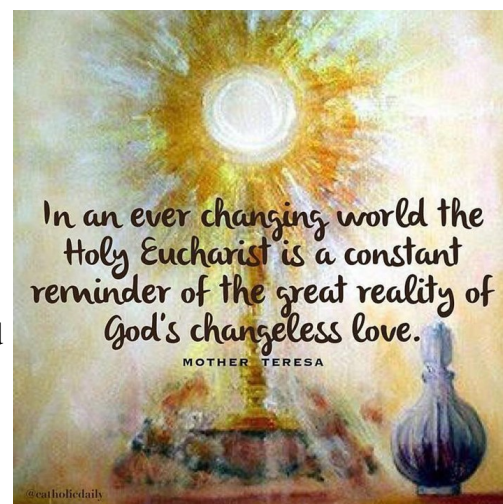
First Friday of Lent (March 3) 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Church

Eucharistic Adoration is honoring the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It involves “the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us.”

During Eucharistic Adoration we “watch and wait,” we remain “silent” in His presence and open ourselves up to His love which flows from the Eucharist.

By adoring Jesus in His Eucharistic Presence, we draw nearer to God becoming more and more who He calls us to be.

Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.





## The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Our parish will offer the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation on **Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 PM, along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon or morning confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church.

**Confessions will be on Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5.**

On Palm Sunday, April 2, confessions will also be celebrated from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

Extra priests will be available to assist with confessions on Palm Sunday.

***(Please note that there are no confessions on Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday, due to the 7:00 PM Mass)***

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be celebrated on Tuesday and Thursday mornings immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass.

***Come and Experience God's Mercy and Forgiveness***

## Revised Order of Penance

Beginning this Lent, the experience of the Sacrament of Penance will be slightly revised.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, the prayer of absolution will include three modifications, making the revised version read as follows:

**“God, the Father of mercies,  
through the death and resurrection of his Son  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and poured out [formerly “sent”] the Holy Spirit for [previously “Holy Spirit among us for”] the  
forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church  
may God grant [instead of “give”] you pardon and peace.  
And I absolve you from your sins  
in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”**

The revised text was adopted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops during its Spring 2021 meeting, with the Vatican's Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments approving the text in April 2022. As of April 16, 2023, the Second Sunday of Easter, the revised formula for absolution is mandatory.

## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday. The devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa".



It commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion. The majority concern His final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying the Cross. Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent, February 24 – March 31 at 7:00 PM. On Friday, March 3 we will walk the Way of the Cross with the children of the parish using a special Children's Stations of the Cross format, and on two occasions, Friday, March 17 and March 31 we will commemorate Christ's final hours walking our outdoor Stations of the Cross, weather permitting.

For those unable to walk outside, inside Stations may also be done.

## Lent and the RCIA/RCIT/RCIC



**Period of Purification and Enlightenment:** After having welcomed our Catechumens and those already baptized and seeking to be one with us in full communion at the Rite of Acceptance, they now enter their final phase of preparation before receiving the Easter sacraments. This phase is known as the Period of Purification and Enlightenment.

**Rite of Sending:** On *Sunday, February 26 at the 8:00 AM Mass* the catechumens and candidates will be addressed, prayed over and for those to be baptized, asked to enroll their names in the Book of the Elect. This is known as the Rite of Sending. It is the catechumens and candidates formal statement of their intent to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**Rite of Election:** Later that same afternoon, the catechumens and candidates will gather at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC along with other catechumens and candidates from all over the Archdiocese of Washington to celebrate the Rite of Election. Once again they will publicly declare their intentions to enter the Catholic Church. They will be received and prayed over by the Cardinal Archbishop.

**Scrutinies:** The primary way the Church assists the catechumens (those to be baptized) in their conversion process during Lent is through the celebration of the rites called Scrutinies. These ritual celebrations on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent are communal prayer celebrations around the elect to strengthen them to overcome the power of sin in their lives and to grow in virtue.

