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MARCH 20, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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REPENT



“But I tell you, if you do not
repent, you will all perish
as they did!”

LUKE 13:3

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week of March 20

Sunday, March 20 *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)
10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)
11:30 am, Baptism, Church

Monday, March 21

9:30 am, Mass, (Deac Keenan, RIP)
2:00 pm, Prayer Team, Church
6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria
6:30 pm, Family Rosary, Church

Tuesday, March 22

No Morning Mass
7:00 pm, St. Gianna Molla Reading Group, Sullivan Hall
7:30 pm, St. Vincent de Paul, video call

Wednesday, March 23

5:00 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church
5:00 pm, Confessions, Church
6:00 pm, Benediction & Evening Prayer, Church
6:30 pm, Mass, Church (Samuel Anulacion, RIP)
7:00 pm, Faith Matters, Sullivan Hall

Thursday, March 24

No 9:30 am Mass
2:00 pm, Bible Study, Sullivan Hall
4:00 pm, Sacramental Prep, Sullivan Hall
No Confessions
6:30 pm, School Commision
6:45 pm, Confirmation Prep, Sullivan Hall

Friday, March 25

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Doré Jaeger, RIP)
10:00 am, Stations of the Cross, Church
5:00 pm, Confessions, Church
6:30 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 26

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Ray Fortney, RIP)
1:00 pm, Princess Angeline, Sullivan Hall
3:00 pm, Confessions, Church
5:00 pm, Vigil Mass, Church (*St. Mark Parish & School Faculty & Staff*)

Sunday, March 27 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)
10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)
11:30 am, Community Rosary, Affirmation of Life Memorial

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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Cf. Ps 25 (24): 15-16

The parable of the fig tree is a story of both reassurance and conviction. We are meant to understand *ourselves* as the fig tree - fruitless but given another chance.

There is a temptation to regard parables as being about someone else. This is especially true when the parable highlights an unflattering truth! ‘I’m not fruitless!’, we might want to exclaim. Surely this isn’t about me....is it?



The Vine Dresser and the Fig Tree, Tissot

In addition to being self-deceiving, there is yet another problem with this approach: we

can’t receive God’s mercy if we refuse to admit that we actually need it. The Lord’s generosity - never forced upon us - is no less available, but self-righteousness prevents us from accepting it.

It is a fearful thing, to look upon our lives and admit that we have not borne the fruit that God has desired of us. Perhaps we feel not just defensive, but ashamed, guilty, or worthless. This is where the reassurance of Jesus comes in: *He is advocating for us!* He has no desire to condemn us, to give up on us, to declare our lives useless or unworthy. This parable is meant to remind us not only of our need, but God’s desire: to empower us to be restored to fullness, to be forgiven - to be fruitful!

“Why aren’t we doing the sign of peace during Lent?” has been a question I’ve been asked several times since Ash Wednesday. As it turns out, the sign of peace is an *optional* part of the Mass, which the presider may include or omit.



Farewell of Saints Peter and Paul, Rodriguez

During Lent, I omit the sign of peace as a way of adding to the sobriety of the season. As with the ‘alleluia’, instrumental music, and flowers, the absence of this element of the Mass (one I daresay we particularly enjoy), we anticipate its return at Easter!

The season of Lent is an excellent time to come to the sacrament of Reconciliation. Especially if it has been a long time, please take this time to celebrate God’s mercy.



Lent 2022 confession schedule:

(Wed., March 2 to Wed., April 13)

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

5:00 pm—6:00 pm

Saturdays as normal (3:00 pm - 4:30 pm)

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Daily Mass Cancellation

† Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Thursday, March 24; evening confessions are canceled as well on the 24th.

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference

In order to form, challenge and encourage men of the Seattle Archdiocese in their Catholic faith, spiritually and morally, the Seattle Men's Conference is held annually and offers a solid, orthodox agenda.

