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THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 4:00 p.m. in English

Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in Spanish

A BILINGUAL HOLY HOUR OF REFLECTION

with Rev. Peter Jankowski on Friday, March 15th at 5:00 p.m., with Fr. Pete hearing confessions at 5:30 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FISH FRY will take place February 16 – March 22 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. On the menu for the Fish Fry is Fried or Baked Fish (Alaska Pollack), Baked Potato or French Fries, Mac & Cheese, Cole-slaw, Corn and Desserts from our Council of Catholic Women.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. or by appointment; seasonal services

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Mornings 8:45 - 10:15 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday

& Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday

9:15 a.m. in English

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. in English

Sunday Masses

10:30 a.m. in English

12:00 p.m. in Spanish

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

February 4, 2024: The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 3-4, 2024

Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #941 of the Journeysongs Book

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday (St. Agatha) February 5

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday (St. Paul Miki & Comps.) February 6

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday February 7

9:15 A.M. † Mike Stedman

Thursday (St. Jerome Emiliani) February 8

9:15 a.m. Living & Deceased of St. Patrick's

10:00 - 11:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday February 9

9:15 A.M. Jennifer Jankowski

Saturday (St. Scholastica, Virgin) February 10

BORDERTOWN POLKA MASS & APPRECIATION DINNER

4:00 P.M. The Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Sunday (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time) FEBRUARY 11

10:30 A.M. Cronk & Cosenza Families

12:00 P.M. † Rosina Salituro

Fr. Pete offers the Anointing of the Sick on the First Friday Mass of every month at 9:15 a.m.

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
www.stpatricksmomence.org!!!

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

February 4 D. & C. Bramer

February 11 A. Wardynski, E. Pionke

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

JANUARY 21, 2024 \$2,717.00



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for Your Will or Estate
Planning - The Future of Our
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PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!!!

The St. Patrick's faithful pray the rosary prior to every English Mass and in Spanish every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.



PRAYER LINE: Call Marcy Siwicki
% (815) 472-4688

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Please call the Rectory at % (815) 472-2864 if you wish to have it lit for a week "in memory of" or for "special intentions of" someone.



ST. PATRICK'S EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at the hospital or care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.

Liturgical Ministries



Saturday, February 10 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: MJ. Boicken

Lector: B. Boicken

Ushers: R. Hess, K. Bukowski

D. Rademacher, S. Pansa

Altar Server: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday, February 11 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Meyer

Lector: J. Rehmer

Ushers: M. Dionne

Altar Servers: Y. Aalia, J. & B. Miller

C. & P. Bickel

Sunday, February 4 12:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: R. Andrade

Lector: Y. Lozano, F. Franco

Ushers: R. Montoya, M. Serna

M. Ramirez, R. Ojeda

Altar Server: J. Borson, D. Ojeda

E. Camacho, J. Silva

ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



If you are interested in learning more about the pew dedication program (\$2,500 a pew), contact the parish office at St. Patrick's Church at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.

**Thank you for Supporting
St. Patrick's Church!**



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at
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"SOME PEOPLE THINK THEY ARE IN COMMUNITY, BUT THEY ARE ONLY IN PROXIMITY. TRUE COMMUNITY REQUIRES COMMITMENT AND OPENNESS. IT IS A WILLINGNESS TO EXTEND YOURSELF TO ENCOUNTER AND KNOW THE OTHER." – SPIRITUAL PHILOSOPHER DAVID SPANGLER

On Saturday, February 10th, our parish once again will sponsor a Complimentary Polka Mass & Appreciation Dinner, honoring those from both of our parishes who dedicate themselves to the service of our parishes. All are invited and encouraged to RSVP at St. Patrick's office at (815) 472-2864 or at St. Anne's Office at (815) 427-8265.

As in previous years, Ray Koncar and his Polka Mass-ers make their triumphant return to the parish, to play both at the Mass and at the reception that is to follow. JR's Chicken will provide the standard fare, served up by St. Patrick's Funeral Luncheon Committee. Secretary Ema Elvir will take care of decorations and Mauricio Vela from The Rosemary Café in Joliet will offer his complementary spread of Mexican beef, pork and chicken dishes with all the wonderful side foods that go with it.

Some years ago at numerous parishes I have served, many parishioners would lament the one area of parish ministry we often neglect and that is the role of *fellowship*. I have been told on numerous occasions that the parishioners of St. Anne's have tried parish picnics and socials but the lack of participation caused them to stop this practice (luckily, our religious education program, our Fish Fry and our St. Anne's Day fill the gaps in this regard.

