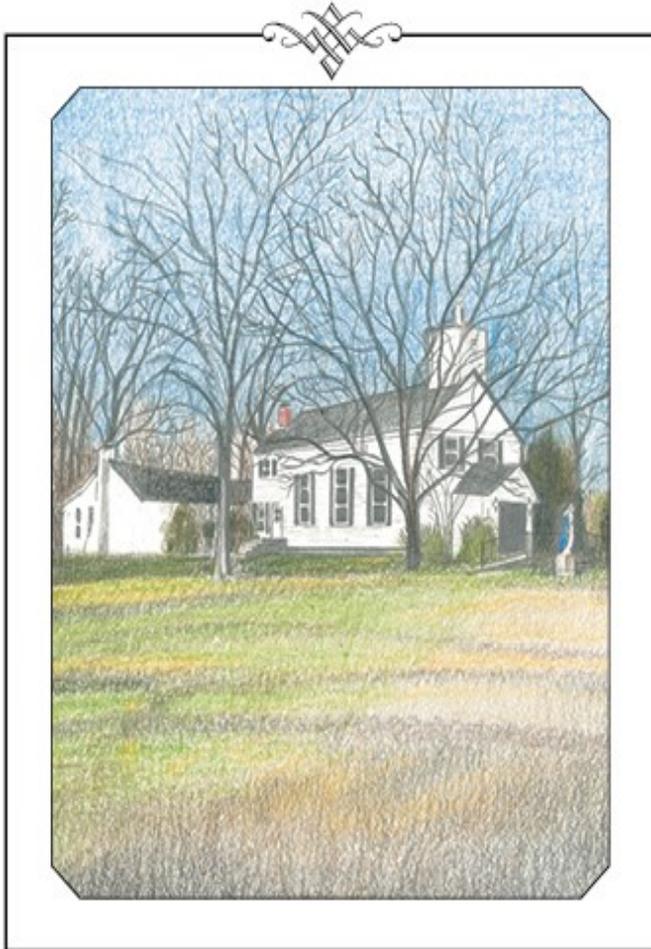


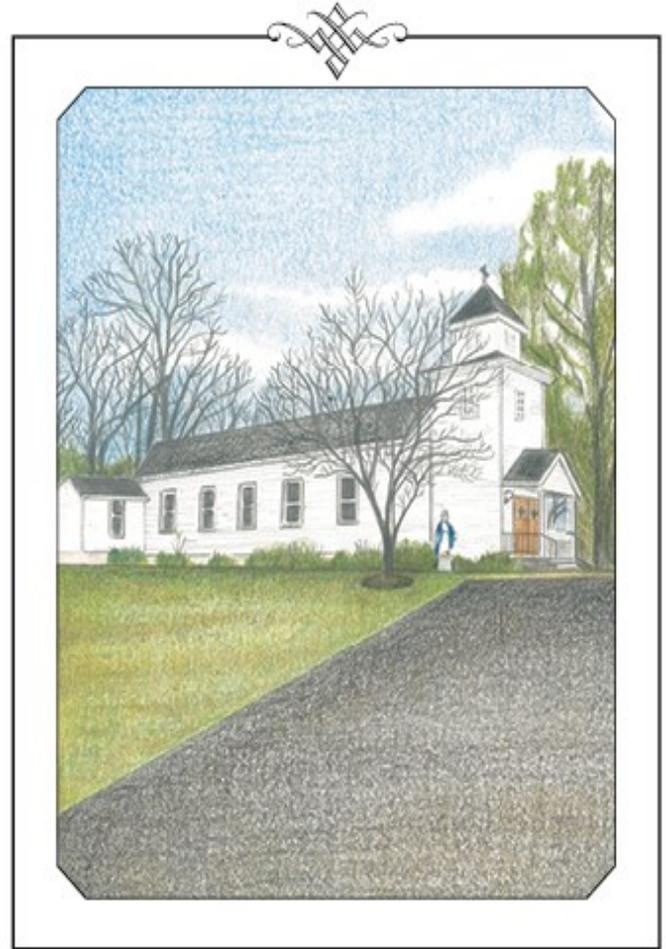
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February 28, 2021 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY MASS

St. Catherine Sat 4:00pm
St. Ignatius Sun 8:30am
St. Catherine Sun 10:30am

CONFESSIONS

St. Catherine Sat 3:00-3:45pm
St. Ignatius Sun 7:45-8:15am
St. Catherine Thu 5:30-6:15pm

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St. Catherine Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 6:30pm

ADORATION

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Please keep in your prayers those with long term illnesses and their caregivers. To have names added to or removed from the prayer list or if you need a priest at the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, call (301) 934-9630. Please leave your name, phone number, person's name, facility and room number.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of February 21, 2020

St. Catherine

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Ash Wednesday: \$227

St. Ignatius

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Ash Wednesday: \$395

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday, February 27 – Vigil – Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

4:00pm Jeanne Hagar

Sunday, February 28 – Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

8:30am Enemies of the Church

10:30am People of the Community

Monday March 1 – Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

6:30pm

Tuesday March 2 – Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

6:30pm Repose of the soul of Ruel Cooper, Sr.

