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The Third Sunday of Lent—March 19, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: *Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. cf. John 4:42, 15*

Solemnity of St. Joseph: is this Monday. This feast day is normally celebrated on March 19th, however, since it falls on Sunday this year, it is transferred to Monday, March 20th.

Holy Mass will be Offered Saturday, March 25th at 8:00 am for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Sedar Supper, Sunday, April 9th: Make sure that you mark your calendars for our Sedar Supper.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, March 19

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Monday, March 20

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Tuesday, March 21

Men of St. Martin - 6:30 am
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, March 22

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm
Lenten Series on Virtues and Vices - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 23

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm
RCIA - 6:00 pm
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, March 24

Holy Mass - 6:30 am
Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

Saturday, March 25

Holy Mass, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - 8:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:45 to 5:15 pm
Holy Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday, March 26

No Meeting: CCD
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
No Meeting: Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting

Resources and Opportunities during Lent

Holy Mass will be offered on **Mondays at 5:15 pm** in addition to the normal schedule.

Stations of the Cross: each Friday of Lent at **5:30 pm**. This would be a great opportunity to bring some non-Catholic friends to a beautiful Catholic devotional practice.

Almsgiving (Donations for Charitable Causes) During Lent, please consider forgoing some of the entertainment you normally enjoy and save the money you would have spent. At the end of Lent we will collect the money; 25% of the money collected will be used here locally to help the poor; 75% of it will go to CRS, Catholic Relief Services; they carry out international relief efforts including aiding those who suffer due to natural disasters, war, and to help the poor and the needy.

Personal Hygiene items being collected for Prisoners About 250 of the prisoners at Easterling Prison, where Fr. Irwin visits once a month, are indigent and cannot afford to buy their own supplies. Therefore, please **only donate** the following: **deodorants (non-aerosol), bar soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes** for these men (there is not a lot of need for shampoo). Please note: the prison has strict rules as to what you can bring in! These items are given only to those who cannot afford them. Please leave these items in the box in the parish hall. Our Lord said, "I was in prison and you visited me" Matt 25.

Holy Mass & Confessions in Vietnamese Sunday, April 2nd: Holy Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 pm and confessions will be heard beginning at 3:00 pm. Fr. Doug Vu will be with us from Birmingham.

Lenten Series on Virtues and Vices each Wednesday: Join us in the parish hall from 6:00 - 7:00 pm for the next three Wednesdays as we continue a great series on the **Seven Deadly Sins & Seven Lively Virtues**. We are using Fr. Robert Barron's video presentations and discussing them. **This week we will cover the deadly sins of sloth and greed the lively virtues of zeal and generosity.** Fr. Barron does an outstanding job with these presentations. He is amazingly positive and uplifting, avoiding being heavy-handed. This study is open to everyone; however, it is recommended for those who are in the 9th grade and beyond. **Please note that you will benefit from any of the sessions that you are able to attend; you will not be lost if you miss an evening.** Fr. Irwin and Deacon Dave will be the facilitators. Series runs March 8, 15, 22, & 29.

Solemnities of St. Joseph and of the Annunciation of the Lord: These are special feast days celebrating the foster-father of our Lord and the Angel Gabriel's announcement that Mary was to be the mother of Jesus. As such, you are relieved of your Lenten penances on these days.

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Mike McCorkle, Sharon Listul, Denise Broxton, K.D. Blair, Ellen Blum, Bruce Tustin, Charles Owens and Carol Gibbs. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

Spotlight on FORMED.ORG

Movie: "Don Bosco". Don Bosco was a priest who spent his life working with boys from troubled homes. To attract them he would do acrobatic stunts and challenge them to races etc.

Talk:

- Why God Still Matters by Karlo Broussard
- My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent by Bishop Robert Barron
- Forgiven: the Transforming Power of Confession (Series)

Children's Movie: "The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima"

- Use FORMED.ORG on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Scripture Studies, Adult Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, RCIA, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more!

Choir Practice for Easter Sunday Morning Mass: will be after Holy Mass for the next two Sundays, March 26th and April 2nd.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – March 25, 2017

Greeters: Chris Gambles
Lectors: Anna Gooden, Brittney Meyer
Ushers: Jeffrey and Patrick Messick
Gift Bearers: The Messick Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Barbara Staskowski, Nick Drosyk
Altar Servers:

Sunday – March 26, 2017

Greeters: Christopher Marco, Jeffrey Blair
Lectors: Randy Leutzinger, Emily Reiss
Ushers: Parker Reiss, Herb Huner
Gift Bearers: The Chris Huner Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Jo Ann Gibson, Pat Block
Altar Servers: Avery Ernsberger, Hannah Huner, Brady Huner

Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services Next Week:

The CRS Collection funds [six Catholic agencies](#) that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims, the CRS Collection allows us to see every encounter with a suffering person as an opportunity to help Jesus in disguise.

Parish Mission Sunday – Wednesday, April 2 – 5 Renew, Reconnect, Recommit with the Redemptorists

Sunday 6:30 pm Theme: **God's plan of salvation and our response to God's Word of love.**

Monday 6:30 pm Theme **Who is Jesus for us?**

Tuesday 6:30 pm Theme **Sin, Reconciliation and Healing.**
We will have a reconciliation service tonight.

Wednesday evening 6:30 pm Theme **At the altar we seal our covenant with our God and are nourished with the Bread of Life to live our mission as baptized disciples.**

Holy Mass will be offered Monday & Tuesday at a special time 12:15 pm. Wednesday Holy Mass will be at 6:30 pm. There will be no 5:15 pm Masses on these days.

Two priests of the Redemptorist religious order will put on the mission.

Come and See Road Trips: If you are 18+ and feel a tug to Come and See a Seminary and see what it is like please pray about signing up for one of the following opportunities this Spring:

Come and See Road Trip: St. Meinrad Major Seminary, Indiana

Thursday, March 30: Meet at the Chancery in Mobile (400 Government St) at 6am OR Meet at St. Bede's in Montgomery (3870 Atlanta Highway) at 9am

Sunday, April 2: Return to Montgomery around 7pm and Mobile around 10 pm

Cost: Only some spending money for snacks on the road and personal needs

Sign Up: 13 spots available, first come, first serve. Sign up deadline-March 20

Ideally for Juniors, Seniors, Grad Students and older. However others are welcome, especially if only this trip fits their schedule. St. Meinrad is where any seminarian already equipped with a College Degree would begin studies

Come and See Road Trip: St. Joseph Seminary College, Louisiana

Friday, April 7: Meet at the Chancery in Mobile (400 Government St) at 1pm

Sunday, April 9: Return to Chancery about 4pm

Cost: Only some spending money for snacks on the road and personal needs

Sign Up: 13 spots available, first come, first serve. Sign up deadline-March 25

Ideally for Freshmen and Sophomores. However others are welcome, especially if only this trip fits their schedule. St. Joseph is where a seminarian still working on a College Degree would likely begin studies

Sign up for either trip by emailing Fr. Victor Ingalls, Archdiocese of Mobile Vocations Director at vocations@mobarch.org