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## ARE YOU SAVED? THE JOURNEY OF SALVATION

### I HAVE BEEN SAVED...



ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS - *Chapter 2, Verses 4-5*

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ by grace you have been saved."

When we are baptized, we are saved from original sin (Ephesians 2:4-5) are are reborn as sons of God. We become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and are made sharers in Her mission.

### ...I AM BEING SAVED...

ST. PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS - *Chapter 1, Verse 18*

"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."



We are being saved (2 Corinthians 2:15), everyday, when we turn from sin and choose to nurture our relationship with Christ through the Sacraments, prayer, and the practice of virtue.

### ...I HOPE TO BE SAVED



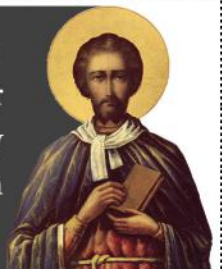
ST. PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY - *Chapter 2, Verses 11-13*

"This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with Him. But if we deny Him, He will deny us. If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself."

Like the Apostle Paul, we are working out our salvation "with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12), with hopeful confidence in the promises made to us in Christ Jesus (cf. Romans 5:2; 2 Timothy 2:11-13).

St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon - *Against Heresies* (AD 151)

"Paul, an able wrestler, urges us on in the struggle for immortality, so that we may receive a crown and so that we may regard as a precious crown that which we acquire by our own struggle and which does not grow upon us spontaneously."



## LENT PARISH MISSION - MON., APRIL 4TH - WED., APRIL 6TH - 7-8 PM

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 19**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confessions*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Raber +

**Sunday, March 20**

- **Third Sunday of Lent -**

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the

Monica Harris Family

**Monday, March 21**

*No Public Mass*

**Tuesday, March 22**

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Anthony Christie +

8:30 a.m. *Confessions*

**Wednesday, March 23**

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confessions*

7:00 p.m. George O. Witwer +

**Thursday, March 24**

8:00 a.m. Pete Geels +

**Friday, March 25**

8:30 a.m. Nancy Kreutzer +

7:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

**Saturday, March 26**

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 27**

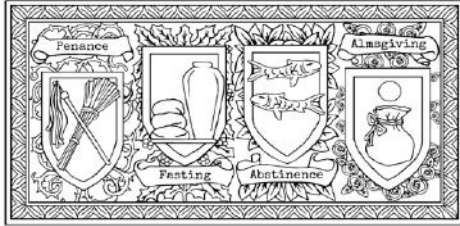
- **Fourth Sunday of Lent -**

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Dale & Alice Pearson

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Sue Meyer +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday - 2**

Kgs 5:1-15ab/ Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday - Dn**

3:25,34-43/ Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 23 - St. Turibius of**

**Mogrovejo, Bishop - Lenten Weekday - Dt**

4:1,5-9/ Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 24 - St. Oscar Romero,**

**Bishop and Martyr - Lenten Weekday - Jer**

7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23

**Friday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the**

**Lord - Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-**

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**Saturday, March 26 - Lenten Weekday - Hos**

6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday, March 27 - Fourth Sunday of Lent -**

Jos 5:9a,10-12/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3,11-32

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 20, 2022

This weekend, the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday of Lent**. We are nearing the halfway point of the Lenten season with the celebration of **Laetare Sunday** next weekend. This is, as always, a good opportunity to ensure that we are approaching this season with humility and an openness to God's will. If we feel that we are slipping in our Lenten observances, or fallen away from them completely, let us renew our efforts here and now.

May we always remember, as we learn from the Stations of the Cross, that our Lord Himself falls three times along the way to Calvary. Each time, however, He picks Himself up and continues His journey for our sake. In the same way, Jesus calls us to pick up the cross and carry along the way throughout this Lenten season. In doing so, we will find that everything we do this Lent will lead us to a greater love of God.

A special "Thank You!" to all those who helped with our **St. Joseph Table** for this weekend. Though we are not able to transfer the celebration of the **Solemnity of St. Joseph** to Sundays in Lent, we can still celebrate our parish patron in this little way. May St. Joseph, Foster-Father of our Lord and Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, continue to watch over the Body of Christ here on earth, the Church, in the same way that he watched over the Christ-Child at their home in Nazareth.

## ACT OF CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE

Pope Francis will lead an **Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25th**, the *Solemnity of the Annunciation*, at **5:00 PM Roman time (12:00 PM EST)**. The Holy Father has invited all bishops the world over to join him in this act of consecration. Bishop Rhoades has, in turn, invited the priests of our diocese and all the Faithful to join together in this prayer for peace.

Given this request by Pope Francis and Bishop Rhoades, I invite all those who are able to join together this **Friday, March 25th, at Noon in the Church** as we pray for peace in Ukraine, Russia, and throughout the whole world. In addition to the consecratory prayers that may be offered, we will also join together in praying the Rosary.

