

St. Augustine R. C. Parish Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday † March 19, 2023

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9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed)
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil — *Suspended Indefinitely*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed
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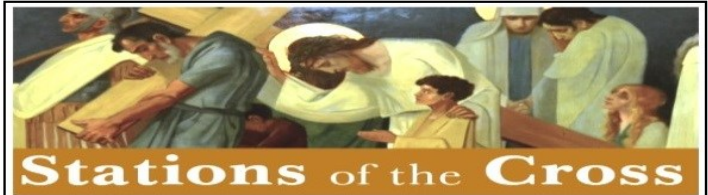
Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday
Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786

"The Seven Last Words of Jesus"

Good Friday, April 7th at 7:30 PM

The service (approximately 90 minutes) will consist of a scripture reading of each of the words, a short reflection by a parishioner, silence, several petitions and a hymn for each word.

All are welcome to this very moving reflection on our Lord's Passion.



Stations of the Cross

Friday Evenings During Lent ♦ 7:00 P.M.
Come, walk, and meditate on the Way of the Cross

Zoom ID: 5590497986 PW: 7139

Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent, in the Western Christian liturgical calendar. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the austere period of Lent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words (incipit) of the traditional Latin entrance (Introit) for the Mass of the day. "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem") is Latin from the Book of Isaiah. The term "Laetare Sunday" is used by most Roman Catholic Churches. The word comes from the Latin *laetare*, the singular imperative of *laetari*: "to rejoice."

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

In Roman Catholic churches, flowers may appear on the altar and the organ may be played as a solo instrument. Priests are given the option to wear rose-colored vestments at Mass held on this day in place of the violet vestments normally worn during Lent. The term "rose" is used to describe this lighter shade of the color violet in the Roman Rite. Sunday is considered a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigors; a day of hope with Easter at last within sight.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

John 8:12



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 19, 2023

9:00 AM
11:00 AM † Mauricio Gesmundo
7:00 PM † Debra Marquart Guenzel

Monday, March 20, 2023 SAINT JOSEPH FEAST DAY

12:05 PM † William Saldutti

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

12:05 PM † Jacob & Margaret Marquart

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

12:05 PM † Charles E. Flanagan, Sr.

Thursday, March 23, 2023

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Friday, March 24, 2023

12:05 PM

Saturday, March 25, 2023

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
Pledges: 216 Percentage: 107.2292%
Amount Pledged: \$804,218.68
Pledges Received: \$747,503.68
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$757,941.39

Sacrificial Giving March 12, 2023

Number of Envelopes Used: 25
Amount in Envelopes: \$819.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$32.76
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Amount Electronic: \$1,355.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$30.80
Loose Money: \$429.00
Total Collection: \$2,603.00

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Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 19, 2023

Monday, March 20, 2023 FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
7:00 PM Lenten Series on the Creed -Zoom

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, March 23, 2023

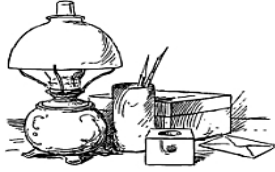
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, March 24, 2023

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross—Zoom

Saturday, March 25, 2023

9:00 AM Parish Cleanup & Mulching
3:30 PM McSorley-Morano Wedding



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

I mentioned in my letter last week that Ted Baker, our Candidate for full communion with the Church, will participate during Lent in the “Three Scrutinies” which are part of the RCIA process: last Sunday at the 7 PM Mass, this Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass and next Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass. As I said last week, when we scrutinize something we look at it carefully and thoroughly. This means when we scrutinize ourselves we sincerely examine ourselves as to what we are doing well and be honest with ourselves of what we can do better.

I mentioned that in the spirit of Lent, it should not be just Ted who scrutinizes himself, but all of us should be looking at ourselves thoroughly and carefully as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and renew our baptism promises. I suggested we scrutinize ourselves in the context of the three traditional disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Last week, I shared some thoughts to help examine our prayer life. This week we will look at how we fast and next week look at almsgiving.

The history of fasting in the terms of spirituality is rooted in the Old Testament. The idea was that fasting made one’s prayer more acceptable to God. It was a way of demonstrating one’s level of commitment before the Lord. In the New Testament, we know that Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. He also was questioned about why the apostles didn’t fast and his response was you don’t fast when the bridegroom is still with you, in other words in time of joy. So, there is a time to fast and a time not too fast.

As we know, the forty days of Lent are an imitation of Jesus’ time in the desert. Fasting was not for Jesus, nor should it be for us, an end in itself. It is spiritually healthy at times to “long” for something. We always don’t have to have all of our longings met. Also, fasting is appropriate at a time we prepare for something significant. Jesus was preparing to begin his public ministry. In Lent, we are preparing to celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection and to recommit ourselves to him.

As I scrutinize myself concerning the spirituality of fasting in my own life, it is healthy to look at several things. Do I fast only in following the letter of the law? For example, Catholics are too fast from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. So on a Friday in Lent, I don’t eat meat but I have a lobster dinner, I am following the letter of the law, but I am not following the spirit or purpose of the law. I say I am not going to drink coffee in Lent or smoke in Lent, but if I don’t drink coffee or smoke anyway, I am obviously not giving anything up. Again, am I disciplining myself in order “to long” for something? This is difficult when we live in a first world country and all our needs and conveniences are generally met instantaneously.

Sometimes we hear people say they are not going to “give anything up” in Lent but just do something positive for Lent. Jesus did a lot of positive things, but he still fasted. Our spirituality is not that it is one or the other, but it is both. Obviously, we should do good things, but there are positive elements knowing my needs are not always met and I depend on God.

