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**Prayer Line:** Call any one of the following numbers; your request will be passed along to the entire team.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Friday Closed

Additional hours by appointment

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Sunday, March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

4:30 p.m. Mass (Activity Center) for **T** Tammy Crawford 7:45 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for **T** Anna P. Beardsley

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)

9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Center)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Catalyst Nights (Activity Center)

Monday, March 6

Scripture Readings: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Lk 6:36-38

9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for \$\foat\$ Cecil & Jean Baughman

Tuesday, March 7 - Memorial of Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Scripture Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 23:1-12

7:15 a.m. Mass at Genesis Hospital (Chapel)

9:00 a.m. Lenten Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for Anyone who needs a prayer

7:00 p.m. Evenings of Faith & Fellowship (Activity Center)

Wednesday, March 8 - Saint John of God, Religious

Scripture Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

Noon Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Dennis McLoughlin

1:00-8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

5:30 p.m. Rosary (Activity Center)

Thursday, March 9 - Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Scripture Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 16:19-31

9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for 🕆 Martha Carpenter

Friday, March 10

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

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (St. Thomas Facebook Page)

Saturday, March 11

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

3:30-4:15 p.m. Confessions (Activity Center)

Sunday, March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

4:30 p.m. Mass (Activity Center) for \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Peg Mattingly 7:45 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for \$\frac{1}{2}\$ William Fisher

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)

9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Center)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

#### **SPRING CLEANUP AT CEMETERIES:**

Soon, the grass will be green again, which means that Mount Calvary Cemetery will be in "spring cleanup" mode. Just a friendly reminder that all winter decorations needed to be removed prior to March 1. During the mowing season (March 1-November 1), artificial flowers are not permitted, and if you place flowers for a holiday, they must be off the grave five days afterward. Also, the cemetery gate continues to be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITY:**

Bishop Fenwick has a part-time position open in the Extended Day/After Care program. Hours would be 2:30-5:30 p.m. If interested, please contact Susan Swackhammer at sswackha@cdeducation.org.

#### **FISH FRY:**

Fish dinners will be offered by the K of C each Friday throughout Lent. For \$10.00, you will receive fish, French fries, cole slaw, and a dinner roll. The hall is located at 275 Sunrise Center Drive, Zanesville and will open at 5:00 p.m.

#### LENTEN EVENINGS OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP:

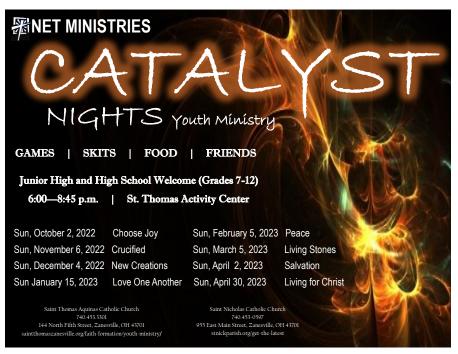
Join Father Sullivan on the Tuesday evenings of Lent at 7:00 p.m., in the parish school cafeteria, as we consider Bishop Robert Barron's Light from Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed. Each evening will consist of a video by Bishop Barron, Questions for Reflection and Discussion, and an opportunity to grow in the Catholic Faith with one another. The Nicene Creed was authored by the Bishops of the Catholic Church gathered at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. The Creed was written to proclaim the Catholic Faith, in its essentials, concerning the Incarnation of the Eternal Word of the Father, made flesh in the Virgin's womb, and the nature and relationship of the Blessed Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed is a statement of faith that all believing Christians profess. In 2025, we will celebrate the seventeen hundredth anniversary of its promulgation. Father Barron's book was a Christmas gift from Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish to everyone who attended Mass here in celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. Almost 400 books were distributed. A few remain. Please feel free to pick one up after Mass. Father Sullivan will facilitate each Tuesday evening session. Come join other parishioners as we grow in faith and understanding during this year's Lenten journey.

#### **SEASONS OF HOPE:**

Seasons of Hope is a Catholic support group for the bereaved which offers opportunities to come together to share in God's love. Five weekly sessions explore mourning through Scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing. Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbus, is hosting a winter session of Seasons of Hope, February 19-March 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Additional information and future session dates can be found at www.northhighdeanery.org/seasons-of-hope. To register, please call Debbie Kennedy at 614-937-0516. Come and be comforted!

#### **SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR:**

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



STEWARDSHIP					
(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)					
February 19, 2023					
Mass Collection	\$	7,461.00			
EFT	\$	0.00			
Online/Direct Gifts	\$	160.00			
Total Offertory	\$	7,621.00			
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YTD Collected	\$	325,380.66			
YTD Budgeted	\$	340,000.00			
Deficit	\$	-14,619.34			
February 26, 2023					
Mass Collection	\$	8,114.00			
EFT	\$	0.00			
Online/Direct Gifts	\$	0.00			
Total Offertory	\$	8,114.00			
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YTD Collected	\$	333,494.66			
YTD Budgeted	\$	350,000.00			
Deficit	\$	-16,505.34			



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NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 11/12	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	CANTORS
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Sunday, 7:45 a.m.	Abby/Levi Crum	Jim Gable	Brent Mirgon	Christopher Urbiel
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	Paul Hoffman	Andy Hoffman	Kim Gates	Choir



At Saint Thomas Aquinas, we serve all who come to our Food Pantry, but the majority of our visitors are homeless. Please consider single-servings instead of large boxes/cans when making your selections!