Wednesday March 3 – Saint Katharine Drexel

Jer 18: 18-20 Mt: 20:17-28

No Mass at St. Catherine's

Thursday March 4 – Saint Casimir

Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

6:30pm Those who have died from COVID

Friday March 5 – Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

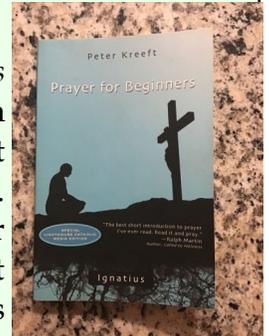
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June 28 – August 6 at Sacred Heart Church. A wide variety of activities: soccer, photography, dance, and camping skills. Elements of faith will be incorporated into their schedule. **Details to follow!**

Faith Formation

Learn to Pray Well!



Remember to join the *Prayers for Beginners* Faith Formation classes each Saturday in Lent at St. Catherine's Hall at 9:00am. Beverages await you as author Peter Kreeft offers simple, but profound advice and gives us practical steps for developing a prayer life based on the time-tested wisdom of the saints and great spiritual writers. He covers such areas as the necessity of prayer, various motives and methods, steps, patience, suffering, sin, faith, and grace.

Please read these chapters in advance of the discussion.

Feb 20: 1-4

Feb 27: 5-8

Mar 6: 9-10

Mar 13: 11-15

Mar 20: 16-17

Mar 27: 18-19

See you there!

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From Fr. Q's Desk

We had a little break with our usual Lenten tradition this year when we received ashes on Ash Wednesday. Usually we receive them in the form of a cross on our forehead, but this year due to the pandemic, the Vatican asked us instead to sprinkle the ashes on the top of the head. I thought this was merely a novel accommodation, but as it turns out, many other countries customarily administer ashes in this way! That got me wondering about other Lenten traditions we may be familiar with.

Carnival: Traditionally the few weeks before Lent were the period known as *Carnival*. No meat ("carne") was to be consumed during Lent, so Catholics said farewell ("val") to meat - hence "Carnival". It was a time of revelry before the strict penances of the Lenten season.

Mardi Gras / Shrove Tuesday: The day before Ash Wednesday is known as "Mardi Gras" in French-speaking countries. "Mardi" is Tuesday and "Gras" is "Fat", so we sometimes call it "Fat Tuesday". It is so named because meat and rich foods were traditionally given up for Lent, so Fat Tuesday was your last chance to gorge yourself and clear out the fats in your house. This day is also traditionally called "Shrove Tuesday"; "shrove" is an old-fashioned word for Confession, since Lent would be the time when everyone would make sure to receive that sacrament. "Shrift" was the penance assigned, and so when there was some urgent situation in which a lengthy penance was not feasible, you might receive "short shrift".

Eastern Churches: In the Eastern churches (Byzantine Catholics in union with the pope, as well as the Eastern Orthodox who are not), the fasting regimen is stricter than ours. First, it is longer, because Lent begins 40 days before Palm Sunday (not Easter), so there are some 47 days of fasting. Second, it is also more strict: forbidden are all meat, fish, dairy, oil and wine. In particular, foods which contain blood are off-limits, since Christ shed his blood for us. I imagine they *really* look forward to Easter!

Color Purple: The liturgical color for Lent (as well as Advent) is purple. Purple was, in ancient societies, the sign of royalty, since purple dye was very expensive. Roman senators, for instance, wore a toga with a bright purple stripe. But purple can also be seen as the color of suffering, of bruises and blood. So purple is doubly a color for Jesus - our suffering King. Indeed, we are told that Jesus is clothed in purple when he is mocked by the Roman soldiers as a "king" (Mk 15:16).



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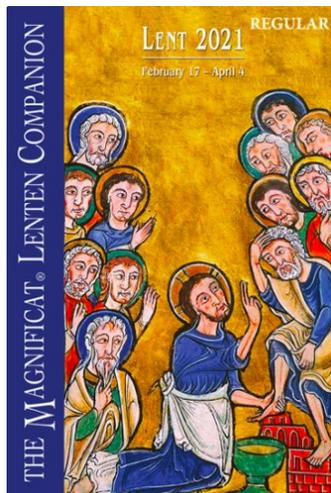
Theological Musings

St. Leo the Great on Lent (5th century AD)

Because the right practice of abstinence is needful not only to the mortification of the flesh but also to the purification of the mind, we desire your observance to be so complete that, as you cut down the pleasures that belong to the lusts of the flesh, so you should banish the errors that proceed from the imaginations of the heart. For he whose heart is polluted with no misbelief prepares himself with true and reasonable purification for the Paschal Feast, in which all the mysteries of our religion meet together.

