



Our Lady of the **WAYSIDE PARISH**



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March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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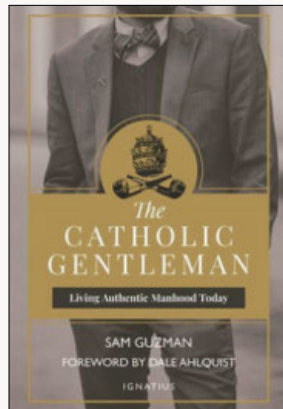
Men's Lenten Reflection Series 2023

An Hour of Prayer, Learning and Discussion

With a focus on the book
by Samuel Guzman

The Catholic Gentleman: Living Authentic Man- hood Today

Do yourself (and those around you) some real good this Lent by joining other men in the parish toward becoming better men, dads, sons, husbands and Catholic Christians with an hour of prayer, listening, reflection and discussion.



Topics include:

- Fathers & Sons
- Holy matrimony
- What real holiness is and How to achieve it

Activities also include the Rosary and Morning Liturgy of the Hours.

**Saturdays 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1
at 7:30AM in the Gathering Place**

– *Coffee & donuts served starting at 7AM* –



THIS LENT, LET'S PUT OUR
Faith into Action

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19
10:30-11:30AM
OLW GYM**

**DROP IN!
OR
STAY THE WHOLE HOUR!**

Service Hour Opportunity!

		
<i>Service</i>	<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Take</i>
Make Easter cards and decorate flowers.	Pray for those receiving what you've made.	A family challenge

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY! FUN FOR ALL AGES!

DID YOU KNOW...

Father Harold T. O'Hara walked out of the Chancery Office on June 30th, 1952, both happy and perplexed. While he had a wealth of experience, being a priest for twenty-three years – assistant in four large parishes, two on the south side, two in the suburbs – he had just been given the daunting assignment of starting a brand new parish on the south side of Arlington Heights. *Where to begin?*

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CELEBRATE

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE PARISH

GOD'S RESTORATIVE FORGIVENESS

4th Sunday of Lent



Father Arthur Marat

Our God is a living God, who sees and knows everything. The Lord is also a loving God, who looks into the depths of our souls: “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.” God knows us more intimately than we know ourselves! Because we are made in God’s image and likeness, God has given us the capacity to see both physically, with our eyes, and spiritually with our souls. The Gospel tells us the story of Jesus healing the young blind man. Despite the young man’s physical blindness, he had spiritual sight. He had faith and believed that the One who healed him was God. The Pharisees, on the other hand, who had physical sight, were spiritually blind. They lacked faith and the ability to see that Jesus really was God. Despite all of the miracles that Jesus performed, despite all of the things He said, the Pharisees’ hearts were hardened.

Sin makes us spiritually blind so that we cannot see God present in our lives. Sin hardens our hearts and damages our relationship with God. And mortal sin—serious sin—actually puts our souls in a state of spiritual death. This season of Lent is given to us by the Church as a time to discover our sin—to discover that we, like the Pharisees, are spiritually blind. It is a time for us to be still and silent—to go into the depths of our hearts—and to tell God what dark and unsightly things we find there.

Perhaps some of you carry in your hearts a particular hatred or resentment toward someone who has wounded you. Perhaps you have committed certain sins that you are afraid to confess. Whatever is in your hearts, do not be afraid to discover and uncover the truth. Why? Because Our God is a loving God, and He already knows what is inside of our hearts. He already knows what we so often try to hide from Him and even from ourselves. He already knows our sins better than we do.

What God also knows, is how much we long to be loved. He knows how much we need the healing that only His forgiveness provides.

What is so sad and tragic about the Pharisees is not that they were spiritually blind, but that they closed themselves off to receiving God’s mercy and love. As today’s Gospel shows us: blindness, whether physical or spiritual, is not a problem for God. For, He can heal any kind of blindness. What is difficult for God, however, is our own refusal to be healed—our own rejection of His Love and Mercy. God has given us the most beautiful gift of free will, and with our free will we can either accept God’s mercy or reject it.