Over at St. Pat's, we are now years removed from the annual "Beef Cookout" which used to be popular in the community life; before 2019, parish-sponsored social events were few. The Knights of Columbus run their own separate events and, until recently, we have found ways to get the Knights as a group to help at parish-sponsored events, such as the Irish Mass & Dinner that we will hold on March 9th and the various coffee & donut outings they have sponsored.

To build community, we cannot just talk about the spiritual life of the parish; we also must promote the social life as well. Please consider doing just that by supporting and attending the Parish Appreciation Mass & Dinner on February 10. – Fr. Pete

WHY ARE CATHOLICS SO BAD AT FELLOWSHIP?

George Martell Archdiocese of Boston (From www.Aleteia.com)



In establishing the Church, Jesus made clear that we are not meant to navigate the Christian journey alone. Without a doubt, a common theme among fallen-away Catholics who are now happily nestled in bustling Protestant communities is that they felt unwelcome at their parish because there was a lack of fellowship. So, what is fellowship and why are we, as Catholics, so notoriously bad at it?

Fellowship, by its very definition, is merely a friendly association and the gathering of like-minded people. How is that so difficult? Yet the very concept brings disdain from some Catholics. In a group chat discussing this issue there was a common theme: We do not need fellowship; we go to Mass for the Eucharist. One commenter even said, "The difference is that Protestants need people; we don't need people, we have Jesus."

Really? Catholics do not need people? Yes, we do have Jesus in the Eucharist but it is a fallacy to espouse a spirituality without community. We are the Church, and that in its very essence means we are a people. The concept of fellowship is essential to our journey as Christians; Jesus Christ himself taught us this.

In establishing the Church, Jesus made clear that we are not meant to navigate the Christian journey alone. That we need the love and support of like-minded people to help us to stay the course — in the good times and when the waters get rocky. Yes, I do attend Mass to receive Christ in the Eucharist, but that does not mean my experience of Church should be limited to my moment of Communion.

Perhaps the biggest mistake that we Catholics make, and one we will be judged for, no doubt, is our lack of reaching out to people in the pews on Sunday. The Church is a body of believers, and what kind of body are we if we are not mindful of our obligation and mission to ease each other's sufferings and lead our brothers and sisters to experience Jesus Christ? In fact the Mass is more beautiful and exponentially more powerful when experienced in its full purpose: drawing spiritual strength from the Eucharist and temporal strength from the experience of standing united with others in our belief that Christ is present with us.



Why Is There Evil?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At some point in one's faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war? Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

