



St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, MI www.stvincentferrer.net

MARCH 10, 2024 † FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

From The Pastor

The readings on this fourth Sunday of Lent make evident the endless mercy, justice, and faithfulness of God. The love of God is unwavering and undeniable. Each reading gives its own example. Beginning in the Old Testament, the Book of Chronicles conveys both the frustration of God as well as God's merciful and just response to human sin.

The reading describes God's response to the rampant infidelities, rejection of the prophets sent by God, and the consistent efforts of the Lord to call his people to renewed fidelity. They refuse the ways of the Lord to the point where no remedy can be found. Messengers are mocked, warnings are ignored, and the prophets are scorned. The disorder and injustice of bad government and the rejection of Divine warnings lead to the destruction of the Temple, burning of the city, and exile into Babylon. This tragic outcome fulfills the prophecy of Jeremiah seventy years earlier.

God's response to all this infidelity and disorder? God inspires the pagan King Cyrus of Persia to send the Jewish people back to their homeland, rebuild the Temple, and restore the city. In other words, God reaffirms and restores the covenant with his people. God's response to infidelity is Divine mercy and faithfulness. God will not leave his people in the death of sin.

Mindful of this history, St. Paul strengthens the fidelity of God through the mercy of Jesus. While we were dead in sin, we were brought to new life in the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus. In Christ, God reveals the immeasurable grace accomplished in the Lord's Cross. Paul writes in this way to make it abundantly clear that our salvation is not our doing. It is God's gift, an unmerited, freely given, undeserved revelation of Divine kindness. We cannot earn or pay God for what we are freely given in Christ.

The gospel serves as a capstone of this mystery. First, confusion. Nicodemus, a leader, and keeper of the Law secretly meets Jesus in the dark of night. He believes in Jesus but fears exposure to his colleagues. He believes in Jesus but lacks understanding. Jesus uses an image from the time of Moses with which Nicodemus would be familiar. Due to their sin of complaining against God, the people are dying from poisonous snake bites, the sting of sin. Moses tells them to make an image of the snake and hang it high on a pole. All who look at the snake, which is a symbol of their sin and its painful consequence, will be healed. The image is clearly of Jesus who is hung high on a Cross bearing the weight of all sin. All who look on Christ and believe in him will be saved. We see in the

dying of Christ who takes on all sin not only the disfigurement of sin, but the beauty of redemptive love fulfilled in the power of the Resurrection.

Why is God so endlessly merciful and radically faithful? Because God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that all who believe in him might not perish but have eternal life. Ponder this. You have heard it a hundred times. Put it in your mouth and taste it. Chew and swallow it. Make it your own. Allow it to be food for your life, meaning, and identity in Christ.

Go to the next verse for confirmation. 'God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.' This verse is of equal or greater value than the previous one. Why? Because we are afraid to believe and trust the words of love in the pain of our sin. Taste these words. Chew them. Swallow. Digest. Repeat until they become your truth.

Hard to do, right? Christianity is the most radical religion in the world. No other religion proclaims the unconditional love of God revealed in the Lord Jesus. Under the weight of sin, the most difficult challenge of Christianity is to let God love you despite the incompleteness and imperfection of your life. Why is this so difficult? Because it is so freely and unconditionally given. People do not like handouts. People want to pay their own way. We do not like to be in debt to others which makes us feel out of control. We feel undeserving of so great a gift without some return of payment. That is why many people prefer to live by the Law and not by the Spirit. I can be in control of the Law. I can keep the Law faithfully and therefore justify myself before God when I get to heaven. God will not have to do any heavy forgiving for me. I kept the Law. I am good.

