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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

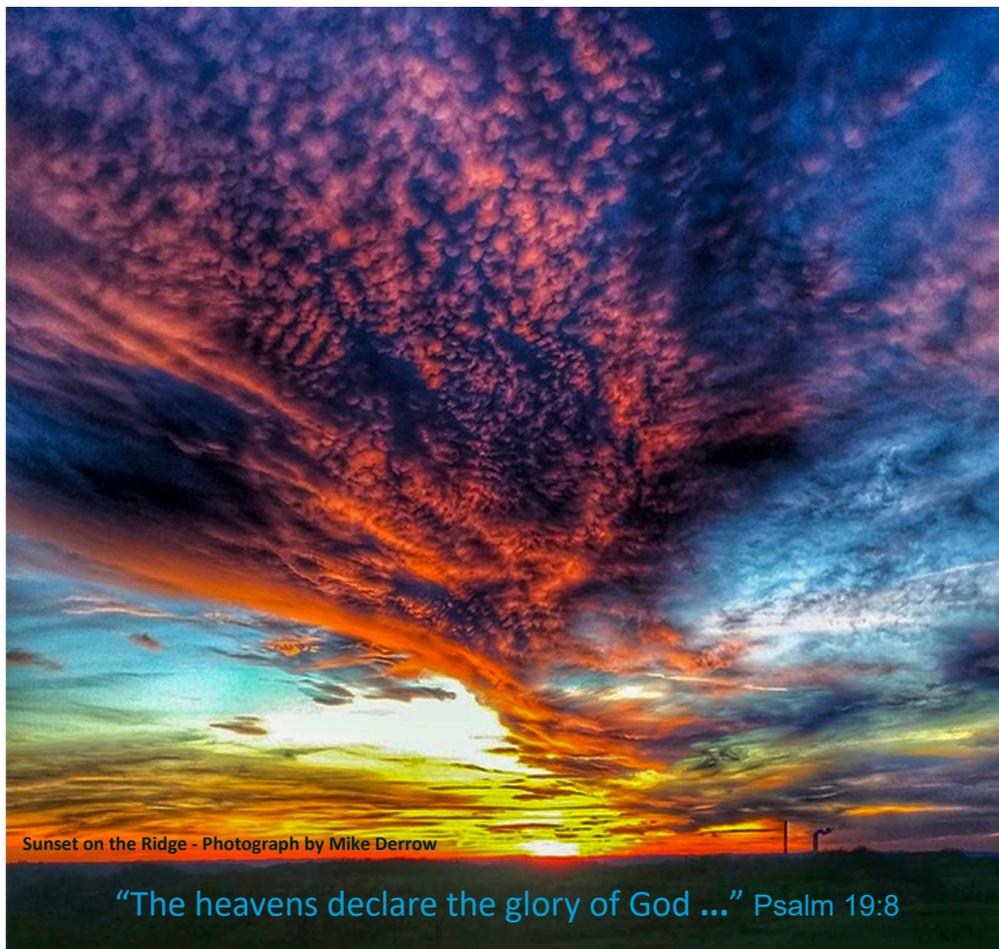
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“The heavens declare the glory of God ...” Psalm 19:8

GOSPEL MEDITATION: DO NO HARM

There are some who will say we have lost our Christian axis to a world of “anything goes” --that we are losing touch with benchmarks meant to keep present in us a sense of both grace and sin. Acceptable ethical and moral behaviors are no longer understood or clear.

Jesus’ display at the Temple teaches us about losing touch with moral and ethical benchmarks, especially as given to us in the Ten Commandments. We must be sure to see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We must be sure not to live on “relativism island,” where it is only suggestion to “love and do no harm.” While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything

else, the love of which Jesus spoke is more demanding and complex. It establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it requires actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love-centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and

the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that are too often looked beyond, dismissed altogether, or even removed from public view. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted, and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. We need only to look around us, at the glory of God’s creation, to renew our connection to Him and to living that is solidly grounded in moral and ethical principles that keep us connected to God and to each other.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 6

4:00 p.m. James Campbell†
Julie DeVito

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

8:00 a.m. Carl Baum†
Paula & Jerry Conners

10:00 a.m. Peter Bui Van Ngu†
Phan Thi My

MONDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 a.m. Vilkoski Family members, living and deceased
Norman & Barbara Vilkoski

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 a.m. Charles Freeman†
Mary Ruth Whorton

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 a.m. Mary McKee†
Phil Skvarka Jr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 a.m. Veronica DiCola†
Jane Klug

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 a.m. Mary McKee†
Larry & Ruth McClelland

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

4:00 p.m. Thomas Sullivan†
Cindy Gunto

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 a.m. Gary Dobbs†
Jan Dobbs

10:00 a.m. Veronica DiCola†
Rebecca Kolibash Peake

4:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service



Making Sense of Suffering Through Stations of the Cross

How do Christians make sense of the crosses they bear? The question of why suffering exists finds its answer in Christ's transformation of suffering through love. Christ's cross makes sense of our own, hence the universal appeal of devotions like the Stations of the Cross. On his way to Calvary, Christ experienced the sufferings ordinary men and women experience every day throughout the world. He showed not only how to deal with them, but through the power of love how to transform suffering's destructive power into something that is life-giving. Taking up his cross, Christ models how to accept suffering as an act of love in obedience to God's will. Christ falls three times on the way to Calvary. The sufferings due to sin in our lives continually cause failure. In falling himself, Christ shows that, despite suffering's tendency to bring us down, discouragement can be overcome by dependence on God's grace. Christ teaches us how to persevere through the failure and exhaustion through which our suffering inevitably leads and be of one heart and mind in pursuit of the Father's will. Such is redemptive suffering — as the familiar old saying goes, "no pain, no gain." --excerpted/edited: Michael Heinlein, Editor - Simply Catholic

Sisters to Explore Veronica's House Ministry

Sisters Agatha and Maria from The Infant of Jesus at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg, W.Va., will be staying at Veronica's House Wednesday and Thursday of this week to inquire about the proposed ministry.