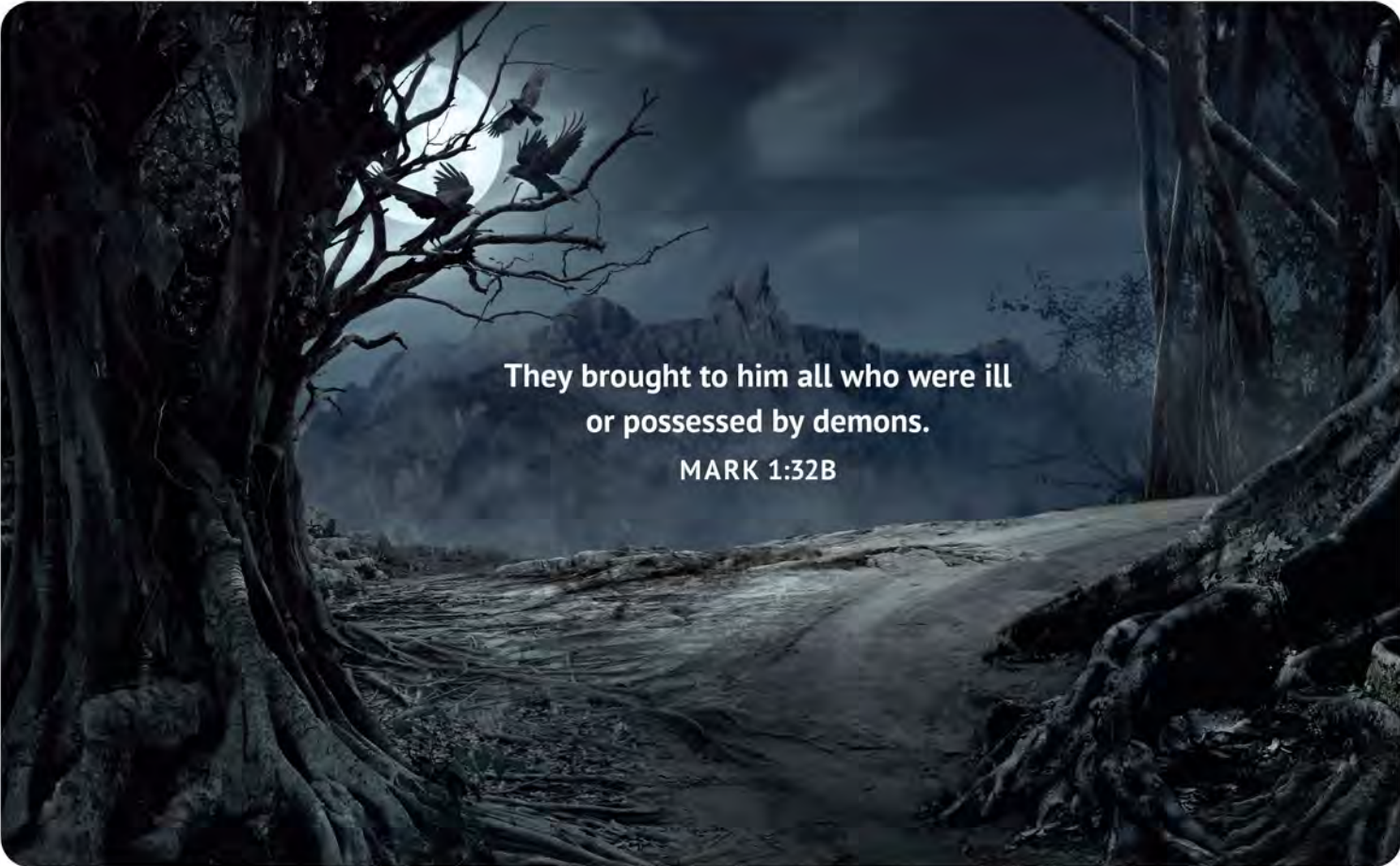
God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today's first Scripture reading—Job's lament of misery and hopelessness.

Though Job's friends suspect that the cause of all

that has befallen him must be due to some grave sin on his part, Job denies this accusation and continues believing in the goodness of God, never wavering in his faith. Though frustrated by what life has brought, Job never blames God or asks God to fix his life. God is God, concludes Job, whether we understand the ways of life or not. To seek any more is to seek to be God. He continues to trust in God and admits that the ways of God are incapable of being understood. This becomes Job's only answer to the question about the "why" of evil. ●

Reflect

How do you answer the question of why evil exists?

A dark, atmospheric landscape featuring gnarled, ancient trees in the foreground. In the background, a full moon is visible through a dark, stormy sky. The ground is rocky and uneven.

**They brought to him all who were ill
or possessed by demons.**

MARK 1:32B

Dear Padre,

***In the Our Father, we pray, “thy kingdom come.”
Will God’s kingdom come only at the end of the world?***

God’s kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus’ Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus’ first coming as a man. That means we are in God’s kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don’t have to just wait for God’s kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God’s kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God’s kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus’ Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32). ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
DearPadre.org



NEW AFRICA / SHUTTERSTOCK

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Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13 Mk 6:53–56	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> 1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30 Mk 7:1–13	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 10:1–10 Mk 7:14–23	February 8 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:4–13 Mk 7:24–30	February 9 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:29–32; 12:19 Mk 7:31–37	February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> 1 Kgs 12:26–32; 13:33–34 Mk 8:1–10	February 11 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Lv 13:1–2, 44–46 1 Cor 10:31– 11:1 Mk 1:40–45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Fellowship is a nebulous term in our churches. No one seems to know exactly what it is.

Koinonia is the Greek word. It refers to a sharing of life, or a partnership. Of course, that doesn't tell us what it meant in the follow-up program in the early church. So, in the absence of anything definitive from Scripture on the precise meaning of the term, I submit for your consideration my own definition: Hanging out.

The "fellowship" quotient of a church – whether the members love the Lord and one another – is one of the most telling features of a congregation, one of the most dependable indicators of the health of the church, and one of the best predictors of its future usefulness in the Kingdom.

Here are 10 aspects of the fellowship of your church worth carving in stone, or better yet, engraving on the hearts of your leadership and membership.