Fear causes resistance to the undefeatable love God has for us. Why? To surrender to love is vulnerable. To surrender to perfect love can be terrifying because we fear that we will lose ourselves and be consumed with vulnerability by such love. It is hard to surrender, especially when we feel guilty and afraid. When your children do wrong and you correct them, do you want them to feel guilty and unworthy because of their fault? Neither does God. God wants us free, and the best way to be free is to believe and trust in the love God freely gives in the Lord Jesus. This is the faith we profess. It is why we are given forty days of Lent to feed ourselves on the mercy of God that will always triumph over our sin; if we allow it. Let God love you. Your response, love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Father John Esper

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday thru Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am

Church doors open 1/2 hour before Mass begins

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm
in Adoration Chapel

Only one person allowed in chapel at a time. Persons seeking Sacrament of Reconciliation will be allowed in church to line up at 3:00pm

LIVE
STREAMING

Live Streaming of Mass
Monday thru Thursday 8:00am and
Sunday 9:00am

Adoration on Tuesdays
8:45am to Noon

Livestream of Rosary on Thursday
following Mass

Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

CONTACT INFORMATION

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

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248-542-8720 Fax 248-542-8721
Website: www.stvincentferrer.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm,
Friday 9-Noon
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Parish Office Staff

Reverend John C. Esper, Priest in Solidum
Deborah Tourville, Bus. Mgr/Adult Faith Formation
Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin
Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator
Mary Ann Przybysz, Evangelical Charity Coordinator/
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults(OCIA) Coordinator
Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

Faith Formation Office

248-398-1743

Matthew Zinser, Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator

For information on Baptisms, OCIA and
Funerals contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720



MONDAY, March 11, 2024

8:00am Mass: Nick Szczerba† (16th R.A.) req. by Wife & Children

TUESDAY, March 12, 2024

8:00am Mass: Jeanette & Albert Fecteau† req. by Family

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2024

8:00am Mass: Christopher Hudy (Special Intention) req. by Mom

THURSDAY, March 14, 2024

8:00am Mass: Diane Kehrig (For Healing) req. by Mary Jane Guc

SATURDAY, March 16, 2024

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Ernest Szwarc† req. by Judith & William Marin Francis Bischoff, Sr.† (11th R.A.) req. by Jane McKay Joseph Rickle† req. by Family Peter Conway (Special Intention) req. by Mom

SUNDAY, March 17, 2024

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family Dianne Karolski† req. by Dan & Beata Miotke David Rudy† req. by Mary Jane Guc



Come Spend Time With Jesus

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Tuesdays following the 8:00am Mass until Noon during Lent.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 10, 2024

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 ©LPi

*All are invited to Fr. John's
Final Lenten Reflection on*

**EUCHARIST REVEALED
AND RECEIVED IN THE LENTEN
SEASON**

*Wednesday evening
March 13
at 7:00pm in church*

Virtual Soup Supper

Donations for our fourth Virtual Soup Supper will go to St. Vincent Ferrer Benevolent Fund. The St. Vincent Ferrer Benevolent Fund is used for needs brought to the parish which are not met by other sources. It provides donations for a number of charitable outreach efforts as well as supplementing payments for those in need, such as medicine, transportation, and other unexpected expenses that cannot be covered by St. Vincent DePaul, but can be given in conjunction with their support. Make a donation to St. Vincent Ferrer Benevolent Fund at Fr. John's reflection, at the Parish office or online at www.stvincentferrer.net. **Checks must be payable to St. Vincent Ferrer Church.**

COOK SOME SOUP!

Thanks to Regina Juska-Svoba for the following soup recipe:

SAUERKRAUT/CABBAGE & POTATO SOUP

- Ingredients:**
- 1 1/2 lb smoked ham hocks
 - 2 medium onions chopped
 - 1 lb sauerkraut (canned/bagged or in glass jar)
 - 1/2 medium head of cabbage shredded
 - 2 carrots cubed or grated
 - 4 medium potatoes cubed
 - 4oz. canned or fresh button mushrooms
 - 1 tsp. caraway seeds
 - 1 Tbsp. paprika
 - 1/4 tsp. Salt
 - 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
 - 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh dill
 - 5 peppercorns
 - 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
 - 2 whole bay leaves
 - 3 Tbsp. vegetable or olive oil
 - 1/4 cup tomato paste
 - 1 1/2 cups beer
 - 3/4 cup water

Directions: In large pot place sauerkraut, smoked meat, beer, water, oil, bay leaves and peppercorns. Cover, bring to a boil, reduce temperature, cover and simmer for 1-2 hours. Meat should be tender.