If God allows us to discover something of our sinfulness, blindness, or hardness of heart, it is not to condemn us, but to invite us to return to Him and to receive His mercy. And this is what Lent is all about. Jesus is pure love. It is His desire to reveal to us our own darkness, so that we might seek Him. And in seeking Him, we might be brought into the unfathomable light of His love and eternal beatitude.

It is, therefore, with this in mind that I would like to invite you to take some time during what remains of Lent to look into your hearts, examine your consciences, and take advantage of God’s Love in the Sacrament of Confession. God is waiting to forgive and heal you—to open your eyes to the glory of His Love.

Yours in Christ,
Father Arthur

Participation at the Church

Below are several activities that you may have taken part in over the past year. Please indicate the frequency that best describes how often you have done any of these activities.

How often did you do each of the following over the past year?

	Never	Once or Twice a Year	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Invited someone to join me for an activity at the parish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Invited someone to join me for Mass	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Invited someone to consider a vocation to the priesthood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Invited someone to consider a vocation to religious life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Answered another person's question about a teaching of the Catholic Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteered to serve a member of our community (not necessarily a Catholic)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shared the story of Jesus with another person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



**Catholic Leadership
INSTITUTE**

Disciple Maker Index Survey

HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED?

The call-to-action from Our Lady of the Wayside's participation in the Archdiocese Renew My Church program is to move from maintenance to mission. We were challenged to increase our discipleship and evangelization efforts and programs.

The starting point of this process is the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey which ALL PARISHIONERS are asked to take. To guide our course and assure we are positioned for a successful future, feedback on our efforts to support your spiritual growth is essential.

All responses to this survey will be kept confidential. Our parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Results will be shared with all parishioners in late Spring or early Fall.

Please visit <https://bit.ly/DMI-OLW> or use the QR code to take this survey. Paper copies are also available at church exits and the parish office. If you require help with the survey, please call 847-253-5353. We are happy to assist!



Thank you for sharing!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection for March 12, 2023



	This Week	Budget	Variance
Sunday Masses	\$11,069		
Mail and Walk-up	\$10,217		
eGiving	\$13,024		
Total Sunday	\$34,310	\$34,135	\$175

	This Week	YTD
School Support		
Rebek	\$500	\$6,650

Thank you for your generosity!



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Our Lady of The Wayside, St James, St Edna, and St Mary, invite you to

The Multi Parish Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th at Our Lady of The Wayside

1:30 PM

Adoration and Reflection by Fr. Marat

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Confession and Psalm Recitations

3:00 PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Benediction

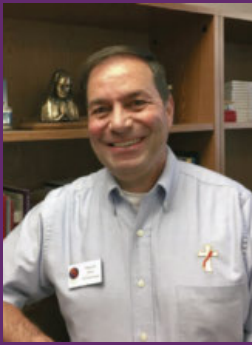
The Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday, April 7th
Hosted at 3 pm each day by Our Lady of The Wayside
Reflection by Deacon Paul Onischuk



Schedule for Divine Mercy Novena

April 7th, following the Good Friday Liturgy of the Word
April 8th, Easter Vigil/ Saturday, at 3 PM
April 9th, Easter Sunday at 3 PM
April 10th, Easter Monday at 3 PM
April 11th through the 15th at 3 PM

Our Lady of the Wayside
434 W. Park, Arlington Heights, IL 60005



THE SACRAMENTS

By Deacon Peter LeTourneau
Director of Parish Ministry & Evangelization

Baptism is the greatest and most glorious gift from God. The word “gift” is key because there is nothing we need to do to receive this gift, and there is nothing we could possibly do that would cause this gift to be taken away. Baptism seals us with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of belonging to Christ. This sign is indelible because **it remains even in a person who may lose the state of grace or even the virtue of faith.**

Calling this God’s greatest gift may seem bold - but baptism is what transforms us into a child of God and gives us access to everlasting life in His kingdom. As stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church – *This sacrament is also called “the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit” for it signifies and actually brings about the birth of water and the Spirit without which no one can enter the kingdom of God (CCC 1215).*

While eternal life is the goal - Baptism also provides the graces we need to help us on our journey. Through Baptism we receive:

- **Cleansing from original sin** – Everyone is born into a state of original sin as the entire human race is implicated in Adam’s sin. Baptism is Christ’s answer, giving us even greater blessings than those sin had taken from us.
- **The Holy Spirit** – The Holy Spirit comes to us through Baptism. The Holy Spirit is the ongoing presence of God within us, ensuring God is our constant companion throughout our entire lives. The Holy Spirit inspires, enlightens, guides, and never leaves us.
- **Sacramental grace** – The grace of baptism is a rebirth in Christ and opens a channel of blessing from God to the baptized. Grace gives us spiritual energy and helps us grow in virtue and holiness.
- **Entry into the Body of Christ, the Church** – We become part of the church and members of our faith community. When we ask parents why baptism is important to them, they most often reference growing up in and belonging to a rich faith community, and the sense of peace, belonging, friendship and order they felt as a result.

The Rite of Baptism is a rather short but beautiful rite. There are a few parts of this rite that I would like to highlight.

- **Reception of the child** – The Rite opens with parents and godparents stating their intentions and the child is welcomed with a sign of the cross traced on their foreheads. When baptism happens before the age of reason (typically younger than 7 years) - the parents and godparents accept the faith on behalf of their child. When the child is confirmed, they accept the faith on their own behalf.
- **There are two holy oils used in baptism:**
 - **Oil of Catechumens** - Baptism liberates us from sin. During this anointing, a prayer is recited, preparing the child to renounce sin and be released from evil.
 - **Sacred Chrism** - The celebrant anoints the newly baptized with sacred Chrism - a perfumed oil signifying the gift of the Holy Spirit. This same oil is also used at Confirmation.
- **Words Matter** – for the baptism to be valid, the celebrant must use water and say “Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” In fact, anyone baptized in another Christian faith using water and these words does not have to be “rebaptized” into the Catholic faith.
- **Clothing of the White Garment and the lighting of the Candle** – the white garment symbolizes the child is now clothed with Christ and the candle (lit from the Paschal candle) symbolizes the light of faith that parents hand on through Baptism.
- **Ephphatha** (means be opened) – the celebrant gives a special blessing over the child’s ears and mouth for openness to receive God’s word and proclaim it.

For answers to these commonly asked questions about Baptism...

- Do I have to be Catholic to have my child baptized?
- Do Godparents have to be Catholic?
- Do I have to have two Godparents, and do they have to be male and female?
- At what age can someone be baptized?
- What preparation is required?

visit: <http://bit.ly/3ZLHAWj>



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REP Schedule for the Weeks of March 19 & 26, 2023

Tuesday, March 21

- 4 pm, 1st through 4th grade classes meet
- 7 pm, 5th and 6th grade classes meet

Tuesday, March 28

- No REP Classes: SPRING BREAK!



First Pillar of Lent: Prayer

Setting aside more time for family prayer during Lent draws us closer to one another and to God. Through family prayer, we begin to recognize ourselves as a family rooted in Christ's mission, set aside for good works.

Make a plan. When you have kids, it's easier to plan to pray than to follow through on it! Still, making a plan can help us work toward our hope of praying more as a family.

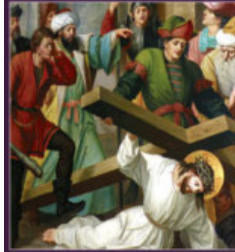
Choose specific prayers. It can be helpful to use a dedicated devotional during Lent. Or you may decide to pray a rosary each day, or the chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Don't give up. If you miss a day or even a whole week, don't give up! Lent is not just about penance – it's also about starting again if we have a lapse.

From: <https://intentionalcatholicparenting.com/the-3-pillars-of-lent-for-families/>



Soup & Stations



Every Friday
(in March)
during LENT



Our Lady of the Wayside Gathering Place
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Soup & Stations are Back at OLW!

Journey with Jesus this Lent.

All are welcome to enjoy a simple but substantial supper of soup, pasta and bread, served on Fridays (March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31) at 6pm in the Gathering Place, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7pm.

There is no charge but donations for St. Mark's Food Pantry are certainly appreciated.

More hands make light work (and great soup)! If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Ann Marie Tarczon at ann.tarczon@gmail.com.

ALTAR SERVER RECOGNITION MASS



Serving at the altar can open hearts to the sacred! It's wonderful to see our children and youth dedicate themselves to the ministry of serving at Mass!

