

March 1 – Second Sunday of Lent



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. — Mk 9:2-3

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 0201, 1988, 1979 CCD

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 1 (Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom

8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10)

8:00 am- Alton & Bea Heinzl

10:30 am- Our Parish Family

Monday, March 2 (Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38)

7:00 am- David Etzler

10:00 am- Dominic Konvicka (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin (Is

1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12)

7:00 am- Bennett & Hilda Treptow

Wednesday, March 4, St. Casimir (Jer 18:18-20/Mt

20:17-28)

7:00 am- Marjorie Chanek & Elrose Haas

8:05 am- Thelma Mikulenska

12:05 pm- Joseph & Anna Labay Family

Thursday, March 5 (Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Alvin & Annie Schneider Family

10:00 am- Wilhelm & Georgie Grahmann, Benefactors (Stevens)

Friday, March 6 (Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)

7:00 am- Frank & Peggy Janak

8:05 am- Lester & Dorothy Sicko's 55th Anniversary

12:05 pm- Srs. Anne & Constance Kubena, and Sr. Florence Broz

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

(Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

5:30 pm- Helen Kresta & Arnold Rother

Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent (Ex 20:1-17 or

20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25)

8:00 am- Our Parish Family

10:30 am- Victor & Lena Grafe

Bulletin Sponsor: Marvin & Susan Bujnoch in thanksgiving for their 40th wedding anniversary.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In honor of Melvin & Mary Ann Jurica's 55th wedding anniversary.

Vigil Light: For special intention.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,999.50; Loose-\$1,341; Children-\$43; Church in Eastern Europe-\$1,824; Manna Food Pantry-\$1,346; Rice Bowl-\$1,247

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Boyce Michalec*, brother of Charles Michalec, and *Dolores Koncaba*, mother of Carolyn Kolacny.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 2

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m.

-Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

-P.I. Classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. & 7-9 p.m., Family Center.

-Knights of Columbus General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m. in Church. *Intention for March: For families, especially broken families, and for all the sick, especially those who are seriously ill.*

-Holy Hour for priestly vocations, 7:00 p.m., Church.

-RCIA Class, 7:00-8:30 p.m., SHCS New Computer Lab.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 (Day of Abstinence)

-CDA Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Church.

-First Friday Benediction, 6:00 p.m., Church.

-Stations of the Cross after Benediction.

-Fish Fry, K.C. Hall. Dine in 5:00-7:00 p.m. or drive thru 5:00-6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

-Serra Club Mass for Vocations, 8:00 a.m., St. Michael Church, Weimar. (Rosary 7:30 a.m.)

-Gabriel Project Workshop & Training, 9:00am-3:00pm, Mary's House. For info. call Theresa Kostelnik 772-4153

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

-KJZT #2 Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Mary's House.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Becky Pekar, Amanda Gutierrez, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcak, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Sweet Hrcir, Henry Konvicka, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Leo Haas, Jr., Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Maurice Parr, Dollie Parr, Joyce Tesch, Msgr. Celestino Say, Steve Grasshoff, Buddy Boehm, nursing home residents, the homebound.

Happy Anniversary!

James & Elizabeth Kouba 35 years March 1

Kenneth & Denise Barton 30 years March 2



Attention Extraordinary Ministers & Lectors for 8:00 a.m. Mass: The 7th Grade CCD students were inadvertently left off the schedule on March 8. Please reference the revised March Ministry Schedule on the back of this bulletin. Thank you.

Welcome to the Parish! Chad & Angela Lala, Alisyn, Austin & Jesse; Ronald & Becky Pekar; Darrell & Ann Slatter, Darren & Sarah; Dillon & Sara Konvicka, & Anna; Benedict & Glenda Svetlik, Kaylee & Kyle.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

I was in Mexico City this past week from Monday to Friday visiting families that I know there. It was a good little break.

We are in the Lenten Season. Let us take advantage of this time to spiritually prepare ourselves for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

During Lent, let us try to pray a little more than usual, giving God a little extra time. Let us fast and sacrifice to make ourselves spiritually stronger. Let us give of ourselves by being extra kind and forgiving and giving to those who are in need physically and spiritually.

Congratulations to Dennis Haas of our parish for being the Distinguished Alumnus of Sacred Heart Catholic School this year. Each year, the Diocesan Catholic School Office honors one alumnus or alumna of each of the Catholic Schools in the Victoria Diocese. We thank Dennis and his family for all they have done and are continuing to do for Sacred Heart Parish and Catholic School.

