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Sister Parish with Sacred Heart of Jesus

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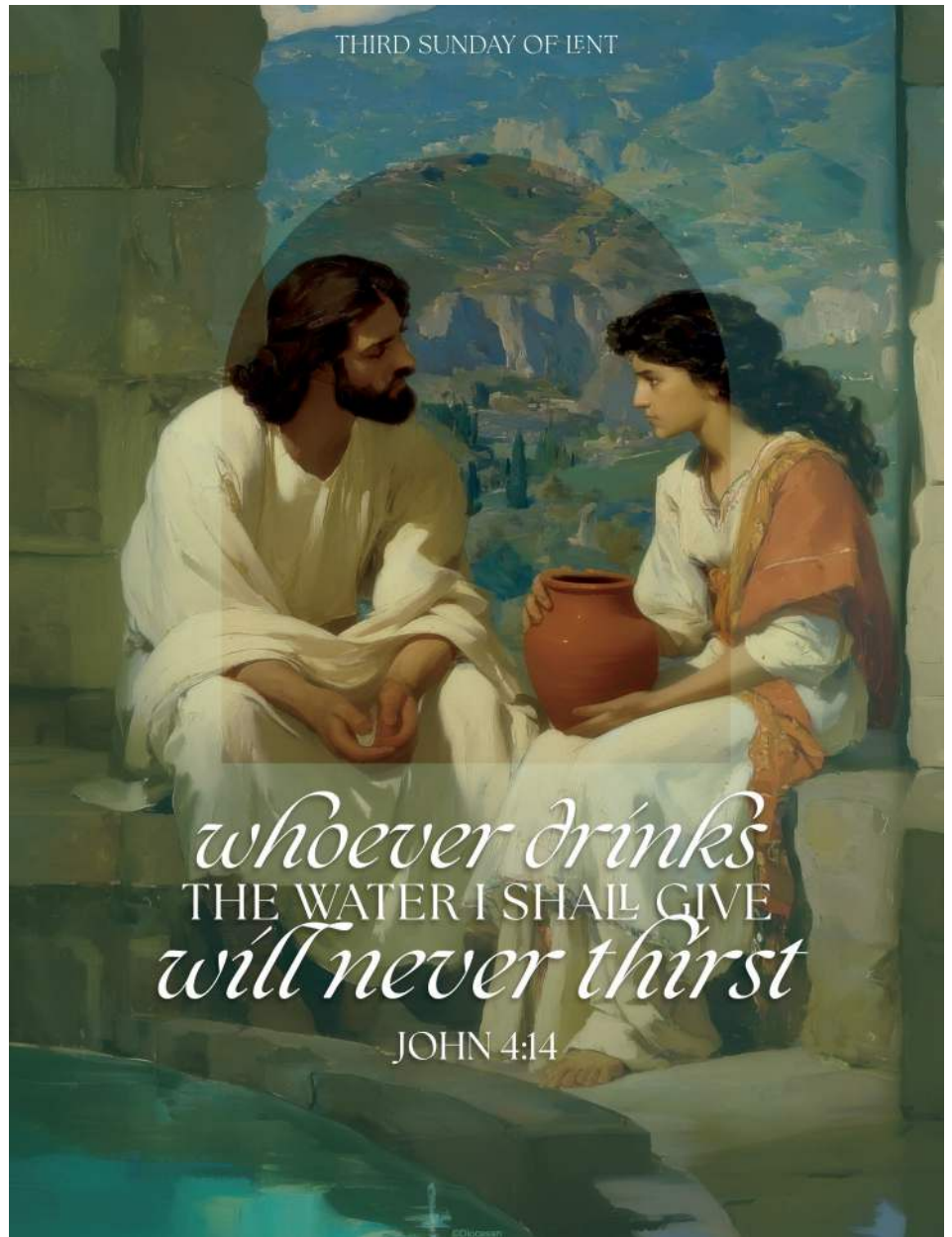
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Monday by 9:00am before the
desired Sunday. To submit items for
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call the Parish Office.

Letter From the Principal

Dear St. Joseph Families,

We are hopeful that we are through with snow days as we concentrate on our Lenten lessons and activities. Thank you to those who signed up to be Prayer Partners as the participating children are looking forward to hearing from you! Each Friday at 2:15 we have been praying the Stations of the Cross, please join us.