- ♦ Fellowship is the heartbeat of your congregation. Simply stated, it is the life of the church family. Do the people love the Lord and enjoy one another
- ♦ Fellowship may not be the reason people are drawn to your church, but it's why they stay. People who are church hunting will give a dozen things they are looking for in their next place of worship: location, type of preaching, strength of ministry, and various types of ministry ("We want a strong children's ministry" or music or missions or youth or senior adults). But more than anything else, what they are looking for – and craving even – is fellowship.
- ♦ The newcomer sees these in reverse order: Hospitality first, then Joy, and lastly Commitment.
- ♦ A wise church will make 'a healthy fellowship' one of their primary goals. Planned fellowship takes place in Sunday School classes, at church dinners, receptions, and on work projects. Rarely does fellowship take place within the typical worship service. So, the people who leave immediately after worship are missing out on one of the most essential parts of church life.
- ♦ The greatest enemy of fellowship in the church is the sinful heart. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God ([Romans 3:23](#)).
- ♦ A dying church will begin dying here first. It's hard to spot the exact moment when a dead church began that sad descent into oblivion.
- ♦ Leadership must value fellowship highly and protect it, otherwise, it will be supplanted by lesser things. Those "lesser things" which will crowd out the fellowship will all be good things – festivals and pageants and concerts and revivals. When we get caught up in the busyness of church life to the point that we no longer have time to meet another couple for coffee or invite another family over for pizza, we've become too busy for our own good.
- ♦ God loves it when His children laugh. It is not good for man to be alone, He said ([Genesis 2:18](#))

When we love Him, we treasure His people and enjoy being with them. When we grow resistant to the Lord, we find ourselves resenting other believers, growing critical of them, and drifting away. Asked what they missed most during the isolation of the pandemic, most Christian people admitted they missed the fellowship: getting together, hugging, visiting, working, and playing. We need that. God made us this way.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT ST. PATRICK'S...

This month, we continue with our **Harbor House Collection** for mittens, hats, gloves, socks and slippers. You can drop off your donations in the church.

Starting on January 15, we will be participating in the Nine Day "Rosary for Life" (in English & Spanish from January 15-23), ending with Rosary/Mass on January 24 (St. Patrick's at 7:00). Silvia Tajada will coordinate this program in Spanish for us.

We will participate again in the **Baby Bottles for Life** program from Waterleaf Services in February. More information will be forthcoming.

On February 10, we will celebrate our annual Border Town Polka Mass & Appreciation Dinner. The Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's with the Appreciation Dinner to follow. All are welcome to attend - please RSVP at either office.

Our Season of Lent begins with our **Ash Wednesday Services** on February 14. At St. Patrick's, we celebrate Ash Wednesday Masses in English at 9:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. with a Spanish Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 p.m.

All Friday Spanish Masses in Lent will be switched to from St. Anne's to St. Patrick's Church at 7:00 p.m. (following Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.).

The Confirmation Retreat for our Religious Education Students will take place on March 2, 2024 at St. Anne's Church, culminating with a 4:00 p.m. Mass. We have no



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Upcoming Church Projects

St. Pat's Parish Debt - \$112,656.18

**St. Patrick Campus
Generators - \$46,000**

**Paving of St. Pat's Church
Parking Lot - \$100,000**

Creating St. Academy Gym Parking Lot - \$275,000



Waterleaf Babies 2022



BORDER TOWN BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE

Please Fill Your Bottle with Change
and Return Your Bottle at the end of
February to help those pregnant
women in need of God's care!

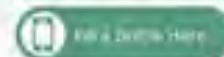


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LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

"The season of Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. The liturgy prepares the catechumens for the celebration of the paschal mystery by the several stages of Christian initiation: it also prepares the faithful, who recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for Easter." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year, #27)

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer the church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

"(On) weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and self-imposed observances of fasting. In light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part of our abundance." (U.S. Bishops statement on penitential observances, 1966.)

REGLAMENTO DE CUARESMA

La abstinencia de las carnes debe ser observada por todos los católicos mayores de 14 años el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma.

El ayuno debe ser observado el Miércoles de Ceniza por todos los católicos que tienen 18 años de edad pero aún no 59. Aquellos que están obligados por esto pueden tomar sólo una comida completa. Se permiten dos comidas más pequeñas si es necesario para mantener la fuerza de acuerdo con las necesidades de uno, pero no se permite comer alimentos sólidos entre las comidas. El ayuno especial pascual y la abstinencia se prescriben para el Viernes Santo y se animan para el Sábado Santo.