Again, fasting is not an end in itself. If I give up beer for Lent, what do I do with the money I have saved, fatten my bank account or give it to the poor? (Thus the Rice Bowls) If I give up television, or Facebook or playing games on the internet during Lent, what do I do with the time I have saved, sleep longer or use my time for more prayer, spiritual reading or reaching out to others?

Are there some bad habits from which I should fast? Can I fast from judging someone and rather have more compassion for that person? Can I fast from greed and accumulating things and rather share my surpluses? St. Augustine says if I accumulate things I do not need, I am stealing from those who do need those things. Can I fast from gossip, and make it a point to affirm some people? Can I fast from noise (always have the television or radio on) and take advantage of some silence? Can I fast from holding grudges, and rather reach out for reconciliation or forgiveness? Jesus said if there is a rift with another, make peace with that person before coming to the Eucharist. Can I fast from sharing bad news when it is not necessary, and make a point to share good news?

Lent is a time to going back to “basic training,” looking at the fundamentals of our faith, examining ourselves carefully and thoroughly. May we scrutinize ourselves concerning the place of the spirituality of fasting in our lives.

Have a great fourth week of Lent.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Bill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Fr. Bill

HOLY WEEK 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 2, 2023

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Blessing and Distribution of Palm at all Masses.



HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 6, 2023

7:30 PM

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
and Private Adoration at Repository



GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 2023

3:00 PM

The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

7:30 PM

The Seven Last Words of Christ



HOLY SATURDAY

April 8, 2023

7:30 PM

The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
(No Confessions)



EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

(No 7:00 PM Mass)

St. Augustine Parish, Phila.

Presents:

Everything you always wanted to know about ~~sex~~ The Creed

* But were afraid to ask

How do we
know Jesus
rose again?"

What is an
"apostolic"
Church?

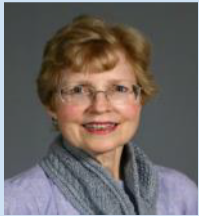
Is there more
than one baptism?

WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CREED?

Submit your questions and join us this Lent for Part II of our ongoing series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the "Creed." Join us and our special guests via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!



2/28 "For our sake he was crucified . . ." - Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min., Director of Pastoral Services, National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcemsqD4sGtFsRYUe7LSfIYWDOHDUfMxw>



3/7 "He ascended into heaven . . . He will come again . . ." - Dr. Janet Haggerty, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology, College Seminary and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Theological Seminary, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdeGtqj8rH9SMqZZhQ9cHpXh5G84rxCRs>



3/14 "I believe in the Holy Spirit . . ." - Rev. Jason Buck, MA, M.Div., Dean of Men, College Seminary, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvcOyqgT0iHdFoAR375XgKXEsf6pAszPh>



3/21 "I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church" - Rev. Thomas F. Dailey, O.S.F.S., John Cardinal Foley Chair of Homiletics & Social Communications, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclcO-hqT4qHdRxtB6UIZ0T7IWYXc7YyFK>



3/28 "I confess one baptism . . ." - Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, Ph.D., D.Min., Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Merrimack College - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMocO6gpzlrHNOLYxpmYRZndRVkLTKiQz2C>



4/4 "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead . . ." plus "Wrap up of the 10 sessions on the Creed" - Rev. G. Dennis Gill, S.L.L., M.Div., Director, Office for Divine Worship and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcyraqj8iHNY01U6QmfpVjJDoYO9YvU04>

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: staugustineparish09@gmail.com or call (215) 627-1838
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Comments from previous sessions:

Good morning, Father Dennis!

I am re-reading the seven pages (!!) of notes I took last night during your presentation on the Creed. So very helpful - especially because tonight I introduce the sacrament of Confirmation to my 6th grade PREP students. You brought out the importance of the Creed and I will want to begin with that - especially the rejection of Satan and the awareness that God is Father and Son and Holy Spirit. I listened carefully at Mass today and at the final blessing the priest said: ... Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Your explanation made a great impression on me. Of course another problem that occurs - and happens with frequency - is the priest celebrant saying, "May Almighty God bless US. . . "

Thank you for such a clearly presented input session. I hope the upcoming presentations will be as good - or as close to being as good as yours!!!!

Blessings on your day!

Marganne

Hi Father Bill,

I have not had an opportunity to "tune-in" the last two Tuesday evenings to the Creed presentations. I took a walk this afternoon and listened to Session 1 with Fr Gill. It was outstanding! He could not have been more articulate and succinct explaining the Creed, its history, and why we profess and believe what it contains. His talk inspires one to seek more, yet I feel I know so much with just that one hour. Thank you and Brother Jacob for coordinating and Fr. Gill for taking the time to put such a fantastic presentation together. Finally, I am grateful you posted this on YouTube or I would have truly missed out! I look forward to catching up with Session 2. *Brian Halpin*

The Advent Series continues to be a wonderful learning and inspirational experience as we prepare for Jesus' arrival. Thanks to the presenters and everyone at St. Augustine Parish who make it possible.

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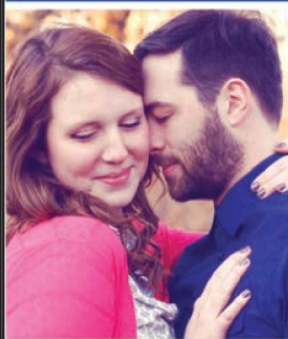
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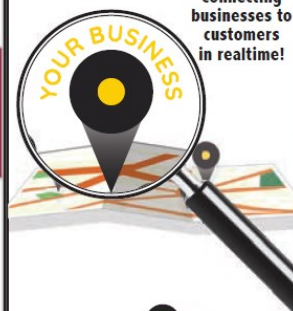
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