To scrutinize something means to examine it closely. The community does not scrutinize the catechumens; the catechumens scrutinize their own lives and allow God to scrutinize them and to heal them. These rituals focus on life, freedom, and salvation. They include prayers and the imposition of hands. At the same time the catechumens are scrutinizing their life and asking God to heal them, each of us are to pray to God asking that whatever makes us weak and sinful will be rooted out of our lives as we move toward the great celebration of Easter.

### Reception into the Church Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 PM

At the Easter Vigil, the **Catechumens** will be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time. The **Candidates** will profess their faith and be joined in full communion, then be confirmed and also receive the Eucharist for the first time. Gathered with them may be some adult Catholics who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*As our Catechumens and Candidates journey through these forty days to the Easter Sacraments, may we commit ourselves to praying for them.*

**Our Catechumens:** James Kopper and Josh McGuire

**Our Candidates for Full Communion:**  
Glen Hackley, Dan Peters, Richard Romano





## Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2023



### Passion/Palm Sunday, April 2

Blessing of Palms and Simple Procession  
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:00 AM

## The Sacred Triduum

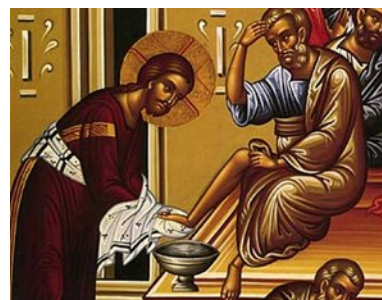
### Holy Thursday, April 6

*(Today has also been referred to as Maundy Thursday, a name which comes from Jesus' "new commandment" - "mandatum" in Latin - to love one another, which he spoke during the Passover meal when he washed the apostles feet and instituted the Eucharist)*

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper  
followed by Eucharistic Procession to Doran Hall  
Eucharistic Adoration until 12 Midnight

Night Prayer at 11:50 PM



### Good Friday, April 7

Day of Fast and Abstinence

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

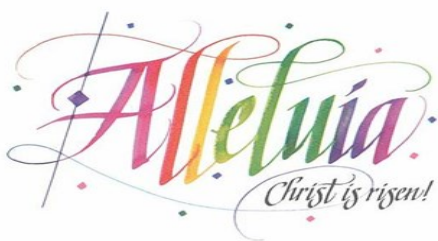
### Holy Saturday, April 8

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

1:30 PM Blessing of Easter Foods

*(Please note: There are no confessions  
and no 5:00 PM Mass today)*

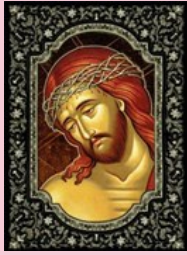
8:00 PM The Great Easter Vigil Mass and  
Celebration of the Easter Sacraments  
followed by a light reception in Doran Hall



### Easter Sunday, April 9

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

The month of February  
is dedicated to the  
Passion of the Lord.



### Poor Box Designation

February donations will  
go to Safe Harbor  
women's shelter.  
Thank you for  
your generosity.

### TODAY IS

### COMMUNITY SUNDAY

The poor box  
donations on the third  
Sunday of every month  
will go to the St. Vincent  
de Paul Society to serve  
the needy.

SVdP accepts donations  
via check sent to  
St. Katherine Drexel  
Conference  
885 Cox Rd  
Huntingtown MD 20639  
or scan the QR code  
below:



Donate your vehicle,  
motorcycle,  
boat, RV, farm  
equipment or plane to  
St. Katherine Drexel  
Conference  
at 800-322-8284 or  
www.svdpusacars.com

## Theme Radical Love

### Scripture

"But I say to you, love your  
enemies, and pray for  
those who persecute you."  
*Matthew 5:44*

### Challenge

Be transformed by praying for  
those who wrong you  
personally as well as those  
who cause pain and suffering  
in the world around you