"La época de la Cuaresma es una preparación para la celebración de la Pascua. La liturgia prepara a los catecúmenos para la celebración del misterio pascual por las diversas etapas de la iniciación cristiana: también prepara a los fieles, que recuerdan su bautismo y hacen penitencia en preparación para la Pascua." (Normas generales para el Año Litúrgico, #27)

Por la triple disciplina del ayuno, la limosna y la oración, la iglesia conserva la Cuaresma del Miércoles de Ceniza hasta la noche del Jueves Santo. Todos los fieles y los catecúmenos deben emprender una práctica seria de estas tres tradiciones. El incumplimiento de los días penitenciales totalmente o de un número sustancial de dichos días debe considerarse grave.

What is **FASTING**?

The **limitation** of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between

But remember to drink enough fluids!

When do we fast?

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday*

*Paschal Fast: Good Friday and Holy Saturday are days of prayer and quiet reflection. We honour the suffering and death of Jesus and prepare to share in the joy of his resurrection at Easter.

What is **ABSTINENCE**?

Avoiding certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods

When do we abstain?

Catholics are obliged to abstain from **meat every Friday** throughout the year (except solemn feast days)

TIP: Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays

ALL ABOUT

Fasting & Abstinence

Why fast?

It helps us to **pray better**: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer

Who has to fast?

Catholics aged 18 to 59

Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

Why abstain on Fridays?

It's **the day of Christ's saving death** on the cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world

Who has to abstain?

Catholics aged 14 and older

During Lent, the money we save on food while fasting and abstaining should be given to others in alms

SOURCE: "Keeping Friday" and "Living Lent" from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops www.cccb.ca



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - PRAYERS TO JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Make the sign of the cross.

After announcing each station, begin with the following:

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

R/. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

FIRST STATION: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

From Saint Matthew: (27: 22-23; 26) Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Messiah?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted louder, "Let him be crucified!" Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. V/. God did not spare his own Son. R/. But handed him over for the sake of us all. (see Rm 8: 32)

SECOND STATION: JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS

From Saint John: (19: 16-17, 19) Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." V/. "Whoever wishes to come after me." R/. "Must take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt 16: 24)

THIRD STATION: JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

From the prophet Isaiah: (53: 4-5) Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, While we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. V/. Happy those whose way is blameless, who walk by the teaching of the LORD. R/. May my ways be firm in the observance of your laws! (Ps 119 [118]:1, 5)

FOURTH STATION: JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

From the Lamentations: (1: 10, 16, 12) The foe stretched out his hand to all her treasures. At this I weep, my eyes run with tears. "Come, and you who pass by the way, look and see whether there is any suffering like my suffering. V/. "Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." R/. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2: 48, 49)

FIFTH STATION: JESUS IS HELPED BY SIMON

From Saint Mark: (15: 21) They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. V/. "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine," R/. "You did for me." (Mt 25: 40)

SIXTH STATION: JESUS' FACE IS WIPED BY VERONICA

From the prophet Isaiah: (52: 14; 53: 2-3) Even as many were amazed at him – so marred was his look beyond that of man, and his appearance beyond that of mortals. There was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him. He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, One of those from whom men hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. V/. Rely on the mighty LORD. R/. Constantly seek his face. (Ps 105 [104]: 4)

SEVENTH STATION: JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME

From the prophet Isaiah: (53: 6-7, 8) We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth. Smitten for the sin of his people. V/. Steady my feet in accord with your promise. R/. Do not let iniquity lead me. (Ps 119 [118]: 133)



EIGHTH STATION: JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

From Saint Luke: (23: 27-28, 31) A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children. If these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" V/. The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve. R/. And to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mt 20: 28)

NINTH STATION: JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

From the prophet Isaiah: (63: 1-3, 5) Who is this that comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments, from Bozrah? Why is your apparel red, and your garments like those of the wine presser? "The wine press I have trodden alone, and of my people there was no one with me. I looked about, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that there was no one to lend support; So my own arm brought about the victory." V/. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings. R/. Announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation. (Is 52: 7)

TENTH STATION: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

From Saint John: (19: 23-24) When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but this tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of scripture might be fulfilled [that says]: "They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots." V/. All you who were baptized into Christ. R/. Have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Gal 3: 27)

ELEVENTH STATION: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

From Saint Luke: (23: 33-34) When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."] V/. "Once I am lifted up from earth, I will draw all [men] to myself." R/. This statement indicated the sort of death he had to die. (John 12: 32)

TWELFTH STATION: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

From Saint John: (19: 29-30) There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. V/. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat." R/. "But if it dies, it produces much fruit." (John 12: 24)

THIRTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

From the prophet Zechariah: (12: 10, 11; 13: 1) They shall look on him whom they have thrust through, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a first-born. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be great. On that day there shall be open a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness. V/. My lover has come down to his garden, to the beds of spice. R/. I have come to my garden...; I gather my myrrh and my spices. (Cant 6: 2; 5: 1)

FOURTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

From Saint John: (19: 38-42) After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by. V/. We who were baptized into Christ Jesus. R/. Were baptized into his death.



