

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

## THE CHURCH AS TEACHER

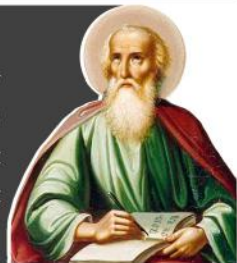
*“Therefore, brothers, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours.”*

2 Thessalonians 2:15



**ST. IRENAEUS, BISHOP OF LYONS** - *Against Heresies* 1:10:2 (AD 189)  
 “As I said before, the Church, having received this preaching and this faith, although she is disseminated throughout the whole world, yet guarded it, as if she occupied but one house. She likewise believes these things just as if she had but one soul and one and the same heart; and harmoniously she proclaims them and teaches them and hands them down, as if she possessed but one mouth. For, while the languages of the world are diverse, nevertheless, the authority of the tradition is one and the same.”

**ST. CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA** - *STROMATA* 1.1 (AD 208)  
 “Preserving the tradition of the blessed doctrine derived directly from the holy apostles, the sons receiving it from the fathers, came by God’s will to us also to deposit those ancestral and apostolic seeds. And well I know that they will exult; I do not mean delighted with this tribute, but solely on account of the preservation of the truth, according as they delivered it.”



**ORIGEN** - *The Fundamental Doctrines* 1:2 (AD 225)  
 “The teaching of the Church has indeed been handed down through an order of succession from the apostles and remains in the churches even to the present time. That alone is to be believed as the truth which is in no way at variance with ecclesiastical and apostolic tradition.”

**ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA** - *Letters* 75:3 (AD 253)  
 “You are blessed, who by faith are in the Church, dwell upon the foundations of the faith, and have full satisfaction, even the highest degree of faith which remains among you unshaken. For it has come down to you from apostolic tradition, and frequently accursed envy has wished to unsettle it, but has not been able.”



**ST. BASIL, BISHOP OF CAESAREA** - *The Holy Spirit* 27:66 (AD 375)  
 “Of the dogmas and messages preserved in the Church, some we possess from written teaching and others we receive from the tradition of the apostles, handed on to us in mystery. In respect to piety, both are of the same force. Indeed, were we to try to reject unwritten customs as having no great authority, we would reduce the gosepl message to a mere term.”

**ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP OF HIPPO** - *Letter to Januarius* (AD 400)  
 “In regard to those observances which we carefully attend and which the whole world keeps, and which derive not from Scripture but from Tradition, we are given to understand that they are recommended and ordained to be kept, either by the apostles themselves or by plenary councils, the authority of which is quite vital in the Church.”



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. George O. Witwer +

### Sunday, March 6

#### - First Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

### Monday, March 7

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, March 8

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +  
8:30 a.m. Confessions  
6:00-8:00 p.m. The Light is ON for You!  
(Confessions)

### Wednesday, March 9

Praise & Worship Holy Hour 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Rick Bowman +

### Thursday, March 10

8:00 a.m. Sharon Miller +

### Friday, March 11

8:30 a.m. George O. Witwer +  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, March 13

#### - Second Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Bruce & Twilla Herr Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Jackie Cerna +

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 6, 2022

*A special “Thank You!” to our G.I.R.L’s Night Out for their great work with the Mardi Gra Fundraiser last Saturday! It was a wonderful evening, being our first large parish social gathering in many months and helping to raise funds for our parish playground.*

This weekend (March 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>), the Church enters into the **First Sunday of Lent**. Though the ashes received on **Ash Wednesday** have worn away, this holy season still remains. If we are willing to approach this season with trust and humility, the lessons learned from it will remain well beyond forty days.

Though **Lent** may seem such a daunting season, as we are being reminded of our own mortality, do not let it overwhelm you. This time of penance and discipline is meant to strengthen us. Even if we may falter throughout these forty days, we take consolation in the Stations of the Cross. On His way to Jerusalem to redeem the world, our Saviour fell three times. After each time, however, He picked Himself and continued along the way.

### DID YOU KNOW? THE CHURCH AS TEACHER (*MAGISTERIUM*)

In an earlier column (*Did You Know? The Bible is a Catholic Book*), we looked at how the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, compiled the Sacred Scriptures as we know them today. We described the Church as the “authentic interpreter and guardian” of the Sacred Scriptures, which speaks to the role of the Church as the Magisterium (Latin: *magister*, or “teacher”) of the Faith. This is a role that did not end when the canon of the Sacred Scriptures was set in the 4th Century, but one that has continued even into our own modern day.

In Her role as teacher, the Church teaches from the Deposit of Faith, which consists of both Sacred Tradition (Latin: *tradere*, or “that which is handed down”) and Sacred Scripture. Sacred Tradition, from which the Sacred Scriptures themselves arose, also includes such things as the Apostles’ Creed and our liturgical worship (cf. *Did You Know? The Mass is Ancient*). The two are not to be seen as opposed to one another, but as working harmoniously together.