Bishop Grob and your parish pastors invite you and your altar servers to celebrate their dedication and commitment to this important ministry. As a gesture of our gratitude for the gifts these disciples offer in serving their parishes, servers from across Vicariate I are invited to a recognition Mass and to share in a meal together afterward.

Sunday, March 26 | 3 p.m. | St. Thomas of Villanova Parish
1201 East Anderson Drive, Palatine, IL

Please visit bit.ly/3luYt1p or scan the QR code to register by Thursday, March 23.



This is a family event and parents are expected to accompany their child(ren). This Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation. After Mass, we will be sharing in a meal of cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza along with dessert.

Please help us to best serve you by registering and noting any dietary restrictions.

ANNUAL EASTER BASKET BLESSING AND EGG HUNT

April 8, 2023

Basket Blessing at 12 PM

Egg Hunt and Activities at 12:30 PM

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Bring your family and friends for an Easter Basket Blessing, followed by an egg hunt and fun activities for children 10 and under.

Volunteers needed, [click here](#)

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Eucharistic Revival

VICARIATE I EUCHARISTIC EVENING OF PRAYER

The Archdiocese of Chicago is at a pivotal moment of structural and spiritual renewal, and that is a cause for great hope. We take up this effort at a moment in which the United States bishops have launched a Eucharistic Revival. This convergence reminds us that true renewal of the Church always involves recovering the importance of the Eucharistic celebration as the source and summit of our life as Catholics. From the Eucharistic celebration flows all the Church's prayer, activities and ministries. Pope Francis recently wrote that "the Christian faith is either an encounter with Him alive or it does not exist."

Join us in Vicariate I to unite in prayer for renewal and revival as we deepen the union with Christ and each other which we experience at Mass, by coming together for this celebration of exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Jeffrey Grob.

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 | 7 p.m.

St. Emily, 1400 East Central Road, Mt Prospect, IL 60056





rites belonging to the period of purification and enlightenment: *THE SCRUTINIES*

As we continue to accompany and pray for our elect, we approach and embrace **the scrutinies**.

The Scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose.

They are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect and to bring out then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.

The scrutinies are celebrated to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

The third scrutiny will be celebrated at the 11:30 am Mass on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 26th)—and the previous noted objectives are no easy task. To inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, join us at these most special ritual Masses.

And, please continue to lift up Nick, Michael, Elena, Sarah, and Ed in your prayers!

Sincerely,

Carol Stuber and Deacon Paul Onischuk, RCIA Co-Directors

Bible Study

In Person & Online / Friday Morning 9:30



Join us for lively discussion of
next Sunday's readings:

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

Join us in the Cabrini Room of the Parish Center
or email biblestudy@olwparish.org for a sign-in code.

Men's Night!!

SAVE THE DATE!

April 15 | at OLW

Poker and Bags

Everyone is Invited

\$25 ticket, \$50 poker buy-in

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

THIS EVENT SUPPORTS
OLW SCHOOL AND THE
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.

What an eventful Lent for the Youth Ministry so far!
We've done a lot of service:

- Served at the Fish Fry
- Packed snack bags for Journeys, the Road Home
- Made dog toys for the puppies at the Second City Canine Rescue
- Wrote letters to USA Troops
- Made rosaries for residents at the nursing home



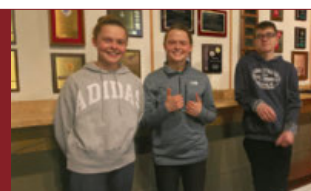
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YOUTH MINISTRY *during Lent*



We've had amazing Peer Ministry Nights & began our Wednesday night events! Are you looking to further your faith? Parents, do you want to surround your teen with new faith-filled, joyful friends? Join us!

- Sundays: 7-9PM
- Every other Wednesday, 7-8PM



Save the Date
for a

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday, May 6th @ 3PM

Derby Attire. Mint Juleps. Horse Betting.

More details to follow!

The money raised at this event supports OLV School and the students and faculty.

LADY GOLFERS WELCOME



The Arlington Lakes Ladies Golf League is looking for ladies to join our 9 hole league.

