



SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm
In the
Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm
Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: **586-777-1342**.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670**.

RCIA: Please call the Parish Center: **586-777-3670**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone

OR

By calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Weekdays -7am Mass (Monday thru Friday)

Saturdays - 4pm & 6pm Masses

Sundays - 8am, 10am, 12pm Masses

Thursdays - 7pm Holy Hour

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.



When Mom Says NO ... Try Again: Even though the title of this week's TALLer Tales might suggest otherwise, I'm happy to report this article is not

about MY Mom! She lucked out this week! But before I get to the heart of this week's story, I have to go back a few years to something I have talked about in TALLer Tales before.

I was 29 years old when Cardinal Maida chose me to serve as his priest secretary. I have to admit the move was a risk, given that I was still relatively newly ordained and had so much to learn. Cardinal Maida was so easy to work for because he was a joy to be around, and, two, he was a great teacher! Cardinal Maida became a great mentor and friend.

When you're a priest secretary to a Bishop or Cardinal, you spend a lot of time with your boss! You're often his Master of Ceremonies at liturgies, the one who coordinates his schedule, the front-line person answering phone calls, emails, and letters, and most times accompany him to all diocesan events. So, you get to know each other pretty well.

One of the Cardinal's habits was to call his mother every day! While he would often make those calls from home, we did a fair number of those calls from the car as we traveled to or from an event or meeting. And, it didn't matter whether we were traveling to Rome, on a pilgrimage, or simply at some liturgy or event in the United States, there was always a daily call back home to Mom! The length of those calls would vary, as would the time of day those calls would take place. Mrs. Maida was a quintessential mom, always glad to hear from her son but always worried he was doing too much.

Those calls to Mrs. Maida over the years got longer and longer only because I would chat with her first, and then I would pass the phone on to the Cardinal. She always wanted to hear about my family and what I was doing. I remember being on the phone with her once for over ten minutes on a long car ride. The Cardinal patiently waited for his turn. Eventually, he tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Mike, that's MY mom!"

That daily experience taught me the importance of staying connected with my

parents. For many years, I would make a call to my Mom and Dad at 9:30 p.m. The call would start with Mom, and then my dad would get his turn. When my one nephew lived with my parents while he went to Oakland University, he would also get his turn on the phone. When the Covid pandemic hit in March 2020 and Zoom quickly became a communications platform for many people, my daily calls took a bit of a turn. Those daily phone calls became Zoom calls, not only with me but for the whole family. While a few of us are absolute regulars to those daily calls (we don't Zoom on Fridays or Sundays ... and Sundays because we're often together for dinner), everyone knows we gather at 8:30 p.m., and whoever is available hops on. Sometimes we get surprised by a grandkid or two who might have the time and decide to join the fun. Our Zooms don't last longer than a half-hour. And they're often filled with tons of laughter and lots of banter back and forth. I started to record these Zoom calls early on, and I'm glad I did so because those recordings have become somewhat of a video journal for our family over the past two years. Those recordings became more precious when my dad died!

As Cardinal Maida would talk openly about his daily calls to his mom and challenge other people to take on the habit with their parents, I find myself doing the same. It will be a habit you will undoubtedly cherish for the rest of your life, and you will never regret the time spent together ... no matter how busy you think you might be.

Not too long ago, I challenged one of the priests who comes to me for spiritual direction to start calling his mom a few times each week. He already had the habit of calling her weekly and seeing her at least once a week, but I decided to give him the challenge to call his mom more frequently. I shared what it has meant to me and what I knew it meant for Cardinal Maida. He was up to it and accepted the challenge. And so, he started to call his mom several times each week. For the sake of this article, let's say that her name is Diane. Eventually, Diane caught on that her son was calling more frequently. She was a bit suspicious at first and wondered why the extra calls. Her son, and let's say for the sake of this article he is known as Father Tim, told her about Cardinal Maida's habit of calling his mom each day and how he wanted to do the same. Diane listened intently and said there was no need for him to call as frequently as he was now doing because he was a very busy person.

