

MARCH 21, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

~ John 12:24

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Lent

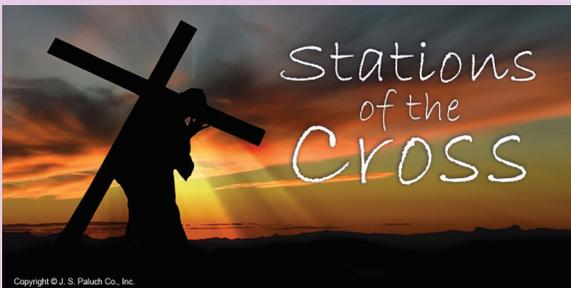
Stations of the Cross

All Fridays in Lent (Except Good Friday) 2/19, 2/26,
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Stations will begin at 7pm

Reservations need to be made a minimum of 30
minutes prior to Stations.

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for more information.



Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 2nd

Confessions 12-2pm & 5:30-6:30pm

Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion 3:00 & 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

Confessions 10am-12pm

Blessing of Food Baskets 12:00pm

(Will take place in the parking lot in front of the school. Please
stand next to your car with the baskets.)

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 4th

8am, 10am, & 12 noon

Reservations are required *Please note there is
no morning mass during the Easter Triduum

Diocese of Joliet

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Dr. David Castronovo, JD, JCD
Chancellor

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 *or* Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence

FEAST OF FAITH

The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."

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LOVE AND DEATH

Unhappy is death

without the love of the Savior;

unhappy is love

without the death of the Savior.

—St. Francis de Sales

RISKS

I risk being wrong if I trust too much. But I risk living in torment if I don't trust enough.

—Anonymous

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday YTD July-December 2020

Budget: \$429,000

Actual: \$451,296

Surplus: \$22,296

January Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$62,951

Shortfall: \$3,049

February Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$66,382

Surplus: \$382

Christmas Budget: \$50,000

Final Christmas Actual: \$64,196

Surplus: \$14,196

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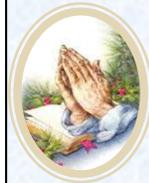
Deacon Paul Brachle Food Pantry

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below. Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

Alan Amann, Sue Atkinson, Mary Ann Bach, Joseph Barberio, Joyce Barry, Ken Barry, Tina Bershere, Rose Bina, Bill/James Bleacher, William Boggio, John Bovard, Judy C., Michael & Helen Cieslek, Bishop Daniel Conlon, Katy Counihan, Frank Cosenza, Mario Cristofaro, Pina D'Amico, Frank Dipodiva, Brooklynn Drab, Nancy Fisher, April Fernandez, John M. Foresman, Darlene Garoza, Sue Geever, Jessica & Italia Getz, Linda Hall, Moreen Hall, Joan Haremza, Gail Hayes, Mark Herwaldt, Jan Hillerud, JoAnne Hug, Mary Johnson, Dorothy Joyce, Margita Jurcik, June Kaduk, Pearl Kalinski, Dan Kieras, Bob Kobliska, Kathy Lacy, Mary Lipscomb, Lee Liston, Rev. David Lord, Amy Lynch, Gayle Males, Emily Mason, John Matt, Patricia Matz, Donna Menard, Joan Novak, Tommy O'Driscoll, Bill Olivanti, Gloria Pavesich, Cathy Lou Pearson, Rose Marie Pedryc, Tom Peknik, Helen Peschel, Agatha Piwcwicz, J. Pisarczyk, Cita Quizon, Mike & Lena Ramaglia, Joan Ritzert, Roger Rodriguez, Veronica Rodriguez, Laura & George Rossano, Charlie Sanders, Maria Santos, Tony Sekera, Joyce Smith, Karlton Smith, Estelle Sniegowski, Bertha Sobotka, Jim Sobun, Marylyn Sobun, Patricia Soukup, Ernest Stankiewicz, Andy & Marilyn Stanley, Diane Treend, Phyllis Trout, Renee Tucci, Sophia Zabinski

And for the seriously ill children of our Parish:

Damien Turrubiartes,
Martin Viau



Please Pray for the Servicemen and Women of our Parish



Sean Sebastian
Andy Shreckengost

MASS INTENTIONS March 20/21

Saturday 3/20	5:00pm	Antoinette (Toni) Goetschel (D)
Sunday 3/21	8:00am	Tekla Zarycka (D) People of our Parish
	10:00am	Aldo Fortino (D)
	12:00pm	Anne Deutsch (D)

MASS INTENTIONS March 22-28

Monday 3/22	7:30am	Mary Piwcewicz (D)
Tuesday 3/23	7:30am	Jose (Joe) Macairan (D)
Wednesday 3/24	7:30am	Cheryl Kasper (L)
Thursday 3/25	7:30am	Stephen W. Stoll, Sr. (D) Robert A. Dolehide (D)
Friday 3/26	7:30am	Patricia Klimala (D)
Saturday 3/27	7:30am	Tistle/ Mattjis Families (L/D)
	5:00pm	Vincent Mesch
Sunday 3/28	8:00am	Dorothy Harchalk (D) Marilou McGirr (D)
	10:00am	Joseph Bilanzich (D)
	12:00pm	People of our Parish



Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$95,000.

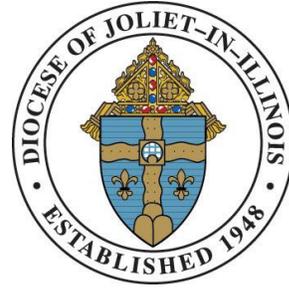
If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.



