

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:30PM † Wayne Lyssy

by Wilfred & Dianne Dziuk

Lenten Lamentations

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30AM Special Intention

by Parishioner

9:00AM For Our Parish Family

by Father Andrzej

MONDAY, MARCH 18

6:30PM † Mitchel Mutz - *birthday*

by Bobby & Dixie Mutz

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 – Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30PM † Forrest & Mary Jo Balser

by Dalton & Georgia Moczygemba

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

7:30AM Special Intention

by Russell & Diane Pollok

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

NO MASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

† Ben Lyssy

by Benedict & Susan Lyssy

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:30PM Thanksgiving & Further Blessings Gregory & Mary Wiatrek

happy 50th wedding anniversary

by Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30AM † Kirby Rogers – *birthday*

by Clarence & Ellen Pruski & Sons

9:00AM For Our Parish Family

by Father Andrzej

SERVING THE LORD – March 23 and 24

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday 5:30PM – Mary Wiatrek

Sunday 7:30AM - Patsy Sekula



9:00AM - Lanelle Pollok

LECTORS:

Saturday 5:30PM – 12th CCD class

Sunday 7:30AM – 12th CCD class



9:00AM - 12th CCD class

ALTAR SERVERS: March 23 and 24

Saturday 5:30pm - Christian M. Jacob S.

Sunday 7:30am – Seth L. Kenna L. Alberto G. Gabriel L.

9:00am – Isabel K. Alena K. Kyleigh S. Leah S. Gavin R.



Money Counters for March

March 17 – Wilfred and Dianne Dziuk

March 24 – James and Sophie Dziuk

March 31 – Wilfred and Dianne Dziuk

Weekly Collection \$4293.00

2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services \$560.00

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - DAILY MEDITATION: JOHN 12:20-33

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself. (John 12:32)

This is not the first time in John's Gospel that Jesus uses the image of being "lifted up" to describe his crucifixion (John 12:32). Earlier, Jesus compared Moses' lifting of the serpent in the desert to himself being "lifted up" (3:14). Then, speaking to the religious leaders, he said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM" (8:28).

Of course, after Jesus was nailed to a cross, he was physically lifted up. But John's repeated use of the phrase goes beyond that. Jesus' crucifixion, as horrible and painful as it was, was also an exaltation. That's because through his cross and resurrection, Jesus saved the world. It was a victory over sin, Satan, and death.

This is the paradox of the cross. It was through Jesus' suffering and death that he was glorified—and brought glory to his Father's name (John 12:28). It was by becoming that grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies that Jesus was able to produce "much fruit" (12:24). That "fruit"—our salvation—is why we reverence the cross. It is also why Jesus could talk of his impending death as a lifting up. It was truly a triumph of love over death.

Jesus also promised to "draw everyone" to himself (John 12:32). This, too, was the fruit of his sacrifice. The cross removed the barrier of sin that blocked our relationship with the Father. Now, forgiven and made blameless through Jesus' blood, we have become sons and daughters of God. Drawn into the heart of the Trinity, we can enjoy eternal life with God, both now and forever.

Today at Mass, gaze at the crucifix above the altar and let it speak to you of God's infinite love for you. Then praise and thank Jesus for his willingness to suffer and die so that you might live.

"Jesus, I exalt your name over all the earth!"

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)

DAILY MEDITATION: MATTHEW 1:16, 18-21, 24

Joseph . . . was a righteous man. (Matthew 1:19)

Did you know that only two Gospels provide accounts of Jesus' miraculous conception and birth? Luke tells the story from Mary's point of view—the annunciation, the visitation, and Mary's prayerful heart. Matthew, on the other hand, focuses on Joseph's role. Matthew highlights how important Joseph is, not only for supporting Mary and raising Jesus, but also for his connection to Abraham, David, and all of David's heirs (1:1-16). In fact, by calling Joseph to be the foster father of Jesus, God fulfilled a prophecy that we hear in today's first reading. Jesus is the heir through whom God will "make his kingdom firm" (2 Samuel 7:12).

It may seem that Joseph's connection to his ancestors is minor in the grand scheme of things. But what it shows is that God keeps his promises. God had promised Abraham that he would be the "father of many nations" (Romans 4:17), and he remained committed to the promise throughout Israel's long and turbulent history.

Still, God's promises aren't automatic guarantees. Because he gave us the great gift of free will, we need to cooperate with him to make sure those promises come to pass. And that's where faith comes in—the faith of people like Abraham, David, and St. Joseph. These men didn't always understand what God was asking of them, and they didn't see his promises completely fulfilled in their lifetimes. But that didn't keep them from trusting him and seeking to obey him. In Joseph's case, that involved not just marrying Mary, but fleeing with his family to Egypt to escape Herod's wrath, and then moving back to Nazareth when an angel told him to.

