

February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

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Parousia: The Bible and the Mass coming Lent 2021

Why return to Mass? Our very lives depend on it! It's the summit of God's plan for our salvation. In our latest **Journey Through Scripture** study, get ready to join host Scott Hahn to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. Sign up and register to watch all 10 episodes of The Bible and the Mass for **FREE** by going to mail@stpaulcenter.com and click on the *Parousia: The Bible and the Mass picture*.

Year-End Tax Statements

Please contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 if you are in need of a year-end tax statement. In addition, the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Diocese will be happy to send, via email, a donor's record of giving if it is requested. The Diocese will no longer automatically send statements and their preference is to send statements electronically via email if requested. If you need a statement, please call the Office of Stewardship and Development at (717) 657-4804 ext. 245.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021

"Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit... It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience..."

We are so familiar with St. Peter – chosen by Jesus, leader of the apostles, sometimes speaking out of turn, human, repentant not unlike ourselves.

Yet, are we familiar with the two letters he wrote, which are part of the bible? Some say they were his teaching for the new Christians, like the homily we hear at mass.

How simply, yet beautifully, he reminds us today that the suffering and death of Jesus was for me, the unrighteous, the unjust person.

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, February 20: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 5:27-32
5:30 PM Intention for Jill Tweedlie

Sunday, February 21: First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22;
Mark 1:12-15

9:15 AM Julia Kivlin from Karen Thome

Monday, February 22: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle (Feast)

1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew 16:13-19

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 23: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew
6:7-15

Wednesday, February 24: Lenten Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, February 25: Lenten Weekday

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, February 26: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Matthew
5:20-26

Saturday, February 27: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew
5:43-48

5:30 PM Intention for Jill Tweedlie

Sunday, February 28: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17,
18-19; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

9:15 AM Steven Graham

from the Knights of Columbus

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him
and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Responsorial Psalm

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(For those who are watching from home)

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Good Friday, April 2nd, is a day of fast and abstinence, meaning only 1 full meal for that day, and no meat eaten at all. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Lenten resolutions are optional but highly recommended as sacrifices, promoting spiritual health and generosity. One should ask God in prayer as to what God wants the resolution to be. Lenten resolutions are personal, in consultation with God. Christians fasting and sacrificing should strive to maintain charity and cheerfulness toward all during Lenten resolutions.



LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Stations of the Cross: each Friday via FB 7:00 PM

Lenten Confessions: Sunday March 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday: April 1, 2021 7:00 PM Mass

Good Friday: April 2, 2021 7:00 PM Mass

Holy Saturday: April 3, 2021 8:00 PM Mass

Easter Sunday: April 4, 2021 9:15 AM Mass

CCD Teachers and Substitutes:

CCD Teachers and substitutes are needed. Please speak with Father Bill or Ginger Best.

Announcements for the Bulletin:

Please have your announcements for the bulletin to the church office by Wednesday afternoon no later than 1:00 p.m.

Fish for Sale! Knights of Columbus:

Shrimp \$10.00 Bag

Fries \$ 5.00 Bag

Please write your name and phone number on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Joe Zarnowski at 908-892-0271.

Juniata County Food Pantry March Update

Thank you for your faithful support in 2020, especially with the pandemic, we were able to reach 588 families (858 individuals) struggling with hunger in Juniata County, and provide them with nutritious, life-giving food and hope! What a wonderful blessing and example of the Lord's command to "feed my sheep!"

In January, 2021, the Food Pantry served 211 families – 518 of your neighbors! If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, OVER THE COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES, PAPER TOWELS, COUGH DROPS, DISH DETERGENT, AND LAUNDRY DETERGENT ALSO, CASH/CHECK DONATIONS AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Please join the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to pray **Mary's Way of the Cross** every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. In these Stations, we see and feel through Mary's perspective what Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary. Please contact hbghdccw1921@gmail.com for information on how to connect by Zoom or telephone.

WALK TO JERUSALEM

A virtual physical and spiritual exercise program.

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be starting a Lenten Journey, Walk to Jerusalem. All are encouraged to join. The structure of the virtual Walk to Jerusalem permits pilgrims to join at any time and to individually choose their exercise. Whether physical or spiritual, you earn miles for participating. Individual miles are added together to feel connected to the group. Please visit hdccw.webs.com to learn more

about the program and to register. We hope you will join us on this Lenten Journey.

Year of St. Joseph – Seven Sundays Devotion

Pope Francis recently announced **2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph**. During this unique year of grace, meditation on the Sorrows and Joys on Seven Sundays is a wonderful way to foster a closeness of the faithful to the Spouse of Mary. **We prepare for the feast of St. Joseph by dedicating the seven Sundays before March 19 to St. Joseph**, in memory of his seven sorrow and joys. We encourage you to meditate upon these sets of Sorrow and Joys, and conclude by praying the Litany of St. Joseph.