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. This past Sunday we had a school Open House and were especially encouraged with the number of families interested in our preschool. St. Joseph School is an EdChoice Scholarship School provider and next year we are able to offer free tuition to our preschool students as well. Please encourage friends and family seeking a faith-based education in a caring environment to give us a call. Applications for Preschool – Grade 6 are now being accepted.

Our next Sr. Citizen luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 12:15 PM. The menu will be: Shredded chicken sandwich, sweet potato puffs, baked apples and three bean salad. The cost is \$5.00 and we hope to see many of our faithful supporters there. And of course, a raffle treasure will be waiting for you! **Please RSVP to the school office (419-683-1284) by Friday,**

March 13.

It's Fish Fry time and we are so grateful to all who support the school and Knights of Columbus in this important Lenten tradition.

Fr. Jeff will celebrate our Lenten Penance Service on Friday, March 20 at which time we will also celebrate First Reconciliation for three of our students. They have been faithfully preparing and are eager to receive their First Holy Communion in April.

Megamoolah tickets have been mailed, and we are grateful to all who support this annual fundraiser. The first ticket for a prize of \$500.00 will be drawn at the end of March.

We are sponsoring a Virtual Book Fair from Ignatius Press beginning March 15 through March 24. They offer some great quality books for all ages. A flyer with complete instructions will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. May God continue to bless you as you have blessed us.

In His Name,

Sue Sanders

Principal

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 8, 2026

Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday	2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

High School PSR



Please join Steve & Sheila Vogt at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The dates are as follows: March 11, 18, & 25. Each session will begin at 7:00 pm and last approximately 1 hour. Hope to see you there!



Megamoolah Mania 14 Winner for February 2026
Congratulations to Emily Potter!
(Seller: Della Potter)



Robert "Bobby" Allen Eckert, Sr., 61, of Crestline, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 23, 2026. He was the son of Melvyn and Kathleen Eckert. St. Joseph Parish sends our condolences to Bobby's family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Reverend Jerry Schetter, a priest of the Diocese of Toledo and pastor of St. Augustine in Napoleon, died on Sunday, February 22, 2026. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Living Christ Campaign Update

Total Pledged: \$307,175.02

Total Cash Due Parish: \$85,900.14

Disbursement from Diocese in February 2026:
\$701.46

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday · March 10

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Rhonda & Jim Borgelt

Wednesday · March 11

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Richard Vogt

Thursday · March 12

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph

6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph
For the People of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parishes

Friday · March 13

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
For the Students, Parents and Staff of St. Joseph School

2:15 pm Stations of the Cross with Students at St. Joseph

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph and Sacred Heart

Saturday · March 14

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Rodney Cole; Deceased of the Clarence Studer Family

Sunday · March 15 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
Patrick Walker; Teresa Minor & Family

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Living & Deceased of the Henry Weaver Family; Rosemary Sutter

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
Chuck Marek; Jim Horning



Please continue to keep the OCIA elect in your prayers this Lent as we approach the Easter Vigil.

The Elect, preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist:

St. Joseph: Tawny Garvin and Shelli Watkins

Sacred Heart: Zachary Derham

OCIC: Logan Calkins, Kensley Edginton, Elianna Ettel, Evelyn Harper, Aiden Harley, Lincoln Harley, Nevaeh Hill and Deacon Keller

Those preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist:

St. Joseph: Andrew Cacchio and Parker Keller

Sacred Heart: Abigail Brocwell and Melinda Mess

Check Ministry Pro for updates.	Sunday, March 15 7:00 am	Sunday, March 15 10:30 am
Lector	Morgan Frye	Dan Salvati
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Morgan Frye Adam Link Connie Marek	Dan Legge Dave Sharrock Steve Vogt
Altar Servers	Samantha Link Sydney Link	Lilly Mills Gavin Parsons Harper Warnecke
Gift Bearers	Jerry Studer Family	Chris & Kristen Wozniak Family
Ushers	Jerry Studer Curt Young	Bernadette Karasko Brett Warnecke

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

~John 4:42, 15

ORDINARY LIVES EXTRAORDINARY MISSION

WITH AUTHOR & SPEAKER JOHN R. WOOD



Thursday, March 19

5:30PM - Mass at Crestline St. Joseph Church
Light meal to follow

7:15PM - Speaker John R. Wood



St. Joseph Convocation Center

333 N. Thoman St., Crestline, Ohio 44827



The Terror of Demons: The Virtues of St. Joseph

(Content may not be suitable for children under 14. Free childcare will be provided.)