Applications for Principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School are still being taken. If you are interested or know of anyone interested in this position, please get a resume to me as soon as possible. At this time we have two applicants.

Sacred Heart Youth News ~~

Thanks to all the youth that attended the last youth night! It was the largest one this year. If you are interested in going to Steubenville on the Bayou please turn in your interest forms or email your interest to troy@splashwaywaterpark.com. We are in need of chaperones for Steubenville as well so please contact us if you would like to volunteer.



Sacred Heart CCD News ~~

Mar. 4: 3rd-5th Grade Penance.

Mar. 8: 7th Grade Youth Involvement, 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Mar. 11: Spring Break – No CCD.

Mar. 18: 9th-12th Grade Penance.

Mar. 25: 6th-8th Gr Penance. 2nd Gr Last Supper Feast.

February Baptisms: Julie Lynn, daughter of Jeremy & Holly Dornak Haas; Jacen Timothy, son of Brett and April Trentham Hines.

Second Sunday of Lent –

"Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them." Peter, James, and John must have been in a bit of spiritual shock. What a strange thing had just happened! They had witnessed Jesus, their



teacher and friend, start glowing in His "dazzling white" clothes while engaging in conversation with two holy dead men. Then, a voice from the sky declared that Jesus was God's son. This was not natural. It was supernatural.

These three chosen apostles were given a glimpse into the divine nature of their leader. They were shown something that no one else had a chance to see until after the Resurrection: Jesus in all of His glory. But this vision was short-lived. It suddenly disappeared and then Jesus instructed His friends to keep it quiet until "the Son of Man had risen from the dead."

Perhaps we can relate in some small way to this Transfiguration experience. Perhaps there has been a time or two in our lives when we have had a spiritual experience, when we experienced God's healing, felt His mercy, or knew His presence was real. But then, maybe it went away. For most of us, we don't spend the majority of our time "on the mountaintop" with these "dazzling" insights into who God is. Rather, we tend to walk a journey that is shrouded by mystery and dependent upon faith. At times, we may even second-guess the spiritual experiences of our past once they have "disappeared." Possibly Peter, James, and John wondered if it had all been a crazy illusion. But when the Resurrection happened, they knew it was all for real. As we await the Resurrection this Lent, may we have the faith to believe that Jesus really has touched our lives and that He can lead us to eternal life.



LENTEN PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL –



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Blessing Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry, March 8, 10:30am-1:00pm at St. Peter Catholic Church Parish Hall in Blessing. Fried Catfish Plates \$9 each. Auction & Raffle. Proceeds benefit K.C. scholarships and charities.

Inez Catholic Daughters Games Party, Sunday, March 8, 1:00-5:00 pm, St. Joseph CCD Hall, Inez - \$7 donation. King Ranch Chicken, Salad, Rolls, Tea & Coffee. Bring your players & games. Reservations required. Call Donna 361-935-3890 or Karen 361-573-9029 or 361-550-5183.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Terry Wick: Alton & Bernice Michalcik-\$15; Linda Pavliska-\$15; Philip & Nancy Hadash-\$20; Leon & Kay Steinocher-\$20; Douglas & Tena Steffek-\$25; Jackie Skelton-\$25; Leroy & Donna Leopold-\$100.

In memory of Anita Pesek: Dennis & Barbara Janak-\$40; Raymond & Pat Opela-\$20; Steven Jares-\$10; Alvin Mikulenka & Elrose Kalisek-\$10; Michael & Janice Jares-\$20; Marian Dierschke-\$20; Gilbert & Mary Rose Schindler-\$20.

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND

In memory of Terry Wick: Tim & Candy Hines-\$25

SACRED HEART CHURCH CCD FUND

In memory of Terry Wick: Joe & Ana Henke-\$25

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Anita Pesek: Charles & Dorothy Jansky-\$25; Andrew & Bessie Grahmann-\$50; Phillip & Phyllis Steffek-\$100; Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch-\$20; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$15; Boyce & Lavonne Needham-\$20; Leon & Margaret Steffek-\$20; Larry & Doris Grubert-\$20; Tommy & Charlotte Sitka-\$20; Stephen & Elizabeth Orsak-\$20; Allen & Anita Steffek-\$20; Jerry & Margaret Kallus-\$25; Chris, Sandy & Tyler Steffek-\$25; Jeanette & Dan Pustka-\$30; Mr. & Mrs. Vaclav Netardus-\$10; Elroy & Barbara Holik-\$20; John & LaVerne Trojczak-\$20; Mike & Helen Technik-\$20; Edward & Patty Grahmann-\$20; Jerome & Mary Janak-\$25; Henry & Ann Kostelnik-\$25; Andrew & Jane Pesek-\$20; A.J. & Jo Kallus-\$25; Marvin & Linda Swoboda-\$25; Madeline Migura-\$25.