## JOIN US Wednesday evenings 6:30PM Mass During Lent

BEHOLD YOUR  
King



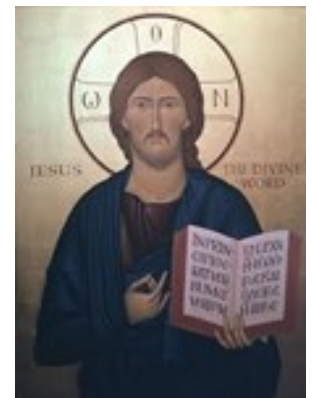
### Next Week's Word

Let us all prepare our hearts for next Sunday's Mass  
by reflecting on the readings in advance.

*The readings for next Sunday, February 26,  
First Sunday of Lent:*

*Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11*

*"And the Word was made flesh . . . "*





# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of February 19, 2023



### Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



### The Spirit and the Desert

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



### Love—Sacrifice—Trust: He Showed Us the Way by Fr. Mike Schmitz

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

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If you are giving electronically and have been considering an increase to your donation, forms are available from the office and in the church narthex for your benefit.

If you are not giving electronically, please consider it as an option for your donations to the church. Simply fill out the form, submit it in a sealed envelope to the business office in care of Dennis Haspert and your contribution will be automatically transferred from your bank account of choice to the church.

You are able to specify the amount and whether you would like it to recur on a monthly or semi-monthly basis, changes to your electronic giving or discontinuation of this giving can occur at any time.

# SCHEDULES & STEWARDSHIP

## Mass Intentions for February 19 - 26

### Sunday, February 19 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Tonia Parent (L)  
10:00 AM - Mike & Donna Taylor (L)

### Tuesday, February 21

8:00 AM - Jerry Gorski (D)

### Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM - Jarboe Family (L)  
12:00 Noon - Sonny Hammett (D)  
7:00 PM - Mary Mathew (L)

### Thursday, February 23

8:00 AM - Edward Colgan (D)

### Friday, February 24

8:00 AM - Manuel Velasquez (D)

### Saturday, February 25

9:00 AM - Elkins Family (L)  
5:00 PM - Teresa Hendrickson (D)

### Sunday, February 26 - First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM - Parishioners of JDW  
10:00 AM - Rob & Virginia Soboleski (L)



## Parish Stewardship for February 5



*Returning a portion of what has been freely given. Thank you for your generosity!*

	Offertory		Maintenance	
	Weekly	Fiscal Year to Date	Weekly	Fiscal Year to Date
<b>Received</b>	\$11,493.52	\$342,462.59	\$1,916.86	\$70,250.73
<b>Budget</b>	\$10,480.77	\$314,423.10	\$2,307.69	\$69,230.70
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$1,012.75</b>	<b>\$28,039.49</b>	<b>(\$390.83)</b>	<b>\$1,020.03</b>



## OUR COMMUNITY



### Jesus the Divine Word Restaurant Knight Scholarship Fundraiser

At Outback Steakhouse in Prince Frederick on  
Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

80 Central Square Dr. in Prince Frederick

A percentage of the proceeds for the day will be donated to the Jesus the Divine Word Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program.

Each year two scholarships are granted to college bound youths in the parish. The scholarships are scheduled to be awarded in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May.

Come out and support our youth. Pickup is also available.

**Please let them know you are supporting the scholarship program by presenting them with this flyer.**

Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



### CRITICALLY ILL or HOSPITALIZED ?

Caring for the sick is an important ministry of the Church.

In this ministry the Church prays for the sick, visits the sick, provides the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum (one's last Communion), if a person is dying.

If someone is critically ill or dying we ask that a family member notify the parish office as soon as possible by calling  
**410-414-8304**

and speaking with Fr. John (ext. 11) .

A reminder, too, that the parish emergency phone number (to be used only when someone is critically ill or dying) is  
**443-624-2692.**

Text messages can also be sent.

Please note that clergy are required to follow certain directives at the hospital and nursing home during this period; those directives could change.

Thank you.



