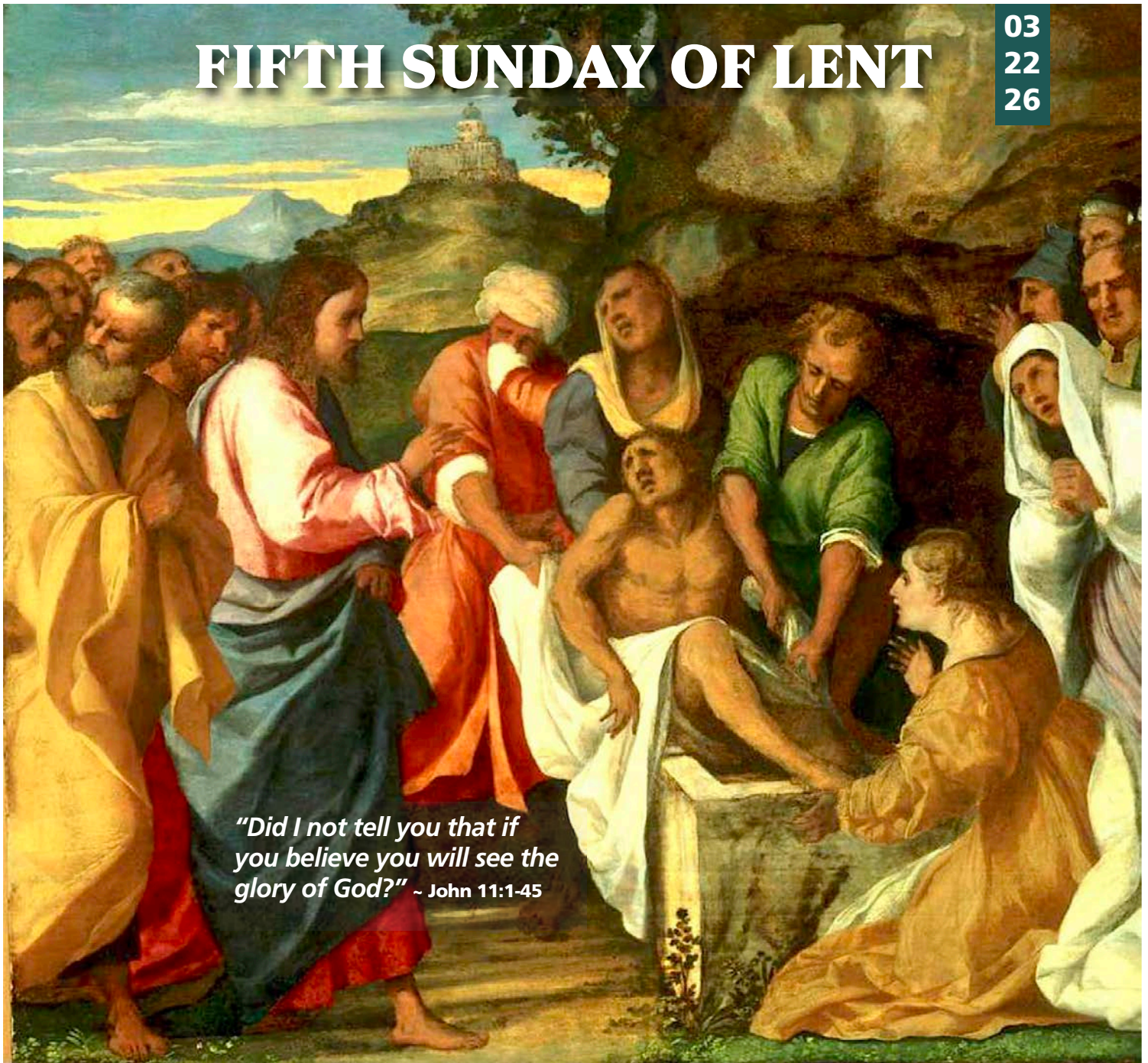


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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"Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" ~ John 11:1-45



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WEDNESDAY 6:30 AM, 5:30 PM

SATURDAY 8 AM

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SATURDAY 9 AM

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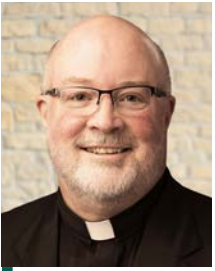
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From Our Pastor

ON THIS FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, I could not help but think about death and dying. As a priest going on 22 years this June, I have dealt with a lot of death and dying – hospitals, nursing homes, private residences, family members, friends, colleagues, total strangers, emergency situations, Hospice care, comfort care, and everything in-between. I have lost track of how many people I have administered the Last Rites to, with the exception of one category of people – those who were dying of COVID-19. To-date, since the Pandemic began, I have given Last Rites to 783 COVID-19 patients. This is the only “category” that I have ever

kept track of over the years because of the enormity of it all. I have to admit that during the Pandemic, when I was giving Last Rites to 18 or more patients a day in hospitals, nursing homes, and private residences, it was a bit overwhelming. But as I look back, I look at the great gift of the Sacraments that Jesus has given us; I have a different view of death because of the eternal effects on each person’s soul who receive the Last Rites. When someone receives the Last Rites it includes the “Apostolic Pardon” – a blessing that comes with a Plenary Indulgence using one of the following: ***“Through the sacred mysteries of human redemption, may almighty God release you from all punishments in the present life and of the life to come; may He open the gates of paradise, and lead you to everlasting joy. Amen.”*** Or: ***“By the authority given to me by the Apostolic See, I grant you a plenary indulgence and remission of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”*** The Apostolic Pardon is the means by which the Church’s treasury of merit can be applied to us in our last hours.

Priests are not robots. We, too, cry when someone close to us dies. My father was diagnosed with Stage IV bladder cancer the week after Thanksgiving in 2003 and died shortly thereafter in January 2004. And although he received the Last Rites several times from several priests, my father’s death was very hard for me. I understand the Theology of the Sacraments, I understand and embrace my Catholic faith, but I also think about my dad and pray for him every day; I miss him. And if you have lost a parent, a sibling, a child, a close friend, you know exactly what I’m talking about.

