

2nd Sunday of Lent - Feb 28, 2021

ST. MARY PARISH MASSES

Tues. Mar 2 - 9:00 a.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller, Pat Hawkins Req'd by Margaret Hawkins

Wed. Mar 3 - 9:00 a.m. Todd Dicks Req'd by Staff & Students St. Mary School

Thur. Mar 4 - 9:00 a.m. Loretta Caughlin Req'd by Elsie McAsey

Fri. Mar 5 - 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Mass Rita Tangney Req'd by Carol & Jim Doyle

Sat. Mar 6- 4:00 p.m. Eileen Murray Req'd by Betty Mogensen & Goetz Family

Sun. Mar 7 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Mar 6- 4:00 p.m. Emily McCormick
Sun. Mar 7 - 9:00 a.m. Carl Dalla Costa

CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Joe at : 519-323-1054 ext.7

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Mar 6- 5:30 p.m. Kyle Req'd by Gerrit Jan Kempers

ST. PETER'S, Avton

Sun. Mar 7 - 11:00 a.m. Pat Hawkins Req'd by Margaret Hawkins

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 116:10,15,16-17,18-19

A prayer of faithfulness to God

Second Reading

Romans 8:31b-34

God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death. <https://www.loyolapress.com>

LENT

Every Friday in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass at 7 p.m.
All are encouraged to participate.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. D. Van Nguyen Tue.- Rev. J. Van Hees
Wed.- Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
Thurs.- Rev. V. Trindade Fri.- Rev. J. Petrie
Sat.- G. Mulhall



What happens when we fast and pray?

I What is Fasting and Prayer?

- Fasting means “putting God first”.
- Fasting means “persistence in prayer”.
- Fasting is the deliberate clearing of the way for prayer (laying aside all hindrances).
- Fasting is a proper expression of mourning.

II Things we get by Fasting and Prayer.

- Fasting & prayer brings us help in times of trouble. Psalm 50:15
- Fasting & prayer shows us what is wrong, what displeases God. Joshua 7:6-11
- Fasting and prayer shows we are genuinely repentant. Jonah 3:5
- Fasting & prayer often leads to victory over sin.
- Heavenly wisdom is received through fasting and prayer. Acts 13:2
- Intercession for others is answered when we fast and pray.
- Holy Spirit power comes in answer to fasting and prayer. Acts 1:14, 9:9-11
- Victory over Satan and demons comes through fasting and prayer. Mark 9:28-29
- Answers from God come through fasting and prayer. Ezra 8:21-23

III Revival brought by Fasting and Prayer.

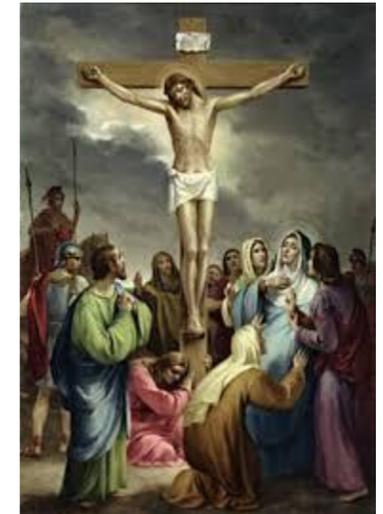
- Fasting and prayer brought revival to Nineveh. Jonah 3:4-10
- Fasting and prayer brought preservation and revival to Esther's nation. Esther 4:13-17

Dear brothers and sisters,

this week, as we follow Jesus along the Way of the Cross, may we imitate his loving obedience to the will of the Father, especially in times of difficulty and humiliation, and open our heart to his gifts of reconciliation, redemption and new life.

-Pope Francis

Stations of the Cross



1. [Opening Prayer](#)
2. [1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death](#)
3. [2nd Station: Jesus carries His cross](#)
4. [3rd Station: Jesus falls the first time](#)
5. [4th Station: Jesus meets his mother](#)
6. [5th Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross](#)
7. [6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus](#)
8. [7th Station: Jesus falls the second time](#)
9. [8th Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem](#)
10. [9th Station: Jesus falls a third time](#)
11. [10th Station: Jesus clothes are taken away](#)
12. [11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross](#)
13. [12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross](#)
14. [13th Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross](#)
15. [14th Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb](#)
16. [Closing Prayer](#)

The Pope's Prayer Intention

Sacrament of reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Mary's Meals



Prayer is...