This year will mark the ninth year of the conference! Men of all ages and backgrounds are invited to build up their families through prayer and sacrificial action. This year's conference will be held at St. Brendan's Catholic church, located at 10051 Northeast 195th Street in Bothell, Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26. Attendance is in person and will follow Archdiocesan guidelines. To register for the conference, or for more information, please go to <http://www.seattlemensconference.org/>

USCCB Program to Help Ukraine

To help the people of Ukraine, the USCCB is running a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please give generously, if you are able, to support those in need, <https://archseattle.org/give-serve/collection-to-aid-the-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe/>

Join us in praying for peace in Ukraine. For prayer suggestions please go to https://archseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Ash-Weds_Prayer-for-Ukraine_prayers.pdf

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Jim Miller, Mary Amundsen, Maxine Dion,
Alan Cox, Corine Newton, Gini Harmon,
Barbara Caldecoat, Daniel Kaopuiki, Patrick Bennett,
Sherrill Dungan, Christine Kimmel Jovanovich

For the deceased...

Linda Klein

Monday Night Family Rosary is Back

The Family Rosary started again the first Monday of Lent at 6:30 pm in the church. Please feel free to write your intentions in the Book of Intentions which is located in the church vestibule as you come in to pray the Rosary with us.

What a wonderful way to enhance our Lenten prayer life. Everyone is welcome, please join us!

St. Mark is Looking for Sacristans

Do you attend either weekday or Sunday Masses regularly? Are you looking for a way to serve in a liturgical capacity around the Blessed Sacrament?

Please consider becoming a sacristan. All necessary (and it's fairly simple) training will be provided for you to feel confident in this important and rewarding ministry.

Some sacristan duties include:

- † Unlock the doors and turn on the church lights.
 - † Prepare the chalice, wine and water cruets and count the altar bread (hosts prior to consecration).
 - † Light the candles before Mass.
 - † After Mass all of the above is done in reverse order.
- Interested or want more information? Please email Russ Foisy at russ@grdins.com.

St. Mark Catholic Classical School Rice and Beans for Lent

During Lent the faculty, staff and students are participating in Rice and Beans lunch as a Lenten practice each Friday. The cost for the lunch is \$2.00 and all the money raised will be donated to The Missionaries of Our Lord of the Hearts and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico to help build their "House of Mercy" which will board children and youth from low income homes, those living on the streets and orphans. Ms. Herrera from our school visited the sisters last December and brought this great cause to our attention.

Taqueria Puebla is kindly donating the rice and beans for our Friday lunches. If you would like to stop by for lunch or dinner you can find them at 11700 Mukilteo Speedway, Suite 406 in Mukilteo. The phone number is (425) 212-9725. Their menu can be found here, <https://taqueriapueblawa.com/menu/>

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St. Mark Parish Prayer Team

The St. Mark parish Prayer Team meets in the church every Monday at 2:00 pm to pray in community with members of our parish. Please join us! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Passion of the Christ

The tradition returns - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners will once again re-enact the last days of Jesus. The Passion of Christ play will be performed in their sanctuary Friday, April 1 at 5:00 pm and Saturday, April 2 at 6:00 pm (immediately following the Vigil Mass). This popular event is back after a hiatus due to the pandemic. The Passion is sponsored by the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus and is presented at no charge, although donations will be gratefully accepted. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is located at 2316 180th Street SE in Bothell. For more information please call (425) 481-0303.

Sacred Heart Radio

Sacred Heart Radio, 100.3 FM and 1050 AM, is listener supported local Catholic radio. You have likely listened to the Mass at 9:00 am on weekdays, but have you explored any of the programs?

Beyond Damascus (Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 4:00 pm) brings us the life-changing testimonies of ordinary people that launch themselves into lives of extraordinary mission for Christ.

