

Saint Paul The Apostle

Catholic Church

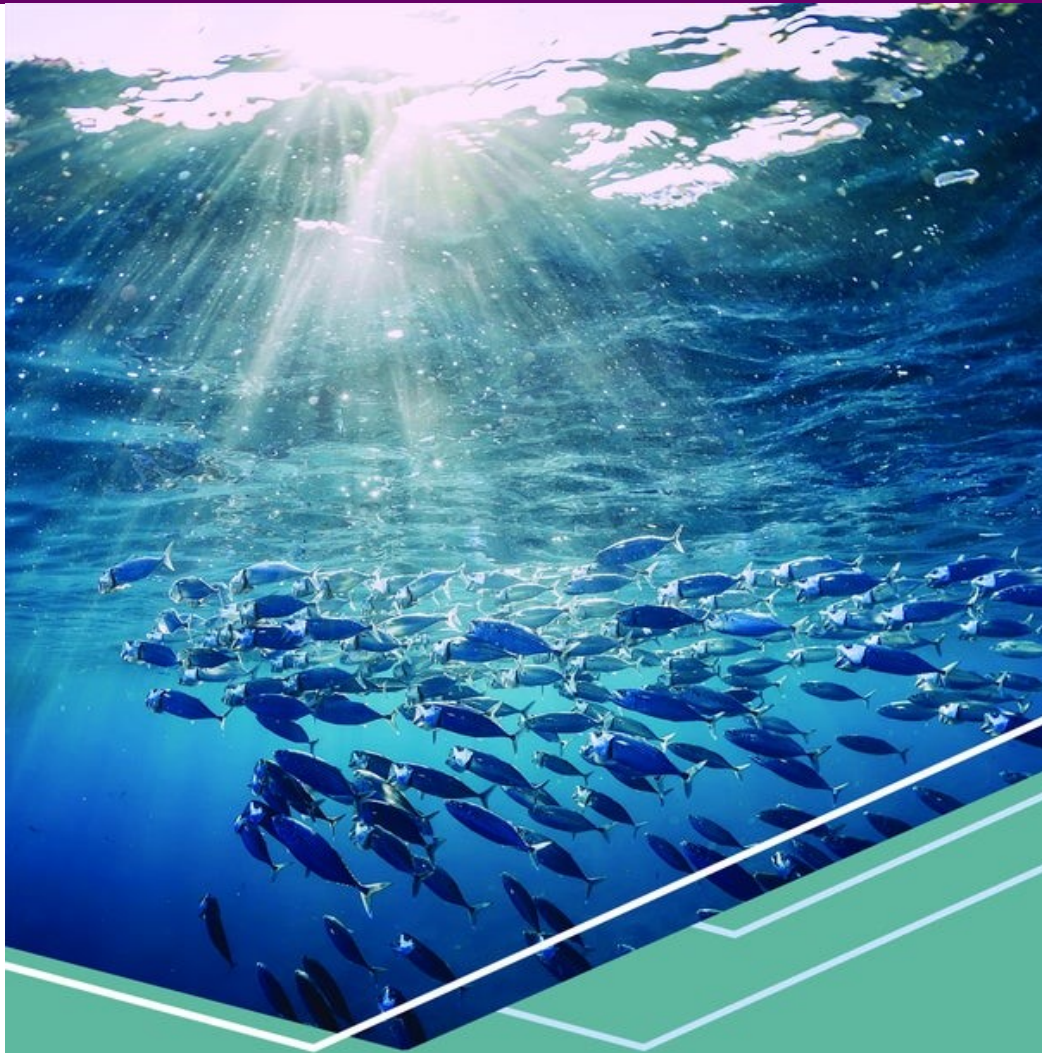
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Tuesday - Thursday:
9:30am to 1:00pm
Sunday:
8:30am to 12:00pm

March 14th 4th Sunday of Lent



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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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 13

4:00 PM MASS (ANTICIPATORY) † David Metcalf (Pat & Chuck Bigley)
† Lawrence Medina (Family)
† David Hitztaler (Miles Family)
Father Edmundo Happy B-Day (Staff)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

7:30 AM MASS † Jaxon Coplen (Sharon Weber)
8:55am - RELIGIOUS ED 2nd-6th GRADE † Dave Hill (Gallina Family)
10:15AM † Rodolfo Arguello (Haering Family)
10:30 AM MASS Father Edmundo Happy B-Day (Staff)
12:00 PM CONFIRMATION 1 & 2 † Eva Artzer (Joseph Artner)

MONDAY, MARCH 15

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 AM MASS
4:00 PM- ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
6:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

NO MASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 AM MASS
4:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

4:00 PM MASS (ANTICIPATORY) †Pete Fiorenzi (Fiorenzi Family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 AM MASS † Eufemia Castro (Castro Family)
8:55AM - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2nd –
10:15AM 6th GRADE
10:30 AM MASS
12:00PM CONFIRMATION 1 & 2

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

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
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 14, 2021
4th Sunday of Lent

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin. ©LPi

ADVANCING MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP (AMD) -- Information provided by the Diocese of Pueblo

The Diocesan Ministry Fund (DMF) deadline, which in the past has been January 31st, has been extended this year. Our 2020 DMF deadline is March 31, 2021. Father Edmundo has asked that a second collection be taken up on all Sundays during Lent so that our parish can reach our goal. The 2020 DMF goal for our parish is \$75,870. We are within \$1,000 of reaching our goal. Anything collected above our 2020 DMF goal will be applied towards a 15% assessment of the parish's monthly income and will be given to the diocese for ADVANCING MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP.

There will be no more DMF after March 31, 2021. However, if you have given to the diocese directly via online giving or automatic payments, you, and our parish, will be given credit for your donation.

Moving forward, please contribute to the diocese by contributing directly to your parish. In other words, make your donations directly to the parish for the needs of BOTH the parish and the diocese. Thank you for your generosity! More information and guidance about the Diocese's transition to Advancing Missionary Discipleship will be provided as it is received. God Bless Us All!

Please remember our Sick and Homebound.

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

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.



Please support Saint Paul the Apostle by attending Bingo nights, at 7pm, at the Bingo Casino on the third and fourth Fridays of the month. St. Paul is also hosting Bingo every Wednesday beginning at Noon. Also, don't forget the Knights sponsor bingo every Friday from Noon to 4pm. Hope to see you there!