Free will offering accepted

"I believe John is one of the great emerging Catholic voices of our time. John Wood has a passion that is contagious... make an effort to go and hear him speak!"
Matthew Kelly | TheDynamicCatholicInstitute





Great things are happening at St. Joseph Catholic School!

St. Joseph, pray for us!



March Events



- 3/4 D.A.R.E.
- 3/6 Mass 8:30 AM ~ Adoration
Stations of the Cross 2:15 PM
Fish Fry 5:00 PM
- 3/9 PAWS Meeting
- 3/12 Crawford Soil and Water visit
- 3/13 Mass 8:30 AM
Stations of the Cross 2:15 PM
End of 3rd Quarter
Fish Fry 5:00 PM
- 3/15 Virtual Book Fair Begins
- 3/17 Lowe Volk visit
Sr. Citizen Luncheon 12:15 PM
- 3/19 St. Joseph Feast Day
- 3/20 Mass 8:30 AM ~Penance Service and 1st Reconciliation
3rd Quarter Awards 2:00 PM
Stations of the Cross 2:15 PM
Fish Fry 5:00 PM
- 3/26 Dress down day
- 3/27 Mass 8:30 AM
Stations of the Cross 2:15 PM
School visit to Crestline Public Library
Fish Fry 5:00 PM
- 3/30 Easter Break begins



Mrs. Cochran gave an inspiring talk to the students about our parish shut ins. Grades 4-6 are conducting a service-learning project to help our most vulnerable.

Ignatius Virtual Book Fair

March 15-24

Ordering instructions will be in the March 15 Bulletin.

WANT TO HELP OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?



Donors to the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund can receive a State of Ohio tax credit on their tax return

* A tax credit is different than a deduction. A tax credit is money back in your pocket on taxes you already owe. You can also designate which Catholic school you would like your donation to be directed. Consult your tax professional for questions regarding your eligibility.

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Call: 419-244-6711
E-Mail: Iroehrig@toledodiocese.org

You can also send a check to:
Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund:
1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, Ohio, 43604



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Thank you to everyone who donated to the SGO last year. Please consider donating your tax credit this year to St. Joseph School. Thank you!



Mrs. Woodard's 2nd and 3rd grade class celebrates 101 days of school!



2nd Quarter Award Winners



Carlee in Grade 5 collected items to donate to the Humane Society as part of a Giving Back project in Religion class. Great job Carlee!



8 Ada
Evening Star Cali, Royal Velvet
Petunia, Plum Verbena



9 Boston Fern
Dark Green Foliage.
Shade Lover



Shade
Lover



Sun
Lover

Hanging Baskets

\$29.00

(Large 13" Basket)



10 Evan Elenbaas
Magenta , Honey and Royal
Velvet Supertunias



11 Dragon Wing Begonia
Red Flowers. Fast grower with lots of
color



#12 Night Sky Petunia
Dark Blue with white speckles



13 Mixed Impatiens
Bright colorful blooms . Great for a shady spot



14 Above & Beyond
Fuchsia, Silverberry & Bubblegum
Petunias



#15 Fuchsia Sunpatien
Bright color, does well Part sun
To full sun



16 Joy
Red & Tropical Sunrise
Call's with Honey
Petunias



4 1/2" Pot — \$5.00



Zonal Geranium -
#4 Red, # 5 Pink , # 6 Purple
Taken from cuttings / Large Double Blooms



7 Gerbera Daisy
Bright Colors , great for pots
Or Gardens



**Bedding
Geranium
Flat**

18 Plants—New
size this year.
Larger plants

\$24.00

- #1 Red
- # 2 Hot Pink(violet)
- # 3 White



Patio Planter
17 Large 14" \$42.00
18 Small 10" \$32.00
Decorative pot full of
color



