



THIS WEEKEND
Saturday March 16th
4 pm Pro Populo
Sunday March 17th
9 am + Mary Lamanna
11 am + Jim Butler

SUNDAY READINGS
First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 51: <i>Create in me a clean heart, O God.</i>
Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9
Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Pastors' CORNER There is no denying that the Lenten season lacks that warm, joyous, partying flare of the Christmas season, but we're nonetheless called to engage in all that the season entails. After all, it's for our own good! Face it ~ we *need* lent. We need to experience the loneliness of the journey to the Cross and exposure to the sacrifice that was made there on our behalf. Our spiritual health depends on it. As Christians, we need Lent in our lives in the same way that our teeth need the dentist.

So, that being said ~ how's your Lent going so far? If you've honestly tried to stop the outside activity long enough to focus on what's within, then I'm sure you've discovered by now that it's not easy. After

all, how easy was it for Jesus to make the trek to Calvary and suffer the pain and humiliation of the Cross? We Christians are called to grow in Christ's likeness. Being Christ-like means sacrifice. . . it comes with the deal.

During my "quiet time" reading the other day, I ran across these words from Thomas à Kempis, 13th century priest who authored *The Imitation of Christ*. He said:

"Jesus has always many who love His heavenly kingdom, but few who bear His cross. He has many who desire consolation, but few who care for trial. He finds many to share his table, but few to take part in His fasting. All desire to be happy with Him; few wish to suffer anything for Him. Many follow Him to the breaking of bread, but few to the drinking of the chalice of His passion. Many revere His miracles; few approach the shame of the Cross".

I don't know about you, but for me ~ that pretty much sums up the whole Lenten struggle. The bottom-line is this: there are two paths; one for the "many" and one for the "few". If you're one of the few, hang in there. . .don't lose hope. Remember, just beyond the shadow of the Cross awaits the glorious light of Easter morning!

ARCHDIOCESE

MARCH ~ MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of March to St. Joseph. Love St. Joseph with all your heart & soul, because he, together with Jesus, is the person who has most loved our Blessed Lady and has been closest to God. He deserves your affection, and it will do you

good to get to know him, because he is the Master of interior life, and has great power before the Lord and before the Mother of God. (St. Josemaria Escriva, Priest)

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2024
ShareLife Sunday is this weekend. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$7,800.00**. Envelopes are available for your donations.

PARISH COMMUNITY SACRAMENTS

Confirmation: Next class is Wednesday March 20th @ 4:30 pm.
First Holy Communion: The next class will be on Sunday, April 7th.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

This morning after Mass ~ parishioners are invited for cake and refreshments, to celebrate our Patron Saint.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food items to church through Lent, **especially on Maundy Thursday March 28th, 2024**. Basket is located by the ramp door.

LADIES OF THE PARISH

The next meeting is on Monday March 18th @ 2 pm in the hall.

EASTER FLOWERS

Would you like to sponsor Easter flowers for the Sanctuary, there are envelopes at

the church entrances. Collection will be on Palm Sunday.

Friday's during Lent ~ Mass is in the evening at 6:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross ~ We will walk in the footsteps of Jesus every Friday during Lent after the 6:00 pm Mass.



MASS INTENTIONS

** living or + deceased.

March	Time	Mass for
Tuesday 19 th	6:00 pm	** Good health of Natty
Wed. 20 th	6:00 pm	+ Anthony Russell
Thurs. 21 st	9:15 am	* Holy Family Catholic School Int.
Friday 22 nd	6:00 pm	** Good health of the Maier Family
Saturday 23 rd	4:00 pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 24 th	9:00 am	* Good Health of Brock MacDonald
	11:00 am	+ Alicia Dayao

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Jean Adams, Colleen Andrews, Irene Cantwell, Colette Bryson, Barry Giblin, Donna Giblin, Sandra Hopkins, John Kearsley, Richard Kloepfer, Brock MacDonald, Ralph Slaney, Rosemary Thompros, Kathryn Werden, Marie Vandenberg & all the sick of the parish.

DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

Building \$ 315.00
 Food Bank 100.00
 Sunday Envelopes 983.55
 & Loose

Thank you for your kind & generous donation!