Week 4

Joseph's Seven Sorrows

The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34)

Joseph's Seven Joys

The effects of the Redemption (Luke 2:38)

Week 5

Joseph's Seven Sorrows

The flight into Egypt (Matt. 2:14)

Joseph's Seven Joys

The overthrow of the idols of Egypt (Is. 19:1)

Week 6

Joseph's Seven Sorrows

The return from Egypt (Matt. 2:22)

Joseph's Seven Joys

Life with Jesus and Mary at Nazareth (Luke 2:39)

Week 7

Joseph's Seven Sorrows

The loss of the Child Jesus (Luke 2:45)

Joseph's Seven Joys

The finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:46)

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy - Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy - Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy - Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us - Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us - Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven - Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world - Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit - Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God - Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary - pray for us .
Saint Joseph - pray for us.
Illustrious son of David - pray for us.
Light of the patriarchs - pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God - pray for us.
Chaste guardian of the Virgin - pray for us.
Foster-father of the Son of God - pray for us.
Watchful defender of Christ - pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family - pray for us.
Joseph most just - pray for us.
Joseph most chaste - pray for us.

Joseph most prudent - pray for us.
 Joseph most valiant - pray for us.
 Joseph most obedient - pray for us.
 Joseph most faithful - pray for us.
 Mirror of patience - pray for us.
 Lover of poverty - pray for us.
 Model of workmen - pray for us.
 Glory of domestic life - pray for us.
 Guardian of virgins - pray for us.
 Pillar of families - pray for us.
 Solace of the afflicted - pray for us.
 Hope of the sick - pray for us.
 Patron of the dying - pray for us.
 Terror of demons - pray for us.
 Protector of Holy Church - pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world -
 Spare us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world-
 Graciously hear us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world -
 Have mercy on us.

V. He made him the lord of His household,
R. And prince over all His possessions.

Let Us Pray. O God, who in Your ineffable providence were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Your Most Holy Mother, grant that as we venerate him as our protector on earth, we may be worthy to have him as our intercessor in Heaven, You Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Guidelines For Mass

- ❖ Masks **must** be worn at all times.
- ❖ Remain 6 ft. apart.
- ❖ Ushers will seat you at the beginning of Mass and dismiss you at the end of Mass.
- ❖ Confessions are heard in the rectory garage on Wed., 6:30-6:45 PM & Sat., 3:00-3:45 PM
- ❖ Only permitted to fill the church to approx. 1/3 capacity. Space is limited; please come early. Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended. You may want to consider attending a weekly Mass in place of Sunday.
- ❖ Doors are locked during Mass for your safety.
- ❖ The restroom is available but **must be sanitized after each use.** Please clean the restroom after use according to the directions posted inside. Children must be accompanied by an adult & the adult must clean the restroom after the child is finished
- ❖ Crying room is closed.
- ❖ Collection basket will not be passed. Place your collection in 1 of the 2 locked collection boxes provided. Collection boxes are located in the Vestibule area or at the front of the church by the handicap door.
- ❖ Votive candles are not accessible at this time. If you would like a candle lit, call the parish office

and they will have a sacristan light a candle for you. Your donation may be put in the collection box.

- ❖ Father will distribute Communion at the **end** of Mass from the altar area.
- ❖ Take all belongings with you and go single file up to the altar area. Right before receiving Communion drop one side of your mask and immediately put it back on after the Eucharist is in your mouth. Put one hand on top of the other palm side up. Father will try not to touch your hand. After receiving Communion proceed out the handicap door. If you are not receiving Communion just follow the flow of people as they proceed out the door.

These guidelines are an act of charity and out of concern for your safety and not an infringement upon your personal rights. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Your diligence in adhering to these guidelines helps to prevent further safety concerns for our parishioners. **These guidelines are not optional.**

Become a Deacon

Men interested in joining the next class of those studying to become permanent deacons should contact Fr. Weary for an interview. The deadline to apply to the diocese for this five-year period of study is **March 1, 2021.** May God guide those who are interested in their spiritual discernment journey.



SCHOOL NEWS



The 23rd Annual SHS Benefit Auction is now scheduled to be held May 22 & 23, 2021. The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or like new donated items to be auctioned off. As you continue to practice social distancing now is the time to find a unique item or put your talent to work creating a handmade item. All items are to be submitted by **Friday, April 16, 2021.**

Register NOW for the 2021-22 School Year!

Registrations are now being taken for any student interested in attending Sacred Heart School next academic year. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2021. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted until March 1, 2021.** For additional information call the school at 717-28-5351. Additionally, there is plenty of information about the school, the application process, and financial aid on our website at www.sacredheartschool.com. **All faiths are welcome!**