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SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

St Ann’s Parish & Its Missions

Our Mission Statement

As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson, our mission is to spread the word of God. Our mission is to promote peace, love and unity to all the people of our community. The doors of Saint Ann’s Parish and Its Missions are open to all who wish to enter.

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Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation
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St . Ann’s Parish
Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday’s at 9:00 a.m.

Assumption Chapel
Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Mass- St Ann’s Parish

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at
9:00 a.m.

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Announcements/Events from St Ann’s & Dioceses

Adoration

Adoration of the blessed sacrament: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, St Ann’s Parish.



Adoration Thursday, 4:PM to 6:PM
March 20, 2025
April 3, 2025

Important Reminder

Once you have received the host in your hand,
Please **do not** step to the side and then consume it.
You **must** consume the host **in front** of the Eucharistic Minister before heading back to your seat.



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Saturday, April 5, 2025
Reparation Mass at 9:00 AM followed by Rosary and prayers
Come and Join Us!
St Ann’s Parish



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Where do you live? I live in North Carolina. There I pay taxes, own a home, and belong to a parish. North Carolina is in the United States, so I also abide by federal laws, pay taxes, and vote for candidates in all sorts of elections. I identify as an American and try my best to meet certain expectations placed on me by the government, state, and fellow Americans. I do certain things because of my identity.

Paul wrote to the Philippians, “Our citizenship is in heaven.” Being a U.S. citizen living in North Carolina places certain requirements on me. How many of us “citizens of heaven” take seriously the expectations and requirements of that citizenship? Sometimes we act like nothing is truly required of us.

Stewardship as a way of life requires us to take seriously what it means to be a citizen of heaven. We are called to follow the laws of the land we live in on this earth, but we are called to adhere to an even greater authority. Whether it be our call to act with charity and love or to follow the precepts of the Church, we must take seriously our status as citizen.

Unfortunately, many don’t take seriously their citizenship on this earth either. People have given their very lives so that we may have the freedom to be citizens of our country and our state. Of course, many people have died for the citizenship of heaven as well. So it comes down to the question, who are you and to whom do you belong?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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“I was considering giving up puns for Lent, but then I thought...”



“Not so fast!”
During the 40 days of Lent, we give something up or we “fast.” Often, we give up things like sweets, television, or video games. We do this as an act of penance, as well as a way to remove those things that distract us from our relationship with Jesus.

Come Join us in praying the stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent 5PM at St Ann’s Parish



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Request a Mass Intention

The practice of requesting a mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic Tradition. Continuing in this long standing practice, you can remember someone who has died recently or many years ago. But intentions do not have to be just for the dead. They make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

You can also offer an intention for †call or come to the parish office to set up a mass intention. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each


All mass intention must be done a week before mass date to be posted in the bulletin.

†Deceased ♥ Health *Special Intention

Weekend of 03/ 22-23/25

Tom Ferguson †

St Ann's



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As soon as we put away the shamrocks after March 17, the Church honors Saint Joseph with a solemnity on Wednesday. His spiritual role is universal, not associated with one nation. That said, he is the patron saint of Poland and Canada. Italians have a tradition of hosting a “Saint Joseph’s Table” feast for the needy. Plus, many Catholic countries use the March 19 solemnity as their Father’s Day. This week, let us honor the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Let us ask his intercession for fathers, workers, carpenters, husbands, persons living in exile, the sick and dying. Last Spring, I made a pilgrimage to Saint Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal, Canada. Here is a prayer from the basilica church:

Caring Joseph,

collaborator in God’s project for humanity, your tenderness enfolds the newborn Church as you enfolded your newborn son. Just as Mary and Jesus recognize in you the protection of the Father, so too does the community of faith place itself under your protection. Strengthen us with the spirit that imbued the Nazarene home.

Guide our progress on the passage toward the kingdom. Accompany us in carrying out our mission. Help us to be lights in the world so that the family of God may spring forth from humanity transfigured in Christ. Grant us the patience to imitate God’s preference for the poor and weak. Guide us in our pastoral activities that our actions may be modeled on the Good News.

Amen.

Yours truly in the Sacred Heart,
Father Pat

As Thelma Sperry embark on this new chapter, returning to Castle Rock, Washington, to be with her family, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for her dedicated service as our Religious Education Director. Her unwavering commitment and passion have been instrumental in nurturing the spiritual growth of our parish community.

Her leadership has been a guiding light, inspiring both young and old to deepen their faith and understanding. The programs you've developed and the warmth you've shared have left an indelible mark on all of us.

While we will miss your presence dearly, we rejoice in knowing that you are returning home to be with your loved ones. Castle Rock is truly fortunate to welcome back someone as compassionate and devoted as you.

May your retirement be filled with joy, peace, and the love of family. Please know that you will always hold a special place in our hearts, and your legacy will continue to inspire us.

With deepest appreciation,
St Ann’s Parish & Its Missions



Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.” (Gn 15:18)

Psalm:
The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:
He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

Gospel:
Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles do not realize what is happening during the transfiguration. They are confused and afraid, and then they hear a voice from the cloud: “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” Sometimes in life, all we have is the voice of God. Listen to it.

Observances for the week of March 16, 2025

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. Patrick, Bishop [OM]; St. Patrick’s Day
- Tuesday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent

MUSIC AND PRAYER TRADITIONS



TAIZÉ

Devotions, Explained!

Taizé is an ecumenical Christian movement that is known for its distinctive style of music and prayer. Taizé devotees have carried its music and traditions to Catholic and Christian communities throughout the world.

Prayer of Listening

Attune the ears of my heart, Lord, to the soft and still ways You are inviting me today. And then give me the strength and courage to respond to what You say.

Amen.



Weekly Offering

Parish Collection for March 8 &9

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Sunday:
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday:
Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:
Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday:
Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday:
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday:
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, **"This is my chosen Son, listen to him"** (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that **"they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone."** Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It's always helpful to get the opinion of someone we trust when we're facing a situation that confuses or alarms us. But we all have a divine confidante that can help us sort through anything we're dealing with. Are we taking advantage of that?

The Divine Confidante
My husband pretty much knows that if he tells me something — anything — he's also telling my sister.

Most of us have that person that we run to when we have important information. I'm not even talking about gossip; I'm talking about stuff we just *have* to discuss. We joke that I don't really know how I feel about something until I've run it by my sister first.

There's not really anything wrong with that. When we're trying to figure out how to think about something that has happened or how to react to a certain situation, it's always helpful to get the opinion of someone we trust.

But what if we ran as quickly to discuss the situation with God as we did to discuss it with our "person?" Wouldn't that be ideal?

After witnessing the transfiguration — an event that had to have been as confusing as it was astounding — we hear that the disciples "fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen."

When something profound, frightening, or confusing happens, our first confidante should be God. I'm reminded of Luke 2:19: "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." There is something to be said for taking a moment to keep that information sacred between ourselves and the One who can really help us confront it.

Sure, maybe we don't understand what just happened. Maybe we're scared by it. We don't really know how we feel about it. And that's totally okay. The divine confidante knows how to help us pray through that confusion, that fear.

If you're someone's "person" and they come to you wanting to talk, that's great. Talk it out. But remind them — and remind yourself — to pray about it as much as you talk about it.

Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:
Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

Answer:
On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team — successful or not — will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Ciszek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.