March 17, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Monday, Mar 18

St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

8:15 am Ron Heitkamp (Heitkamp)

Tuesday, Mar 19

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

12:00 pm Sp Int Fullmer Family (Fullmer)

Wednesday, Mar 20

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-18

8:15 am Roy Pistone (Pistone)

Thursday, Mar 21

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

8:15 am Gary Pierron (Pierron)

Friday Mar 22

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

8:15 am Barbara Dillhoff (Dillhoff)

Saturday, Mar 23

St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:00 pm Ill of the Parish (DeLong)

Third Sunday of Lent, Mar 24

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

7:30 am Living & Deceased of the Parish

10:30 am Rita Schoenlein (Smith)

Vocation Views- Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36)

Fr. Michael's Message

When God's "too slow" . . .

In Genesis 15 (today's first reading), God makes a promise to Abram: "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gen 15:5–6). Then Abram waited . . . and waited . . . and waited. We don't know precisely how long he waited; but it was "too long" for him. Does that happen to us sometimes? Do we get frustrated when God doesn't act on our timeline? Are we tempted to lose hope when God doesn't follow our plan for His blessings? Do we sometimes want to take matters into our own hands?

Abram (at the prompting of his wife Sarai) did just that: "Now Sarai said to Abram, 'Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my maid; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.' And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai" (Gen 16:1–2). Sarai's maid did conceive a son, Ishmael, and there remains strife between the sons of Ishmael and the sons of Isaac to this day. Ishmael was not the child promised by God, and because Abram wouldn't wait upon the Lord, there was strife between Ishmael and Isaac. Because Abram couldn't wait, there was strife between Abram and his wife. But God is faithful. So, about 15 years later when Abraham was 100 year old, God did come through. Isaac was born to Abram (now called Abraham) and Sarai his wife (now called Sarah). And today, the children of Abraham (including you and me) are truly more numerous than the stars in the sky or the sand on the shore of the sea.

How much strife would have been saved if Abram had not taken matters into his own hands? How much strife do we cause ourselves when we take matters into our own hands? For most of us, most of the time, our stories of taking matters into our own hands are not as dramatic as Abraham's. Often, we too think that God has forgotten about us, we too think that God won't come through. Often we just give up and move on to something that helps us to forget about our disappointment. Or we act out in a desire to fulfill those promises ourselves, on our own terms and in our own time.

What small steps can we take to trust God when God is "too slow"? First, and this is always the first step, we simply ask God for the grace of greater trust. Nothing fancy. Nothing profound. Just ask. Second, aim small, miss small. Maybe God wants to answer your prayer in stages. Maybe we are searching for immediate gratification in our requests. Third, instead of focusing on what God isn't doing, slow down and ask yourself: "What are the little things God is doing?" When we find the movement of God in the little things, then we become more cooperative and in alignment. "If we do the little things well, the big things will take care of themselves." Fourth, pay attention to what is stirring within you. Perhaps the beginning of God's answer to your prayer is to first do something in you. Ask for the grace; aim small, miss small; and be attentive to the seemingly little things God is doing. Then, we will be able to see God's works, quiet as they may be, and resisting the temptation to grasp at our solutions, we might more truly receive God's gifts this Lent.

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Liturgical Ministers ---Weekend of Mar 23-24

	Ushers	E. Ministers	Lector	Servers
Saturday Mar 23 5:00pm	C. Crabtree J. Ruffing T. Paxton D. Hoffman	V. Daum L. Albright R. Burns	D. Albright	D. Burkett T. Burkett
Sunday Mar 24 7:30am	T. Hartley N. Craport R. Gallegos *Volunteer*	C. Battson R. Dzendzel *Volunteer*	K. Bohman	J. Gallegos T. Gallegos
Sunday Mar 24 10:30am	J. White M. White S. White C. August	M. Schubert *Volunteer* *Volunteer*	C. August A. Andrejcio	P. Lucente J. Lucente

Choir Practice for upcoming services on Wed. Mar.20 at 6:30 pm. New members welcome.

Lenten Penance Service: Wed. March 27 at 6:45 pm.

Hear another Video Presentation based on the work of Dr. Brant Pitre Wed. March 20 in the parish hall 6:30-8:00 p.m. This installment is called 'Why Confess to a Priest?'

UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST SEMINAR - Find the freedom God intends for you! Do you find yourself struggling with the same sin time after time, stuck in your spiritual growth, wrestling with forgiveness or bound by negative patterns of thinking? The Unbound: Freedom in Christ Seminar will present 5 keys to greater freedom in your life - Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority and The Father's Blessing. Saturday, April 6th from 8:00am - 4:00pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Prairies Chapel, 6568 Chapel Lane, Riverside, OH. Presented by the Dayton Unbound Team with live and DVD by talks Neal Lozano, the creator of the Unbound Model. Prayer opportunities will also be provided throughout the day. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The cost is a donation. To register visit unbound-dayton-apr6.eventbrite.com For more information contact unbounddayton@gmail.com or (937) 530-3151.

