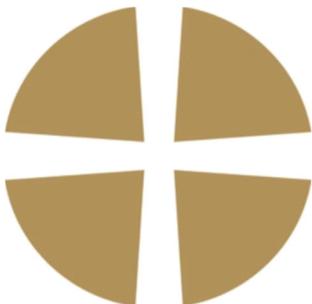


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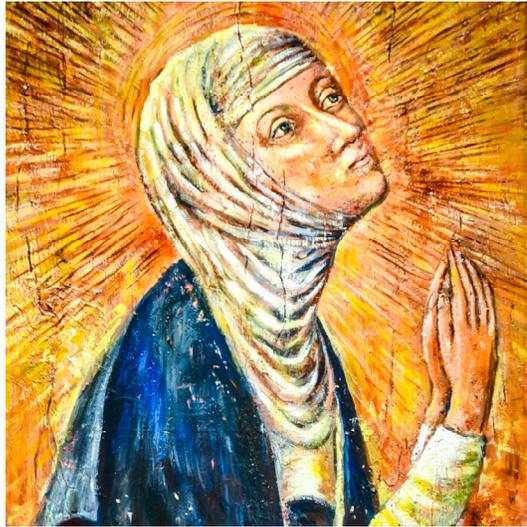


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First Sunday of Lent

Dear Friends,

I hope most of you who are coming to the Sunday morning Masses this weekend remembered to set your clocks forward by one hour; if not, you will find out quickly why so many seem to be at Mass very early today! It never fails to amaze me, but there are always a few who forget; ah, such is life. The good news is that if some of you and your children are feeling as if you are jetlagged because of the hour change, at least there is no CCE this weekend or next. It is Spring Break in our local school districts. There will be no Bible study this coming week either because some of you will be enjoying the Spring Break too. Whatever you are doing, be safe, enjoy yourselves and avail yourselves of the time off to relax before the great end-of-school-year bedlam really begins in earnest.

As I meandered through some of the CCE classes last Sunday, I was struck by the still-old approach to Lent that persists among many of the kids, i.e. an emphasis on only giving something up during Lent. It is as if Lent is only about torturing yourself, depriving yourself, and in some strange way, you will be rewarded for same! The fasting element (giving up something) is only done so you can give what you have done without (food, candy, electronic and gadget time, etc.) to someone else. For example, by limiting electronic time, this would mean you might have to have a conversation with your parents during meal time or indeed with your children (parents often being the worst offenders). This is the kind of "torture" that is productive and leads somewhere - most importantly, to better communication in families. Lent is about building and developing better relationships with one another, especially with those we have forgotten or no longer consider; "the poor" might also be much closer to you than you imagine! I think you have the idea (well, I hope you have), though I am not holding my breath, considering my CCE experience last Sunday. Old habits tend to die hard. Happy Lent!

God bless,

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday -
10:00 AM



Friday -
4:00 PM

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Club 55 + March Luncheon

Our March Luncheon will be on Monday, March 18 at the usual time of 1:15 PM.

We will be going to Pappy's Restaurant on the south (Inbound) SIDE OF I-10, Just East of Dairy Ashford. The site used to be Texas Land & Cattle Company. Plan to come out and join us for good food and good company as well.

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Thank You Note

To our St. Catherine of Siena family,

Your love, prayers, cards, flowers, meals, and visits meant so much to us. To those of you who attended our son Ted W's funeral, we feel incredibly blessed to be surrounded by so many friends whom we call family during this sad and difficult time. Your love, kindness and support to our family has been greatly appreciated.

*Those we love don't go away...
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, missed, and very dear.*

Author Unknown

Sincerely yours,
The Sedlar Family
Ted, Eleanor, Tim and Tracy

Treasures From Our Tradition

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

PARISH WEBSITE
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PARISH CALENDAR

First Sunday of Lent

- SAT 9 5:00 PM Vigil Mass**
Black and Indian Missions Collection (Second collection)
- SUN 10 4:00 AM - 4:30 AM Daylight Saving Time Begins**
8:30 AM Sunday Mass
No CCE
11:15 AM Sunday Mass
S.I. Christopher Hartman
Black and Indian Missions Collection (Second collection)
- MON 11 OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**
- TUES 12 12:15 Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- WED 13 12:15 Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
No Bible Study
- THURS 14 No Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
No Bible Study
- FRI 15 12:15 Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Second Sunday of Lent

- SAT 16 5:00 PM Vigil Mass**
- SUN 17 8:30 AM Sunday Mass**
No CCE
11:15 AM Sunday Mass