In the words of  
St. Francis de Sales,  
"The bed of the sick  
is an altar of sacrifice."

#### Please pray for our sick:

Johnny Arnold, Cathy Ashby,  
Giovanna Barbaro,  
Adeline Beach,  
Beverly Brooks, Lill Caplins,  
Ann Marie Dardzinski,  
Alie DiScala,  
Pat & John J. Finnegan,  
Jeff Gott, Mabel Grau,  
John Hanrahan, Bill Heflin,  
Rose Jackson, Sharon King,  
Vallen King, Zoey Markward,  
Shirley McVeigh,  
Henry Miranda,  
Maria Olga, John Orecchio,  
Ena & John Pearson,  
Maria Perez,  
Angelina Danford Prucha,  
Ron Rice, Dana Rodriguez,  
Betty Russell, Anthony  
Sefcik, Bonnie Stauffer,  
Bob & Barbara Stewart,  
Tim Sugrue, Beverly Taylor,  
Sarah Villa,  
Barbara Weaver,  
Nathaniel Weiskircher,  
Gary Williams, Diane Wood  
**Heal them, O Lord.**

*I lift my eyes to you,  
oh God,  
enthroned in heaven.  
Have mercy on us,  
Lord, have mercy.*

~ Psalm 123





**Please pray for  
our Military:**

Brian Abercrombie, Nolan Baker, Meghan Barrett, Jesse Brown, Jordon Clark, Ryan Croft, Dakota Cross,  
Rebecca & Kevin Danis, James Devine, Justin Dunn, Kathleen Finnegan, Jacob Floyd, James E. Francis, Thomas George, AJ Gerdes, Hager II, Ben Hammett, Brian Haynes, Tanner Haynes, Justin Hickman, Lucas Hornick, Rachel Hornick, Matt Johnson, Dennis Lloyd, Ryan M. Lloyd, Mark Matthews, Alex & Erich Muehleisen, Benjamin, Jacob & Christian Naumann, Rachel Powell, Joshua Shandy, Jimmy & Shane Tittinger, Vincent Wisniewski

**and for all servicemen & women protecting our freedom.**

**Protect them, O Lord.**

*If you know of any names that should be added or removed from our sick or military prayer list, please email  
bulletin@jesusdivineword.org*

*Thank you for helping to keep these lists updated!*

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# OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The Parish extends our wishes for a Happy Birthday to all our parishioners celebrating their big day this week:

- February 19** Gabriela Clubb, Faye Reed, Rocio Santa Cruz Chavez, James Wojcieszek
- February 20** Patrick Jackson, Courtney Saucedo
- February 21** Richard Dalrymple, Shannon DeSantis
- February 22** Michael Holt, Beckham Riden, Reed Thomas, Raymond Wheeler
- February 23** Jacob Gaetano, Reagan Thomas
- February 24** Jesse Badeaux, Jacquelyn Laiosa, Madison Spaulding, Katherine Tse
- February 25** Toni Dayton, Katie Keller, Patricia Poissant

May the blessings of the Lord be yours today and throughout this new year of your life!

(Be sure to register with our parish so that we will be able to celebrate your birthday too!)

## Good News Preschool Registration

A Fun "Space" to Explore

Registration for the  
2023-2024 school year is now open!

For more information, please contact Patty O'Toole at [preschool@jesusdivineword.org](mailto:preschool@jesusdivineword.org) or call 410-414-8304 Ext. 15



The 4 year old Class meets  
Monday-Wednesday-Friday  
from 9AM - Noon.

The 3 year old Class meets  
Tuesday & Thursday from  
9AM - Noon.



## WELCOME HOME RETURNING CATHOLICS

If you are a Catholic who for any reason has been away from the Church, know that we are praying for you and have been thinking about you. We are glad you're here with us today and invite you to be an active member of the Church once again.

If you have questions, wish to simply talk or would like information on the

sacraments or on our parish programs and ways you can become involved, please contact

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or 410-414-8304, x11  
at the parish office.



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