Father Tim interjected and said, "But, Mom, I WANT to do this!" Diane returned, "That's okay; once or twice a week is fine with me!" Ouch!

After hearing of this "mom rejection story," I heard a similar story, but this time it didn't involve daily Zoom or phone calls but instead having a weekly Friday meal with Mom. This brave daughter, who, let's say, occupies the first office off the Parish Center front door, heard well Father Rich's challenge to me to spend Fridays with mom. She wanted to imitate the practice during Lent. In this case, this brave daughter tried to convince her mom that they could at least have dinner together every Friday during Lent by going to her mom's favorite dinner place during Lent ... Culvers (they have the best fish dinners during Lent). The brave daughter's mom, whose name for the sake of this story, is Pauline, listened intently and asked with great skepticism a simple question: "EVERY Friday during Lent?" The brave daughter enthusiastically said, "YES, Mom, every Friday; it would be great." Then Pauline paused and said, "NO, I don't think so. Maybe occasionally, but let's not get carried away with this!" OUCH that hurts!

Alright moms and dads of the world, I'm on a mission to create a more connected world between parents and kids. Zooms, calls, and dinners are great things. You have the time! Say YES! Usually, the "resistance" to the daily "ET Phone Home" challenge or weekly dinners with mom and dad doesn't come from the parent! Something's wrong with this picture.

To the kids of the world, if your mom or dad says "NO," try again ... then tell me, and I'll write about THEM in TALLer Tales. MY Mom and family will thank you!

Additional Confession Opportunities: For the next three weeks, we have scheduled some additional confession opportunities. On Monday afternoons, Father Andrew and I will be available from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m., and then on Tuesdays from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. Our regular Saturday confession schedule will remain the same at 11:00 a.m. The Sacrament is celebrated in the Sr. Carol Center; signs are posted in the Gathering Place with further directions.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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PALM WEAVING WORKSHOPS



Saturday, April 2nd 1-3 pm

Wednesday, April 6th 6-8 pm

**All classes are in the SJA Sr. Carol Center Emmaus
Fellowship Hall**

Price: \$18.00 per person/per session

Name (Print) _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to attend this Day: _____ at this Time: _____

Make check payable to: Sandra Markielewicz and return this form with your check as soon as possible
to reserve a place to 22441 Edmunton, St Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-6659

visit palmweaving.net for examples

Workshop Objectives: This workshop is two (2) hours long. Participants will learn through hands-on experience the weaving of crosses, leaves, and bells also known as artichokes. Class size is limited to 10 people. Attendees need to bring a pair of sharp scissors.

St. Joan of Arc SVDP Lenten Folders



The Lenten Folders with Quarter Coin slots are available starting this weekend at all Church entrances and exits and at the Parish Center.

All proceeds go directly to the SJA Chapter of St. Vincent DePaul to serve the needy in our area.

This is an easy way to donate \$10 - to SVD during Lent -one Quarter per day!

Folders can be returned in the collection boxes at Church and at the Parish Center.

Thank you for your generosity!

8th Grade Can and Bottle Drive

The Class of 2023 is now responsible for the can and bottle drive.

This is an important fundraiser that helps defray the cost of their graduation events.

Bring your returnables in bags to the Parish Center - West SIDE DOOR - (near Father Andrew's House) please. There is a large plastic bin with a lid that they can be placed in..

Or you can arrange a pick-up by calling or texting Erin at 586-321-0667.



The Class of 2023

St. Joan of Arc Knitting Group

The SJA Knitting Group will begin meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

The group will meet from 12pm - 3pm in the Mother of Mary Conference room in Church.

March meetings will be on the 9th and the 23rd all knitters are welcome.

If you are interested in joining or have questions please call:

Marie Byrski @ 586-943-0240.



SJA Senior Card Club

The Senior Card Club is trying to determine interest in regular monthly play.

The group will start with monthly games the first Tuesday of the month from 11:30 am –1:30pm.

April's Card Club date is April 5th. The Club will meet in the St. Peregrine.