In today’s Gospel, we see what Jesus did in facing the death of His friend Lazarus. This is not only a story about Lazarus’ untimely death and Jesus raising him from the dead, it’s also a story about Jesus’ desire to bring people to faith. This is made abundantly clear when, after hearing that Lazarus was ill, Jesus waited for two days before going to him. The reason for this becomes clear with the words that Jesus prayed before He called Lazarus forth from the tomb: “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” So, this is not only a story of Jesus miraculously bringing His friend back from the dead, it’s also a sign that manifests the glory of God – a sign that has the power to bring people to faith in Him, including us.



Look at what Jesus did in the face of death. It’s best seen in the different ways Jesus dealt with Martha and Mary – Lazarus’ sisters. Notice how both of them, when they met Jesus, said the same thing to Him: “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would never have died.” But with Martha, Jesus seems almost removed, content to stay at the level of faith, telling her, “Your brother will rise again,” and “I am the resurrection and the life.” But when Mary, the more outwardly emotional of the two, falls at Jesus’ feet weeping, we are told that Jesus was “troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions.” And not only that, when He asked where the tomb was, we are told – in what must be the shortest verse in all the Gospels – that “Jesus wept.” There is a lot packed into those two simple words, and we can see what I mean about getting a glimpse into Jesus “the man.” Jesus: one person, two natures, one human, one Divine. It’s easy to picture this moment. Jesus is very human in this moment in a very touching way. He is clearly one of us. Vulnerable. Saddened. Moved by very deep emotions on the death of someone close to Him, someone He cared about, someone He loved.

Folks, the Jesus we encounter in today’s Gospel is one we can easily relate to and trust in. When we are with someone who is dying, or with the family of someone who has died, or with someone in our own family or circle of friends, as with Jesus the tears do come – in our eyes and in our hearts. How lovingly and compassionately human.

Blessed Columba Marmion had this to say about today’s Gospel: “He wept at the death of Lazarus, as we weep over those we cherish, so that the Jews who witnessed this sight, said to one another: ‘Behold how He loved him!’ Christ shed tears because His Heart was touched; He wept for him who was His friend; the tears sprang from the depth of His Heart. Several times, too, it is said of Him in the Gospel that His Heart was touched with compassion.” (From Marmion’s *Christ, the Life of the Soul*)

A simple truth: Death is inevitable and inescapable. But thanks to Jesus’ death and Resurrection, death does not have the last word. As Pope Saint John Paul II once said: “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!” This is our firm belief; it is the very foundation and core of our faith. We really are an Easter people, and though we will be celebrating Easter Sunday in fairly short order, we celebrate the joy of Easter each and every day. Think about it. God bless!

Fr. Mike
Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor



Month of March: Dedicated to St. Joseph

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION REDEMPTORIS CUSTOS: ON THE PERSON & MISSION OF ST. JOSEPH IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST & OF THE CHURCH BY POPE JOHN PAUL II

Chapter VI – Saint Joseph: Patron of the Church in our Day

28. At a difficult time in the Church's history, Pope Pius IX, wishing to place her under the powerful patronage of the holy patriarch Joseph, declared him "Patron of the

Catholic Church." (42) For Pius IX this was no idle gesture, since by virtue of the sublime dignity which God has granted to his most faithful servant Joseph, "the Church, after the Blessed Virgin, his spouse, has always held him in great honor and showered him with praise, having recourse to him amid tribulations." (43)

What are the reasons for such great confidence? Leo XIII explained it in this way: "The reasons why St. Joseph must be considered the special patron of the Church, and the Church in turn draws exceeding hope from his care and patronage, chiefly arise from his having been the husband of Mary and the presumed father of Jesus... Joseph was in his day the lawful and natural guardian, head and defender of the Holy Family... It is thus fitting and most worthy of Joseph's dignity that, in the same way that he once kept unceasing holy watch over the family of Nazareth, so now does he protect and defend with his heavenly patronage the Church of Christ." (44)

29. This patronage must be invoked as ever necessary for the Church, not only as a defense against all dangers, but also, and indeed primarily, as an impetus for her renewed commitment to evangelization in the world and to re-evangelization in those lands and nations where—as I wrote in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles Laici* - "religion and the Christian life were formerly flourishing and...are now put to a hard test." (45) In order to bring the first proclamation of Christ, or to bring it anew wherever it has been neglected or forgotten, the Church has need of special "power from on high" (cf. Lk 24:49; Acts 1:8): a gift of the Spirit of the Lord, a gift which is not unrelated to the intercession and example of his saints.

30. Besides trusting in Joseph's sure protection, the Church also trusts in his noble example, which transcends all individual states of life and serves as a model for the entire Christian community, whatever the condition and duties of each of its members may be.

As the Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council has said, the basic attitude of the entire Church must be that of "hearing the word of God with reverence," (46) an absolute readiness to serve faithfully God's salvific will revealed in Jesus. Already at the beginning of human redemption, after Mary, we find the model of obedience made incarnate in St. Joseph, the man known for having faithfully carried out God's commands.

Pope Paul VI invited us to invoke Joseph's patronage "as the Church has been wont to do in these recent times, for herself in the first place, with a spontaneous theological reflection on the marriage of divine and human action in the great economy of the Redemption, in which economy the first—the divine one—is wholly sufficient unto itself, while the second—the human action which is ours—though capable of nothing (cf. Jn 15:5), is never dispensed from a humble but conditional and ennobling collaboration. The Church also calls upon Joseph as her protector because of a profound and ever-present desire to reinvigorate her ancient life with true evangelical virtues, such as shine forth in St. Joseph." (47)

31. The Church transforms these needs into prayer. Recalling that God wished to entrust the beginnings of our redemption to the faithful care of St. Joseph, she asks God to grant that she may faithfully cooperate in the work of salvation; that she may receive the same faithfulness and purity of heart that inspired Joseph in serving the Incarnate World; and that she may walk before God in the ways of holiness and justice, following Joseph's example and through his intercession. (48)

One hundred years ago, Pope Leo XIII had already exhorted the Catholic world to pray for the protection of St. Joseph, Patron of the whole Church. The Encyclical Epistle *Quamquam Pluries* appealed to Joseph's "fatherly love...for the child Jesus" and commended to him, as "the provident guardian of the divine Family," "the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood." Since that time—as I recalled at the beginning of this Exhortation—the Church has implored the protection of St. Joseph on the basis of "that sacred bond of charity which united him to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God," and the Church has commended to Joseph all of her cares, including those dangers which threaten the human family.

