

Dear friends in Christ,

With everything going on in the world, it is easy to be anxious about many things. In the midst of all, God wants us to have a peace the world cannot give, a peace that is grounded in his watchful care and abiding love for us. So today, I want to commend to you an excerpt from St. Paul and the words of St. Teresa of Avila: Let us pray for one another and lift each other up in these days.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. *Philippians 4:6-9*

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing away. God never changes.

Patience obtains all things.

Whoever has God lacks nothing;

God alone suffices. *Saint Teresa of Avila*

LENTEN MISSION THIS WEEK March 23-25

This coming weekend at all the Masses in 3 churches we kick off a Lenten Mission for all our family: **Abundant Life in Christ.**

The mission talks will be given by Deacon Reuben D'sa at St. Jude in the church from 7-8:30 PM Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday March 23-25.

The Mission will focus on the reconciling and healing mercy of God. The evenings will include opportunities for prayer, adoration, and faith sharing. Plan to come this coming week! Don't miss this great opportunity for Lenten renewal.

Holy Week begins next Sunday!

Come let us walk with the Lord!

This week we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent, which means Holy Week begins next Sunday. Each year in Holy Week, we take time to remember and celebrate the love Christ poured out for us in his Passion, Death and Resurrection. This week is the holiest and most important of the year for us as

Catholic Christians. I would like to invite each of you to renew your faith by taking an active part in these deeply meaningful celebrations.

In the sacred liturgy Christ is able to touch us directly. Through the signs and symbols of the liturgy we enter into the life changing work of Jesus Christ. We encounter the Lord and we are changed.

I invite you to walk with Christ this year in the liturgies of Holy Week. We begin next Sunday by celebrating **Palm Sunday**, commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem, when the children carrying palm branches acclaimed him as King. We continue with the **Sacred Triduum** or "Holy three days" beginning on **Holy Thursday**, remembering the origins of the Eucharist in the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On **Good Friday**, we recall Christ offering himself on the cross and we venerate that cross, where he poured out his life out of love for us. All liturgies of Holy Week are oriented to the great event of Christ's triumph over sin and death: The Resurrection. On **Holy Saturday**, after dark, a new fire is kindled, the Easter Candle is blessed, and we sing of the triumph of the light of Christ over darkness. This Mass is unlike any other because the church watches and waits as she recalls all the mighty deeds God has done for us. I hope you can attend the Vigil, for we will welcome new members with the Easter sacraments. Let us rejoice at how God has planted the faith in the hearts of these believers. Their faith renews our faith. Although this liturgy is lengthy, it lasts no longer than a good movie or baseball game and is, of course, infinitely more meaningful. If you have never taken part in the Sacred Triduum or if it has been years since you have, please take time out this coming week to appreciate the manifold ways Christ has demonstrated his love for us.

Let us renew our faith and our Church by taking part in these celebrations. Wouldn't it be great if every family took an active role? These liturgies are most wonderful when everyone takes part, praising God with our whole heart. While there is much conflict in our world, and so much in our society is in need of healing, Christ remains the only answer, the one source of salvation, the only way to peace. So, let us join together this Holy Week, thanking, praising Christ the Lord for the salvation and hope he brings!

Blessings on your week,
Fr. Johnson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 23

9:00 AM Daily Mass

10:00 AM Women of Faith: Crux

**7:00 PM Parish Mission: Abundant Life in Christ
Night 1: God's Mercy**

Tuesday, March 24

No Daily Mass

5:30 PM Faith Formation K-6

**7:00 PM Parish Mission: Abundant Life in Christ
Night 2: Forgiveness: Setting Others Free**

Wednesday, March 25

8:30 AM Confessions

9:00 AM Daily Mass

7:00 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal
(for 11AM Mass)

**7:00 PM Parish Mission: Abundant Life in Christ
Night 3: A 13-Step Journey into Forgiveness**

Thursday, March 26

No Daily Mass

11:00 AM Funeral Mass for Mike Donlin

12:15 PM Steps to Freedom

1:00 PM Rosary Cenacle

6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
(for 9AM Mass)

6:30 PM Knights of Columbus - Officers Meeting

7:00 PM OCIA

Friday, March 27

9:00 AM Daily Mass

9:30 AM Adoration until 7PM

10:00 AM Guardians & Angels

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Palm Sunday—Saturday Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 29

PALM SUNDAY

9:00 AM Palm Sunday Mass

11:00 AM Palm Sunday Mass

International Pancake Breakfast

March 22, 2026

After both Sunday Masses

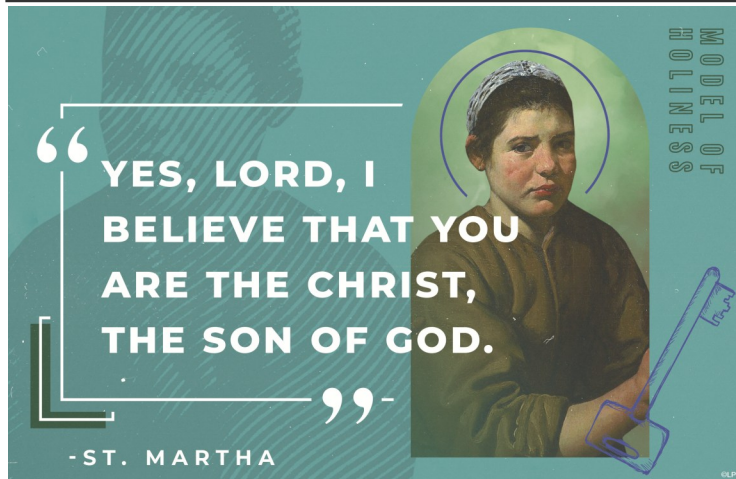
Enjoy delicious international foods and fun fellowship in the Parish Hall after both Masses.



Hosted by the
St. Jude
Knights
of
Columbus!

Daily Mass Schedule Change

There will be **no Daily Mass on Thursday March 26, 2026**. The Funeral Mass for Mike Donlin will be at 11:00 AM.



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

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