Frequently Requested Numbers

Boy Scouts: Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971
 Knights of Columbus: Greg Insley (206) 271-4599
 St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: (206) 767-6449
 Queen of Heaven Guild: Sylvia Ebert (206) 419-3115
 Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608
 Holyrood Cemetary: (206) 363-8404
 Beck's Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234
 Harvey Funeral Home: (206) 632-0100

Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt Returns to St. Mark

The Knights of Columbus will bring back the annual St. Mark parish Easter Egg Hunt this year! The hunt will follow the 10:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday, April 17. **To make this happen the Knights need our help!** Please drop-off wrapped candy and/or plastic eggs at the parish office anytime Monday through Friday (if after hours just drop your candy/plastic egg donations on the wooden bench next to the door; please double-bag if convenient - our neighborhood squirrels can be rascals).
Thank you Knights and St. Mark parish!

Mercy Night at Blessed Sacrament

Come to Blessed Sacrament on Friday, March 25 at 7:00 pm for **Lenten Mercy Night** on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. If you have never been to Mercy Night, it's a place where you can rest in the presence of Jesus as you adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament, spend time in quiet reflection, listen to contemplative music, receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and experience the testimony of God's mercy. The evening will start with the Stations of Cross. Blessed Sacrament is located at 5050 Eighth Avenue NE in Seattle and everyone is welcome.

Indoor Mask Mandate is Lifted

Masks are no longer be required in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

We understand that not wearing masks after so long is a big change. Some of us might not feel comfortable. We encourage everyone to be gentle with each other and respect those in our community who choose to continue wearing masks.

Please remember that the section of pews near the choir and organ in the church is reserved for those who wish to practice physical distancing.

March 13, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2021-June 2022) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
Income							
Last Week	\$16,555	\$10,402	(6153)	\$4,626	96	74	170
Year to Date	\$612,535	\$502,477	(110,058)				

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Pope Francis to Consecrate Russia and Ukraine - What does that Mean?

The Vatican announced that Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25 and that a papal envoy will conduct the same consecration in Fatima. The consecrations, performed by Pope Francis and papal almoner Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, come after Russia's invasion of Ukraine and are connected to the 1917 apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima urging that Russia be consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart.

What is a consecration?

Consecration means setting something apart, dedicating it to a sacred purpose. The word is used often in Catholicism: churches are consecrated, sacred vessels are consecrated, women can become consecrated virgins, men and women's religious orders are called consecrated life and consecration is used to describe the sacramental consecration of the Eucharist.

There is also a Catholic devotional custom of private consecration to Christ through Mary by a set of devotional prayers. The practice of personal consecration to Mary has roots in the early centuries of Christianity. Bishops and priests consecrate cities to the Blessed Virgin Mary to ask for her intercessory protection.

Okay, but Russia? And what does this have to do with Fatima?

Three Portuguese children in 1917 had visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary during which Mary is said to have given messages to the visionary children about the state of the world. Three of those became known as the secrets of Fatima because they were not immediately revealed to the public. One of the secrets had to do with the world wars. To prevent war, the children said, that Mary requested the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. In 1942 Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and then in 1952 he issued an apostolic letter entrusting the Russian people to the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Then, why is the pope reconsecrating Russia?

The consecration of sacred objects, including churches, is not usually repeated, unless some grave act of blasphemy or desecration has occurred within them.

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Consecration of Russia and Ukraine, Continued

Personal consecrations can be renewed as an act of faith and devotion and often are. In early March the Latin Catholic bishops of Ukraine asked Pope Francis to "publicly perform the act of consecration to the Sacred Immaculate Heart of Mary of Ukraine and Russia as requested by the Blessed Virgin in Fatima." This new consecration is not a concession that the first consecration was in some way insufficient but this act will be more explicit, presumably naming Russia and Ukraine in the prayers themselves. Likely, Pope Francis intends his prayers to be acts of renewal; pleas to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary in a time of great hardship.

A lot of this is strange to me. Do I have to believe it?

No. The messages of Fatima fall into the category of "private revelation" and are not required to be believed by Catholics. They are not doctrine or dogma. When the Church approves an apparition, as she has for Fatima, the vision and its messages are deemed to be appropriate for belief, but not required.