If you have questions please call Denise at #248-431-6406.



The Prodigal Son in Scripture and Art

When

7 pm, Wednesday, March 23

Where

St. Joan of Arc Church and streaming online at livestream.stjoan.church

Fr. Andrew Dawson will present this one-night study on the parable of the Prodigal Son using Rembrandt's work "Return of the Prodigal Son."

Inspired by Luke's Gospel for the 4th Sunday in Lent.



Jesus: Image of the Invisible God

program on the Shroud of Turin

This Lent, discover Jesus, the source of our salvation. Having been tested like us in every way, Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses and understands our sufferings. We will deepen our appreciation of the historic reality of Jesus' conquest of suffering and death through His Passion and Resurrection by focusing on the message left behind on the Shroud of Turin.

7 pm Tuesdays, March 8, 15 and 22

Join us at St. Joan of Arc, in person and by livestream, presented by David J. Conrad, M.A. Theology. livestream.stjoan.church

March 8: 7-8:15

The Message of the Shroud

Its History; Scientific Analysis; The Imprint it Makes on Our Lives

March 15: 7- 8 pm

Praying with the Shroud

Sung meditation on the Passion of Our Lord employing the scripture passages that correspond to the wounds of the Man of the Shroud.

March 22: 7-8 pm

The Empty Tomb and the Shroud

Take a journey through time at the site of Jesus' death and resurrection, from the discovery of the empty tomb and the burial cloths lying within, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which houses the locations of these historic events.



With over two decades in full-time parish ministry, Mr. Conrad has been serving as Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia since 2003. At the same time, Mr. Conrad serves as a part-time instructor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary

(since 2009), and Coordinator of Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue for the Archdiocese of Detroit (since 2017).



Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, March 21st

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
 10:00 am Funeral for Lorraine Wolanski
 12:30-2pm Confessions - Family & Youth Center
 6:15 pm Faith Formation Gds. 7/8th

Tuesday, March 22nd

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
 5:30-7pm Confessions—Family & Youth Center
 7:00 pm Shroud of Turin Retreat -Live Streamed

Wednesday, March 23rd

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
 12:00 pm Knitting Group—Mother of Mary Rm.
 7:00 pm Prodigal Son in Scripture & Art- in Church and Live Streamed

Thursday, March 24th

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
 7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, March 25th

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Faith Formation

Saturday, March 26th

- 10:00 am Funeral for Mike Reynolds
 11:00 am Reconciliation
 12:30 pm Baptism of Charlotte E. Cubba
 1:30 pm Baptism of Quinn Beverly Socia
 4:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed
 6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, March 27th

- 8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
 10:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
 12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

March 20, 2022 – Heaven Knows

Media reported extensively a few weeks ago on a fatal shooting that took place at a well-known Roseville nightspot. According to reports, the primary participants were a bouncer at the club and a patron who was being escorted out.

The incident escalated and the bouncer was killed.

We hear reports like this one and, in many cases, it seems the level of our shock and disbelief is directly correlated to the proximity in which the incident takes place. This one, being so close to home for so many folks, may have hit particularly hard.

But everything happens in proximity to someone; the shock and grief is real for those touched by tragedy. And that certainly is particularly true for the loved ones of those involved.

“Before he went to work he made plans to take his 2-year-old daughter and his 3-year-old son to see a movie that next day,” the victim’s fiancé was quoted in a *Detroit News* story as saying on a funeral funding website. “Instead of a fun movie we now have to plan a funeral and explain what heaven is.”

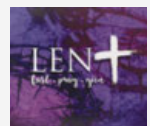
Indeed, out of great misfortune can come great teaching moments; larger lessons that, one hopes, will resonate for those most affected.

Lessons such as the hope of heaven in Jesus.

“Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” we hear in one of the choices for today’s second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Romans, “through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

“And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

- Monday March 21, 2022 Lenten Weekday (Purple)**
 7:00 a.m. Lewis & Charlotte McQuillan and a Special Intention for Sharon Seneski
- Tuesday March 22, 2022 Lenten Weekday (Purple)**
 7:00 a.m. Pierre Zaranek, Laura Hurst and a Special Intention for Ilona Higgins on her 96th Birthday
- Wednesday March 23, 2022 Lenten Weekday, Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop (Purple)**
 7:00 a.m. Howard & Lola LeFevre and a Special Intention for Katelyn Tomasello
- Thursday March 24, 2022 Lenten Weekday, Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr (Purple)**
 7:00 a.m. Al Rogier
- Friday March 25, 2022 The Annunciation of the Lord (White)**
 7:00 a.m. Grace Randazzo and a Special Intention for Katelyn Tomasello
- Saturday March 26, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Vigil (Purple)**
 4:00 p.m. Sam & Grace Valenti, Teresa Marzolino, Linda Hollern, Bonnie Batche, Joan Weber, Lori Karol, Dee Misuraca, Frank Bradley, John Warren, the deceased members of the Goor Family, Frank Nagy, Ray Johnson, and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family, the J. Champine Family, Thomas Pillar, Katelyn Tomasello and Donald Ketelhut Jr.
 6:00 p.m. A Special Intention for Katelyn Tomasello
- Sunday March 27, 2022 The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Purple)**
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners
 10:00 a.m. Geraldine Rogier
 12:00 p.m. Maura Marquez Mallare, William Kolasa, Pete Wurmlinger, Shirley Stencel, Jose Silva, Sr. Gregory LaSala, FSSJ, and Special Intentions for Katelyn Tomasello and Patrick Driscoll

Daily Readings

Monday, March 21

2 Kings 5:1-15b
 Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 22

Daniel 3:25, 34-33
 Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 23

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
 Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 24

Jerimiah 7:23-28
 Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 25

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10
 Hebrews 10:4-10
 Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, March 26

Hosea 6:1-6
 Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 27

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

Lorraine Wolanski (the Aunt of Mary Ann Amori)

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

Minnie Louise Haskins



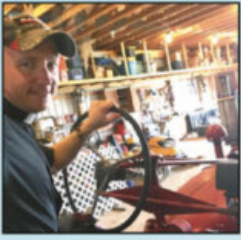
Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General’s Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse.

Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



Jeepers!: You may recall from previous *Tire Tracks* that I fight a constant battle with my GPS. My Jeep is an independent thinker and we

rarely agree on where I'm going and how I should get there. I am more than used to ignoring her attempts to get me to head east down Overlake, to turn onto Goethe, then double-back to travel west on 8 Mile, just to reach Mack Ave, rather than just head east for 200 yards to the end of the street. I think she has an allergy to stop lights, and this is her avoidance strategy.

Well, it seems that Bobbi Jo Jr. (the Jeep's name) is now able to read my dreams too. I was recently planning to take a trip to Kroger to get some groceries, but the previous night, I dreamed that the Kroger store had burned to the ground and now there was nowhere to find any food. I was going to have to grow it all myself. Judging by the weedy little carrots my garden produced last year, this was going to be a challenge. Fortunately, the next day I discovered my unconscious musings had been inaccurate—the store was still standing. However, I think my fears were sensed and shared by Bobbi Jo Jr. because she now seems a little clingy on the subject of Kroger. Now, every time I leave my house and set the GPS for any address, she gives me directions beginning from Kroger. She seems to think I've moved in at Kroger and that's my new home!

Some Good In This World: I have a friend who just loves all the J.R.R. Tolkien "*Lord of the Rings*" series of books and the movies. Recently I had a fun text conversation with her. Since she knows I've not read any of the books or seen any of the movies, I managed to convince her that I thought the *Lord of the Rings* was actually the *Lord of the Flies* and that it was written by Stephen King. As much as I enjoyed playing this game and seeing the exasperated response it got (from a literature teacher!), I admit that not having seen the movie or read the book, I do often end-up thinking of, or quoting, the well-know conversation between Sam and Mr. Frodo:

Frodo: What are we holding on to, Sam?

