



SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2019.

A LENTEN RETREAT!

Let's join as a community, and prepare for Lent together! This year a Lenten Retreat will be offered on 9 March 2019, starting @ 9:00 am, and then closing with the Most Holy Mass @ 3 pm. EVERYONE is invited to attend! Three Parishes will be taking part; Saint Patrick, Saint Joseph, and Our Lady of Guadalupe, to be held at Mother Grace Hall at St. Joseph, Holy Trinity. This is going to be a Spirit filled Retreat, with lots of opportunities to worship God! It will also be a fun filled day; because living our Faith is FUN! This is for all people; young, not so young, families, couples, singles, and RE Teachers. Programs will be offered in both Spanish and English, as well as some Bilingual! There are registration forms available at the back of the Church. Please fill one out and let us know who, and how many are attending. This is a FREE Retreat, with plenty to enjoy! Lunch, drinks, and snacks will be served at NO cost. Any questions can be addressed to any of our Trinitarian Priests, or Lisa Flatt (334-540-5329). We know we'll see y'all there! Peace of Christ.

Answers to What's Your Catholic IQ?

- 1. b)** Infant Baptism dates back to the early Church when entire households came into the faith together. It is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- 2. b)** Diocletian, the Emperor of Rome from 284 to 305, divided the empire into regional areas (dioceses) in an attempt to rule more effectively.
- 3. a)** Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950, an order of religious women devoted to those who are dying, sick, and poor. In 2003, Pope John Paul II beatified Mother Teresa.
- 4. c)** Jesus explained to Nicodemus that one must be born again of water and the spirit.
- 5. a)** See Mark 1:15. The distinguishing characteristics of God's kingdom are God's unfathomable mercy and unconditional love.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent *The road to Calvary* Ash Wednesday and Good Friday remain days of fast and abstinence. Abstinence is also to be observed on the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING is required of all the faithful in good health between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting usually is interpreted to mean one full meal and, if necessary, two other small meals. One should not eat between meals, but milk, fruit juices and other liquids are permitted.

ABSTINENCE means no meat should be eaten during the entire day. All persons are required to abstain from their 14th birthday. Anyone unable to observe the fast or abstinence obligations because of health or other serious reasons should consider substituting another penance.

Lent Schedule at St. Patrick

Ash Wednesday
March 6, 2019
Masses: 12:05 Noon and 7:00p.m.

Every Friday of Lent:
Fish Fry: 4:30—6:30 p.m.

Catholicism Series (Bilingual)
March 08, 15, 22, 29 @ 7:00pm

Penance Service: April 05 @ 7 pm

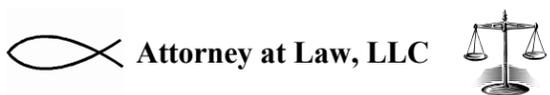
Daylight savings time begins!

On Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 a.m.

Don't forget to move your clocks **forward** an hour on Saturday night before you go to bed, so that you're not late for Mass!



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"Every Catholic an Apostle"

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday, March 03, 2019

Lent

The Germanic word Lent, which we use to denote the forty days' fast leading up to Easter, originally meant nothing more than the season between winter and summer. As the term became more focused on the specific period before Easter, a new name for the season was needed. As people looked around, they saw new life, both plant and animal, springing forth, thus calling the season "Spring" seemed appropriate.

In the early centuries of the Church, the length of the season and the practice of the fast during Lent developed gradually. In the early to mid-100s, there was considerable controversy about how to calculate the date of Easter each year. St. Irenaeus, in a letter to Pope Victor I, noted that there was also controversy about the proper way to observe the Lenten fast. He said, "some think they ought to fast for one day, others for two days, and others even for several, while others reckon forty hours both of day and night to their fast". By the 4th century, the tradition had firmed up. In 331, St. Athanasius instructed his people of Alexandria, Egypt, to observe a period of forty days of fasting preliminary to, but not inclusive of, the stricter fast of Holy Week. Between 331 and 339, Athanasius traveled to Rome and around much of Europe. These travels led him to urge the people of Alexandria even more strongly to observe the Lenten fast. He wrote, "while all the world is fasting, we who are in Egypt should not become a laughing stock as the only people who do not fast but take our pleasure in those days".

Influences for setting the period of the Lenten fast at forty days include the examples of Moses (40 day flood), Elias (40 day fast), and Christ at the forefront. It's also possible that the tradition of Christ laying in the tomb for 40 hours also had an impact. Regardless, once the number forty had established itself, other modifications were made. One school of thought said that there shouldn't just be some fasting during the 40 days before Easter, but there should be 40 actual days of fasting. This led to a Lenten season lasting eight weeks because fasting would only occur Monday-Friday (even ancient Christians loved the weekend), so you would have 8 weeks with 5 days of fasting each for 40 total days of fasting. In the time of Pope St. Gregory the Great (590-604), Rome apparently observed six weeks of six fasting days (no fasting on Sundays) for a total of 36 fast days in all. St. Gregory described this as a spiritual tithing for the year since 36 fasting days is about 10% of the 365 day year. At a later date, there was a push to observe the 40 fasting days of old, so the practice of beginning Lent on Ash Wednesday began and continues to the present day.