ESTACIONES - EL VIA CRUCIS

Hace el Señal de la Cruz.

Después de anunciar cada estación, comenzar con lo siguiente:

V/. Te adoramos, oh Cristo, y te bendecimos.

R/. Porque por tu santa cruz redimiste al mundo.

PRIMERA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS CONDENADO A MUERTE

De San Mateo: (27: 22-23, 26) Pilato les preguntó: "¿qué hago con Jesús, a quien llaman Mesías?" Contestaron todos: "¡Que lo crucifiquen!" Pilato repuso: "¿Por qué? ¿qué ha hecho de malo?" Ellos gritaban más y más: "¡Que lo crucifiquen!" Entonces le soltó a Barrabás; y a Jesús, después de mandarlo azotar, lo entregó para que lo crucificaran. V/. Dios no se reservó a su propio Hijo. R/. Sino que lo entregó por todos nosotros. (Rm 8: 32)

SEGUNDA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS CARGA CON SU CRUZ

De San Juan: (19: 16-17, 19) Entonces, al fin, se lo entregó para que lo crucificaran. Y con eso se hicieron cargo de Jesús. El, nevando a cuestras su cruz, salió para un lugar que llamaba la Calavera (en arameo, Gólgota). Pilato mandó también escribir un letrero y ponerlo en la cruz; decía: Jesús Nazareno, el Rey de los Judíos. V/. "El que quiera venirse conmigo" R/. "Que reniegue de sí mismo, que cargue con su cruz y entonces me siga." (Mt 16: 24)

TERCERA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS CAE POR PRIMERA VEZ

Del Profeta Isaías: (53: 4-5) A él, que soportó nuestros sufrimientos y cargó con nuestros dolores, lo tuvimos por un contagiado, herido de Dios y afligido. El, en cambio, fue traspasado por nuestras rebeliones, triturado por nuestros crímenes. Sobre él descargó el castigo que nos sana y con sus cicatrices nos hemos curado. V/. Dichoso el que, con vida intachable, camina según la voluntad del Señor. R/. Ojala esté firme mi camino para cumplir tus consignas. (Sal 119 [118]: 1, 5)

CUARTA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ENCUENTRA A SU MADRE

De las Lamentaciones: (1: 10, 16, 12) El enemigo ha echado mano a todos sus tesoros. Por eso estoy llorando, mis ojos se deshacen en agua. "Ustedes, los que pasan por el camino, miren, fíjense, ¿Hay dolor como mi dolor?" V/. "Hijo, imira con que angustia te buscaba!" R/. "¿No sabías que yo tenía que estar en los asuntos de mi Padre?" (Lc 2: 48, 49)

QUINTA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ES AYUDADO POR SIMÓN

De San Marcos: (15: 21) Pasaba por allí de vuelta del campo un tal Simón de Cirene, el padre de Alejandro y de Rufo, y lo forzaron a llevar la cruz. V/. "Cada vez que lo hicieron con uno de estos hermanos míos." R/. "Lo hicieron conmigo." (Mt 25: 40)

SEXTA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ENCUENTRA A LA VERÓNICA

Del Profeta Isaías: (52: 14; 53: 2-3) Como muchos se espantaron de él, porque desfigurado no parecía hombre ni tenía aspecto humano. No tenía presencia ni belleza que atrajera nuestras miradas ni aspecto que nos cautivara. Despreciado y evitado de la gente, un hombre hecho a sufrir, curtido en el dolor; al vedo se tapaban la cara; despreciado, lo tuvimos por nada. V/. Recurran al Señor y a su poder. R/. Busquen continuamente su rostro. (Sal 105 [104]: 4)

SÉPTIMA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS CAE POR SEGUNDA VEZ