Remove meat, discard bones, dice and return to pot. Add the shredded cabbage, tomato paste, potatoes, mushrooms, carrots, caraway seeds, dill, paprika, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer and cook for another hour or until vegetables are tender.

To serve, remove bay leaves, pepper corns and dish up. Serve hot and sprinkle parsley on top of the soup and add sourdough rye bread on the side. Serves 6-8. Enjoy!

**FILLED EASTER BASKETS FOR
OAKLAND COUNTY JAIL
OUTREACH MINISTRY
Collection March 4 thru 17**



Help the Oakland County Jail Outreach Ministry secure Easter Baskets for families that they serve.

Filled Easter Baskets are needed for all ages

- Label baskets by age and gender:
- Infant to age 1
 - Toddlers ages 2-4
 - Youngsters ages 5-8
 - Pre-teen ages 9-12
 - Teens ages 13-18
 - Adults

ITEM SUGGESTIONS:

Baskets should come complete with your typical items found in an Easter basket such as but not limited to: stuffed or plush animals, toys, candy, games, a card or a prayer, children's books/coloring books/religious books

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:

hair brush, comb, hair ornaments, toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash, bubble bath, soap etc.

SPECIAL TOUCH OF BEAUTY

You might consider including a packet of seeds, so a child or adult is encouraged to plant and care for some beauty of their own planted near their home.

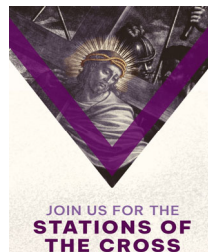
Filled Easter Baskets can be left on designated tables in church on weekends or dropped off at the Parish Office during the week.



**PALM SUNDAY
EASTER TABLE
GOODIES RAFFLE**

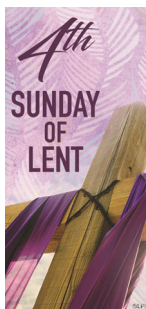
Again this year, on Palm Sunday, March 24th, we will be conducting an Easter table themed raffle after the 9:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall. All will be welcome. To make this a successful and joyful parish community-building event, we will need donations of Easter-themed breakfast or lunch baskets for the raffle. The weekends of March 9/10 and 16/17, a sign-up table will be available in the rear of church with suggested basket contents that would be valued between \$25.00 and no more than \$30.00. Basket donors are asked to bring their filled baskets to the Parish Hall before the 9:00am Mass on March 24th.

Raffle tickets will also be sold, 1 ticket at \$2 or three tickets at \$5. Raffle ticket proceeds will be used for scholarships for our Religious Education program.



**Fridays at 7:00pm
March 15, 22
in church or online at our
youtube channel**

ALL ARE WELCOME



Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the *least* godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn. — *Father John Muir*

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...all government leaders to seek wisdom in finding peaceful solutions to world wars and tensions.

...medical and humanitarian aid for those suffering from hardship due to catastrophic weather, fires, wars, floods, earthquakes and disasters.

...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.

...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

...all who are sick, homebound, undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing, and those who have made specific prayer requests.

Lord Jesus,

You are the Divine Physician and Healer. To You, we lift up in prayer all who are lonely, homeless, sick or addicted; all who are unemployed or underemployed; all who are anxious or depressed and all who are suffering in any way spiritually, physically or emotionally. In their pain and brokenness, we ask that you bring them the comfort of your loving presence. In You, may they find strength for the day and hope for the journey. Amen



EVANGELICAL CHARITY

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING MARCH 12 - 6:30PM - IN CHURCH

If you are interested in joining St. Vincent de Paul Society, we meet at the back of the Church every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30PM to 8PM. You can also reach us at svfconference@gmail.com.

Caregiver Support: Caring for Loved One With Dementia

Hope is central to life. When one hope fades, you can choose to put new hope back into your life. For caregivers supporting a loved one with dementia the experience of hope can focus on discovering creative ways to offer care or to be fully present. Others discover how their situation brings new meaning to their lives. Self-care practices can provide an inner source of strength to help you manage the challenge of caring for someone with dementia.

