

MARCH 21, 2021

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 12:24

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~~ THE NEW COVENANT ~~ Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart. Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.



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Lenten Penance Service

THIS Thursday, March 25th, @ 7 pm. In the Church.

As it has been our tradition, St. Anastasia's offers the opportunity during Advent and Lent, to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. First, there is the examination of conscience together as a community, and then the opportunity to make confession and receive penance and absolution one-on-one with a Priest.



During this Lent, and while we are still fighting the havoc of the pandemic, let us take this opportunity to cleanse our souls and prepare to receive the Risen Lord.



LENT 2021 - The Catholic Community around the world follows these general regulations during Lent.

ABSTINENCE - Is a penitential practice consisting of restraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain, are led to appropriate an authentic sense of penance.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE - In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's

needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

NOTE: If the person is unable to observe above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

> THE STATIONS ON THE CROSS TAKES PLACE EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT @ 5 PM 🕆

HALLOW A CATHOLIC PRAYER & MEDITATION APP Welcome to the # 1 Catholic App

Remember to continue using this special app throughout Lent. Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps users deepen their relationship with God through audio-guided contemplative prayer sessions. The app, launched 2 years ago, is already the #1 Catholic app in the world. The app is great for praying alone or together with your spouse/family. Hallow truly has something for everyone, no matter what you are going through. Specifically for Lent, Hallow has put together a "#Pray40 Challenge" featuring daily Lenten meditations with multiple length options that work for every schedule and experience level. In begins of St. Jesenb "the and experience level. In honor of Pope Francis declaring 2021 as the "Year of St. Joseph," the #Pray40 meditations will focus on growing in the virtues of the patron of the Universal Church, including humility, hiddenness, obedience, chastity, justice, and love of the poor. Hallow is free to download and has tons of permanently free content, as well as a premium subscription, Hallow Plus. This Lent, we have partnered with the Hallow team to provide Hallow Plus access to all parishioners for FREE through Easter. No credit card required. To get started, simply log on to https://hallow.com/stanastasiala. Check our Website for more details.



PRAYING THROUGH LENT WITH THE SAINTS Fifth Sunday of Lent "In your Image"

"My God, in your infinite love, you created me according to your image and likeness. You gave me a free will. Help me to use your gifts and improve myself so as to become totally your living image-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- an image of your infinite qualities and perfections." - St. Vincent Pallotti

Lent is a time for turning

"Yet, even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning." – Joel 2:12 Lent is a season for turning... PRAYER is the first of the three great disciplines of Lent that facilitates conversion and promotes communion with God and neighbor. The Church urges more regular and intensive prayer during Lent, as a **channel for listening to God's voice while offering praise, thanksgiving, petitions,** and contrition. FASTING is the second great discipline of Lent, a vehicle for turning inward in order to purge ourselves of the pursuits that distance us from God or others. Jesus showed us the way, when he prepared for His public ministry by fasting 40 days and 40 nights in the desert. As with Ash Wednesday, the Gospel insists that fasting be a private matter, rather than an occasion for spiritual theatrics. ALMSGIVING is the third great discipline of Lent. It turns us outward to attend to the peeds of others, especially the poor. We give a low by offering our attend to the needs of others, especially the poor. We give alms by offering our time, talent, and treasure to serve others most in need.



Saint Anastasia was born in 281 A.D. and became a perfect symbol of peace, humanity, and solidarity. Her Feast Day is December 25th. She is a symbol of dialogue and collaboration. In her spirit, and in the spirit of love, we welcome all to the Catholic Community of St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

Family First...from your DRE

As we get closer to the end of our Lenten season, I want to share with you a very powerful clip. The music in the background is



sung in Spanish, with one of my favorite poems, written by St. Teresa of Avila:

"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffice."

https://youtu.be/mKRLw2zkc8s

FACTS OF LIFE

Keith Caputo, a Long Island man with Down syndrome, is the founder of a nonprofit organization which aims to show that everyone is capable of making a **difference, and he's turning his attention to helping kids with cancer next.** Caputo founded Helping Makes U Happy with his mother, Cassy. The goal is both to help the less fortunate in the community, as well as to inspire others to make a difference. There are numerous programs, like food and coat drives, a summer "fracting families" program. Super Pavel party raffles, candy and

a summer "feeding families" program, Super Bowl party raffles, candy and costume giveaways at Halloween, and more.

"Keith has seen the commercials for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and is always very affected by them," Cassy Caputo told Patch.com. "He knows many people with cancer and several children who've had cancer and he always wants to help them. Children, especially, he believes, should be able to have a fun childhood and to reach for the stars." Cassy said she and her son read about St. Jude Children's Research

Hospital and the facility's phrase, "'Keep Hope', and Keith really liked that," she said. www.liveaction.org



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH ~ Next Week ~ Palm Sunday Saturday, March 27th, and Sunday, March 28th, 2021

- MASSES: Sat: 5 pm Sun: 7 am Sun: 9 am Sun: 11 am Holy Communion @ 12:30 pm Sun: 5 pm
- CELEBRANTS: Fr. Semik Msgr. Cox Fr. Semik Fr. King Fr. Innocent Fr. Innocent

NEWS FROM YOUR DRE (PCL)

Please contact me for any of the following, with questions or concerns.

Sacrament Preparation Class Updates:

- First Holy Communion Year 1 and Year 2,
- Confirmation -Year 1 and Year 2,
- RCIA
- Family " ZOOMING with Jesus Time (Open to all families with or without children),
- Baptism Class Parents/Godparents.

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Did You Know?

Revisit screen time recommendations

Parents everywhere are struggling to be parents, teachers, and friends for their children in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many are likely and understandably relying on screens to help them through these seemingly endless days. Many children are also online for school, which only increases their screen exposure. The American Pediatric Association warns parents that too much screen time can lead to sleep problems, lower grades, mood and weight problems, and can keep children from learning how to relax and have fun without a screen present. Try to make time for reading, playing games, and other screen-free activities that will help break the cycle of screen addiction and talk to your children's teachers about how screen time for school can be managed. For more information, visit https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/ Families and Youth/Facts for Families/FFF-Guide/ Children-And-Watching-TV-054.aspx

We encourage all to read and reflect on the Biblical passages that will be proclaimed at Masses next week!



Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).



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