~Synopsisized from, <https://www.pillaratholic.com/pl/pope-francis-will-consecrate-russia?s=r>

St. Mark Catholic Classical School Lion's Fund Update

Actuals:		
Months	Current 2021-2022	2020-2021
July	\$1,164.00	\$593.30
August	\$3,287.92	\$1,235.00
September	\$392.58	\$4,940.26
1st Qtr:	\$4,844.50	\$6,768.56
October	\$15,982.70	\$374.07
November	\$1,209.00	\$3,255.36
December	\$17,302.55	\$2,548.77
2nd Qtr:	\$34,494.25	\$6,178.20
January	\$9,399.00	\$4,858.03
February	\$34,796.36	\$59,370.88
March	\$9,833.00	\$19,877.97
3rd Qtr:	\$54,028.36	\$84,106.88
April		\$14,286.34
May		\$7,040.00
June		\$7,008.53
4th Qtr:	\$0.00	\$28,334.87
Total:	\$93,367.11	\$125,388.51



This Lent . . .

- + **Pray . . .** at daily Mass, Sunday Mass and as a family in the church or join in online.
- + **Celebrate Reconciliation . . .** Confessions are Wednesday through Friday 5:00-6:00 p.m. (beginning on March 2), Saturdays 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- + **Journey with the Lord . . .** Friday Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. in the church.



Living the Faith

JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS: BISHOP RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers “10 Things to Remember for Lent”:

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

2. It’s a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3. It’s a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that’s why it gets all the attention. “What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?” It’s almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4. It’s a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. “I’m going to exercise more. I’m going to pray more. I’m going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers.”

5. It’s about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it’s about more than self-control—it’s about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

6. Don’t do too much. It’s tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but

it’s best to keep it simple and focused. There’s a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don’t try to cram it all in one Lent. That’s a recipe for failure.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we’re all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God’s help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. Be patient with yourself. When we’re confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. “What a bad person I am!” But that’s the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It’s about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it’s about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God’s unconditional love.

10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.





Fact of Faith

WHY IS LENT FORTY DAYS?

The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Many Catholics spend that time on the three practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts forty days. The forty-day length of Lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel.

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts,

and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.

The forty-day period of Jesus' trial in the desert echoes a number of events in the Old Testament:

- The face of the earth was cleansed and purified during the promised period of days and nights that rain poured down during the great flood—"I will bring rain down on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and so I will wipe out from the surface of the earth every moving creature that I have made" (Gen 7:4).
- The face of the earth was renewed during a forty-day period after the mountain tops appeared and the waters of the great flood receded—"The tops of the mountains appeared. At the end of forty days Noah opened the hatch of the ark that he had made" (Gen 8:5-6).
- Moses spent forty years as a shepherd in the desert before God called him to lead the Israelites out of slavery—"Moses fled when he heard this and settled as an alien in the land of Midian . . . Forty years later, an angel appeared to him in the desert near Mount Sinai in the flame of a burning bush" (Acts 7: 29-30).
- Moses fasted for forty days and nights on Mount Sinai before receiving the tablets of the covenant—

"So Moses stayed there with the LORD for forty days and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments" (Ex 34:28).

- The Israelites spent forty years wandering in the desert, as a time of testing, trial and purification of the people, before reaching the Promised Land—"Now the Israelites had wandered forty years in the desert, until all the warriors among the people that came forth from Egypt died off because they had not obeyed the command of the LORD" (Jos 5:6; see Num 32:13).
- The prophet Elijah spent forty days in the desert before encountering God on Mount Horeb—"Elijah got up, ate and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb" (1 Kgs 19:8).
- The Ninevites were given forty days before God was going to destroy the city, allowing time for repentance and conversion—"Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, 'Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,' when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth" (Jon 3:4-5).

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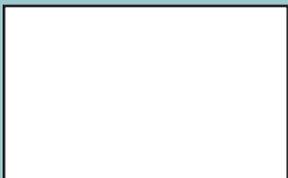
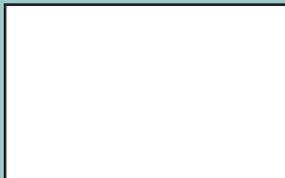
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