

Saint Paul The Apostle

Catholic Church

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Tuesday - Thursday:
9:30am to 1:00pm
Sunday:
8:30am to 12:00pm

March 7th 3rd Sunday of Lent



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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Notes from the Racine's

First Communion Classes are from 6:30pm—7:30pm on the following dates:

March 4th & 18th

April 8th, 22nd & 29th

First Communion Mass will be at 10:30am on May 2nd.

**We will have confessions on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:45pm
No appointment necessary.**



**Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 4:30pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

4:00 PM MASS (ANTICIPATORY)

† Pete Fiorenzi (Joan Fiorenzi)
† Clifford Kitchen (Much Love, Juanita Kitchen)
† Maynard Long (Duane & Jane Long)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 AM MASS

8:55am - RELIGIOUS ED 2nd-6th GRADE

10:15AM

10:30 AM MASS

12:00 PM CONFIRMATION 1 & 2

† Betty Chavez (Joe & Elena Ortega)
Ray Chavez Health & Well Being (Joe & Elena Ortega)
† Ed Benson (Saint Anthony of Padua Secular Order of Franciscans)
Mike Kraft - Health & Well being (Dan & Pat Laintz)
June Manley Happy B-Day (Joan Fiorenzi)
† Lucille Dysh (Barbara & Tim Riddell)

MONDAY, MARCH 8

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 AM MASS

4:00 PM- ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

6:00 PM

Barb Jaeger Health & Well being (Dan & Pat Laintz)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

NO MASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 AM MASS

4:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

4:00 PM MASS (ANTICIPATORY)

† David Metcalf (Pat & Chuck Bigley)
† Lawrence Medina (Family)
Father Edmundo Happy B-Day (Staff)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

7:30 AM MASS

8:55AM - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2nd -

10:15AM 6th GRADE

10:30 AM MASS

12:00PM CONFIRMATION 1 & 2

Father Edmundo Happy B-Day (Staff)

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25 or 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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/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 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or
9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 7, 2021
3rd Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.
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Effective April 1, 2020, fundraising for the Diocesan Ministry Fund will officially end. The Diocese of Pueblo is transitioning into **ADVANCING MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP**. Please understand that our parish will continue to support the diocese and its programs through a monthly donation, but that donation will be calculated at the diocese based on donations given to the parish via offerings, collections, fund raising, etc. We belong to a wonderful parish family who support the undertakings of our pastor and others who try to improve our parish life. Know that by sharing your blessings by giving generously, you are pleasing God and helping your (parish) family!

Donation statements for the tax year 2020 were mailed out (along with a letter from Father) to all registered parishioners during the last week in January. A few were returned for address corrections within the first couple weeks of February. Corrections were made (when possible), and the statements and letter resent. If you have not received a 2020 donation statement and need one to file your 2020 taxes, please contact the parish office.

Please remember our Sick and Homebound.

Conni Billinger	Shirley Palacio
John Buglewicz	Marietta Kahl
Patrisia Cordova	Holly McPhearson
Cortese Family	Christine Dickson
Janet Cruz	Chris Pettigrew
Olga Dick	Peter Sorensen
Keith Emert	Tony Torres Jr.
Char Finch	Judy Howard
Butch Goddard	Martha Archuleta
Robert Hayman	Steve Olsen
Lloyd Jacquez	Kathy Krueger
Pat Laintz	Angela Vigil
Jeremy Laintz	Mary Jo McDermott
Mary Lontine	Klara Silipo
Isaiah Maez	Renee Hadad Cichon
Cameron Martin	James Hiner
MaryAnn	Carol Edgeworth
McCloskey	Norman Kuhns
Kevin McCloskey	Carol Kuhns
Fr. Mike (friend of the McCloskey's)	Marci DeFoe
Dorothy Orr	Martie Burns
Kirsten Pachek	Robert Begel
Kai Pedersen	Cheryl Salay
	Fred Gonzales

The Knights of Columbus Council

12020 have begun their Friday Lenten Fish Fries.

Meals are available for carry out, curbside pickup and delivery.

Advance orders only. No indoor dining will be available.

To order, Call Cliff Brown evenings 719-569-9666 before Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. of each week. Otherwise meals cannot be ensured.

The Bishop Arthur Tafoya Knights of Columbus Council is again offering scholarships to graduating seniors. For more information and an application call James Ozzello at 719-547-2063.

Breakfast Burritos

Let all your friends and family know that breakfast burritos are available after all Masses this weekend. One for \$3 or two for \$5.

Viva Burritos!!

Thank you for your continued generosity towards the balance on our 2020 Diocesan Ministry Fund (DMF) assessment. Fr. Edmundo has asked that we try to pay off our 2020 DMF balance via the second collections during Lent.

We are very close to meeting that goal. Your contributions are helping Bishop Berg, the diocesan staff, and all the parishes of the diocese transition from the Diocesan Ministry Fund into **ADVANCING MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP** as the core mission.

Thank you again for your continued support!