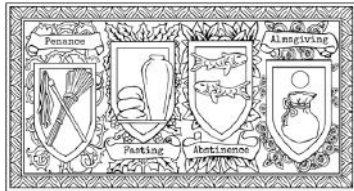
Taken together, Sacred Tradition is to be understood in light of the Sacred Scriptures and the Sacred Scriptures are to be read within the Tradition of the Church. In this way, we fulfill the call of St. Paul to “stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours” (2 Thessalonians 2:15). And, if debate or confusion arises on a particular matter, we turn to the Church for guidance, just as it was done at the Council of Jerusalem in AD 50 (cf. Acts 15:1-35).

When speaking as the Magisterium, the Church does not speak on Her own. Instead, as the Body of Christ here on earth, the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, speaks as the representative of Jesus Christ. In the same manner, when He sends out His disciples, our Lord states: “Whoever listens to you, listens to me” (Luke 10:16). The Church continues in Her role as teacher, commissioned by our Lord to proclaim His Holy Name to the world until He Himself returns.

The Magisterium, in its most formal sense, is found in the Pope and the Bishops in union with him. The Faithful, in turn, are united to their bishop and, through him, to the Pope. Following in the Office of St. Peter (cf. *Did You Know? Peter was the First Pope*), the Pope stands as the physical and visible sign of unity among the Body of Christ here on earth. This unity is reemphasized in his teaching office, which serves, through the promise of our Lord Himself and the guidance of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17), to guard and proclaim our One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Faith.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

**REMINDER: Daylight Saving Time** begins next Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Don’t forget to change your clocks and *spring forward!*



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, March 7 - Lenten Weekday - Sts.

Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs - Lv 19:1-2,11-18/ Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday, March 8 - Lenten Weekday - St.

John of God, Religious - Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15

#### Wednesday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday - St.

Frances of Rome, Religious - Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday - Est

C: 12, 14-16,23-25/ Mt 7:7-12

#### Friday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday - Ez

18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26

#### Saturday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday - Dt

26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48

#### Sunday, March 13 - Second Sunday of Lent

- Daylight Savings Time begins - Gn 15:5-12,17-18/ Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/ Lk

9:28b-36



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feedback, Dr. Doug Phillips, Gene Keys, and Jeff Tillman.

**Tuesday, March 8**  
**6-8:00 p.m.**  
**The Light is ON for You.**  
*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*



**G.I.R.L.'s night out**

*(Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)*

Monthly Meeting Tuesday, February 8th  
 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room



**American Red Cross**

Knight of Columbus will host a blood drive Sunday, March 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Register to donate at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Sat., March 5 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., March 6 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., March 6 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., March 8 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., March 8 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Tues., March 8 - The Light is ON for You - Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation - 6-8:00 p.m.
- Tues., March 8 - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Wed., March 9 - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., March 9 - Parish Council meeting following 7:00 p.m. Mass.
- Thurs., March 10 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., March 11 - Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., March 11 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., March 12 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., March 13 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., March 13 - American Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by the Knights of Columbus - 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., March 13 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., March 15 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., March 15 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., March 16 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., March 17 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., March 18 - Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., March 18 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

**Weekend of March 12/13, 2022**



**5:00** Marita Crawfis  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Teresa Smith



**5:00** Bruce Holland  
**7:30** Carol Butler  
**10:00** Ben Wagner



**5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Doug/Janet Lehman  
**10:00** Doug/Janet Lehman



**5:00** Alex &/or Audrey Mechling, Isaiah/Kari Bedwell  
**7:30** Beth Geisel, Angel/Zoe Soto  
**10:00** Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Gabby Hoffacker, Gracie Haiflich

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report**  
**February 27/28 Weekend**

Adult Envelopes- \$4,077.00  
 Child Envelopes- \$2.00  
 Loose- \$251.00  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$5,590.35  
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$0  
 Donation-Playground- \$100.00  
 Free Will Donations/Playground- \$188.00  
 Gym Rent- \$325.00  
**Total- \$10,533.35**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$4,906.81 ahead of our budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$110.00

*Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!*

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**LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION**

We will be collecting canned, non-perishable food items during the Lenten/Easter Season for our local food banks.

Please place your contribution in the container in the narthex. Thank you for helping us help others!

*Join Us For Praise & Worship Holy Hour*



*Wednesday March 9 6-7:00 p.m.*

**ASK FATHER**

OPEN DISCUSSION FORUM...

Ask Father!

Bring your questions and join the Open Discussion Forum... Ask Father!

Friday, March 18th following Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.  
 Open Discussion Forum...  
Ask Father! - 7:45 p.m.

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