**# 19 Dahlia
Basket
Figaro Double**
\$13.00 6 Dahlias in 3 1/2" pots
Mixed colors. Grows 14-18"



#20 Zinnia Basket
\$13.00
6 Zinnias in 3 1/2" pots
Mixed Colors

Weekly Offering

March 1, 2026

Total Offertory Collection	\$5,913.50
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,755.00
Loose Checks	\$545.00
Loose Currency	\$380.00
Online Giving	\$289.50
Votive Lights	\$17.00
School Support	\$375.00
Parish Maintenance	\$1,215.00
Church Building Maintenance	\$162.00
Altar Candles	\$10.00
Flower Fund	\$80.00
Caritas	\$10.00
School Endowment	\$20.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$50.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$5.00

Thank You !

To sign up for weekly or one-time online contributions, you can use the QR code or visit our parish website: <https://stjosephcrestline.org/announcements>.



Holy Hour

Please note: During these winter months, we will not be meeting in church on Tuesdays. Please continue to pray at home for our beloved country. We will resume sometime this coming spring. God bless us all and the USA.

Pray the Rosary With Us!

Every Sunday at 9:55 am in church before the 10:30 am Mass
Extra rosaries can be found in the narthex.



3rd Sunday of Lent

Z A F M Q B G I F T
K N R W A T E R T E
N C T W U I W Z V T
Q E H D S J O X P E
V S I R B W M O R R
U T R I A E A T O N
R O S N W J N P P A
W R T K H E S S H L
Z S B X Y K L K E A
L I V I N G O L T O

Woman
Well
Drink
Gift
Living
Water
Thirst
Eternal
Prophet
Ancestors



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Here is my servant whom I uphold

Cooper Allen Courtad, son of Craig and Natalie Courtad was baptized by Fr. Jeffery Smith on Sunday, March 1.

We welcome Cooper to the Catholic Faith!

It's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Season 2026!

Join us in our Crestline St Joseph Convocation Center on these six Lenten Fridays:

February 20
February 27
March 6
March 13
March 20
March 27



Come and enjoy the area's best deep fried or baked fish dinner including baked potato and two sides. We serve from 5:00pm until sold out.

Fried Pollock Dinner - \$13

Baked Haddock Dinner - \$17

Cash or Credit Card Accepted

Your purchase supports Crestline St Joseph School.

Dine-In at 333 N Thoman Street, Crestline or enter Drive-Thru Line BEHIND Convocation Center, approaching from Main Street entrance across from the former Rite Aid store.

Thanks for your support & God bless!

Senior Citizen Luncheon

Tuesday, March 17 at 12:15 p.m.

The menu will be: Shredded chicken sandwich, sweet potato puffs, baked apples and three bean salad. The cost is \$5.00. **Please RSVP to the school office (419-683-1284) by Friday, March 13.** Hope you can join us!



Plymouth St. Joseph Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, March 15 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Plymouth St. Joseph Altar & Rosary
119 Sandusky Street, Plymouth

Spaghetti or Lasagna with meat sauce, cole slaw, bread stick and dessert. Dine-In or Carry Out. Free Will Offering

Area Opportunities for Confession During Lent

Wednesday, March 11 - Penance Service

6:30 pm at Holy Trinity Activity Center Gym, Bucyrus

Thursday, March 19

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier, Willard

Wednesday, March 25 - "The Light Is On"

9:00 am - 11:00 am at Holy Trinity Activity Center Gym, Bucyrus

Noon - 1:00 pm at Holy Trinity Activity Center Gym, Bucyrus

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at St. Bernard, New Washington

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at St. Joseph, Plymouth

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm at St. Joseph, Galion

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at St. Joseph, Galion

Sunday, March 29

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby - "The Light Is On"

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Resurrection Parish, Lexington - 3 priests

Monday, March 30

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at St. Peter, Mansfield - 3 priests

Tuesday, March 31

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at St. Mary of the Snows, Mansfield - 3 priests



This Week on Formed

Week of March 08, 2026



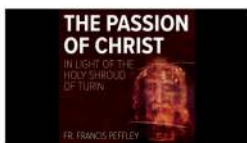
How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.