## DID YOU KNOW? THE CHURCH AND SALVATION

The Catholic Church views salvation as the forgiveness of sins and restoration of friendship with God. In this way, our salvation begins with our Baptism and, being our relationship with God, is a journey that will continue throughout our entire lifetime. For this reason, we often find the Sacred Scriptures speaking of salvation in the *past-tense* (cf. Ephesians 2:8-9), the *present-tense* (cf. Philippians 2:12), and the *future-tense* (cf. Romans 13:11; 1 Corinthians 3:15; 5:5).

We believe that salvation is the process by which we come closer to God throughout our whole life, in part by our participation in the Sacraments and the grace that comes through them. This does not mean, however, that man's salvation is based upon himself or his own action. God the Father planned our salvation. God the Son gained our salvation through His death and resurrection. God the Holy Spirit infused the very love of God into our hearts by His presence (cf. Romans 5:5). Salvation does not come from man's own action, but is instead a cooperation with God's grace throughout our lives as we seek eternal happiness with Him in heaven.

This cooperation is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ (cf. Romans 10:9), which is essential to salvation. As the Sacred Scriptures profess, we must live out our faith through a life of obedience and good works (cf. James 2:17). Salvation is a process with many points of justification (*which is the renewal of our relationship with God*) along the path to heaven. Salvation prepares us, throughout our life, for heaven, where we will "share His holiness" (Hebrews 12:10) for all eternity. *~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David*



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, Jeff Tillman, Marj Pogue and Matt Marshall.



**TRAINED SERVERS AND LECTORS!**  
There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for Holy Week: (Palm Sunday Masses, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday Masses). Please help minister at any of the Masses by signing your name on the line.

**LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION**



Thank you for your continuing support of donating non-perishable food items for our Lenten Food Collection!

**REMINDER...**



There will be no Religious Education Class Sunday, March 27th. Classes resume Sunday, April 3rd. Have a safe & happy Spring Break!

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Sat., March 19 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., March 20 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., March 20 - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- Tues., March 22 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., March 22 - No Children's Choir Practice - Spring Break
- Wed., March 23 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., March 23 - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., March 24 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., March 25 - Recitation of the Holy Rosary - Noon
- Fri., March 25 - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- Fri., March 25 - No Soup Supper due to the Fish Fry
- Fri., March 25 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., March 26 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., March 27 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., March 27 - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break.
- Tues., March 29 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., March 29 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., March 30 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., March 30 - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., March 31 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 1 - First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) / Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 1 - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 2 - First Saturday Confession following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.
- Sat., April 2 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., April 3 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., April 3 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

**Weekend of March 26/27, 2022**

	<b>5:00</b> Bruce Holland
	<b>7:30</b> Donna Geisel
	<b>10:00</b> Jay Crisp
	<b>5:00</b> Ginny Fenstermaker
	<b>7:30</b> Barb Ault
	<b>10:00</b> Monica Harris
	<b>5:00</b> Volunteers
	<b>7:30</b> Doug/Janet Lehman
	<b>10:00</b> Dan/Larisa Sudhoff
	<b>5:00</b> Alex &/or Audrey Mechling, Isaiah/Kari Bedwell
	<b>7:30</b> Beth Geisel, Angel/Zoe Soto
	<b>10:00</b> Raphael/Theo Souza, Volunteer

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report**

**March 12/13 Weekend**

Adult Envelopes- \$5,621.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$110.50

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$2,036.11

Religious Ed. Fund- \$50.00

Donation-Playground- \$200.00

**Total- \$8,017.61**

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

We are \$3,283.75 ahead of our budget for the month of March.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$495.00

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**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**



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**Friday, March 25**

**4:00-7:00 p.m.**

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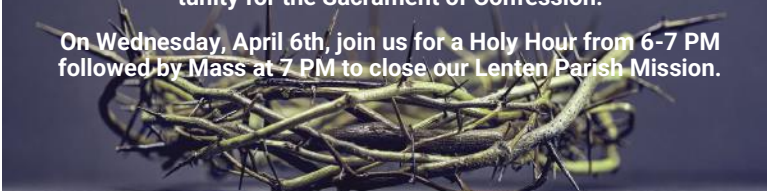
**Adult ticket- \$11 - Child ticket- \$6 (6-12)**

**Join us for our three night Lenten Parish Mission.**

On Monday, April 4th, join us at 7 PM for a mission talk led by Fr. Dennis DiBenidetto, pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine in North Manchester.

On Tuesday, April 5th, join us at 7 PM for our Parish Penance Service, begun with a brief mission reflection followed by an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession.

On Wednesday, April 6th, join us for a Holy Hour from 6-7 PM followed by Mass at 7 PM to close our Lenten Parish Mission.



**FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH**

Stations of the Cross will be at 5:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Rhoades will be joining us for our Lenten Soup Supper!

Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex if you are able to bring soup.

Thank you!

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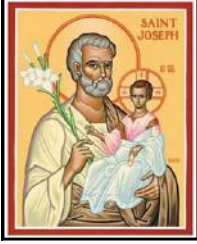
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