On this day when we honor St. Joseph, let's thank him for being such a wonderful model of trust in God's promises. Let's also imitate his deep faith in God and willingness to take decisive action when the Lord calls us.

"Oh, St. Joseph, watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, pray for me and for all the Church! May we all follow your example of faith and trust in the Lord!"

ATTENTION- Youth Choir will have practice for Easter this Wednesday, March 20 at 5:30pm in the choir loft. (before CCD classes) Please come.

Catholic Daughters: St. Genevieve Court Sausage Dinner and Bake Sale, Sunday, April 7, Falls City Diner Serving 10:00 - 11:30am, drive thru only, Plates \$10.00 Call or text Karissa Jarzombek: 830-534-8299 for tickets

Please Help – The church needs some new flowers for the cross decorating in front of the church for Easter Sunday. You can just leave the flowers in the back of the church. Thank you

Bingo - Sunday – March 24th - 1-5 p.m. at Kosciusko Hall (doors open at 1 - bingo at 2)
Contact: Becky at 210-394-3009 or Penne at 830-391-0817 - Concessions & Baked Goods available

The **2024 Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries** is an annual campaign that supports more than 30 shared ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area. Please consider a donation so that **Walking United in Christ**, we can consistently care for those who rely upon the Archdiocese and our programs for life and faith sustaining support. Please visit archsa.org/archbishops-appeal to give today! Have questions? Please call (210) 734-1910. **Parish Goal is \$9,432.00**

FYI – Easter Schedule – Holy Thursday - 8:00pm, Good Friday – 5:00pm, Holy Saturday – 8:00pm, Easter Sunday – 7:30am and 9:00am

There will be CCD classes this Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00pm.

DON'T FORGET THE 40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE

Easter Confessions, Sunday, March 24th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

Getting Real about Prayer

Am I giving more time to Facebook than to God's Book?

Why are we so shocked when our lives get filled with stress?

Why are so many Christians still so often without joy? Why are anxiety and worry more prevalent than peace in many modern believers? I'll throw out one possible answer: we don't pray enough.

Prayer is the hinge pin that holds everything else together and keeps us moving forward. Without prayer, everything falls apart. Without prayer, we're not living. Prayer is the most primal, most basic, and most important thing we can do as Christians. Prayer is also the very first thing we should do when we get busy. When we don't take time to pray, we may as well be saying that it's not as high a priority as other the things in our lives that we do take time for. We often need to admit that we don't make enough time to pray.

I don't make enough time to pray, but I do make excuses. Maybe other things are pulling at me (sometimes children, literally). Maybe my prayer is interrupted, cut short, or unfocused because of reality—the demands of the world around me.

Jesus had people pulling at him. Jesus had people wanting things from him 24/7. Jesus had plenty to do. But he made the time. Throughout the Scriptures we see instances when Jesus removed himself from the busyness and took time to pray. We need to be more like Jesus.

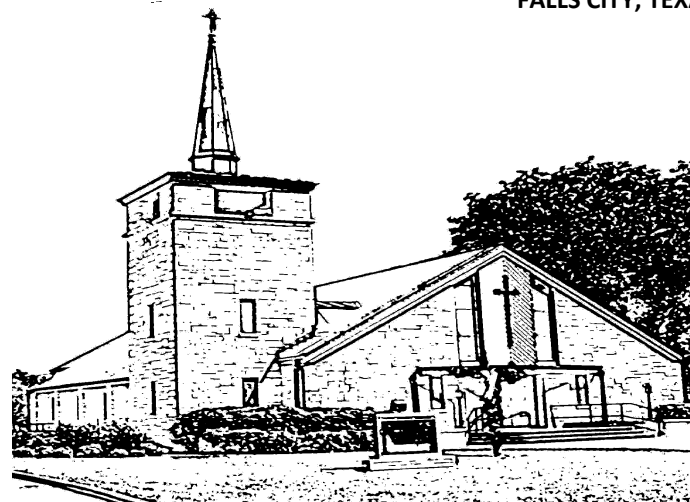
March 29 – Good Friday – Special Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land
March 31 – 2nd collection on Easter Sunday for the Rice Bowl

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8AM-2PM
CLOSED THURSDAY

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 7:30AM & 9:00AM

DAILY MASSES

As scheduled.

DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Monday after Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday 6:00PM.

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS

First Friday: Mass, Exposition, Benediction,
Mass 6:30PM.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory to make arrangements at least two weeks in advance. **A birth certificate must be shown.**

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Please call the priest when sick or before going to the hospital, if possible.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY MASS

VISITING OF THE SICK & ELDERLY

First Fridays & upon request.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

25 minutes before every Mass