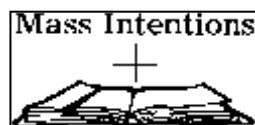


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 Mass Attendance Mar 5/6 368



Mar 14 - Mar 20
 MondayCathleen Sullivan(liv)
 TuesdayStephen Powell(+)
 Wednesday.....Ellen Lawrence(+)
 ThursdayMaureen Korsmo Lecompte(+)
 FridayRay Peaes(+)
 SaturdayMary Hardener(+)
Sunday.....Stephen Powell(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)



This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from— and what role we can play in caring for our environment. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Our Easter egg hunt/party will be Easter morning, March 27th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited! Children 2 years old through 5th grade are welcome to participate in the egg hunt. If your child would like to join us for the egg hunt, please bring a dozen plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy (no chocolate, as it can melt) per child participating. Please put eggs in a **bag marked with your child's(ren) name and age** as we will have the different age groups hunting eggs in separate places. You may drop off the filled eggs beginning next weekend, Mar., 12/13. There will be an Easter egg box near the Hospitality Cart.

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 3/13 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
Easter Choir Rehearsal - 12:15 p.m.
SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.
HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 3/14 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
SYMBOLON - 9:30 a.m.
- 3/15 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Bunco - 9:30 a.m. (in Library)
- 3/16 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 3/17 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m.
- 3/18 Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/20 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
Easter Choir Rehearsal - 12:15 p.m.
SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.
HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

Ministry Scheduler Pro Scheduling

Please submit any dates that you will not be able to serve (April, May, June) through MSP by March 16 and please consider serving over Holy Week/Easter. Just click on Full Schedule and you will see if there are any open positions for which you qualify. For those of you who receive text reminders that you are scheduled to serve, there is no need to reply to the text.

Around Town Community Catalog Sale

When you make a purchase from the CRS/SERV catalog you show support for fair pay, safe working conditions, the **rights of children, dignity and care for God's creation. SERRV** donates a percentage from our sale to the CRS Fair Trade Fund. They also allow our ministry to keep 20% of the sale **and that money will be given to Ronda Coon Women's Home** in Ft. Walton Beach. Please take time to browse a catalog after Mass or online (www.serrv.org) as we live out our call to care for the poor. Please do not order online but rather pick up an order form at the parish office, parish center, the Hospitality cart or call Joni, 830-2875. We need to place all orders by 3/15.



Monday
MARCH 14
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62
Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday
MARCH 15
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday
MARCH 16
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday
MARCH 17
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

Friday
MARCH 18
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday
MARCH 19
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday
MARCH 20
Palm Sunday
Lk 19:28-40
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Lk 22:14 — 23:56
or 23:1-49

March 13, 2016

dear Padre

Serving the whole flock in a diverse parish

How do we serve everyone in a culturally diverse parish?

In the past it was common to have parishes dedicated to different ethnic groups where such populations were concentrated. In 2010, the U.S. bishops found that 33 percent of all U.S. parishes were culturally diverse, and that's perhaps using a narrow understanding of diversity. Then in 2014, they published *Best Practices for Shared Parishes: So That They May All Be One*, in which they outline a nine-movement process for creating an inclusive parish. The fact that there are nine movements is notable. It means that we slowly move toward inclusiveness; we don't simply start a Spanish Mass and think the job is done.

I recently worked in a small parish in the Mississippi Delta. In this parish there is a Mass at 9 AM that reflects the worship style of a group of African Americans. Another Mass at 11 celebrates a more traditional Catholic service. The Mass at 6 PM is in Spanish. No one is limited to any one service, but each service reflects a style that different ethnic groups are more comfortable with.

Then there is Rosemary, an Italian-American whose family has lived in the area since the beginning of the nineteenth century. Rosemary is the volunteer director of education. She attends every Mass, welcoming people and making them feel at home. Welcoming is the first movement toward serving everyone in a diverse parish.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSSR
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FOLLOW HIM

AND RECLAIM THE WORLD
Dennis J. Billy, CSSR

Being a disciple of Christ means focusing our hearts entirely on Christ and trusting that he will show us the way to the Father. It means letting go of our self-centeredness and allowing God to take possession of our hearts. We do this simply by inviting him into our hearts with each new day and conversing with him as a friend.

—From *Follow Him and Reclaim the World* by Dennis J. Billy, CSSR (826504)

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Fifth Sunday of Lent C 1
Isaiah 43:16-21

Flowing Waters

Turn on the faucet at home and get running water. Drinking water is close at hand, ready to use and abundant. **The faucet is a sign of God's promise.**

It wasn't always that way. People could not live far from a water source. Desert areas went uninhabited and uncharted because no one could stay there very long without ample drinking water.

Through Isaiah, God promised a day when water would **flow in the desert. As proof of God's power, Isaiah invited the people to recall the marvels God had done in the past.** During the Exodus, as the Israelites fled Egypt, they went through the sea dry shod, but the waters closed on the chariots, horses, and army of Pharaoh, all following in pursuit. God marvelously preserved the Israelites in the past. God would marvelously preserve them again. God is doing something new. It springs forth in the sight of believers.

As Easter draws near, we think about the water God keeps close at hand—not just the water of the faucet, but **the water of your church's font. There water flows freely for those who seek Christ.** God has prepared a way in the deserts of the human heart for water to flow, to give life, and to transform.