In memory of Terry Wick: Ramona Bludau, Alex & Sabrina-\$20; Hallettsville Livestock Commission-\$25.

In memory of Dolores Koncaba: Phillip & Phyllis Steffek-\$50.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In memory of Anita Pesek: Mark & Karen Janak-\$25; Pat Mladenka-\$20; Joe & Ana Henke-\$50; Glenn & Shara Steffek-\$20; Peggy & Robert Mendel-\$25; Randy Dornak Family-\$25; James & Mary Honish-\$20; Beatrice Butschek-\$10; Raymond & Virginia Steffek-\$25.

In memory of William "Bill" Curley: Paul & Patricia Curley-\$100.

In memory of Terry Wick: William & Charlene Bradbury-\$10; Frank & JoNell Janecek-\$15; Gene & Maureen Schott-\$25; Darrell & Mieko Wachel-\$25;

Robert & Leona Steffek-\$25; Mark & Karen Janak-\$50; Alice & Leroy Janak-\$25.

In memory of Leonard "Len" Marvin: Tom & Adelina Martin-\$250.

In memory of Carl Pagel: Bill & Sweet Hrcncir-\$10.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND

In memory of Terry Wick: Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann-\$25.

In memory of Anita Pesek: Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann-\$25; Alice & Leroy Janak-\$40; Leroy & Anita Etzler-\$15; Victor & Katherine Kahanek-\$25; Johnnie & Alene Steffek-\$20; Gilbert & Faye Melnar-\$25; Raymond & Helen Janak-\$20; Dottie Nixon-\$10.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS FUND

In memory of Anita Pesek: Franklin & Nola Bohuslav-\$25.

REESE & RILEY MANNING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Terry Wick & Anita Pesek: Joseph & Dorothy Etzler-\$40.

PAM DORNAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Anita Pesek: AMCO Fence Corp.-\$50; Jimmie & Sylvia Steffek-\$20; Tommy & Evelyn Dornak-\$100.

DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Terry Wick: Tommy & Elsie Grahmann-\$10.

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In memory of Anita Pesek: Chris Hermes-\$10

In memory of Terry Wick: Jay & Suzanne Pavlicek Family-\$10

SACRED HEART CHURCH BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE FUND

In memory of William "Bill" Curley: Victor & Lucille Vasek-\$10.

SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE

In memory of Anita Pesek: Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$20.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER

In memory of Terry Wick: Virginia Pustka, Michael & Rebecca Till-\$50.



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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Agnes of Bohemia

Imagine refusing marriage proposals from not one but two kings and the Holy Roman Emperor. For Agnes, daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I, none but the King of Heaven could win her heart. In 1236, after financing the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague, she entered this monastery with seven other noblewomen. Agnes became known for prayer, obedience and mortification. She turned her back on her fortune and embraced poverty and kindness.



Year of Consecrated Life

Pope Francis declared this the Year of Consecrated Life. Celebrate the Church's treasure of those in consecrated life. (See www.usccb.org for details.)

"Dear brothers and sisters, may (the) Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution, the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ."

Pope Francis



Follow the Holy Spirit to Heaven

During Lent, Catholics everywhere sharpen their consciences to prepare for Easter. As temples of the Holy Spirit, it is critical that we keep ourselves in mint condition. Nevertheless, even the most diligent caretaker can miss something. Fortunately, we have the Holy Spirit to assist with our Spring tune-up.

Give God full attention.

Whether it's by meditating on the limitless nature of his love, or by making sacrifices like turning off music or TV to better hear the whispering of the Holy Spirit (1 Kings 19:12), occasional silence is essential to learn how the Holy Spirit wants to work in our lives.

Read love letters from the Lord. Since

humans were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write the Bible, studying it is like having a conversation with the Lord. What better way could there be to strengthen our relationship with him than by reading and meditating on his very words?

Open the floodgates of grace. Growth in our relationship with God comes through grace. For example, we obtain grace by receiving him in the Eucharist at Mass, or

obtaining guidance and forgiveness from him in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The means by which we may receive grace are endless. The Holy Spirit guides the Catholic Church, so it makes sense to make the Holy Spirit our guide, too.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Jesus, "Lord"?