Sr. Agatha is applying for the position of director of the project. Interest from Sr. Agatha marks a first step in bringing to fruition the budding ministry, which will focus on leading

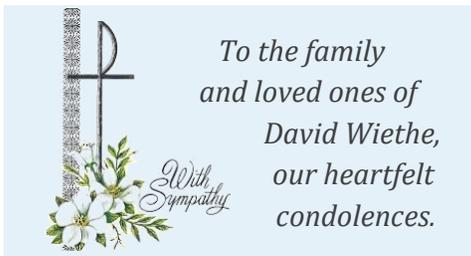
pregnant women who may be considering abortion away from that decision by providing care and resources. Pregnant women vulnerable to abortion because of social and economic crisis also will be served by Veronica's House.

Plans for Veronica's House were unveiled in the Feb. 21 edition of the bulletin and came with a call to our parish family to help identify and locate resources for the ministry.

Lenten Penance Service Set

Fathers Arul Anthony and Sam Saccus will join Fr. That Son Sunday, March 14, at 4 p.m. to offer a Lenten penance service.

The service will be in the church, and there will be dividers to ensure social distancing.



Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Eleanor Smith, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Jim Holliday, Sara Walters, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Mike Morris, Sami Wilson, Bob Kleinedler, Kathryn Ferrera, Cindy Gunto, Chuck Taskalines, Celeste Evans, Phil Remke, Suzy Lunau, Ashton Gardill, Liza Coe.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Bill Tennant, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Marie Lohri.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

Upcoming Events:

FRIDAYS DURING LENT
 K of C Fish Fry
 11 a.m. until fish runs out
304-845-7080 to order
 Stations of the Cross
 6:30 p.m. in the church
 Sung, Solemn Vespers
 St. Joseph Cathedral,
 Wheeling - 6 p.m.

**Lenten Penance Service
 Sunday, March 14 - 4 p.m.**

**Gifts From the Holy Land
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Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life
 Wednesdays 9 a.m. or Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
 Starting March 10 & 11
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Friday, April 30
 DWC Tuition Assistance Deadline
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LECTORS

March 13 4:00 p.m. **D. Prado**
March 14 8:00 a.m. **R. Hess**
 10:00 a.m. **R. Patrone**

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Time to Reserve Your Seats for Holy Week

We will be offering all Holy Week Masses in the church, so we are taking reservations until Friday, March 19. The Mass schedule is as follows:
Holy Thursday - 7 p.m.
Good Friday - 7 p.m.
Saturday Easter Vigil - 8 p.m.
Easter Day - 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

Seating is limited to 50 for each Mass, but we can accommodate a few more if individual worshipers who are close to each other sign up in pairs or groups. This allows us to use less space for distancing.

HELP DECORATE ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR IN CELEBRATION OF HIS upcoming feast day Friday, March 19th. Cookies, breads, fruits (please wrap and label), figurines, flowers, and pictures are some common decorations. You may bring items this week (March 7-12) and leave them on the stage behind the curtain in Xavier Hall. Also, a box will be nearby the altar for donations to the poor or to purchase candles honoring St. Joseph. The cost of candles is \$5.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS TO SEND TO THE POOR OF ZIMBABWE ARE needed by The Sisters of the Infant Jesus at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg. The need is for rosaries (intact or broken) and religious medals. **Please donate by Friday, May 14.** Donations can be placed in the collection basket or left at the parish office. You can also mail them to: Immaculate Conception Church, 150 South Maple St., Clarksburg WV 26301.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
 Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
 By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):
 Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

You can register three ways: calling the office Monday - Wednesday, by e-mail, or by filling out a form and dropping it in the collection basket or at the office. Forms can be found at our website, the table in Xavier Hall, and in the church vestibule. **Reservations will be confirmed by providing you with a seat number.** Since you will already have an assigned seat, we ask that you avoid arriving too early, as this will interfere with disinfection cleanings between Masses. Thank you for helping us remain safe as we celebrate this glorious and most holy time of year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH THIS EASTER IN MEMORY OF THOSE you love by contributing to the purchase of our Easter altar flowers. Those memorialized will have their names published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 4. If you would like to make a contribution, please complete a form and return it with your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" to the collection basket. You can also bring it or mail it to the parish office. Forms are online and on tables in the church and Xavier Hall. Deadline for publishing names is Monday, March 28.

 **THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION** supports the Priests' Health and Retirement Association, a fund that provides health insurance and benefits to retired diocesan priests.
NEXT WEEKEND'S COLLECTION benefits Catholic Relief Services.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
 By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.
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