

# GOOD NEWS!

**MARCH 14, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign that we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions we demonstrate that we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself but in the options given to us that require a decision. And there is the rub. Often these are options not of our choosing. This can make decision-making very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights that our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

# Dear Padre

*My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?*

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

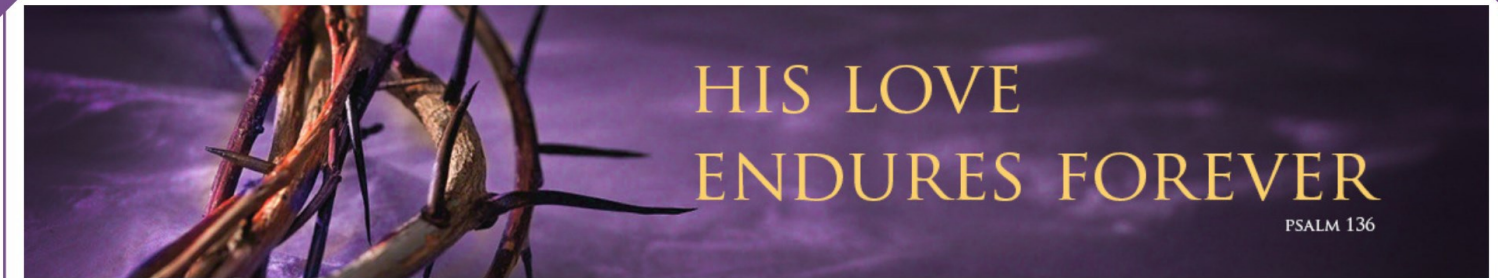
Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR*

## Scripture Readings for the week of March 15-21

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Is 65:14-21	Ez 47:1-9, 12	Is 49:8-15	Ex 32:7-14	2 Sm 7:4-5a,	Jer 11:18-20	Jer 31:31-34
Jn 4:43-54	Jn 5:1-16	Jn 5:17-30	Jn 5:31-47	12-14a, 16	Jn 7:40-53	Heb 5:7-9
				Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22		Jn 12:20-33
				Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or		
				Lk 2:41-51a		



## 2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

Mondays: 9 am - St. Anne  
 Tuesdays: 9 am - St. Anne  
 Wednesdays: 9 am - St. Gabriel  
 Thursdays: 9 am - St. Catherine

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Anne  
 Wednesdays: 5-6 pm - St. Catherine  
 Thursdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Catherine  
 Fridays: 5:30-6:30 pm - Following Stations  
 Saturdays: 3:30 pm - St. Raphael

Communal Penance Service & First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 24th at 6:30 pm at St. Anne

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call parish office for home visits

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Anne  
 Wednesdays: 5-6 pm - St. Catherine  
 Thursdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Catherine  
 Churches open for prayer during the day

### LENTEN REFLECTION

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm - St. Catherine  
 Can be followed virtually  
[www.resurrectionacgr.org](http://www.resurrectionacgr.org)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursdays at St. Raphael at 4:30 pm  
 Fridays at 5 pm  
 Confessions following for an hour  
 February 19 - St. Anne      March 12 - St. Raphael  
 February 26 - St. Catherine      March 19 - St. Anne  
 March 5 - St. Gabriel      March 26 - St. Catherine

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — 14 MARCH 2021

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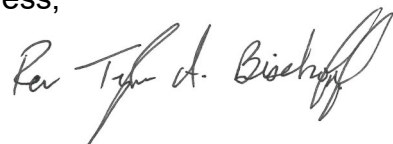
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our Gospel this Sunday (when not celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny) "Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life'" (Jn 3:14-21). We know that Jesus was "lifted up" on the cross to be the redeeming sacrifice to end sin and death's reign of terror on the world. This week's Gospel is a great exposition of the third point of the Kerygma, REDEMPTION and SALVATION, which we looked at last week.

The points of the Kerygma that we have talked about so far are: CREATION, SIN, REDEMPTION. The fourth point we will be looking at this week is CONVERSION. The Greek word used throughout the New Testament is *metanoia*. If we look at the Latin roots of our English word conversion, we see two parts: con-vertere (con=with & vertere=to turn or to change). At this point in our conversation with someone as we powerfully proclaim Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, we demonstrate that in order to believe in Christ our lives must change. Every encounter with Christ involves a change of heart. It is not God who needs changing...but we who are constantly being called to conversion – turning our lives over to Him who saves us.

This week all the Masses and Confessions are canceled. I will be on vacation with some buddies from seminary. We're going skiing out in Montana. I have to get my last fix of winter activities before all the snow melts. Although, I admit I am 100% ready for spring. Adult & Children's Faith Formation on Wednesday night will still be on. Deacon John will lead the Holy Hour that evening, too. For daily Masses check Sacred Heart or All Saints for a schedule if you wish to attend while I am out of town. See you next weekend.