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Truth about the Equality Act

The bill is well-intentioned but ultimately misguided. The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith, threatens unborn life, and undermines the common good.

Human dignity is central to what we believe as Catholics. Every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. That means we need to honor every person's right to be free of unjust discrimination.

The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from unjust discrimination. Although this is a worthy purpose, the Equality Act does not serve it. And instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act discriminates against people of faith precisely because of those beliefs. In the process, the Equality Act codifies the new ideology of "gender" in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting "gender" as only a social construct.

The Equality Act:

exempts itself from the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, in an explicit and unprecedented departure from one of America's founding principles, thereby infringing on religious freedom and making it more difficult for individuals to live out their faith

forces religiously operated spaces and establishments, such as church halls, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their communities

requires women to compete against men and boys in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower facilities with men and boys

forces faith-based charities that serve all people to violate their religious beliefs, and threatens the welfare of thousands of beneficiaries of charitable services such as shelters and foster care agencies, by forcing a multitude of them to be shut down

jeopardizes existing prohibitions on the use of federal taxpayer funds for abortion, likely pressuring or even mandating the performance of abortions by health care providers in violation of their consciences, and ultimately ending more human lives

hinders quality health care, by forcing health care professionals, against their best medical judgment, to support treatments and procedures associated with "gender transition."

The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the United States, helping millions of Americans in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and charities. Our core beliefs about the dignity of the human person and the wisdom of God's design motivate both our positions on marriage, life, and sexuality, and our call to serve those most in need and the common good. By running roughshod over religious liberty, the Equality Act directly undermines the Church's ability to fulfill that call.

Take Action

The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and threatens unborn life. Tell your elected officials to oppose it!

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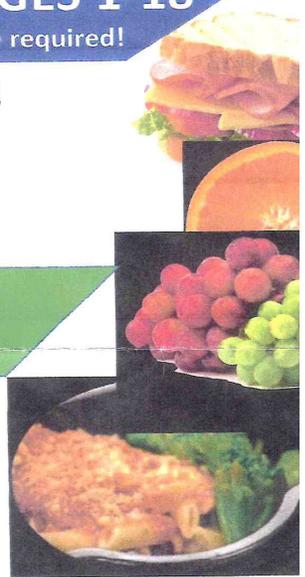
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Those who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless.

St. Oscar Romero
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March 24

First Annual Our Lady of Peace Golf League



Where: Cog Hill course #s 1 & 3 (sometimes #2)

When: Thursdays
beginning April 29th through August 26
tee times start at 3 pm

Cost: registration fee: \$40

green fees:

walking: \$22 riding: \$37
green fee includes the option of
playing either 9 or 18 holes

Who: Anyone interested in enjoying the great game
of golf and a little competition in fellowship
with other OLP parishioners & guests

Format: points based competition

Each player will be awarded points on each hole according
to one's handicap in relation to the Stableford scoring system.
Prizes to be awarded based on mid and end of year standings.
Further instructions concerning establishing a handicap
and the rules of play will follow as we near the start of
the league.

Contact:

if you are interested in participating or have other questions please contact
Tricia Gurtner (tgurtner1@comcast.net)

Registration Deadline: April 22

You can send your registration fee to:

Our Lady of Peace - Business Office
Attn: Golf League
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Catholic Elementary School Teachers and Instructional Assistants Needed

As they prepare for a 2021-2022 school year marked by an unprecedented growth in Catholic elementary school student enrollment, Principals of Diocese of Joliet Catholic Elementary Schools are seeking passionate and dedicated professional educators to fill 100-125 full and part-time teaching and Instructional Assistant positions. Applicants must hold appropriate state licensure and be devout and practicing Catholics who exhibit a passion for and commitment to Catholic Education.

Please view complete vocation descriptions and apply online at www.applitrack.com/diocesefjoliet/onlineapp.

Should you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Karen Udell, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership & Personnel, at 815-221-6123.

Part-time Accounts Receivable Accountant Finance Office

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a part-time Accounts Receivable Accountant for the Finance Office. The part-time Accounts Receivable Accountant is responsible for depositing all checks received by the diocese and applying payments to the appropriate accounts. This position also requires following up on all past due accounts and investigating any billing discrepancies. In addition, the Accounts Receivable Accountant will assist the Senior Accountant and Internal Auditing Director with special projects throughout the year. This position will vary between 15 and 20 hours a week.

Some College preferred. A minimum of three years' experience in an accounts receivable/bookkeeping position required. Must have the ability to handle and maintain confidential information. Experience working with multiple software databases including, but not limited to, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Peachtree/Sage Accounting Software. Experience with Blackbaud Financial Edge accounting software a plus, but not required. Ability to organize, prioritize work, meet deadlines, and work independently with minimal supervision. Must be proficient in multitasking and possess excellent interpersonal skills.

Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email cover letter and resume to: humanresources@diocesefjoliet.org.

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PARISH WEBSITE www.olopdarien.org

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Please contact **Deacon Larry Fudacz at 630-323-4333 Ext. 104.**

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and on the fourth Sunday of each month immediately following the 12 Noon Mass.

We ask that the parents be registered members of the parish. First time parents must attend one hour (plus) of Pre-Baptismal instruction held on 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October and December at 7p.m. in the School Library. The Pre-Baptismal class may be taken before the birth of the child.

Please contact **Deacon Frank Vonesh** for more information at **708-793-3505.**

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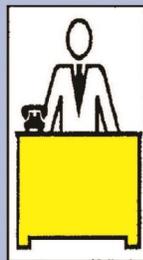
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