Sam: That there's some good in this world, Mr. Frodo. And it's worth fighting for.

With all that is dominating the news headlines these days, it's important to be reminded of this truth. There are still good people, still acts of kindness, still people willing to step-up and help perfect strangers. So often these acts of kindness go unreported, with nothing considered news-worthy unless it's bad news. But we need to share these graces with each other as encouragement to not look down on humanity.

I had one of these experiences this week. I had been to a nursing home to do an anointing and on my way back to the parish, I decided to stop at the Kroger gas station. I didn't really need gas, but the price (all things relative to our times) seems not so extortionate, so I thought it was a good moment for a "splash n' dash" as an IndyCar team would call it. I pulled in behind an SUV arriving about the same time. I filled my tank, only about 4 gallons or so, and left, leaving the other driver still pumping gas. I got about a mile down the road and as I headed south on Mack, there was a vehicle behind, in the left-hand lane, honking its horn. I ignored it, not assuming he was honking at me. He honked again. I looked in my mirror, more looking to see if I had left my gas cap open than looking at the other vehicle. I didn't see an open cap. The vehicle pulled along side with the passenger window down, the driver clearly wanting to say something. I fumbled for my window button, which on a Jeep is in the weirdest of hard to find places, not on the door. I got the rear window by accident, then finally the driver's window. It took two attempts for the other driver to communicate above the noise, but essentially what he said to me was: "I saw you at the gas station just now. You didn't stay for very long. Do you need money for gas?"

Now I realized that this was not an angry driver, self-righteously honking his horn, but a kind soul, paying attention to the people around him and willing to help out a total stranger. I yelled back, thanking him as best I could, and explaining I was not in need, but simply topping-off my tank. But I have to admit I was really touched by his kindness and attentiveness and a little disappointed that I was not able to express my gratitude better than a yelled sentence over the noise of the wind and the road. I was also a little disappointed in myself to have assumed it was some random moment of road rage I should ignore. Yes, Sam, there is some good in this world. There's actually a lot of it, but

often the bad seems to shout pretty loudly. Just don't let the bad have the last word. May we all be as attentive as that kind driver was and as willing to help-out our neighbor in these challenging days. Alms-giving in action this Lent. And when someone extends their hands toward you in this way, pray for them.

A Plug For The Prodigal: I just want to take this chance to plug my study on next Sunday's Gospel Reading from Luke Chapter 15, Jesus Parable par excellence, the Lost Son—otherwise known as the Prodigal Son. I am excited to offer, **this Wednesday**, this study of the parable in scripture and art. It's a parable that has captured my imagination from a number of years. A few years ago, just before my diaconate ordination I was taking my pre-ordination retreat at St Paul of the Cross retreat center in Detroit. The center was closed over Christmas, with barely a sole present. I narrowly avoided destroying the building with an incident involving the gas fire in the lounge area (don't tell anyone! That's a story for another time!), and the re-roofing project that had been paused for the holiday decided to leak into the building with the thawing snow.

Anyway, the priest leading my retreat asked me to find an image of the artwork of the *Return of the Prodigal Son* by the painter Rembrandt to mediate on, along with the scripture passage. And he led me to a book on the same painting. I had always felt a little sympathy toward the older son in the parable. After all, he wasn't invited to the party at first. Telling the priest this, he looked at me and said, "Oh, no. No, you're reading it wrong. He has a *duty* to be there." Why? I'll save that for March 23rd. But it was just one fascinating element of a parable that has so much to it that it really can't be explored fully in a Sunday homily. And that's why I wanted to present it in this way. Join me for this window into the mercy of God, revealed to us by Jesus in this amazing story.

The Prodigal Son in Scripture and Art March 23, 7pm, in Church and Online

I'm happy to report that not only is the St. Paul of Cross Retreat Center still standing, despite my efforts, but now added to the wall beside the fireplace, is a copy of Rembrandt's *Return of the Prodigal Son* painting.

You are in my prayers this week.

Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

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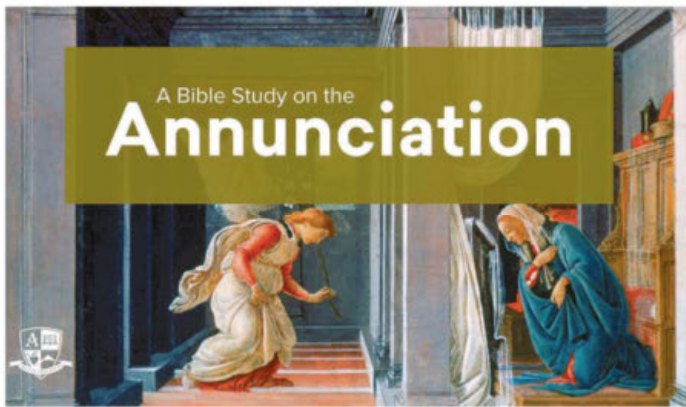
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 20, 2022

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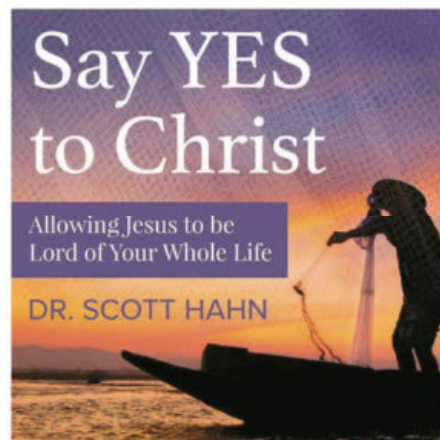
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SAY YES TO CHRIST: ALLOWING JESUS TO BE THE LORD OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE BY SCOTT HAHN

Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 27 C

Reading One – Jos 5:9a, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.” While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

Responsorial Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reading Two – 2 Cor 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Gospel – Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them Jesus addressed this parable:

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“A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”’ So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On Sunday, March 6, those from St. Joan of Arc Parish who are in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process were included in the 574 people from across the Archdiocese of Detroit who participated in the Rite of Election at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. The rite is for those preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at their parish's Easter Vigil mass. The *catechumens* (those preparing for Baptism) were called to stand before Archbishop Vigneron and receive a blessing at the start of Lent and their proximate preparation for the sacraments. Each signed the Book of the Elect and are now known as the *elect*. At the same time, those who have already been baptized, but not

formed in the Catholic faith (*the candidates*), will also be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Pictured left to right: Zoey Grosse, Alec Rusak, Patty Lopez, Chelsea Pranger, Jenn Corrado, and Tina Caverly Aguirre.

As a parish community, let us pray for our elect and candidates as they prepare to join us at the altar of the Lord, and for Tommy Lewins, Cynthia Rusak and Lauren Delitka who will be completing their sacraments of initiation with Confirmation.



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March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 | 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 | Lk 13:1-9

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Several years ago, my family gave me a blueberry bush for Mother's Day. It has yet to produce a single berry. However, I can't bring myself to remove it, and today's Gospel encourages me to be patient (a Google search reveals that it can take several years for a blueberry bush to produce a harvest!). The parable of the fig tree shows us how patient God is with us. Like the fig tree, we may not bear fruit or feel as if we're growing spiritually, even as we enter the second half of Lent. Yet Jesus teaches us that if we nurture our faith through prayer and repentance of our sins, we can always grow and blossom. Like the gardener, we need to be patient with ourselves as God is patient with us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It strikes me that in the parable of the fig tree, the gardener offered to cultivate *the ground around it*. Just as a tree needs light and water and a little individual TLC, it needs good soil. I think for us Catholics, that can be where our parish community and the broader Church come in. Through small actions such as greeting newcomers at Sunday Mass or volunteering in a parish ministry, we can become the fertile soil that nourishes not only our own faith, but that of the entire community. The 2021-23 Synod on Synodality invites us to share our faith and also to listen without judgment to the experiences of others. In doing so, we as a Church can grow stronger. As Pope Francis said in his opening prayer, "May this Synod be a true season of the Spirit! For we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God, who sets us free from every form of self-absorption, revives what is moribund, loosens shackles and spreads joy."