God bless,




**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES**

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*Fr. Robert Bissot*  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Clifford Anderson*  
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Didi Rigato*

Monday, March 15,  
 NO MASS

Tuesday, March 16,  
 NO MASS

Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick  
 NO MASS  
 9:30 am Rosary, St. Gabriel  
 5:00 pm Adoration, St. Catherine  
 6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation St. Catherine  
 6:30 pm Children Sacramental Prep. Class  
 St. Catherine

Thursday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
 NO MASS  
 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross, St. Raphael

Friday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 NO MASS  
 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross St. Anne

Saturday, March 20,  
 3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent  
 Rosary is prayed half an hour before all Masses  
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*Lyle Beatty*  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Jim Aube*  
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Kathy Stone*

We remember the faithful departed from our parishes, especially those who passed away this week:  
**Steve Smith, Florence Mishler**

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).  
 Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$77,192.28	\$93,382.20	\$19,983.60	\$26,653.68
Actual year-to-date	\$80,706.07	\$93,452.29	\$18,380.52	\$27,783.76
March 7	\$2,527.00	\$2,492.00	\$880.00	\$796.80
Other Collections:	\$50.00	\$170.00	\$110.00	\$30.00

**Pray for Our Priests & Religious**

Sunday—Rev. Michael Class  
 Monday—Rev. Chet Collins  
 Tuesday—Rev. Nicholas Cooper  
 Wednesday—Rev. Raymond Cotter  
 Thursday—Rev. Anthony Cureton  
 Friday—All Deacons  
 Saturday—Rev. Robbie Deka

**Easter Flowers:** Please consider making a donation for Easter flowers. To donate in memory or honor of loved ones, please include their names (clearly printed) with your donation. Names received by Friday, March 26, will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

**During the Lenten Season,** if there is anyone who is homebound and would like to go to Confession, receive the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion please contact the parish office to set up an appointment. Fr. Tyler will be available most afternoons for home visits.

**Projects at St. Gabriel Church:** A video explanation from Fr. Tyler along with detailed information is available on our website. There is a need to replace the windows of the church which are from the 1890s. The biggest issue is the high water level which is causing severe damage to the foundation of the church. We need to dry out the crawlspace in order to save St. Gabriel's foundation. Donations towards these projects will be greatly appreciated. Be sure to mark the donation envelope or check: St. Gabriel Special Project.

**St. Gabriel Men's Club** will start their regular meetings on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

**Feast of St. Joseph** March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of St. Joseph – foster Father of Jesus. Pope Francis dedicated this year to St. Joseph. More information and a special article written by Fr. Tyler on St. Joseph is available on our parish website.

**Face Masks:** Remember that it is still a requirement to wear a face mask when entering the church.

**Holy Week Schedule**

The whole point of our Lenten Journey is to bring us to deeper conversion so that we may celebrate more deeply the Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery - that is the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ - is celebrated solemnly in the Easter Triduum [Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil].

Here are a few excerpts from the Roman Missal:  
 "In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried and risen."

"For a fitting celebration of the Sacred Triduum, a sufficient number of lay ministers is required, who must be carefully instructed as to what they are to do".

"The celebrations of the Sacred Triduum are to be carried out in cathedral and parochial churches and only in those churches in which they can be performed with dignity, that is, with a good attendance of the faithful, and appropriate number of ministers, and the means to sing at least some of the parts. Consequently, it is desirable that small communities, associations, and special groups of various kinds join together in these churches to carry out the sacred celebrations in a more noble manner".

It is also recommended that a priest celebrate only one Mass of the Lord's Supper and Good Friday service. Therefore, there will be one celebration of the Sacred Triduum this year. Considering all that was said above, it is best for us as a family of parishes to unite for one celebration of the Sacred Triduum. It's also much simpler to use only one church for this celebration, highlighting the unity of the three-day Triduum. We can rotate churches every year. It will take lay ministers from all our parishes to celebrate in a noble manner the Sacred Triduum.

It is my sincere hope that many of us join in the Sacred Triduum this year. We will be welcoming a couple of people into our Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil.

- Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) - April 1 - 6:30 PM at St. Catherine with Adoration following until midnight.
- Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) - April 2 - 1:00 PM at St. Catherine Church.
- Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Holy Saturday) - April 3 - 9:00 PM at St. Catherine Church.
- Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter) - April 4  
 9:00 AM Mass at St. Raphael.  
 11 AM Mass at St. Anne