Even today we have many reasons to pray in a similar way: "Most beloved father, dispel the evil of falsehood and sin... graciously assist us from heaven in our struggle with the powers of darkness...and just as once you saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger, so now defend God's holy Church from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity." (49) Today we still have good reason to commend everyone to St. Joseph.

32. It is my heartfelt wish that these reflections on the person of St. Joseph will renew in us the prayerful devotion which my Predecessor called for a century ago. Our prayers and the very person of Joseph have renewed significance for the Church in our day in light of the Third Christian Millennium.

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The Second Vatican Council made all of us sensitive once again to the "great things which God has done," and to that "economy of salvation" of which St. Joseph was a special minister. Commending ourselves, then, to the protection of him to whose custody God "entrusted his greatest and most precious treasures," (50) let us at the same time learn from him how to be servants of the "economy of salvation." May St. Joseph become for all of us an exceptional teacher in the service of Christ's saving mission, a mission which is the responsibility of each and every member of the Church: husbands and wives, parents, those who live by the work of their hands or by any other kind of work, those called to the contemplative life and those called to the apostolate.

NOTES

- 42. Cf. *Sacror. Rituum Congreg., Decr. Quemadmodum Deus* (December 8, 1870): loc. cit., p.283.
- 43. *Ibid.:* loc. cit., pp. 282f.
- 44. Leo XIII, *Encyclical Epistle Quamquam pluries* (August 15, 1889): loc. cit., pp. 177-179.
- 45. *Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Christifidele Laici* (December 30, 1988), 34: AAS 81 (1989), p. 456.
- 46. *Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Dei Verbum*, 1.
- 47. Paul VI, *Discourse* (March 19, 1969): *Insegnamenti, VII* (1969) p. 1269.
- 48. Cf. *Roman Missal, Collect, Prayer over the Gifts for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Prayer after Communion from the Votive Mass of St. Joseph.*
- 49. Cf. Leo XIII, "Oratio ad Sanctum Iosephum," contained immediately after the text of the *Encyclical Epistle Quamquam pluries* (August 15, 1889) -*Leonis XIII P.M. Acta, IX* (1890), p. 183.
- 50. *Sacror Rituum Congreg., Decr. Quemadmodum Deus* (December 8 1870): loc. cit., p. 282



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Is Missing Mass a Mortal Sin?

by Fr. William Saunders, courtesy of the Catholic Education Resource Center

QUESTION: *I was visiting relatives recently, and sadly they do not attend Mass. I went to Mass and reminded them that missing Mass was a mortal sin. They said, "Oh, that was in the old days. Missing Mass is no longer a mortal sin." What do you say?*

Rather than just approaching this question from the angle of "missing Mass is a sin," we should first call to mind the importance of the Mass. Each Sunday, we gather together as a Church with hearts filled with joy to worship Almighty God. We remember and profess our faith once again in the mystery of our salvation, that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. The saving actions of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday coalesce in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Vatican Council II asserted, "For it is the liturgy through which, especially in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, 'the work of our redemption is accomplished,' and it is through the liturgy, especially that the faithful are enabled to express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true church" (#2).

Moreover, at Mass, each faithful Catholic is fed with abundant graces: First, we are nourished by the Word of God — God's eternal truth that has been revealed to us and recorded under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We then respond by professing our Holy Catholic Faith as presented in the Creed, saying not simply, "I believe" as a singular person, but, "we believe" as part of the Church.

Second, if we are in a state of grace, then we have the opportunity to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. We firmly believe that our Lord is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, and that we receive His body, blood, soul, and divinity in Holy Communion. Not only does the Holy Eucharist unite us intimately with the Lord, but also unites us in communion with our brothers and sisters throughout the universal Church. The Holy Eucharist is such a precious gift!

With this in mind, no one should simply think of attending Mass as fulfilling an obligation. To attend Mass is a privilege, and any faithful Catholic should want to attend Mass. Our perspective should not be, "I have got to do this..."; rather, we should think, "I get to do this!"

Nevertheless, because the Mass offers such precious gifts, provides the nourishment of great graces, and unites us as a Church, we do indeed have a sacred obligation to attend Mass. Remember that the Third Commandment stated, "Keep Holy the Sabbath." For the Jewish people, the Old Testament Sabbath was on Saturday, marking the "Day of rest" after Creation. **For Christians, we have always kept holy Sunday, the day of the Resurrection.** Just as Creation unfolded on the first day of the week with God commanding, "Let there be light," our Lord, the Light who came to shatter the darkness of sin and death, rose from the dead on that first day marking the new creation.

Given how precious the Mass is plus the Old Testament precedent which was rightly adapted by the Church, the *Code of Canon Law* (#1246) proscribes, "Sunday is the day on which the Paschal Mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost

Holy Day of Obligation in the universal Church." Moreover, "On Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass..." (#1247). Therefore, the *Catechism* teaches, "Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit grave sin" (#2181), and grave sin is, indeed, mortal sin. Pope John Paul II repeated this precept in his apostolic letter *Dies Domini (Observing and Celebrating the Day of the Lord)*, #47, 1998).

Of course, serious circumstances arise which excuse a person from attending Mass, such as if a person is sick, has to deal with an emergency, or cannot find a Mass to attend without real burden. A pastor may also dispense a person from the obligation of attending Mass for serious reason. For instance, no one, including our Lord, expects a person to attend Mass who is so sick he cannot physically attend Mass; there is no virtue in further hurting one's own health plus infecting everyone else in the church. Or, in the case of a blizzard, a person must prudently judge whether he can safely travel to attend Mass without seriously risking his own life and the lives of others. When such serious circumstances arise which prevent a person from attending Mass, he should definitely take time to pray, read the prayers and readings of the Mass in the Missal, or watch the Mass on television and at least participate in spirit. Keep in mind when such serious circumstances arise, a person does not commit mortal sin for missing Mass.

In examining this question, a person must really reflect on how valuable the Mass and the Holy Eucharist is. Every day, faithful Catholics in the People's Republic of China risk educational and economic opportunities and even their very lives to attend Mass. In mission territories, people travel many miles to attend Mass. They take the risk and they make the sacrifice because they truly believe in the Mass and our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist.