In the face of these challenges, it is natural to feel overwhelmed, tired, angry, or lonely. These are expected feelings, and you will feel frustration. Many things won't go the way you hoped. These feelings can be exacerbated by being married to the person you are caring for, have no choice about being the caregiver, you are isolated from other people, you are always exhausted, you are not sleeping well, you are using alcohol or drugs, or you have lost interest in activities you usually enjoy.

Use every resource you can to help you care for your loved one. Do not be afraid to ask for help. Reach out to your healthcare provider about how you feel physically and emotionally. Maintain regular visits with healthcare team to meet your health care needs. Seek out a therapist or support group if you have symptoms of depression. You might seek out a geriatric care manger, call 1-800-677-116 or go to <https://eldercare.acl.gov>. Some other resources are www.aginglifecare.org or consider respite or companion care in your area. To locate visit the community resource finder at www.alz.org. If you don't care for yourself, you won't be able to care for anyone else.

Manage stress and burnout as it can take a toll on your health. Treat yourself to compassion, exercise, balanced diet, keep hydrated, make sleep a priority, connect with others, continue hobbies and activities, seek out support groups, take breaks, accept help from others, pamper yourself. Practice mindfulness and use prayer to discern how you are really thinking and feeling. Realize you cannot control everything. Take note of negative talk and focus on your blessings.

If you would like more information or resources, please contact me through the Parish office.

Angela Maynard, Parish Nurse

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is unique about the dimensions of the papal flag?

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Answer: It is one of only two square country flags in the entire world. The other square flag is the flag of Switzerland.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PRIESTS & BROTHERS

Question: What’s the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

Answer: The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it’s important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. (These ordained priests sometimes use Br. instead of Fr. in their title) While both kinds of priests practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

First Reading: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

We hear how God reacted strongly against Israel’s disobedience and infidelity, ultimately sending them to exile in Babylon. But God also showed mercy to Israel in sending king Cyrus of Persia to rescue them. As we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent, for what do you need God’s mercy in your life?

Second Reading: Eph 2:4-10

Paul taught the Ephesians that by God’s mercy and grace, we have been saved through Christ for the good works that God has prepared for us. Where in your life do you feel like you are doing God’s work?

Gospel: Jn 3:14-21

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God loves the world and desires to save it. In what ways do you show love and respect for our world?

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For Adults and Youth (12 years old & up)

**PREPARE YOURSELF TO EXPERIENCE THE
RESURRECTION OF CHRIST THIS EASTER WITH
THIS SPECIAL LENTEN CATECHESIS!
MONDAY & THURSDAYS 7PM ADMIN BLDG**

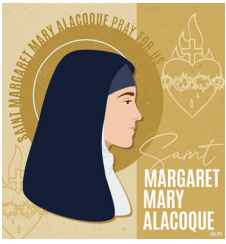


JESUS IS ALIVE AND RISEN!

**HE HAS CONQUERED DEATH FOR YOU!
Attendance at all sessions is not necessary.**

Ministry Schedule		
March 16/17, 2024		
Mass	4:00pm	9:00am
Sacristan	R Pasiak/Debbie	L Yolkiewicz
Reader #1	M Kairis	D Gray
Reader #2	R Pasiak	L Yolkiewicz
EME	T Riley	D Gray
	M Kairis	M Waskowski
	J McCown	P Miles
Greeters	R Bertolini	M McLaughlin
	L Collins	D McLaughlin
	M Smith	B Gutowski
	J Ballantine	S Bosetti
Traveling Chalice Host beginning week of March 16/17,2024		
Rorie Grant		

EUCCHARISTIC SAINTS SERIES



**ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE
(1647-1690)**

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was born Margaret Alacoque in a small village in France. After her father died when she was eight years old, she was sent to a convent school run by the Poor Clares where she became bedridden with rheumatic fever. For four years she was confined to her bed until she made a vow to Mary, Mother of God, to consecrate herself to religious life. Following this vow, her health was restored. Throughout her childhood and early adulthood, Margaret continued to have religious visions of Jesus.