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will act."

Psalm 37:4

As we begin this [Lenten journey](#) together, our focus for this week is prayer. In the Psalms, the word "selah" is used to create a space to pause and reflect.

The season of Lent can feel differently each year, depending on what is on our minds and hearts – and this year is no exception.

Often, we choose to spend time in reflection, considering the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and preparing to celebrate his resurrection and coming again.

This Lent let's take time to [pause and reflect](#) on the great need to care for children around the world who wrestle with the impact of poverty and hunger every day.

Together, let's read the Mary's Meals prayer, which can be found below. Allow yourself to hear each word and listen to your mind and heart. Consider starting every day in Lent with this prayer.

We may not be able to gather in person this Lent, but we can join in weekly prayer for the children of Mary's Meals.

In these challenging times we believe that coming together virtually in this way will draw us closer as a community and connect us more deeply with the children and communities we serve.

Please spread the word by sharing our Lenten reflections with your friends, family and Church community.

We are honored and humbled to walk the 40 days of Lent with you.

Looking for more ways to live your faith this Lent? Take some inspiration from our [40 Little Acts of Lenten Love](#).

[Lent is...](#)

A reflection for the Sunday before Lent

Beloved, let's love one another; for love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

This week, we celebrate God's enduring love for His children and how we are shaped and inspired by this love.

One of the beautiful things about Mary's Meals is our sense of loving community. We are a global family with a shared purpose – to provide hungry children with a daily meal in their place of education.

No one individual makes our life-changing work possible. It can only be achieved by working together. Each little act of love adds up to something far greater than the sum of its parts.

[Prayer is...](#)

A reflection for the 1st Sunday in Lent

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will act. Psalm 37:4

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[Hunger is...](#)

A reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Lent

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled. Matthew 5:6

As we continue our journey into the second week of Lent, let's take a moment to consider this passage of scripture. What does it mean to hunger for righteousness?

For many of the children who receive Mary's Meals in their place of education, the physical feeling of hunger is all too familiar.

Their hunger to have enough food to eat inspires a different kind of hunger in us. It is a hunger for justice; a hunger that we are called to feel in our souls.

This type of hunger propels us to action and reminds us that there are problems in the world much bigger than we are. Hunger for righteousness can't be satisfied while we know that there are still children in the world who don't have enough to eat.

However, when we come together as a community, our small acts of love combine to create one significant movement – a movement that is reducing the number of children who go hungry each day, and this is good news!

[Perseverance is...](#)

A reflection for the 3rd Sunday in Lent

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

This week, we pray for the dedicated local volunteers who make our work possible. They are strong, empowered, passionate and perseverant.

These incredible men and women walk for miles carrying heavy pails of water and sacks of food. They wake before dawn to stir giant pots of porridge or serve up thousands of plates of rice and beans.

For many, this sacrifice comes at the start of a long and tiring day spent digging fields or tending market stalls. But it is a sacrifice they are happy to make because they believe so passionately that the children in their community should have a daily meal in their place of education.

Together, let us walk humbly alongside the people who make these journeys on behalf of their children by joining one another in prayer.

[Children are...](#)

A reflection for the 4th Sunday in Lent

Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me. Mark 9:36-37

This week, our prayers turn to the children who receive Mary's Meals at school. Each one has their own unique story to tell.

Around the world, poverty and hunger prevent 59 million children from gaining an education. Sometimes, when we see a number this vast, the individual child can get lost in the enormity of the problem.

Making the shift from numbers to people allows us to move from what we know in our heads to what we feel in our hearts.

This change starts with resting on the realization that our heavenly Father knows each one of us by name. No one is too small, too far away, too isolated, or too hidden for His love to reach.

Together, let's pray for some of the individual children that receive Mary's Meals – each one with their own names, families, friends, and dreams.

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