As to the nature of the Lenten fast, that varied throughout the centuries as well. The historian Socrates tells us that in the 5th century (400s), some people would abstain from every living creature, while others would only eat fish while abstaining from every other creature.

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OFFICE HOURS AND STAFF:

Monday thru Friday from 9a.m. to 3p.m.

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Lisa Flatt (334)540-5329

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Tyler Flatt (334) 540-5333

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MASS SCHEDULE (EST)

Monday: **NO MASS**
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9am
Wed: 12:05pm Followed by Adoration
WEEKEND MASSES (EST)
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. English
Sunday: 8:30, 11:30 a.m., and 5p.m.
7:00 p.m. En Español

Holy Days—as announced

PARISH COUNCIL: Second Monday of the month in the Parish Hall, 5:30 pm.
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Third Monday of the month in the Parish Hall, at 5:30 pm

OUTREACH SCHEDULE: Wed. & Fridays 9 to 11:30am
THE THRIFT STORE open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10a.m.—2p.m.

SACRAMENTS: For preparation and available dates for the sacraments: Baptisms, Matrimony, or a special Mass, please speak directly with Fr. David or call the office.

NEW IN OUR PARISH? Welcome! Please visit:
<http://stpatsphenixcity.org>

click the Register Now button and follow the instructions to create a new user account and register! Already register? go online! Create an account and you can update or make changes to your records.



Sunday, March 03, 2019
Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
Regular Collection: \$2,989.50
Online giving: \$127.00
Thank You!



PRO-LIFE ROSARY, Every Saturday 5p.m.
Mass Intentions for this week

Saturday, March 02, 2019: 5:30p.m. Garry Glen Howard (+)
Sunday, March 03, 2019:

8:30 a.m. For Vocation

11:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

5:00 p.m. For Peace

7:00 p.m. For the Unborn

Tuesday, March 05, 2019: 9am George Joseph, Angel Joseph
 Special Intentions

Wednesday, March 06, 2019 : 12:05 ASH WEDNESDAY
 For the departed souls of Maliyekal family
and 7:00pm

Thursday, March 07, 2019: 9:00a.m.

Friday, Mar. 08, 2019: 9:00a.m.

Scriptures for the week of March 03—10, 2019

03/03 Sun: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time: SIR 27:4-7;

1 COR 15:54-58; LK 6:39-45

03/04 Mon: SIR 17:20-24; MK 10:17-27

03/05 Tue: SIR 35:1-12; MK 10:28-31

03/06 Wed: Ash Wednesday JL 2:12-18; 2 COR 5:20—6:2;
 MT 6:1-6, 16-18

03/07 Thur: DT 30:15-20; LK 9:22-25;

03/08 Fri: IS 58:1-9A; MT 9:14-15

03/09 Sat: IS 58:9B-14; LK 5:27-32

03/10 Sun: 1st Sunday of Lent: DT 26:4-10; ROM 10:8-13;
 LK 4:1-13



Happy Birthday!:

March 01: Maribel Orozco

March 16: Jose Ortiz Sr.

March 26: Mrs. Zuly

Congratulations on your Anniversary!

March 17: Urbano & Zuly Wedding Anniversary!



Continued: Others would eat birds as well as fish because, according to Moses' account of the Creation, birds also came from the water, so they were basically sky fish. Others would stay away from fruits covered by a hard shell and eggs. Some were more hardcore and ate only dry bread. Some were even harder core than that and ate nothing. Others still would fast until the ninth hour (three in the afternoon) and then eat whatever. Pope St. Gregory the Great laid down this rule in a letter to St. Augustine of Canterbury: "We abstain from flesh meat, and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese, and eggs." The rules for Catholics in the United States are as follows:

Persons between the ages of 18 and 60 must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

The USCCB says that "abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as birds, cows, sheep, or pigs. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, and shellfish are permitted." They do point out, though that "while fish, lobster, and other shellfish are not considered meat... indulging in the buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point." And in case you were worried, the Archbishop of New Orleans in 2010 said that alligator is OK to eat during Lent!

Out of the mouths of God's kids

"During a service with our school children on Friday the 13th, I was talking about superstitions. Discussing the Last Supper (in which Christ and the 12 Apostles had a betrayer in their midst), I asked, 'Why do people consider 13 an unlucky number?'"

"A fourth-grade girl answered, 'Because that's the age when you become a teenager.'"

-Rev. Joseph M. Esper St. Edward's on-the-Lake Church
 Lakeport, MI

In his children's sermon, a pastor told the story of Jonah being swallowed by a big fish, and how, after Jonah prayed to the Lord, the fish "vomited out Jonah upon the dry land."

The pastor asked, "What does the fish vomiting Jonah out on the dry land indicate to us today?"