In 1671, at age 24, Margaret entered the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary and took the name Mary when she professed her vows. During her time in the convent, she had a series of mystical experiences — most notably, her encounters with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. According to her accounts, Jesus appeared to her and revealed his Sacred Heart, burning with love for humanity and instructed her to devote herself to adoration of the Eucharist every Thursday night during a holy hour which she immediately incorporated into her routine. He also instructed her to celebrate a new feast, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

St. Margaret Mary dedicated herself to promoting the feast and adoration of the Eucharist. Her visions and messages were met with skepticism initially, but she trusted God’s guidance. In 1688, just two years before she died, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated for the first time in the Church's liturgical calendar. Eventually, her holy hour of adoration also became a popular tradition among Catholics worldwide. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pray for us!

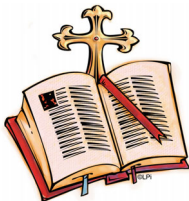
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving
Time begins
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent ©LPi

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION
Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 9am
Faith Formation Office in School

The men’s fellowship group gathers for a scripture reflection/sharing every other Saturday. All men are welcome.



Journey with the Apostles

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit 48202

The Cathedral stewards a large collection of artifacts dating back to the earliest apostles and saints. Each relic has been examined and authenticated by experts at the Vatican. Such relics provide hope, comfort, and even healing to those who pray in their presence. They offer the chance to personally experience miracles of faith. We are working on establishing a museum-quality permanent display to ensure that all of these precious artifacts become available to all the faithful who seek a spiritual awakening or renewal, physical or emotional healing, and/or a deeper personal connection with God.

We now have a central feature of our relic exhibit open to the public. A first-class (bone) relic of each Apostle is accompanied by beautiful signage and fourteen stunning, larger-than-life statues: 12 apostles and 2 angels. Each statue, originally housed inside St. Benedict's in Highland Park (which unfortunately closed), has been restored and installed in the Cathedral. This is a remarkable opportunity for the faithful to be able to see, venerate, and spend time in a special way with this group of early New Testament saints.

Visitors without reservations may choose to stop by our office during our office hours (listed below) to inquire about spending time with the Apostles. **Admittance will be given if and when the cathedral is available**, and not during times when pilgrims with reservations have a booking.

Please keep in mind that the office being open does not guarantee that the cathedral itself is available; it is also used for Masses, exposition, weddings, funerals, ordinations, concerts, retreats, maintenance work, and more.

We recommend calling 313-865-6300 one to three hours ahead to check casual availability or **using the VISIT tab on our Journey with the Saints: <https://www.detroitssaintwalk.net/>** to plan a beautiful, reserved hour for yourself or your group.

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Office hours are:

- **Sunday:** *office closed*
- **Monday:** 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- **Tuesday:** 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- **Wednesday:** *office closed*
- **Thursday:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Friday:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Saturday:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon



Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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For more information, please scan the QR code at the right.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light. ©LPi

UPCOMING

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

WED MARCH 20 - 7PM

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Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord,
Help me to place You in the center of my plans for the future, my dreams for my life, my goals for the time ahead. Be my God and my guide. Amen. ©LPi

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GIVING - WEEK ENDING MARCH 2/3

4390.Fiscal Year 7-1-23 to 6-30-24	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	245	124		
Offertory (including loose cash)	\$ 5,293.00	\$ 6,774.93	1481.93	(3,551.58)
Energy	289.00	394.00	95.00	(1,110.61)
Other: Coffee & Donuts, Flowers, Memorial Trees, Candles	\$ 1,115.39	855.00	(260.39)	(31,931.95)
Mass Intentions	n/a	100.00		4,390.00
AOD Collections: Catholic Relief	n/a	17.00		17.00
Holy Days: Easter	n/a	90.00		100.00
Budget deficit donations		45.00		6,520.87
2023 CSA overage (pledges outstanding - 2,825.00)				6,884.67

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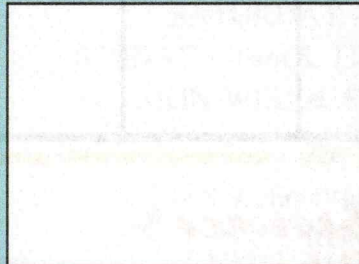
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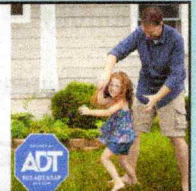
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