When a person negligently "bags Mass," to go shopping, catch up on work, sleep a few extra hours, attend social or sporting events, or not interrupt vacation, the person is allowing something to take the place of God. Something becomes more valuable than the Holy Eucharist. Sadly, I have known families who could walk to the church but choose not to attend Mass; ironically though, they send their children to the Catholic school. Yes, such behavior really is indicative of turning one's back on the Lord and committing a mortal sin. God must come first in our lives. On Sunday, our primary duty is to worship God at Mass as a Church and to be nourished with His grace. The *Didascalia*, a third century writing, exhorted, "**Leave everything on the Lord's Day and run diligently to your assembly, because it is your praise of God. Otherwise, what excuse will they make to God, those who do not come together on the Lord's Day to hear the Word of Life and feed on the divine nourishment which lasts forever?**"

Yes, indeed, what excuse will they make?

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord: Wednesday, March 25

*Excerpted from The Liturgical Year,
Abbot Gueranger O.S.B.*

A tradition, which has come down from the apostolic ages, tells us that the great mystery of the Incarnation was achieved on the twenty-fifth day of March. It was at the hour of midnight, when the most holy Virgin was alone and absorbed in prayer, that the Archangel Gabriel appeared before her, and asked her, in the name of the blessed Trinity, to consent to become the Mother of God. Let us assist, in spirit, at this wonderful interview between the angel and the Virgin: and, at the same time, let us think of that other interview which took place between Eve and the serpent. A holy bishop and martyr of the second century, Saint Irenaeus, who had received the tradition from the very disciples of the apostles, shows us that Nazareth is the counterpart of Eden.

In the garden of delights there is a virgin and an angel; and a conversation takes place between them. At Nazareth a virgin is also addressed by an angel, and she answers him; but the angel of the earthly paradise is a spirit of darkness, and he of Nazareth is a spirit of light. In both instances it is the angel that has the first word. "Why," said the serpent to Eve, "hath God commanded you, that you should not eat of every tree of paradise?" His question implies impatience and a solicitation to evil; he has contempt for the frail creature to whom he addresses it, but he hates the image of God which is upon her.

See, on the other hand, the angel of light; see with what composure and peacefulness he approaches the Virgin of Nazareth, the new Eve; and how respectfully he bows himself down before her: 'Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!' Such language is evidently of heaven: none but an angel could speak thus to Mary.

Scarcely has the wicked spirit finished speaking than Eve casts a longing look at the forbidden fruit: she is impatient to enjoy the independence it is to bring her. She rashly stretches forth her hand; she plucks the fruit; she eats it, and death takes possession of her: death of the soul, for sin extinguishes the light of life; and death of the body, which being separated from the source of immortality, becomes an object of shame and horror, and finally crumbles into dust.

But let us turn away our eyes from this sad spectacle and fix them on Nazareth. Mary has heard the angel's explanation of the mystery; the will of heaven is made known to her, and how grand an honor it is to bring upon her! She, the humble maid of Nazareth, is to have the ineffable happiness of becoming the Mother of God, and yet the treasure of her virginity is to be left to her! Mary bows down before this sovereign will and says to the heavenly messenger: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to thy word."

Thus, as the great St. Irenaeus and so many of the Holy Fathers remark, the obedience of the second Eve repaired the disobedience of the first: for no sooner does the Virgin of Nazareth speak her fiat, "be it done," than the eternal Son of God (Who, according to the divine decree, awaited this word) is present, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, in the chaste womb of Mary, and there He begins His human life. A Virgin is a

Mother, and Mother of God; and it is this Virgin's consenting to the divine will that has made her conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit. This sublime mystery puts between the eternal Word and a mere woman the relations of Son and Mother; it gives to the almighty God a means whereby He may, in a manner worthy of His majesty, triumph over Satan, who hitherto seemed to have prevailed against the divine plan.

Never was there a more entire or humiliating defeat than that which this day befell Satan. The frail creature, over whom he had so easily triumphed at the beginning of the world, now rises and crushes his proud head. Eve conquers in Mary. God would not choose man for the instrument of His vengeance; the humiliation of Satan would not have been great enough; and therefore she who was the first prey of hell, the first victim of the tempter, is selected to give battle to the enemy. The result of so glorious a triumph is that Mary is to be superior not only to the rebel angels, but to the whole human race, yea, to all the angels of heaven. Seated on her exalted throne, she, the Mother of God, is to be the Queen of all creation. Satan, in the depths of the abyss, will eternally bewail his having dared to direct his first attack against the woman, for God has now so gloriously avenged her; and in heaven, the very Cherubim and Seraphim reverently look up to Mary, and deem themselves honored when she smiles upon them, or employs them in the execution of any of her wishes, for she is the Mother of their God.

Therefore, is it that we, the children of Adam, who have been snatched by Mary's obedience from the power of hell, solemnize this day of the Annunciation. Well may we say of Mary those words of Debbora, when she sang her song of victory over the enemies of God's people: "The valiant men ceased, and rested in Israel, until Debbora arose, a mother arose in Israel. The Lord chose new wars, and He Himself overthrew the gates of the enemies." Let us also refer to the holy Mother of Jesus these words of Judith, who by her victory over the enemy was another type of Mary: "Praise ye the Lord our God, who hath not forsaken them that hope in Him. And by me, His handmaid, He hath fulfilled His mercy, which He promised to the house of Israel; and He hath killed the enemy of His people by my hand this night... The almighty Lord hath struck him, and hath delivered him into the hands of a woman, and hath slain him."

ANNUNCIATION PRAYER FOR FAITH

*Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal Word,
You became Incarnate as man
in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
You, through whom the universe was created,
began Your earthly course,
in the womb of a humble and chaste Virgin.
At the annunciation of this miracle, Mary responded in faith:
"Let it be done to me according to Your word."
May we who are made new creatures by Your grace,
respond with such faith, when You call us to Your service.
Amen*

Prayer List

If you would like our parish to pray for loved ones who are **hospitalized, ill at home** or are **active duty military**, fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* via the QR code, www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List or call the parish office. List is updated every 3-6 mos., so if someone you added was deleted but is still ill, please fill out a new prayer request.