St. Andrew's Corner

You can find the Latin responses for the Mass on pp. 384-385 in Word in Song including the Our Father in Latin.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

~Sunday, Mar 17~
Shepherds of Christ Prayers for all Priests 9:30 am
Rosary 9:50 am
~Monday, Mar 18~
Pro-Life Rosary 6:00– 7:00 pm
Parish Council 7:00 pm
~Tuesday, Mar 19~
"The Light is On" for Reconciliation and Quiet Prayer 6-8:00 pm
~Wednesday, Mar 20~
CCD 6:30-7:45 pm
Choir Practice 6:30 pm
Video Presentation 6:30-8:00 pm– Parish Hall "Why Confess to a Priest?"
~Thursday, Mar 21~
Eucharistic Adoration begins after 8:15 am
Mass Closing with Benediction at 7:00 pm
Reconciliation 6:00 pm– 6:45 pm
~Friday, Mar 22~
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
~Saturday, March 23~
Rosary Altar Society– Orders for 1st Communion and Confirmation & Serendipity by Sarah selling as well in Parish Hall after all Masses

Are you ready for donuts next Sunday?

Young Spirits will be performing after 10:30 Mass on Sunday March 24th. If you have time, stay after and enjoy their singing.

Please remember in your prayers: Mark Bare, Robert Battson, Bob Bolinger, Rollie and Darlene Brewer, Melanie Daniel, Paul Daniel, Hank and Lil Deneski, Jane Disney, Irene Ganger, Kathryn Hajduk, Patricia Hess, Martha Kendall, Kilian Kilbane, Patricia Michael, Norma Parmenter, Charles Ruffing, Rob Schaurer, Julie Segi, Julie Shelley, Phyllis Sollenberger, Julie Swartztrauber, Tim Swartztrauber, Rosemary Williams and Jacob Willoughby. **Names of non-parishioners in need of prayer are written in the Intercession Book at the back of church.**

Rosary Altar Society will be set up in the parish hall after all Masses next weekend -for one weekend only-March 23-24 to take your orders for First Communion and Confirmation. Place your orders next weekend then pay when you pick them up.

Serendipity By Sarah - Will be having a trunk show with the following items for sale: Handmade 1st Communion Dresses, Veils, Communion and Confirmation Ties, Confirmation Hankies, Baptismal Outfits, Wedding Veils, Belts, Ring Bearer Pillows and Sacramental Gifts in the Parish Hall. Next weekend March 23rd and 24th after all the Masses. They do Restoration work (cleaning and repair) of Baptismal and Communion Outfits. Custom work includes: your Wedding Dress Made into a Baptismal Outfit, Communion or Confirmation Dress, Wedding Hankies, Ring Bearer Pillows, and Christmas Ornaments. They also do custom Wedding Veils, Flower Girl Dresses and Custom Designed Wedding Ties. Feel free to stop buy and talk with them after any of the Masses next weekend in the parish hall. All items displayed are "one of a kind" items for sale that day. Once sales reach $150.00 - 10% of the total sales will be given back to the Parish! For payment they take cash or checks.

Reconciliation Begins in Prayer

Sometimes, the first step to reconciliation is praying for the person with whom we need to be reconciled. Make a commitment this Lent to join us on Tuesday, March 19 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm as we gather for quiet prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will be an opportunity to pray for all of the situations in our lives that need the healing grace of Jesus' love. The church will be open, and you are welcome to come for a few minutes or for an hour. Learn more at www.EncounterPeace.org

MARCH 19, 2019
6:00 p.m.
to
8:00 p.m.

Lenten Program: Theology of the Body

On three more Thursdays in Lent, the parishes of St. Denis, Holy Family and Immaculate Conception are hosting a series of talks on the Theology of the Body. Christopher West is the presenter and will come to us via video. Everywhere we look the fundamental truths of human life are challenged. ***We ask ourselves, what does it mean to be a human being in today's world?*** Through the teachings of St. John Paul II in his *Theology of the Body*, we discover a deeper understanding of our role in family and society. We learn how to better love and be loved by our spouse or future spouse. We gain new insights on how to respond with clarity and compassion to hot-button issues on sexuality. The presentations will be held in the St. Denis Church basement,14 E Wood St, Versailles, OH 45380 from 7:00-8:30 pm. There is no charge. The dates and topics are-

March 21: Man and Woman He Created Them/Man and Woman He Redeemed Them

March 28: The Resurrection of the Body/Celibacy for the Kingdom

April 4: Marriage as a Sacrament/The Language of Sexual Love.