Del Profeta Isaías: (53: 6-7, 8) Todos errabamos como ovejas, cada uno por su lado, y el Señor cargó sobre él todos nuestros crímenes. Maltratado aguantaba, no abría la boca, como cordero llevado al matadero, como oveja muda ante el esquilador, no abría la boca. Por los pecados de mi pueblo lo hirieron. V/. Asegura mis pasos con tu promesa. R/. Que ninguna maldad me domine. (Sal 119 [118]: 133)

OCTAVA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS HARLA A LAS MUJERES

De San Lucas: (23: 27-28, 31) Lo seguía gran gentío del pueblo y muchas mujeres que se golpeaban el pecho y gritaban lamentando se por él. Jesús se volvió hacia ellas y les dijo: "Mujeres de Jerusalén, no lloren por mí; lloren mejor por ustedes y por sus hijos. Porque si con el leno verde hacen esto, con el seco, ¿qué irá a pasar?" V/. "El Hijo del Hombre no ha venido a que le sirvan, sino a servir." R/. "y a dar su vida en rescate por todos." (Mt 20: 28)

NOVENA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS CAE POR TERCERA VEZ

Del Profeta Isaías: (63: 1-3, 5) ¿Quién es ese que viene de Edom, de Bosra, con las ropas enrojecidas? ¿Quién es ese vestido de gala que avanza lleno de fuerza? ¿Por qué están rojos tus vestidos, y la túnica como el que pisa el lagar? "Yo solo he pisado el lagar y de otros pueblos nadie me ayudaba. Miraba sin encontrar un ayudante, espantado al no haber quién me apoyara; pero mi brazo me dio la victoria." V/. ¡Qué hermoso son sobre los montes los pies del heraldo que anuncia la paz! R/. ¡Qué trae la buena nueva, que pregonla la victoria! (Is 52: 7)

DÉCIMA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ES DESPOJADO DE SUS VESTIDOS

De San Juan: (19: 23-24) Cuando crucificaron a Jesús, los soldados repartieron su ropa en cuatro lotes, uno para cada uno, dejando aparte la túnica. Era una túnica sin costura, tejida de una pieza de arriba abajo. Los soldados se dijeron: "Mejor que dividida en pedazos la echaremos a suerte, a ver a quién toca." Así se cumplió la escritura: "Se repartieron mi ropa y echaron a suerte mi túnica." V/. Todos, al ser bautizados en Cristo. R/. Se revistieron de Cristo. (Gal 3: 27)

UNDÉCIMA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ES CLAVADO EN LA CRUZ

De San Lucas: (23: 33-34) Cuando llegaron al lugar llamado "La Calavera," los crucificaron allí, a él y a los malhechores, uno a su derecha y el otro a su izquierda. Jesús decía: "Padre, perdónalos, que no saben lo que hacen." V/. "Cuando me levanten de la tierra, atraeré a todos hacia mí." R/. Decía esto dando a entender cómo iba a morir. (Jn 12: 32)

DUODÉCIMA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS MUERE EN LA CRUZ

De San Juan: (19: 29-30) Había allí un jarro con vinagre. Sujetando a una caña de hisopo una esponja empapada en el vinagre, se la acercaron a la boca; cuando tomó el vinagre dijo Jesús: "Queda terminado." Y, reclinando la cabeza, entregó el espíritu. V/. "Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y no muere, queda infecundo." R/. "En cambio, sí muere, da fruto abundante." (Jn 12: 24-25)

DECIMOTERCERA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ES BAJADO DE LA CRUZ

Del Profeta Zacarías: (12: 10, 11; 13: 1) Al mirarme traspasado por ellos mismos, harán duelo como por un hijo único, y llorarán como se llora a un primogénito. Aquel día el luto de Jerusalén será grande. Aquel día se alumbrará un manantial contra los pecados e impurezas. V/. Ha bajado mi amado a su jardín. R/. "Ya vengo a mi jardín, a recoger el bálsamo y la mirra." (Cant 6: 2; 5: 1)

DECIMOCUARTA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ES PUESTO EN EL SEPULCRO

De San Juan: (19: 38-42) José de Arimatea, discípulo de Jesús, pero clandestino por miedo a las autoridades judías, le pidió a Pilato que le dejara quitar el cuerpo. Pilato lo autorizó. Él fue y quitó el cuerpo de Jesús. Fue también Nicodemo, aquel que la primera vez había ido a vedo de noche, llevando unas cien libras de una mezcla de mirra y aloe. Tomaron el cuerpo de Jesús y lo vendaron de arriba abajo echándole aromas, como acostumbraban a enterrar los judíos. En el sitio donde lo crucificaron había un huerto, y en el huerto un sepulcro nuevo donde todavía no habían enterrado a nadie. Como para los judíos era día de preparativos y el sepulcro estaba cerca, pusieron ahí a Jesús. V/. A todos nosotros, al bautizamos vinculándonos a Cristo Jesús. R/. Nos bautizaron vinculándonos a su muerte.