As you prepare for Easter, remember the 40 days and nights that Christ spent in the desert without food or water, praying and preparing for His sacrifice on behalf of all mankind. Your small sacrifice can make a big difference in the lives of others. Proceeds will benefit both our food pantry and other local pantries. Place items at the designated space in the Activity Center or bring them to the parish office M-Th 8am-3pm

This Lent, we ask each family to donate one non-perishable item per day, beginning on Ash Wednesday, for each of the 40 days of Lent.

## **SOME CONSIDERATIONS:**

Cans with pull-tops are preferred (if regular cans, please also supply a can opener).

We have plenty Corn & Green Beans at this time.

Please check expiration dates. 6 months ahead or more is appreciated. Homeless do not always have a heat source so pre-cooked items are a great option.

## FOOD ITEMS THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:

Individual Jello & Pudding

Rice A Roni Products

Canned Potatoes

**H20** Favor Packets

Individual Raisin Packets

Tea/coffee bags

Mixed Vegetables

Lima Beans

Boxed Cereal

The Second Week of Lent

# PROCLAIMING

# CHRIST

Meditations for the Season of Lent

"Prayer is the encounter with God, with God who never lets us down; with God who is faithful to his word; with God who does not abandon his children."

— Pope Francis

# **Encountering Christ**

Matthew 17:1-9

Today's Gospel reveals a personal encounter with Christ.

Jesus, James, Peter, and John go up the mountain to pray. While they are there, Jesus is transfigured in glory. After Jesus reassures the others, they do not want to leave the mountaintop. This encounter with a transfigured Christ challenges the disciples — and all of us — to embrace the divinity of Jesus, but then to go back down the mountain where we can become more Christ-like in service to others.

Maybe you started your Lenten journey on the mountaintop with Christ. Perhaps you know that your life has to change, but you are not sure how to accomplish that. Don't give up! It's only the Second Sunday of Lent. There is still plenty of time to encounter Christ and transform your life

## FOR REFLECTION

- In what ways have you encountered Christ in your life?
- **>** How did your encounters with Christ change you?
- > What would you have to do in order to become more Christ-like?



- 1. What color vestments does the priest wear during Lent?
- 2. What prayer of the Mass is omitted during Lent?
- **3.** What word is never said or sung during Lent?

Answers on reverse.



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## The Stations of the Cross



Telling the story of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus was an important part of the early Christian's experience. In the late fourth century, people made pilgrimages to Jerusalem to follow the path Jesus took to Calvary. During the Middle Ages, when wars made it difficult to reach the Holy Land, people created a "Sorrowful Way" with paintings or sculptures along a processional route or inside a church. By the middle of the eighteenth century the devotion became known as the Stations of the Cross, Most parishes offer communal celebrations of the Stations of the Cross, but you can also pick up a prayer booklet and pray the Stations on your own or with your family.



Lent is a great time to experiment as a family with new types of prayer. In the morning, give each family member a chance to pray for a special intention.

At dinnertime, ask each family member to pray for one person who is in need of prayers. After dinner, turn off the television and spend some quality family reading Scripture or praying the Rosary together. Before bedtime, use holy water to bless each family member.

# Prayer

Prayer begins with a desire to encounter Christ and evolves into a loving relationship with him. We give ourselves to Christ in prayer, and he responds by helping us to follow in his footsteps.

If you are finding it difficult to pray, you may be experiencing spiritual dryness. Feelings of spiritual dryness are often God's way of strengthening your faith. It's easy to love the Lord when you feel spiritually connected. When you don't feel anything, it doesn't mean that you don't love God, and it definitely doesn't mean that God stopped loving you!

Even if you don't feel like praying, promise yourself that you will set aside prayer time every day. Prayer provides you with the strength you need to continue your journey through Lent and through life.

## Lenten Prayer

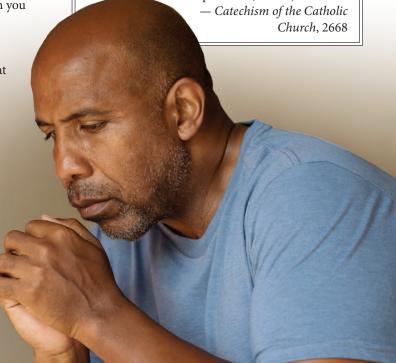
One of the simplest, yet most profound ways to encounter Christ is through the Jesus Prayer. It is an ancient prayer that helps us to focus our hearts and minds as we repeat the words, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner."

Answers: 1. Purple vestments. 2. The Gloria. 3. Alleluia.

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## Catechism CONNECTION

"The invocation of the holy name of Jesus is the simplest way of praying always. When the holy name is repeated often by a humbly attentive heart, the prayer is not lost by heaping up empty phrases, but holds fast to the word and 'brings forth fruit with patience' (Lk 8:15)."





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