The word "lord" refers to someone having power or authority. When we call Jesus, "Lord," we acknowledge his power over sin and death as evidenced by his Crucifixion and Resurrection. We dedicate ourselves to his service.



"The New Testament uses this full sense of the title 'Lord' both for the Father and...for Jesus, who is thereby recognized as God himself" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #446). Therefore, Christians bend our knees to him as our Lord and no one else.

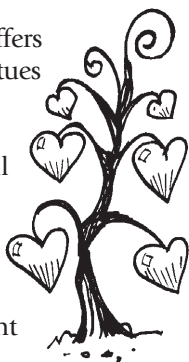
Accept your gifts from the Holy Spirit

To guide us in our spiritual growth, the Holy Spirit offers us gifts of sanctifying grace. These gifts perfect basic virtues that will lead us to Heaven. When properly used, we stay focused on God.

Wisdom: This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and his plan for us.

Understanding: Lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart, not just the mind.

Counsel: Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh all the alternatives to make the right choice.



Fortitude: The ability to remain firm against all pressures. (Also called courage.)

Knowledge: A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

Piety: Helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve him.

Fear of the Lord: The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect him and all his creations.

Accepting these gifts means identifying and using them. Just don't forget to call on the Holy Spirit for guidance when you do.

from Scripture

Mark 14:1-15, 47, Make Jesus' Passion our own.

It is important to recall the events of Jesus' Passion. It is even more important to share in his suffering and great love during his Passion.

St. Paul said, "We hold this treasure in earthen vessels ... always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body" (2 Corinthians 4:7-10).

He means that everything that happens in our lives – the good and the bad – can be part of our bond with Jesus.

Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness, our temptations, can

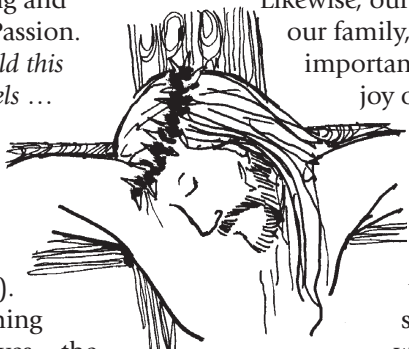
become ways in which we share in the suffering and death of Christ.

Likewise, our joys, our good health, our family, our friends, are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. The

point is to offer everything to Christ.

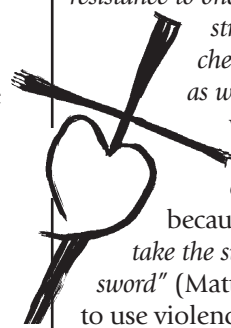
St. Alphonsus wrote, "We should consider not so much the sorrows Jesus suffered as the love with which he bore

them." Disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did and can share in his joy of Resurrection.



Q & A Are Christians required to be pacifists?

Jesus told his disciples, "... offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matthew 5:39). He



wanted his disciples to strive for peace when confronted with violence because he knew that "all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Matthew 26:52). We are never to use violence to solve problems.

That doesn't mean, however, that we are required to stand by while others attempt to deny either the individual citizen or particular governments fundamental rights, including that of self-defense. War can be morally justified as a last resort but we should do everything possible to avoid war before it starts.

Certainly Christians must speak out against acts that provoke war. Too, we are required to fight racial, ethnic and religious discrimination. Better still, when we fight injustice, we actually work to promote peace. That's the Christian way. In fact, Jesus turned the violence of the Cross into the ultimate act of love.

Feasts & Celebrations

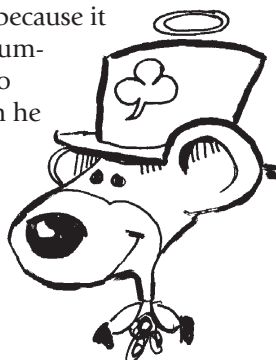
March 9 – St. Frances of Rome (1440). Although she preferred a life of service, Frances' parents selected a nobleman as her husband. She and a new sister-in-law formed a society of women to serve the poor. Frances continued to honor her family and serve the poor.

March 17 – St. Patrick (493). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned as bishop of Ireland and is credited for establishing the Church there.

March 23 – St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

(1606). A brilliant scholar, he was working as a professor when chosen to lead the archdiocese of Lima in Peru. He was ordained priest and bishop and worked to strengthen his diocese.

March 29 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. The Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion because it recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. It marks the beginning of Holy Week.



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