When: Every Tuesday, starting May 2nd, 7:30AM

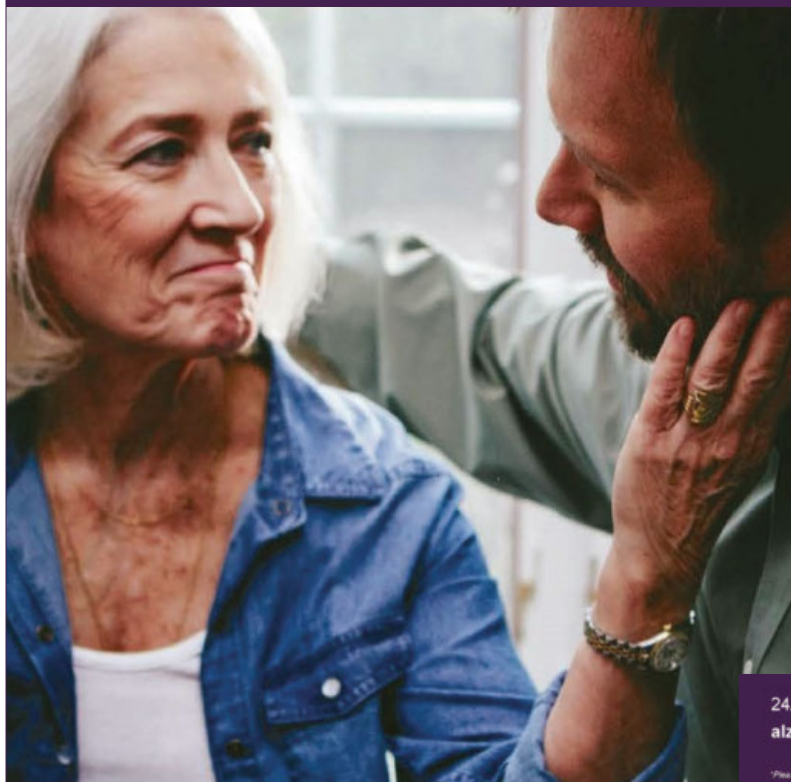
Where: Arlington Lakes Golf Course

Contact Mary Reising for more information.

Phone (847) 593-7162 or text (847) 612-8618.

10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association®



Alzheimer's causes changes in memory, thinking and behavior that are not normal aging.

Join us at Our Lady of the Wayside Parish's Gathering Place on **Wednesday, March 22, from 10–11 am** for a presentation that will discuss:

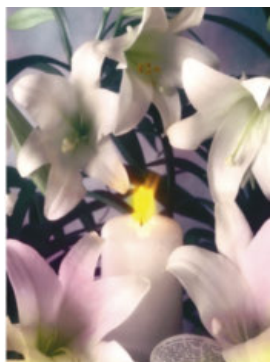
- The difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's
- Common warning signs
- The importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis
- What to watch for in yourself and others
- Next steps and expectations for the diagnostic process
- Alzheimer's Association resources.

To register, call Kathy O'Neill at 224-518-1780 or email her at parishnurse@olwparish.org.

24/7 Helpline 800.272.3900
alz.org/illinois

ALZHEIMER'S
ASSOCIATION
Illinois Chapter

*Please note, due to local and safety guidelines you may be asked to follow mask and social distance rules based on the local site.



Easter 2023

*Church Flowers in Memory
of Your Loved One(s)*

*"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he
dies, will live, and everyone who
lives and believes in me will never
die. Do you believe this?"*

We invite you to honor the names of loved ones with flowers and decorations for our church at Easter.

Please clearly fill out the form below, attach a check made out to *Our Lady of the Wayside Church*, and drop it in the collection box in the rear of church or give it to Patricia at the parish office **no later than Monday, March 27**. Your loved ones name(s) will appear in the bulletin under "*In Memory Of*" or "*In Honor Of*."

Suggested Donation: \$20 per intention.

Please Print: First and Last Name Only

Donor's Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory Of (Deceased): _____

In Honor Of (Living): _____

4 Things to Know Before Your First Colonoscopy



If you've never had a colonoscopy before, maybe you've heard some things about them. And maybe you don't like what you've heard.