This Lent we reflect not only on the desert of our sin, **but also on the signs of God's presence. "In the desert I make a way," God says, "in the wasteland, rivers."**

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Fifth Sunday of Lent C 2
Philippians 3:8-14

Doing Without

At some point, we have to do without. If we travel, we do **without whatever won't fit in the luggage. If we get sick,** we do without the energy we like to have. If someone we love dies, we do without the close companionship we enjoyed for so long.

As we enter the final days of Lent, our minds turn to the **final days of Jesus' life. In ministry, Jesus enjoyed the** companionship of disciples, the warm reception of caring households, the adulation of large crowds, and the appreciation of those he healed. He had his enemies, but his life had meaning, and his prayer to the Father was rich.

At the end, though, Jesus had to do without. His friends turned against him or abandoned him. He suffered imprisonment, false witnesses, and torture. He was nailed to a cross in a gruesome death.

No one wants to go through anything like that. But somehow, whenever we suffer a loss, our sufferings are lightened by the memory of Jesus.

Paul writes to the Philippians, "For the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord, I have accepted the loss of all things, depending on faith to know him and the power of the resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead." We can do without if we believe someday we will do with the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Mar 19/20

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Paul Gagnon III

Extraordinary Ministers: Anni Labatte, Michael Klickovich, Al Perreault, Doug Hoover, Carrie Gagnon

Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, Mary Pinsoneault

Ushers: Rachel Metruck, Joni Flanagan, Bob Flanagan

Greeter: Lynn Brenton

Sacristan: Dan Brenton

Elijah Cup: Shareen Ketchem

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, Audrey Moore

Extraordinary Ministers: Joe Davison, Nancy McCreary, Gene Valentine, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen

Lectors: Tina Henderson, Deidre Henderson

Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, James Johansen, Eden Carter

Greeter: Cathy McKnight

Sacristan: Maria Bridges

Elijah Cup: Joe Davison

Coffee & Donuts: Don and Carol Dineen

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Karly Casie, Gannon Casey, Killian Casey, Kadi Casey

Extraordinary Ministers: Penny Sweeney, Becky Bittakis, Pat Casey, Alicia Grecco, Rick Grecco

Lectors: Dawn Ciccarello, Warren Cabral

Ushers: Brian Prescott, Jim Wise, Mike Sweeney, Patrick Sweeney

Greeter: Karen Clayton

Sacristan: Bill Roth

Elijah Cup: Katherine Colwell

Coffee & Donuts: Alicia Graham, _____

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

Monday Johanna Adam*, Charles Cummings*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Julie Bourg

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, James Smith*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten*, Wilda Mayhew*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder*, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Joel & Leo Grieves*, Dan Brenton*, Harriett Warren

Sunday Theresa Fowler* Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly, Jeff Harp

*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

We are in the process of transferring the inventory of our library into a new database system. Please make sure to return any books, VCR tapes, DVDs, etc. that have been taken out of the parish library or borrowed from the Adoration table as soon as possible. Thank you.

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“Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.” This is how our Gospel Reading from St. John describes Jesus’ immediate response to when the woman accused of adultery is brought before Him. Immediately after this the Lord says, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”



In the original Greek the word used for “bent down” literally meant, “stooped down.” The word describes doing something that was considered very humbling; quite likely Jesus was trying to put the woman at ease, to identify with her. Jesus identifies with the woman, and He makes a gesture to let her know that.

We often speak of seeing Jesus in others, in treating them in a way that reflects love and caring, not judgment. Blessed Mother Teresa (who will officially become a saint this coming September) once stated, “I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, ‘This is hungry Jesus. I must feed Him.’ Or ‘This is sick Jesus who has leprosy and gangrene.’ I serve because I love Jesus.”

Stewardship calls us to show the same kind of love reflected by Jesus in the Gospel and in the words and actions of Mother Teresa. We, too, are called to find and see Jesus in all we meet, to be willing to humble ourselves if necessary to serve and care for them. There are ways we can do this among the ministries right here in our own faith community.

Living God’s Word

We pray that we might have the grace to see ourselves as we are, both graced by God and yet sometimes still sinful in thought, word, and deed. We pray that we might look on others with compassion and be given the power to forgive others who have harmed us, as God has forgiven us.

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graders through

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Melody Grogan at
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At the climax of *The Miracle Worker*, the play about deaf and blind Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, Annie spells *water* into Helen’s hand while water pours over Helen’s other hand. Helen’s face changes as she suddenly makes the connection between the signs Annie is making and the reality of the water. Helen starts touching things wildly while Annie signs the letters in her hand at an ever faster rate. Finally, Helen points to Annie, who spells T-E-A-C-H-E-R in her hand. The best teacher is not the one who can speak the loudest or the most, but the one who patiently does the same thing over and over until the student makes the connection and finally learns.



Jesus is our teacher, and in the Gospel story today he demonstrates it not with a wordy lecture but by drawing in the dust and inviting his reluctant students to think about what they are doing. We don’t know what he wrote, and it isn’t important. He neither engaged in the debate nor shamed the woman brought before him. He made the scribes and Pharisees look and wait. Then he asked them to judge themselves first. It’s a good lesson for us all. Before we condemn anyone else, we should look at the ways in which we have sinned. The lesson continues for the woman as she is told to go and sin no more.

As Helen was attentive to Annie, let us be attentive to what Jesus spells out for us. His lessons lead us to new life and the knowledge of God.

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A Word From Pope Francis
“Dialogue is very important for our own maturity, because in confronting another person, confronting other cultures, and also confronting other religions in the right way, we grow; we develop and mature.”
—Address to students and teachers from Japan, August 27, 2013



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