If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614-876-1272.

Please Pray for...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Pamela Theado	Ira Katz
Doris Cobbs	Ora Johnson
Richard Jones	Francis Drlik
Donna Fox-Moore	Dolores Lynch
Connie Carrino	Ryan Yoder
Lisa Lynch	Chris Carrino
Sara Conway	Shirley Tornik
Sean Grier	Paula Jordan
Alma Harding	Richard Walls
Karl "Sonny" Beem	Marian Woolum
Eileen Wilson	Dochia Finsterbusch
Dionisia Virtudazo	Dick Snyder
Ryan Diepenbrock	Alisha Lause
Brenda Bezan	Robert William
Teresa Wells	Mary Murphy Smith
Mary DeStefani	Daffine Papaly
Bryan Knapp	Sarah Ortlieb
Gib Bickel	Alida Sfalcin
Kathleen McCurdy	Alyson Barnheiser
Amelia Black	Alan LaForrest
Anna D'Ettorre	Jim Lewis

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Cody Longstreth
Aaron Huesman	Jackson Maassel
Sam Imwalle	Rick Shonkwiler
Christopher Keck	Rob Shonkwiler
Robert Carollo	Luke Stumphauzer
Kyle Mullins	Thomas Noel
Joe Alverson	Addison A.
Kale Grunenwald	Connor Olson
Zackery Reed	Dan Severance
Robbie Hite	Trevor Pfirrmann
Nathaniel Mattson	

...we pray for all our men and women in service to our country, healthcare workers and first responders.

THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

St. Brendan Inviting Catholics Home Ministry prays daily for all those no longer practicing our faith.



Congratulations

ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Ellis Hayes Huffman
Beverly Grace Burns

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 AM	Marybeth Alban †
8:00 AM	For the needs of parishioners as we begin the week.
5:30 PM	Richard Crumley †

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 AM	Nick Peaspanen †
8:00 AM	Emmett Tzeris †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

	Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord
6:30 AM	Judy Auten †
5:30 PM	Jane Pribis †

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 AM	Intention for Branden Cullinan
8:00 AM	Richard Bond †

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
8:00 AM	Sherry Saliga †

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

	<i>(Confirmation/No Morning Mass)</i>
5:30 PM	For the Protection of the Unborn

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:15 AM	For the People of St. Brendan Parish
8:45 AM	Joseph Hamrock †
10:45 AM	Donald May †
5:30 PM	Anne Pluth † <i>(† Intention for deceased.)</i>

NO First Friday Adoration in April

Since the first Friday in April falls on Good Friday, April 3, First Friday Adoration has been cancelled in April (and there is no Adoration from April 3-5.) Please join us on Good Friday for the Lord's Passion Liturgy with General Veneration, Stations of the Cross and Confession.

Eucharistic Adoration

Try making Adoration a weekly or even a monthly habit! Sign up to adore at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/> Then, sign in at the Chapel kiosk upon arrival.



MONDAY	6 PM–10 PM
TUESDAY	8:30 AM–10 PM
WEDNESDAY	7 AM–5 PM <i>Holy Hour, 6-7 PM w/Confession</i>
THURSDAY	8:30 AM–10 PM
FRIDAY	8:30 AM–10 PM <i>1st Fridays, 8:30 AM–Sat., 1 PM</i>
SATURDAY	8:30 AM–1 PM
SUNDAY	6:30 PM–10 PM

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” +Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph

“If you suffer with Him, you will reign with Him. If you cry with Him, you will have joy with Him. If you die with Him on the Cross of tribulation, you will possess the eternal dwelling place in the splendor of the saints. And your name, written in the Book of Life, will be glorious among men.” +SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

Monday, March 23 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent
Optional Memorial: Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo

Holy Gospel: John 8:1-11 Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

Meditation: This incident conveys to us a great deal about Jesus’ attitude toward the sinner. The scribes and Pharisees wanted to entrap Jesus with the religious and civil authorities. That is why they brought a woman caught in adultery before Jesus. Jesus turned the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he said: Go ahead and stone her! But let the man who is without sin be the first to cast a stone. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences. When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. The scribes wished to condemn, Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice – either go back to your former way of sin and death, or reach out to the new way of life and happiness with him. Jesus gave her pardon and a new start on life. God’s grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is – unfaithfulness to God, and to turn back to God with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for God’s mercy and forgiveness. Do you know the joy of repentance and a clean heart and mind?

Prayer: O God, by whose wondrous grace we are enriched with every blessing, grant us so to pass from former ways to newness of life, that we may be made ready for the glory of the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: In your heart of hearts, do you desire to be changed and transformed in Christ-like holiness? God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (ref. Lamentations 3:22-23). Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from our unruly desires and passions. Let us pray as St. Augustine prayed: “God our Father, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy; we have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins; and we have foolishly conceived you to be a tyrant over human life. But since Jesus came among us, he has shown that you love, that you are on our side against all that stunts life, and that our resentment against you was groundless. So we come to you, asking you to forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you and your forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Tuesday, March 24 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 8:21-30 Jesus said to the Pharisees: "I am going away and you will look for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going you cannot come." So the Jews said, "He is not going to kill himself, is he, because he said, 'Where I am going you cannot come?'" He said to them, "You belong to what is below, I belong to what is above. You belong to this world, but I do not belong to this world. That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I AM, you will die in your sins." So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "What I told you from the beginning. I have much to say about you in condemnation. But the one who sent me is true, and what I heard from him I tell the world." They did not realize that he was speaking to them of the Father. So Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM, and that I do nothing on my own, but I say only what the Father taught me. The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him." Because he spoke this way, many came to believe in him.