Magnificat for Lent 2021

For those who are not attending Mass, if you would like a copy of the Magnificat for Lent, please stop by the Office.



The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching.

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness' sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven.



If you pass by Fr. Q
wish him a
Happy Birthday!
March 6th!

Lenten Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	11am Stations of the Cross St. Ignatius		11:00am Pivotal Players Feb 18 St. I Hall Feb 25 St. C Hall Mar 4 St. I Hall Mar 11 St. C Hall Mar 18 St. I Hall Mar 25 St. C Hall		9:00am Prayer for Beginners St. C Hall
5:30pm Adoration St. Catherine	5:30pm Adoration St. Catherine		5:30pm Adoration & Confessions St. Catherine	5:45pm Stations of the Cross St. Catherine	
6:30pm Mass St. Catherine	6:30pm Mass St. Catherine	7:00pm Mass Sacred Heart, LaPlata	6:30pm Mass St. Catherine	6:30pm Mass St. Catherine	

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Article 1

CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S LITURGY

I. Who Celebrates?

1140 It is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates. "Liturgical services are not private functions but are celebrations of the Church which is 'the sacrament of unity,' namely, the holy people united and organized under the authority of the bishops. Therefore, liturgical services pertain to the whole Body of the Church. They manifest it, and have effects upon it. But they touch individual members of the Church in different ways, depending on their orders, their role in the liturgical services, and their actual participation in them." For this reason, "rites which are meant to be celebrated in common, with the faithful present and actively participating, should as far as possible be celebrated in that way rather than by an individual and quasi-privately."

1141 The celebrating assembly is the community of the baptized who, "by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated to be a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, that they may offer spiritual sacrifices." This "common priesthood" is that of Christ the sole priest, in which all his members participate:

Mother Church earnestly desires the liturgy, and to which the Christian people, "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people," have a right and an obligation by reason of their Baptism.

1142 But "the members do not all have the same function." Certain members are called by God, in and through the Church, to a special service of the community. These servants are chosen and consecrated by the sacrament of Holy Orders, by which the Holy Spirit enables them to act in the person of Christ the head, for the service of all the members of the Church.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties – they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn't really mind.*

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system – and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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LISTEN: *Lessons from the Early Church Fathers* by Mike Aquilina

Our individual identities are shaped by and linked to our parents and the stories of our families. As a Church, our identity is linked to and shaped by our fathers and mothers in the faith, the earliest Christians. What do those early Christians have to say that is of relevance to the contemporary Church? How is our understanding of liturgy shaped by what Jesus' followers in the first centuries believed and practiced? Have the changes in the Eucharist brought us closer to the ancient church or separated us from our roots? These are some of the questions Mike Aquilina will address in this five part series as they examine the faith, and particularly the liturgy, from the vantage point of the early Christians.

READ: *Angels & Demons: What Do We Really Know about Them?* by Peter Kreeft

In response to actual questions many people have asked him about angels and demons, well-known author and philosophy professor Peter Kreeft separates fact from fantasy, and myth from reality, as he answers 100 common questions about these spiritual beings. Based on a very popular college course he teaches on this subject, this book responds to the incredible amount of interest in angelic beings and attempts to clear up some of the misinformation abounding in the numerous books today on what we know about these mysterious spirits. Drawing on the Bible, traditional Church teaching, and St. Thomas Aquinas, Kreeft gives straight, clear answers to the perennial and philosophical questions asked about angels and demons throughout time.

Second Sunday off Lent

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SAINTS THIS WEEK



SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

St. Katharine Drexel is the second American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church. This amazing woman was an heiress to a large bequest who became a religious sister and a brilliant educator. Katharine grew up seeing her father pray for 30 minutes each evening. And every week, her stepmother opened their doors to house and care for the poor. The couple distributed food, clothing and provided rent assistance to those in need. Katharine spent much of her time with Father James O' Connor, a Philadelphia priest. He provided her with wonderful spiritual direction. After speaking with Father O' Connor, Katharine decided she would give herself and her inheritance to God through service to both Native Americans and African Americans. She wrote, "The feast of St. Joseph brought me the grace to give the remainder of my life to the Indians and the Colored."



SAINT CASIMIR

Casimir realized from an early age that his life belonged to someone else, but to a much higher King than his father.

Despite pressure, humiliation, and rejection, he stood by that loyalty through his whole life. Rejecting even ordinary comforts, he slept little, spending his nights in prayer. And when he did sleep, he lay on the floor not on a royal bed. Even though he was a prince, in the face of any pressure, Casimir was always friendly and calm.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday of Lent • Mark 9:2-10