

March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Stewardship is a Way of Life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of February 7, 2021:
Regular: \$2,861.42
Tithing income for the weeks of February 14, 2021
through February 21, 2021:
Regular: \$3,474.00
Tithing income for the week of February 28, 2021:
Regular: \$2,670.00
Tithing income for March 7, 2021: Not available

Mass Attendance for March 6, 2021	26
Mass Attendance for March 7, 2021	87
Mass Attendance for March 7, 2021 (Spanish)	18

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY
READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“God who is rich in mercy because of his great love for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved... For by grace you have been saved through faith and this is not from you, it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one can boast. For we are his handiwork created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.”

St. Paul was quite clear and insisted that God is the gift giver and we are the beneficiaries. We use the word grace, but what is it?

Grace is the very life of God, offered to us as a gift, and accepted by us. We yearn to have the Lord live in us. The sacraments in our church are channels of God's grace. Just as we can change channels on our TV going from news, to sports to religious programming, so each of the sacraments offers us strength through the gift of grace. Paul says it simply: 'I live, not I, but Christ lives in me.'

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, March 13: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Luke 18:9-14
5:30 PM Intention for Jill Tweedlie

Sunday, March 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

9:15 AM Father Thomas Marickovic from
Ralph and Jill Perez

Monday, March 15: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; John
4:43-54

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 16: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 17: Lenten Wednesday

Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 18: Lenten Weekday

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; John 5:31-47

Friday, March 19: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29;
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Saturday, March 20: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; John 7:40-
53

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Hebrews
5:7-9; John 12:20-33

9:15 AM Bill Nash from Ralph and Jill Perez

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

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

(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

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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.

Beginning today, and per directives from the Diocese of Harrisburg, Holy Communion will be celebrated at Sunday Masses at the usual time.

If anybody is homebound and wishes to receive confession or Holy Communion at home, please call the parish office at 717-242-2781 and arrangements will be made for a communion visit at home.



Friday, March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, which also inaugurates the special Year of St. Joseph, announced by the pope. **As a special celebration day, the Friday ban against meat consumption is lifted** and meat may be eaten. Also, personal Lenten sacrifices may be lifted as well.



Father Jay Time Away

Fr. Jay is taking his entire 4-week vacation time this year by spending that time as a priest-in-residence at St. Jude Thaddeus, Mifflintown, where he will live, offering a 9 AM daily Mass for anyone who wishes to attend. He will spend a majority of his time in prayer and contemplation. The dates for this arrangement will be Mon., March 8th through Fri., March 19th and Mon., April 12th through Fri., April 23rd.



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
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

Virtual Conference for Men: Calling all Men! Please don't forget to register for the Diocesan Men's Conference being held virtually this year. It features great speakers. **Registration deadline is March 18th. Cost is just \$10.00 per man. See the Diocese of Harrisburg's website for more details.**

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.

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 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.**

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. If you need a statement, please call the Office of Stewardship and Development at (717) 657-4804 ext. 245.



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. 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!**