Meditation: To "sin" literally means to *miss the mark* or *to be off target*. The essence of sin is that we, through our choice, separate ourselves from the love of God and from our true purpose in life – to know the source of all truth and beauty which is God himself and to be united with God in everlasting joy. When Adam and Eve first sinned, they hid themselves from God (Genesis 3:8-10). That is what sin does; it separates us from the One who is all loving, all-wise, and all-just. Jesus went on to explain that if people could not recognize him in his word, they would have the opportunity to recognize him when he is "lifted upon the cross of Calvary. Jesus pointed to the atoning sacrifice of his life on the cross as the true source of healing and victory over the sin of the world. The sacrifice of Christ's life on the cross for our sins is the ultimate proof of God's love for us. God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). To fail to recognize Jesus and where he came from is to remain in spiritual darkness; to believe Jesus and his words is to walk in the joy and light of God's truth. There are certain opportunities in life that come and do not return. Each of us is given the opportunity to know and to accept Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Savior. But that opportunity can be rejected and lost. Life here is limited and short, but how we live it has everlasting consequences. Do you take advantage of the present time to make room for God so that your life will count for eternity?

Prayer: Grant us, we pray, O Lord, perseverance in obeying your will, that in our days the people dedicated to your service may grow in both merit and number. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you know the healing power of the cross of Christ? When the people of Israel were afflicted with serpents in the wilderness because of their sin, God instructed Moses: "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live" (ref. Numbers 21:8). The bronze serpent points to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising and exaltation to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only redeems us, but he fills us with his own divine life and power that we might share in his glory. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit that we may have power to be his witnesses and to spread and defend the gospel by word and action, and to never be ashamed of Christ's Cross. Are you ready to live your life as a witness the truth and joy of the Gospel to those around you?

Wednesday, March 25 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

The Lord said, as He entered the world: "Behold, I come to do Your will, O God."

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who

was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Meditation: In this particular passage of sacred scripture we see the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy and the unfolding of God's plan of redemption in the events leading up to the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah. The new era of salvation begins with the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. This child to be born is conceived by the action of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, who finds favor with God. As Eve was the mother of all humanity doomed to sin, now Mary becomes the mother of the new Adam who will father a new humanity by his grace (ref. Romans 5:12-21).

Prayer: O God, who willed that your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: How does Mary respond to the word of God delivered by the angel Gabriel? She knows she is hearing something beyond human capability. It will surely take a miracle which surpasses all that God has done previously. Her question, "how shall this be, since I have no husband" is not prompted by doubt or skepticism, but by wonderment! She is a true hearer of the Word and she immediately responds with faith, trust, and without hesitation. Mary's prompt response of "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for all believers. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. Mary is the "mother of God" because God becomes incarnate when he takes on flesh in her womb. When we pray the Nicene Creed we state our confession of faith in this great mystery: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man." God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willingness, obedience, and heartfelt trust as Mary did. When God commands he also gives the help, strength, and means to respond. We can either yield to his grace or resist and go our own way. Going our own way leads to nowhere; following Christ leads to eternal life.

Thursday, March 26 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 8:51-59 Jesus said to the Jews: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death." So the Jews said to him, "Now we are sure that you are possessed. Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'Whoever keeps my word will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? Or the prophets, who died? Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is worth nothing; but it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' You do not know him, but I know him. And if I should say that I do not know him, I would be like you a liar. But I do know him and I keep his word. Abraham your father rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old and you have seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM." So they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area.

Meditation: When the Jews asked Jesus "Who do you claim to be?" Jesus answered, "before Abraham was, I AM." Jesus claims to be timeless and there is only one in the universe who is timeless, namely God. Scripture tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus was not just a man who came, lived, died, and then rose again. He is the immortal timeless One, who always was and always will be. In Jesus we see the eternal God in visible flesh. His death and rising make it possible for us to share in his eternal life. Do you live in the hope and joy of the resurrection?

Prayer: O God, who reward the merits of the just and offer pardon to sinners who do penance, have mercy, we pray, on those who call upon you, that the admission of our guilt may serve to obtain your pardon for our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you thirst and hunger to know God fully – to know him personally, and to know the transforming power of his love and wisdom for your life? God made us to know him and he gives us the gift of faith and understanding to grow in our knowledge of him. Jesus challenged the people of Israel to accept his word as the revelation of God. His claims challenged the very foundation of their belief and understanding of God. Jesus made a series of claims which are the very foundation of his life and mission. What are these claims? First, Jesus claims unique knowledge of God as the only begotten Son of the Father in heaven. Since he claims to be in direct personal communion with his Father in heaven, he knows everything about the Father. Jesus claims that the only way to full knowledge of the mind and heart of

God is through himself. Jesus also claims unique obedience to God the Father. He thinks, lives and acts in the knowledge of his Father's word. To look at his life is to see how God wishes me to live. In Jesus alone we see what God wants us to know and what he wants us to be.

Friday, March 27 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 10:31-42 The Jews picked up rocks to stone Jesus. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "We are not stoning you for a good work but for blasphemy. You, a man, are making yourself God." Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, You are gods'?" If it calls them gods to whom the word of God came, and Scripture cannot be set aside, can you say that the one whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." Then they tried again to arrest him; but he escaped from their power.

He went back across the Jordan to the place where John first baptized, and there he remained. Many came to him and said, "John performed no sign, but everything John said about this man was true." And many there began to believe in him.

Meditation: Why were the religious leaders so upset with Jesus that they wanted to kill him? They charged him with blasphemy because he claimed to be the Son of God. Jesus made two claims in his response: He was consecrated by the Father to a special task and he was sent into the world to carry out his Father's mission. Jesus challenged his opponents to accept his works if they could not accept his words. One can argue with words, but deeds are beyond argument. Jesus is the perfect teacher in that he does not base his claims on what he says but on what he does. The word of God is life and power to those who believe.