Dr. Andrew Albert, a gastroenterologist based at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, has heard all the misconceptions, especially from people who are worried about getting their first colonoscopy.

"It's never as bad as people think," Dr. Albert says. "Colonoscopies are simple,

and not enough people hear the most important point, which is that they save lives."

He suggests four things' people should know before getting their first colonoscopy.

1. **This simple procedure can save your life.** Colorectal cancer is the third-leading type of cancer in the US, excluding some skin cancers, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The good news is that it's preventable. Screenings like colonoscopies can find polyps before they turn into cancer.
2. **The procedure doesn't last long.** It takes some preparation, but the procedure is relatively brief.
3. **A colonoscopy doesn't cause pain or discomfort.** It's a safe procedure during which most people get a good sleep, Dr. Albert says.
4. **The prep is worse than the procedure.** And that's not that bad, either. You drink a liquid to help clear your colon so that polyps can be found during the actual procedure. While it might not be especially comfortable, it's not as dramatic as you might think, Dr. Albert says. Plus, it's worth it to prevent cancer.

Figuring out when it's time for you to have your first colonoscopy or other procedure is as simple as asking your doctor what's right for you. Typically, starting at age 45 you should begin screening for colon cancer. But everyone is different, and the best way to know what test is best for you and when you should get it is by talking to your doctor.

Article contributed by: Mike Riopell



Sunday, Mar 19, 2023

Step out of the spotlight

They called her the “Pearl of the Antilles” for her uncompromising care of the sick. In Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and her original home in Puerto Rico, Mother Maria Soledad Sanjurjo Santos and the Servants of Mary she led were there to help. Mother Maria made it her signature to be hidden so Christ could be made visible. Her humility in service illuminates what Saint Paul means by living as children of light. If we insist on the spotlight, all that people see is us. If we wear a cloak of invisibility in practicing our good works, Christ alone lights up the darkness.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 (31). *“Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness.”*

Monday, Mar 20, 2023

Pull a chair up to the table

On the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, it is the custom in some places, especially Italy, to bless bread, pastries, and other food and give it to the poor. Legend has it that the tradition started in the Middle Ages after Sicilians prayed to Saint Joseph to end a terrible drought. After rain finally came and produced a bountiful harvest, the food was shared with everyone in need. Saint Joseph's Table is now an annual celebration, where some wealthy Italian families invite the public to huge buffets and no one is turned away. What a festive tradition to start in your parish or home! Show your gratitude for the blessings you've received by renewing your devotion to this special saint—a foster father to Jesus and us all. Here is the Blessing of Saint Joseph's Table Prayer.

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). *“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.”*

Tuesday, Mar 21, 2023

Nothing so beautiful as a tree

The U.N. declares today the International Day of Forests. Trees happen to be the most frequently mentioned living things in the Bible, aside from people and God of course. From the Garden of Eden to the cedars of Lebanon, trees represent God's provision. They provide food to eat and medicine to heal. Olive trees growing in the Garden of Gethsemane are estimated to be 900 years old. Little surprise, then, that trees—and the modern-day scourge of deforestation—appear in Pope Francis' environmental encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. The global loss of trees contributes to climate change. It leads to soil erosion and flooding, particularly for vulnerable indigenous populations. Visit the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative to find a “Catholic toolkit” that features *Laudato Si'* and beautiful prayers.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). *“Trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail.”*

Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023

Sabbath prayer

Biblically speaking, there are many reasons to celebrate the sabbath. First, a sabbath rest brings to mind God's rest after the great act of creation. Second, we recall God's liberating action in

our own lives, freeing us from the bonds of sin just as Jews were freed from bondage in Egypt. Finally, the great victory of Jesus over sin and death is cause for a sabbath celebration. Sabbath shouldn't be reduced to outward observances, but rather as a perspective that places God's accomplishing activity front and center. We rest and rise again to carry on that liberating work to help bring about the reign of God.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). *“My Father is at work until now, so I am at work.”*

Thursday, Mar 23, 2023

Defend against injustice

Turibius of Mogrovejo was a highborn Spanish bishop in Peru during the late 1500s, a period of intense violence as the Spanish forcibly colonized the native people. Although many of the colonizers considered indigenous to be less than fully human, Turibius learned their languages and fought for their rights. Who is vulnerable in your community? Is God calling you to take steps on their behalf?

