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The Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 26, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: *I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.*
John 8:12

Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services

This 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.

Sedar Supper, Sunday, April 9th at 6:15 pm:

Make sure that you mark your calendars for our Sedar Supper.

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.

Laetare Sunday is what we call the fourth Sunday of Lent. Laetare is Latin for “to cheer”. So we are cheerful because we are more than half way through the discipline of Lent, and Easter is that much closer. This Sunday is like Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, because on Gaudete Sunday (gaudate means “to rejoice”) we are joyful because Christmas is near. On both Sundays rose colored vestments may be worn. Rose is a more joyful color and replaces the more reflective and penitential color of purple.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, March 26

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

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

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

Saturday, April 1

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, April 2

No Meeting: CCD
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am
Misa en Espanol: 2 de April al medio dia aqui
Holy Mass in Spanish: Noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass in Vietnamese– 5:00 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
Parish Mission– 6:30 pm
Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting—6:15-7:20 pm

**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 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.

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 gluttony and lust the lively virtues of asceticism and chastity.** 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.

No CCD for the Following Sundays: March 26 & April 2 due to spring break.

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

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



Renovating the Old Rectory: The old rectory is located above the parish office and consists of a living room, small kitchen, and two bedrooms with their corresponding bathrooms. Because it is so small in its current layout, it is a much underutilized space. The living room can only seat about 11 people comfortably and so is not usable for our teens, Spanish speakers or adult faith study groups. The proposed renovation would be fairly simple and inexpensive. It would involve: removing the old, dirty carpet and replacing it with some type of laminate flooring, painting the walls, and adding some lighting. Furthermore, the biggest change would involve taking out two walls so that the living room, kitchen and one of the bedrooms become one large room (the other bedroom would remain intact). Fr. Irwin presented the idea to the pastoral council, and there was unanimous approval among the eight members at the meeting (one council member being absent). Best of all, through the donation of a parishioner, the entire cost of the renovations will most likely be covered.

Our Sixth Station of the Cross: will be repaired following the Lenten season. As you might have noticed, it is very much in need of repair. It accidentally fell from its place when we moved back into the main church following the renovations this past summer. We are hopeful that the same company who made the stations will be able to restore it almost completely.

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 – April 1, 2017

Greeters: Chris Gambles
Lectors: Brittney Meyer, Maria Bernardo
Ushers: Jeffrey and Rick Messick
Gift Bearers: The Gibbs Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Julia Tran, Barbara Staskowski
Altar Servers:

Sunday – April 2, 2017

Greeters: Jeffrey Blair, Annette Tustin
Lectors: Cathy Brunson, Mike Orlofsky
Ushers: Parker Reiss, Bobby Hussey
Gift Bearers: The Smoleic Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mickey and Cheryl DiChiara
Altar Servers: Brock Huner, Hannah Huner, Dominic Estis

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.

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

Tithing Report

March 19

Regular -\$2302.17

March 5, 2017

Regular- \$5126.10

Black and Indian Mission -\$417.00

Renovation Campaign

Pledges Received - \$92,404.00

Percent of Total Pledged - 116%

March 12, 2017

Regular - \$3002.50