Prayer: Pardon the offenses of your peoples, we pray, O Lord, and in your goodness set us free from the bonds of the sins we have committed in our weakness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: As we approach Holy Week – the holiest week of the year in the Christian world – let's make sure that we put the "HOLY" in the upcoming Holy Week by the way we live our Catholic faith and

how we choose to spend our time during this week. Let us live this week illuminated with the light of Christ, so that his light shines through each of us. Let us set aside this one week of the year for added prayer, scripture reading and meditation, daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross, attending the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, and attending the Good Friday Passion of the Lord Liturgy. Have you been to confession lately? How can we best thank Christ for his suffering the Passion and death on the cross, with the weight and pain of the cross being our own sinfulness? Walk alongside him during the upcoming Holy Week, and devote your life to "be doers of the Word, not hearers only" (James 1:22)



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Holy Week

Easter

- MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY**
7:15 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM
Regular Mass & Adoration schedule.
5:30 PM Vigil Mass – Saturday, March 28
- MARCH 30 RECONCILIATION MONDAY**
6:30 AM, 8 AM, 5:30 PM
6-9 PM – Confession + Adoration (until 10 PM)
Regular Mass & Adoration schedule.
- MARCH 31 TUESDAY**
6:30 AM, 8 AM
Regular Mass & Adoration schedule.
- APRIL 1 WEDNESDAY**
6:30 AM, 5:30 PM
Regular Mass & Adoration schedule.
6 PM – Adoration, Holy Hour + Confession
- APRIL 2 HOLY THURSDAY**
6:30 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Eucharistic Procession to the Altar of Repose.
8-11:30 PM – Adoration
No 6:30 or 8 AM Mass. Only one Mass is permitted on Holy Thursday.
- APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY**
3 PM – Lord's Passion Liturgy with General Veneration
4 PM – Stations of the Cross + Confession *til all are heard*
No 6:30 or 8 AM Mass. No Adoration. Parish Office is closed.
- APRIL 4 HOLY SATURDAY**
9 AM – Blessing of Food
9 PM – Easter Vigil Mass
No 8 AM or 5:30 PM Mass. No Adoration or Confession.
- APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY**
7:15 AM – in the Church
8:45 AM – in the Church & Gym
10:45 AM – in the Church* & Gym
*(*Livestreamed Mass) No 5:30 PM Mass or Adoration.*

Easter Lilies for the Altar



This is the last weekend to request lilies in memory of a loved one or a special intention (\$10/lily). Fill out the form and pay with a debit/credit card at tinyurl.com/2026lilies4altar (or scan the QR code). Orders received by **March 23** will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. For help with filling out the form, please email accounting@stbrendans.net

Friday Stations of the Cross

Join us this Friday at either 8:30 AM or 7 PM in the church. **SPECIAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY...** This is the perfect liturgical time during Holy Week to bring your family to this prayerful illustration of the Passion of Christ on Friday, April 3. Stations of the Cross pamphlets will be available on the Welcome Desk.

Last Fish Fry on Friday, March 27

Join us one more time this Friday, 4:30-7 PM in the school to help our students raise money for their 8th grade school trip. This is the last 2026 Lenten Fish Fry – Shrimp will be served. Find more details at www.tinyurl.com/events4stb

Easter Liturgical Ministers Needed

Altar Servers, Welcomers, Lectors and Ushers are needed for the upcoming additional Easter Masses in the School Gym. View what times are still open at www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans or, email ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net to let us know your availability.

Parish Office Closed:

Good Friday, April 3
Easter Monday, April 6

Community Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel
9:00 AM	Catholic Way Study: Gospel of John	Wellnitz, Room 1
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	OCIA Assumption Cohort 2026	Davidson, Room A
7:00 PM	OCIA Vigil Cohort 2025-2026	Davidson, Room B

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Church
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
7:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Group	Carter Center
7:00 PM	Young Adult Women's Group	Offsite

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Women's Lenten AM Scripture Study	Davidson, Rooms A & B
7:00 PM	Women's Lenten PM Scripture Study	Davidson, Rooms A & B

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM	Stations of the Cross	Church
4:30 PM	Fish Fry	School
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

CANCELLED: 8 AM Mass & 9 AM Confession

SVdP 5th Sunday Collection

6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry AM	Davidson, Rooms A & B
8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	SVdP Monthly Conference Meeting	Wellnitz, Room 1
10:00 AM & 1:00 PM	Confirmation Mass	Church
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

HOLY WEEK: Palm Sunday

SVdP 5th Sunday Collection

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

Parish News & Events

Have you started your spring cleaning?
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Prayerful Women are Needed...

THE SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring a Holy Hour is prayed daily for the intention of a specific priest or bishop for his deeper conformity to Christ. A few prayerful women are needed to be trained to coordinate this endeavor in our Parish. If you can help organize and lead others in praying, email Wendy Ferkany at wferkany@stbrendans.net

Music Ministry Update

Beginning after Lent, the music at 5:30 PM Sunday Mass and School Masses will return to a contemporary selection and will utilize the projectors.

St. Brendan Prayer Vigil, March 25

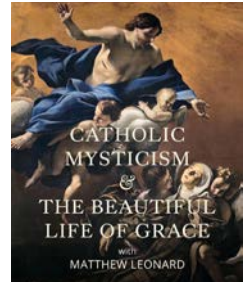
The **40 Days for Life** campaign is a peaceful prayer vigil to pray for the end of abortion in America held at Planned Parenthood (3255 E Main St., Columbus) abortion facility. St. Brendan Parish adopted Wednesday, March 25 from 9 AM-12 PM as our vigil day/time. If you plan to attend, accept the "Need" in ParishStag at <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public> (or just show up). Prayer makes a difference, so if unable to join us at the facility, please pray wherever you are during that time. Questions? Contact Tim Reno at tireno04@gmail.com

Seniors NOW (NAVIGATING OUR WAY)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 – No First Friday Mass or breakfast.
APRIL 13, MONDAY, 12 PM – Lunch at Wild Ginger (434 State Rt. 161, Plain City). RSVP Jerry: 614-805-6792 pricej62@gmail.com
APRIL 22, WEDNESDAY, 1 PM – Spring Social: Games in Welnitz.

Catholic Mysticism Study, April 13

Catholic Mysticism & the Beautiful Life of Grace, features renowned Bible teacher, Matthew Leonard. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says there's only "one thing" necessary – the interior life. When you understand what He's talking about, it's life-changing! Find out more in this study and how the mystical life of grace isn't just for saints, it's how you become one! This study, led by Bryan Moore, is 7-8:30 PM on Mondays, from April 13-June 15 (with no meeting on April 27 or May 25) and will be held in the McCurdy Learning Center. There is no cost for materials. To register, email Wendy Ferkany at wferkany@stbrendans.net



Women's Scripture Study, April 23

Guided by Mordecai, *Esther* rises from humble origins to become Queen of Persia just in time (God's perfect timing!) to thwart evil Haman's designs of evil annihilation for God's people. Learn from Esther to count the cost and step up "for such a time as this." God has a mission for each one of us in the world right now – we were all born for "such a time as this." Witness wisdom, courage, divine guidance under great duress and God's deliverance. Lavinia Spirito, teaching leader of the Catholic Way Bible Studies, will enlighten us on Thursday mornings, April 23-May 14 at 9-10:30 AM in the Davidson Room for this Scripture study for women (facilitator: Patsy Bunnell). No cost, and childcare is available. To register, email wferkany@stbrendans.net



Playground Fund-A-Need

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CONFIRMATION FAMILIES: Confirmation rehearsal is Sunday, March 22 at 12 PM in the church. Confirmation Masses are 10 AM and 1 PM on Saturday, March 28.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our First Holy Communion retreat, *Jesus Day*, is Friday, April 24. You can choose either the 10 AM or 4:30 PM session. An RSVP was sent to you by email.