STUDY Learn about the Synod on Synodality: www.usccb.org/synod. Check your parish bulletin to see how you can get involved.



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Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday of Lent (C)
March 20, 2022

Appreciating God's Patience

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever.

In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face, but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him. Like the fig tree in the Gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

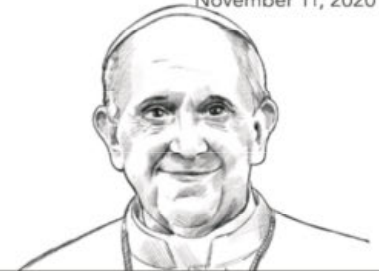
He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited. +

***God wants to be known
by his people and by you!***

A Word from Pope Francis

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving...express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity.

—Lenten message for 2021,
November 11, 2020



Sunday Readings

Exodus 3:1–8a, 13–15

God replied to Moses: I am who I am... This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.

1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12

Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

Luke 13:1–9

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Is there a particular way I "desire evil things," as in the second reading?
- God shows me patience and mercy yet again this year. How shall I respond?

A Glorious Celebration!

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

Ask most Catholics about Lent and they'll tell you it lasts forty days. It starts on Ash Wednesday. They'll tell you it's a time to intensify our prayer, fasting, and good works. Some will say it's a time for repentance and reconciliation. There's no meat on Fridays, so the local Knights of Columbus fish fry is popular. It's the time allotted to prepare for Easter. It's about sacrifice....Lent is certainly about all of this, but there's something more, especially when it comes to the RCIA.

Looking for a different take on Lent? Tune in to your parish's RCIA program. In 1972, with the promulgation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Lent was resituated in the context of the catechumenal process, reconnecting it to the hard work of getting ready to accept the faith and learning to live it well. Catechumens and candidates journey through a process that embodies catechesis and accompaniment, preparation for the Easter sacraments and encouragement for living daily the mysteries of our Catholic faith.

This Lent, pay attention to and take part in the experience of three moments that are integral to the process of becoming a Catholic Christian through the RCIA: election, scrutinies, and the reception of sacraments. Long before the first Sunday of Lent and the rite of election, the catechumens have been preparing, studying, sharing, and living the faith they long to fully embrace.



They have undergone a conversion and have a clear understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ. So, they are invited to present their names for enrollment and are called to the Easter sacraments by the local ordinary. It's a dramatic moment that takes place at a cathedral or other convenient location. At the rite of election, we witness the power of God's action in people's lives as so many come forward for enrollment. The catechumens are now called *elect*. The three Sundays of Lent set aside for the scrutinies call the elect to deeper conversion. At a parish Mass, with Scripture reflections on the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and Lazarus as the backdrop, the elect are

invited to experience what it means to be delivered from sin and its effects.

Washed in baptism, anointed in confirmation, and fed in Eucharist, all in the paschal light of the Easter Vigil, the elect become members of God's family in the Church. This is one of the most glorious celebrations within the Church!

Talk with your pastor or parish's RCIA/faith formation coordinator to find out when these events will take place and how you might prepare for and participate in them. Spending the forty days of Lent with your parish's RCIA members who are on the path to become purified and sanctified can be life-changing, for them and for you. +

One way to grow in faith during these forty days is to take part in your parish's RCIA process.

PRAYER

Lord, you are patient with me and never withhold your love and mercy from me. Strengthen me with your grace to become fully human, fully alive in the world.

—From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 21–26

Monday, Lenten Weekday:
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab / Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday:
Dn 3:25, 34–43 / Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday:
Dt 4:1, 5–9 / Mt 5:17–19

Thursday, Lenten Weekday:
Jer 7:23–28 / Lk 11:14–23

Friday, The Annunciation of the Lord:
Is 7:10–14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4–10 / Lk 1:26–38

Saturday, Lenten Weekday:
Hos 6:1–6 / Lk 18:9–14



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