St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year: <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud

The Holy Shroud of Turin was called the greatest relic in Christendom by Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Peffley presents new, detailed scientific and medical evidence for the authenticity of the Holy Shroud.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Catholic Women's Club

Catholic Women's Club will meet again at the Ontario Event Center on **Weds. March 11, at 11:30 for social time and 12:00 luncheon, cost is \$19.** All women from the St. Juan Diego Deanery are welcome to attend. If you miss your phone call, please call for reservations to Brenda Starr-Jude, President 419-610-8251 by Mar.6th.

Today is Safe Haven Sunday

The Diocese of Toledo will observe its second annual Safe Haven Sunday on March 7–8, continuing our commitment to supporting individuals, marriages, and families in addressing the harmful effects of pornography. Inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' pastoral statement *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*, this initiative provides education, awareness, and practical resources to help foster safe and virtuous homes in today's digital age. For more information and access to resources, visit: toledodiocese.org/safe-haven-sunday

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

A time to raise awareness about the inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities* in the Church and all areas of community life. Pope Francis' 2019 message at the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, stated: "We are called to recognize in every person with disabilities, even complex and serious disabilities, a unique contribution to the common good through their original life stories. ...and to recognize them as persons of equal dignity, as brothers and sisters in humanity."

The National Catholic Partnership on Disability has a Council on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, which works to provide resources to promote the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the Church. These resources can be found at www.ncpd.org.

*Developmental disabilities are impairments in physical, learning, language or behavior areas, including autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and learning or intellectual disabilities.

...ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY...COME TO THE WELL

Thursday, March 26, 2026

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Norwalk

Limited tickets available, get yours early!

World-renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award-winning musician, Mike Mangione will present a beautiful multimedia event called THE WELL: AN EVENING OF BEAUTY, REFLECTION, AND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. For more information about the event, or to purchase your tickets today, go to <https://aftontickets.com/NorwalkWell>

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March 2026

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Crestline

Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Born in Mayorga, Spain, in 1538, St. Turibius studied law at the University of Salamanca. Known for his prudence and integrity as a judge, St. Turibius was nominated by King Philip II to be archbishop of Peru. After witnessing the need of the faithful in Lima, St. Turibius agreed and was ordained. He spent his office reforming the Peruvian diocese of corruption, founded schools, seminaries, and hospitals, and worked to protect the rights of the natives.

Lent is about love

Lent can feel discouraging. After all, we give up things we like and focus on suffering. Yet, in Holy Week, for which Lent is the preparation, we see God's response to us in our sins. He meets us in our mess. He returns our rejection with freely offered love, our selfishness with radical self-gift, and our suffering with unfathomable mercy. We give up things for Lent because Love gave Himself up for us.

"[Our Lord] is thinking about you and not only about you but about every hair of your head: this is an article of faith and you must not have the slightest doubt about it... you have no cause to doubt that he is looking upon you with love..." — St. Francis de Sales, *Selected Letters*

Create space for grace

Lent is not just a season of temporary sacrifice, but a call to lasting conversion. Consider choosing disciplines that reshape daily habits and create space for grace. Here are five meaningful ways to begin redirecting your path:

Practice trust. "Which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life?" (Matthew 6:27). Concern is human, but persistent worry bears little fruit. When anxiety rises, turn it into prayer, "Jesus, I trust You, I place this moment and its outcome in Your hands." Trust grows through repetition.

Refocus your heart. Lasting fulfillment does not come from appearance or possessions, but from knowing God and resting in His love. Keep a daily record of blessings received. Review it often.

Create quiet. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God is the friend of silence." Silence begins by turning off what

competes for attention. Place screens in another room. Silence notifications. Turn to God in the silence.

Give rather than acquire. Learn to distinguish between wants and needs. Limiting spending to what is truly necessary challenges the habit of

"Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving."

St. Augustine

seeking comfort or status in possessions. When we forgo nonessential purchases and redirect those resources to others, we cultivate detachment, strengthen generosity, and put our security in God.

Choose mercy. Resentment binds the heart; forgiveness frees it. On the Cross, Christ chose mercy. This Lent, choose the same path toward healing and peace.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics practice prayer, penance, and almsgiving during Lent?