SEEK & ROOT: Our next Seek & Root Family Session is Monday, April 13 from 6-7:30 PM.

CONTINUED GROWTH: Our next Continued Growth Family Session will be on Sunday, April 12 from 9:45-11:15 AM.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS: The final Middle School Small Group is Sunday, April 19 from 6:45-8 PM.

To register for sacrament preparation (Confirmation or First Reconciliation and Holy Communion), visit www.stbrendans.net/growing-in-faith/family-faith-formation

Confirmation is March 28

No Saturday 8 AM Mass or 9 AM Confession.

Roots for Middle Schoolers

ROOTS LARGE GROUP – Meet monthly (on last Sundays) in the school gym from 6:30-8:30 PM.

ASPEN SMALL GROUP NIGHTS – Meet monthly (on Sundays) in the library, 6:45-8:30 PM. Questions? amarino@stbrendans.net

Vine for High Schoolers

Sundays, 6:30 PM. Follow [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine) on Instagram.

MARCH 22 "Overcoming Shame"

MARCH 29 No Vine: Palm Sunday

Questions? Contact Kara: kshand@stbrendans.net

St. Margaret Preschool

St. Margaret of Cortona Preschool has openings for the 2026-27 school year for ages 3-5 next fall. Visit www.bit.ly/preschool2026 for details or email aboyd@cducation.org with any questions.

Spiritual/Mental Care & Support

Grief Support Group

Luncheon: 2nd Thursdays, 1 PM, La Chatelaine Restaurant, Dublin.
Workshop, 4th Sundays, 7 PM, meet in the Carter Center.

iTHIRST Spiritual Companions

We have three iThirst Spiritual Companions at our parish. Visit www.opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst for details on iThirst Spiritual Companions or, email info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com

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Mental/Spiritual CareNotes

Find CareNote booklets to lift your spirits (free of charge) available on the bookshelf by the Chapel and find grief support CareNotes on the Lost & Found cabinet to help guide you after the loss of a loved one.

Weekly/Monthly Parish Groups

The Melchizedek Project

For young men discerning priesthood. Join us on fourth Mondays monthly in the Carter Center. If interested in attending, email Fr. Severance at frseverance@stbrendans.net

Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup

Meet other moms twice monthly Wednesdays, 9:45-11:15 AM in the Pod Nursery as your kids play. Questions? Email Regina at thelonggears@gmail.com

St. Brendan Young Adults

For those in their 20s & 30s, meet on second Wednesdays monthly, 7-9 PM. Women meet off-campus. Men meet in the Carter Center. To join, email Jorden: freymdesigns@gmail.com

Esto Vir Men's Ministry

Saturdays, 6:30 AM, Esto Vir Men meet in the Davidson Room for *The Chosen Season 4* and *Sharing Our Story* sessions.

Tuesdays, 6:30 AM Men's Studies in the Davidson Room. Series on Scripture, Early Church Fathers and the Saints. Questions? Email Grant Rice at ricekris8813@att.net

Prayer Shawl Workshop

Third Wednesdays monthly, in the Carter Center. Email Kathy at kendriz@aol.com or Karen at kkessmith@yahoo.com

M.A.S.T.

Mature Active Singles Together (M.A.S.T.) is a ministry for single/widowed/divorced persons ages 45+. To join, email Chris Hauk at chrishauk0522@gmail.com

Make Sandwiches with SVdP

for the homeless. Meet in Wellnitz Hall each month on 1st Thursdays, 10 AM and 3rd Thursdays, 7 PM. Email heathercsvdp@gmail.com

Church Cleaning Ministry

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Bishop Watterson's 2026 Men's Night is Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 PM with theme, "Called to Lead, Committed to Excellence." Guest speaker is Chris Garner '88, a veteran, SEC football official and author of *Whistles and Wisdom: Lessons on Life and Leadership from an SEC Football Official*. Tickets are \$99/person. Proceeds benefit the Msgr. Grimes Scholarship Fund for tuition assistance. Find sponsorships & tickets at www.bishopwatterson.com

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Serra Club is a lay apostolate that has been in our Diocese for over 40 years. We are looking for more members to stand alongside our priests, seminarians and women religious to support vocations for the Diocese of Columbus. We meet at the Jessing Center at the Pontifical College Josephinum on the first Tuesday monthly at 11:30 AM for Rosary, lunch and a guest speaker. Scan the QR code with questions or, email Anne Mallampalli at annemallampalli@comcast.net



SATURDAY WITH SISTERS, MARCH 28

Girls in grades 8-12 are invited March 28, from 8 AM-1 PM to spend a Saturday with the Sisters of St. Dominic (2575 E. Livingston Ave.) for some fellowship, Mass and meals. This is not a vocational discernment day, but a chance to get to know religious Sisters at a free and fun event (donations accepted). RSVP via the QR code and for questions, contact us at saturdayswithsisters@gmail.com



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Dr. Ashley Fernandes, MD, PhD, (Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital and Associate Director of the Center for Bioethics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine) presents "A Catholic's View on Medicine" and shares how he remains rooted in Catholic teaching while serving in modern medicine –March 18, from 7-9 PM, 1554 Polaris Parkway #325, Columbus. Register at: https://ycp.glueup.com/event/march-ess-dr-ashley-fernandes-166964/?pk_campaign=widge-event-list

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food for thought
~Thomas à Kempis

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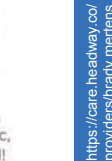
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