A small boy raised his hand and exclaimed, "It proves that even a fish can't stomach a bad preacher!"

via Rev. Karl R. Kraft Mantua, NJ

A church surveyed its members, mailing a questionnaire which asked, among other things: "How far do you live from the church?" and "How long does it take you to get to church?"

One member replied: "I live about four blocks from the church, and it takes me about three months to get there."



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL
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 ANNUAL FISH FRY!**

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 06
 from 11am to 6:30pm

And every Friday during Lent March: 8, 15, 22, 29, April: 5
 and 12 from 4:30 to 6:30p.m.

Eat In or Carry Out! Not on Good Friday!

Blue Menu \$7.50: Fried Tilapia, Corn Nuggets, French Fries, Cole slaw, Tartar Sauce, Soft drink and Dessert

Red Menu \$4.50: Grilled Cheese, French Fries, Vegetable Soup, Pickle, Soft drink and dessert!



Marriage Minute

Humor can lighten a stressful situation in life. Look for an opportunity today to lighten your beloved's life with a touch of humor. Poke fun at yourself, or exaggerate a frustrating situation to the point of levity.



PARISHIONERS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS: Jake Ryan, Jed Hardy and Greg Craig are deployed please keep them in your prayers.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Emerson Horner, Roger Sigmon, Sr. Judy Jones, Mr. Ralph Green, Rob Wilburn, Tom Blythe, Thomas Walton, Donna Hershey, Maria laur, Oscar & Betty Horton, Joe Liss, Eugenie Konde-Ayinde, Lexi Webb and Family. Your love one's name will appear on our list for at least four consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please renew your request by calling the office. Thank you.

PRAYER CHAIN: We want to help you storm heaven with special requests. Call Irene at (706) 888-1684.

Save the difficult questions for heaven

Why do bad things happen to good people? When a business fails, illness strikes, or even at an unexpected death, we all ask some pretty tough questions. Believers for centuries have sought to find a balance between our free will to act and the consequences, between God's mercy and His judgment.

If we're honest, each of us will admit to struggling with the subject. We look at each of the speed bumps along life's highway and ask God, "how come?" We want an explanation for each bit of suffering that occurs, even seeking desperately for some sin that caused this "punishment". And how frighteningly easy this is to do when we're analyzing the tragedy in someone else's lives. How easy it is then to spot that "sin", what the sufferer did to "deserve it". In the end all this mental exercise too often ends with us blaming God, calling Him indifferent or vengeful, instead of looking to Him for answers. If we turned these troublesome topics over to the discerning Holy Spirit who lives in us, we would find greater wisdom, or at least greater peace for those tough questions. Perhaps it's best that we lean on God's love, and in the meanwhile, save our most difficult questions for heaven.

SECOND COLLECTION: Today, our parish will take up the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection. Your support helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Please be generous.



**Religious Education
 Educación Religiosa**

Religious Education: First Holy Communion Retreat - 27 April 2019 10:00 am - 3:00 pm @ Saint Joseph Mother Grace Hall. All First Communion Students, and at least one parent is required to attend.

First Holy Communion - 18 May 2019 @ 12:00 pm (noon). If you need a new paper explaining it please let your teacher, or me know.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)! Its for anyone that would like to learn more about our Faith. Adult Formation meets every Thursday from 6:45 pm, until 8:00 pm. All are welcome!

THE ROAD OF EASTER: If you visit the Parish Hall, you will see a purple road on the wall.

I am pleased to ask each one of you to consider doing a good deed for your loved one, or anyone else. Go above the "call of duty" and give to each other. When you, or your child (you do not even have to have a student to take part), do an extraordinary deed, come let us know. You can put the good deed on a sticky note, and that sticky note will go on the tile of the road. Let's all do many wonderful deeds this Lent! The Adult who does the most will get a prize (both Spanish and English speakers), young students, and higher grade students! We are REALLY excited for this and invite you to take part!



EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS:

If there is an emergency imminent death or need of sacrament, or if you or a loved one are about to have surgery, are in a hospital or nursing home, the priests are ready to assist you and administer the

Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.

Father David: (229) 205-8520

Father Marco: (334) 540-1445

Father Raul: (229) 276-5481

For all other inquires please call parish office during regular office hours.

WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

- Which Sacrament do most Catholics receive as babies? a) Anointing of the Sick b) Baptism c) First Reconciliation (Confession) d) Holy Orders
 - The word diocese comes from the Roman emperor named a) Dionysus b) Diocletian c) Nero d) Domitianus
 - Which famous nun, who worked in India, said: "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love"? a) Blessed Mother Teresa b) St. Faustina c) St. Teresa of Avila d) St. Therese, the Little Flower
 - Which Pharisee in John 3:1-21 talked to Jesus about being "born again"? a) Gamaliel b) Caiaphas c) Nicodemus d) Joseph of Arimathea
 - Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is a) at hand b) not far off c) coming soon d) where people go after they die
- Answers are in the back!**