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). *“How can you believe, when you accept praise from one another and do not seek the praise that comes from the only God?”*

Friday, Mar 24, 2023

Let's not turn our gaze away

We join with the international community today in remembering Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero, archbishop of El Salvador, assassinated on this day in 1980 by a paramilitary member because he was an advocate for the poor and condemned military and landowner violations of basic human rights. Honoring Romero, the United Nations proclaimed this day the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims. Let us pray Romero's own words: “Let us be today's Christians. Let us not take fright at the boldness of today's church. With Christ's light let us illuminate even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness.” Saint Oscar, pray with us.

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). *“So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching.”*

Saturday, Mar 25, 2023

Hear ye! Hear ye!

There is a tendency to put Mary on a spiritual pedestal and thereby distance her from the lives the rest of us live. But the point of Mary's exaltation is to point toward what all of us are called to, and capable of—a complete and radical response to our divine calling. Mary was fully human, and her response to God's call sets the standard to which we can all aspire. God has some work to announce to each of us, our own annunciation. Claim your spot on the pedestal with your response!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). *“May it be done to me according to your word.”*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY:

5:00 pm Saturday, March 25, 2023

Presider: Fr. Gilbert Mashurano & Deacon Peter LeTourneau*

7:30 am Sunday, March 26, 2023

Presider: Fr. Arthur Marat & Deacon Jerry Brennan*

9:30 am Sunday, March 26, 2023

Presider: Fr. Gilbert Mashurano & Deacon Jerry Brennan*

11:30 am Sunday, March 26, 2023

Presider: Fr. Gilbert Mashurano & Deacon Paul Onischuk*

6:00 pm Sunday, March 26, 2023

Presider: Fr. Arthur Marat & Deacon Peter LeTourneau*

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— *Father John Muir* ©LPI



HOLY WEEK AT OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE



The **Holy Week Schedule** will be published in next week's bulletin.

Until then, you may view it online here: <http://bit.ly/3Tgwx5b> or by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone's camera.

SACRED LITURGY:

Monday, March 20, 2023

8:30 am – Frank Greifenstein, Peter Baio, Agnes Thelin

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

8:30 am – Nilda J. Dilay

7:00 pm – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

8:30 am – Sister Mary Louise Coccimiglio, Jean Loiacono

Thursday, March 23, 2023

8:30 am – Michael Ryan, Prescilla Senn, Pasquale Caruso

Friday, March 24, 2023

8:30 am – Kyle Tovella

Saturday, March 25, 2023

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

5:00 pm – Anthony Mazzone, Mikey Piet, Pasquale & Rosa Caruso, Frank Greifenstein, Dorothy & Jay Gutschick, Elizabeth Rowland Foley

Sunday, March 26, 2023

7:30 am – For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

9:30 am – Mary Csanadi, Elizabeth Rowland Foley, Jan Karwacki

11:30 am – Carol Ann Thompson

6:00 pm – Michelle Weber

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Pray for the Sick

Mary Ruth Bolda, Helene Bottalla, Susan Cardinale, Marie DeSanto, Mary Joan Dobson, Bob Finch, Fione Hergenreder, Ken Kramer, Bill Lohmeier, Valerie Lund, Evelyn Macam, Tim Mauren, Daniel McCloy, Delores McCloy, John McGuinness, Melvin Rotor, Marianne Saas, Stacey Scott, Sue Sloma, Rev. John Topper, Mary Sloan Weidner



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Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am and 6:00 pm

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Monday through Saturday: 8:30 am

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays at 9:00 am – following 8:30 am Mass.

Holy Communion for the Homebound & Hospitalized

Please contact Kathy O'Neill at the parish office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please call the parish office.

Pray the Rosary

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 am – preceding 8:30 am Mass.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Homebound or ill wanting to receive this Sacrament and the Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Deacon Peter LeTourneau at the parish office to schedule a baptism. A baptismal preparation session is required for your first child.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months prior to a preferred date for necessary preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30–10:30 am. Or, contact the parish office to schedule a time.

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