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The Gentiles Ask to See Jesus -- James Tissot (1836-1902)

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

John 12:23-24

MARCH 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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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GOSPEL MEDITATION: SIMPLY WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS

Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for

greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this

time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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MARCH 20 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Veronica DiCola†
Oakland Family

MARCH 21 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. For the People
10:00 a.m. Joseph Bui†
Phan Thi My

MARCH 22 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Gary Dobbs†
Jan Dobbs

MARCH 23 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Thomas Andrews†
Johnston Family

MARCH 24 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Drew & Dianne Haaser†
Jane Klug

MARCH 25 THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Don & Bessie Reynolds†
Tex & Theresa Reynolds
Joseph A. Patrello†
Cathy & Roger Frame

MARCH 26 FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Ann Hudson†
Pierogi Group

MARCH 27 SATURDAY

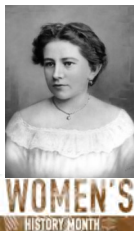
4:00 p.m. Thomas Sullivan†
Starovic Family

MARCH 28 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Richard Blum
Kimberly Starovic
10:00 a.m. Veronica DiCola†
Lottie & Jerry Durbin

St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955)

Though she grew up in wealth, St. Katharine saw her stepmother opening their home to the poor and assisting the needy. She would also seek women too afraid to visit their home. After becoming a sister, St Katharine gave everything to God, including her entire inheritance, and spent her life educating and caring for Native and African Americans.



Annunciation of the Lord, Waffles, and Measuring Days

Thanks to a linguistic misunderstanding, those who enjoy breakfast for dinner may celebrate the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord March 25 with a stack of waffles. Yes, you read that correctly--waffles. As we Catholics know, solemnities are of the highest rank--so much so that Lenten penances are set aside when necessary so we can joyously celebrate the associated feasts. To understand the connection between waffles and Our Lady, we must travel to Sweden, where Our Lady Day, or *Vårfrudagen*, is close in both spelling and pronunciation to *Våffeldagen*, which means "Waffle Day." In fact, if either of these words is spoken too quickly, it's tough to tell the difference. This is likely how Swedes and eventually much of Europe came around to putting together waffles and the Feast of the Annunciation, which marks the day that the angel Gabriel came to Mary to deliver the light of the world, the son of God.

For centuries throughout Catholic Europe, the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25 was considered the start of the new year. Even Ancient Rome celebrated the new year at the spring equinox. But eventually the original Roman calendar, used for centuries, fell out of sync with real-time astronomical events. So, Julius Caesar instituted the Julian calendar to correct the original Roman calendar, setting January 1 as New Year's Day. This he did in honor of Janus, the Roman god who looked backward

and forward, into the past and into the future. Things continued on this way for many more centuries until the medieval Church, which saw things differently from Rome, moved New Year's Day back to March 25, in concert with Our Lady Day. As the centuries passed, flaws in the Julian Calendar became apparent. Easter was falling out of sync with spring, so in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian calendar, which reformed and corrected the Julian calendar and its many miscalculations. It is the calendar we use today and the most in-sync with the sun. Pope Gregory also moved New Year's Day back to January 1st.

Time is a tricky thing. Catholics throughout Europe managed to continue celebrating Our Lady Day despite the arrangement of minutes, days, weeks, and months. When Sweden declared the Lutheran faith its national religion in 1593, the one Catholic feast that sustained according to all calendars was the Annunciation of our Lord. Thanks to this, and perhaps fast-talking Swedes, we can indulge, during Lent, in waffles. -- Book of Days; Mercy Home; VisitSweden.com; K. Swift.

Find Waffles and Other FEAST DAY Recipes at: CatholicCuisine.blogspot.com



Prayer REQUESTS

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

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Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m. in the church

Sung, Solemn Vespers
St. Joseph Cathedral,
Wheeling - 6 p.m.

**EASTER FLOWERS to SHUT-INS,
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**
Saturday, March 27
Meet @ 10:30 a.m. Church Lot

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS
Deadline for Names in Bulletin
Sunday, March 28
[GET FORMS HERE](#)

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Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life
Wednesdays 9 a.m. /Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
Church Hall

LECTORS

March 27	4:00 p.m.	D. Evans D. Prado
March 28	8:00 a.m.	R. Hess C. Frame
Palm Sunday	10:00 a.m.	L. Niemiec P. Whitwam

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Attendance	180

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Vincent and Kristine Caprio hold their son, Luca, as he is being blessed by Fr. That Son.

Celebrating A New Soul

St. Francis Xavier Church welcomed a new soul into the parish family last weekend. Luca Scott Caprio received the Sacrament of Baptism Sunday, March 14, from Fr. That Son in the church. Parents are Vincent Gerard and Kristine. Luca's grandmother is Kristine Minor and his grandfather is Gerard Caprio. Congratulations to everyone, and blessings for them all!

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.



HOLY WEEK PREPARATIONS

PLEASE GET YOUR EASTER flower contributions to us by Sunday, March 28, to ensure the names of those you wish to memorialize can be printed in the bulletin for Easter Sunday, April 4. Please complete a form and return it with your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" to the collection basket. Bring forms also to the office Monday-Wednesday. [Forms are here](#) and on tables in church and Xavier Hall.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS will be followed by Adoration.

PLEASE CONTACT FATHER That Son **as soon as possible** if you cannot use your reserved seats for any of the four Easter Masses.

REMEMBER ALSO you cannot switch Masses!

PLEASE ALSO CONTACT US if you have not yet received your seating number.

WE ARE IN NEED OF SERVERS FOR HOLY WEEK MASSES.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

- 7 p.m. Holy Thursday (Adoration following)
- 7 p.m. Good Friday
- 8 p.m. Easter Vigil
- EASTER DAY
- 8 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 11 a.m.

A REHEARSAL FOR ALL MASSES WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, MARCH 27, AT 11 A.M. IN CHURCH.

Please contact Fr. That Son promptly to tell him you will serve.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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