Prayer, penance, and almsgiving are grounded in the prophets' call to genuine conversion. Joel urges the people to return to God with their whole hearts, not merely with outward gestures. Isaiah makes clear that the fast God desires feeds the hungry and shelters the poor, linking worship with justice. Jesus deepens this teaching in

Matthew 6. He assumes His followers will pray, fast, and give alms, but warns against practicing them for recognition.

When done in secret, these disciplines purify motives, reshape desire, and free us from attachment to possessions and approval. Properly embraced, they train the heart to seek lasting treasure in God rather than passing reward.

The right time is now

When is the right time to proclaim the Gospel, live the faith with greater intention, and renew our commitment to God's plan? During a January Angelus address, Pope Leo said, "God is at work at all times; every moment is 'God's time'." The call to discipleship is not reserved for a future time when life feels more settled. It is meant for us today.

God works in uncertain moments. The Gospels show that Jesus did not wait for favorable conditions. Matthew records that His public ministry began after John the Baptist's arrest, a moment marked by instability and threat. Rather than withdraw, Jesus proclaimed, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). What seemed like a setback became the starting point of His mission. If we postpone

necessary change until circumstances improve, we may never act. Every moment, even a difficult one, can become the moment of conversion because God is always at work.

God draws close. Jesus also chose an unexpected location. He began not in Jerusalem, the religious center, but in Galilee, a region known for cultural and religious diversity. His mission made clear that God's grace is not confined to a single place or people. As Pope Leo explained, the Gospel reveals a God who draws near to all. No environment is beyond His presence. In our own lives, this means that God's invitation unfolds in ordinary settings. He calls us to deeper friendship, lasting conversion, and faithful witness wherever we are.

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Matthew 26:14-27:66, God turns suffering into glory

In this passage, we read Matthew's account of the Passion, which begins with Judas agreeing to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver and continues through the preparations for the Last Supper. At that meal, Jesus institutes the Eucharist, giving His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity to His disciples. The contrast is striking. While Judas pursues his own self-interest, Jesus gives Himself in total self-offering.

In Gethsemane, the contrast deepens. As Jesus endures profound anguish, He asks His closest companions to remain with Him in prayer. They fall asleep. Soon after, Judas arrives with an armed

crowd and identifies Jesus with a kiss. Jesus is then bound, falsely accused, mocked, and beaten. By the next day, He is scourged, condemned, crucified, and laid in the tomb.

Through these events, Matthew highlights Jesus' trust in the Father and His commitment to the Father's will. The Passion is not a sign of divine abandonment. It reveals the depth of God's mercy. In Christ's willing sacrifice, suffering becomes the means of redemption, grace is poured out, and death itself is conquered. Holy Week shows that God can transform even the darkest hour into the path to glory.

Q Does repeated failure & change how God loves me?

It can be discouraging to struggle with the same sins repeatedly. The pattern may feel discouraging. Yet discouragement should never become despair. The central truth of the Christian life is that when repentance is sincere and there is a real desire to improve, God always receives us. As Pope Francis said, "He does not tire in forgiving. We are the ones who tire in asking for forgiveness." His mercy does not diminish with repetition.

At times, God may permit ongoing struggles to deepen our humility. Repeated weakness can protect us from spiritual pride, which blinds us to our faults and keeps us from seeking grace. Humility, however, recognizes imperfection without losing trust. A humble person is not shocked by failure but returns to God with greater dependence.

If you feel anxious about Confession, whether for a new sin or a familiar one, remember the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son. He waits, watches, and runs to meet his child. This is how God receives us. In every sincere confession, we encounter not frustration, but mercy renewed.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 1 – St. David of Wales (c. 601). St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He was born into Welsh nobility, but instead chose to become a priest. He was later consecrated a bishop. He is best known for founding an ascetic monastery, and ridding the area of the Pelagian heresy, which states that we must earn our salvation. He was known for his inspiring preaching, penitential life, and kindness to the poor.

March 4 – St. Casimir of Poland (1483). Born to King Casimir IV of Poland, St. Casimir became known for his piety and integrity at a young age. When

the prince was older and his father sent him to conquer Hungary, Casimir assessed the odds against winning the war and turned back out of concern for his troops. He resolved never to be involved in war again. He died of illness when he was twenty-five.

March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st Century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 29 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

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