3-4 Febrero 2024: Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

UNA NOTA DE PADRE PEDRO...

"Algunas personas piensan que están en comunidad, pero sólo están en la proximidad. La verdadera comunidad requiere compromiso y apertura. Es una voluntad de extenderse al encuentro y conocer al otro". - Filósofo Espiritual David Spangler

El sábado 10 de febrero, nuestra parroquia una vez más patrocinará una misa de polca y cena de agradecimiento de cortesía, en honor a aquellos de nuestras dos parroquias que se dedican al servicio de nuestras parroquias. Todos están invitados y alentados a confirmar su asistencia en la oficina de St. Patrick al (815) 472-2864 o en la oficina de St. Anne al (815) 427-8265.

Como en años anteriores, Ray Koncar y sus Polka Mass-ters regresan triunfantes a la parroquia, para tocar tanto en la misa como en la recepción que seguirá. JR's Chicken ofrecerá la comida estándar, servida por el Comité del Funerario de San Patricio. La secretaria Ema Elvir se encargará de la decoración y Mauricio Vela de The Rosemary Café en Joliet ofrecerá su variedad complementaria de platos mexicanos de carne de res, cerdo y pollo con todas las maravillosas guarniciones que los acompañan.

Hace algunos años, en numerosas parroquias en las que he servido, los feligreses se lamentaban del ministerio parroquial que a menudo descuidamos y que es el papel de la hermandad. Me han dicho en numerosas ocasiones que los feligreses de St. Anne's han intentado hacer picnics y eventos sociales en la parroquia, pero la falta de participa-

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

12:00 p.m. los Domingos (San Patricio)

7:00 p.m. los Viernes (St. Ana)



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Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m.

La Parroquia de San Patricio - Momence

Domingos en St. Patrick's de 9:15 a.m. a

10:15 a.m., ofreciendo clases de catecismo a padres y familias visitantes.

ción hizo que abandonaran esta práctica (afortunadamente, nuestro programa de educación religiosa, nuestro Fish Fry y nuestro Día de Santa Ana llenan el lagunas en este sentido.

En St. Pat's, hace años que se celebra la "Comida al aire libre con carne" anual que solía ser popular en la vida comunitaria; Antes de 2019, los eventos sociales patrocinados por la parroquia eran pocos. Los Caballeros de Colón organizan sus propios eventos separados y, hasta hace poco, hemos encontrado maneras de lograr que los Caballeros como grupo ayuden en eventos patrocinados por la parroquia, como la Misa y Cena Irlandesa que celebraremos el 9 de marzo.

Para construir comunidad, no podemos hablar simplemente de la vida espiritual de la parroquia; También debemos promover la vida social. Por favor considere hacer precisamente eso asistiendo a la Misa y Cena de Agradecimiento,

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Job declara que la vida en la tierra es monótona, miserable y triste (Job 7: 1-4, 6-7).

Salmo - Alaben al Señor, que sana los corazones quebrantados (Salmo 147 [146]).

Segunda Lectura - Pablo dice que no tienen otra alternativa sino la de predicar el Evangelio (1 Corintios 9: 16-19, 22-23).

Evangelio - Después de sanar a muchos enfermos, Jesús predica la Buena Nueva (Marcos 1: 29-39).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Re 8: 1-7, 9-13; Sal 132; Mc 6: 53-56

Martes: 1 Re 8: 22-23, 27-30; Sal 84 (83): 3-5, 10-11; Mc 7: 1-13

Miércoles: 1 Re 10: 1-10; Sal 37; Mc 7: 14-23

Jueves: 1 Re 11: 4-13; Sal 106; Mc 7: 24-30

Viernes: 1 Re 11: 29-32; 12: 19; Sal 81 (80): 10-11ab, 12-15; Mc 7: 31-37

Sábado: 1 Re 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Sal 106 (105): 6-7ab, 19-22; Mc 8: 1-10

Domingo: Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46; Sal 32 (31): 1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10: 31 11: 1; Mc 1: 40-45

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