

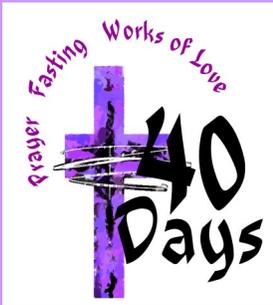
Christ the Good Shepherd

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Monsignor's Musings:



Lent is one of my favorite seasons because it is a reminder for us to make God the focus of our lives. We are called to renew our desire to follow Jesus in a real and profound way. Each year Lent begins with an invitation for us to slow down, to refocus our priorities, and to renew our faith by fasting, spending time in prayer, and doing good works.

Ash Wednesday starts the Lenten Season with an invitation for us to gather in prayer where we are marked with ashes to symbolize our humanity and our commitment to follow Jesus all the way to the cross. The words of the song Hosea "Come back to me with all your heart, don't let fear keep us apart" perfectly capture the meaning of Lent – God is ever calling us to journey into a deeper

relationship, a relationship based on love, not fear.

Christ the Good Shepherd will offer numerous opportunities for us to deepen our relationship with God through prayer. In addition to our Sunday liturgy, we will be holding the following services:

- Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm
- Taize prayer service on Monday's at 7:00 pm
- Weekday mass on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross on Friday's at 7:00 pm.

I invite you to attend one or all of the services to keep focused on God's constant invitation in our lives.

Spending time in prayer leads us to desire repentance and healing. The word repentance simply means changing ourselves for the better. We don't have to relive every mistake that we've made in life. Repenting is turning around, moving forward into a closer relationship with God. During the Lenten season, we fast or deny ourselves something pleasurable, not to punish ourselves, but to remind us to focus on what is truly important – our relationship with God.

The last invitation for us during Lent is doing good works. Giving alms does not simply mean donating money, but more importantly, it means getting our hands dirty for the Lord. It means taking time to lighten the load for another person, to make a difference in the life of another person without an expectation of receiving anything in return. Mother Teresa said: "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." In other words, don't get overwhelmed, do what you are able. We don't have to do great and astonishing things; we simply need to love – to be caring and compassionate.

When we do those things, we do the work of the Lord. Have a fruitful Lent!

Blessings,

Fr. Harry

Lenten Schedule

Sunday: 10:30 am Mass

Monday: 7:00 pm Taize Prayer

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Mass

Thursday: 7:00 pm RCIA Class

Friday: 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saint of the Month:

Saint Patrick

St. Patrick (386-461) first entered Ireland as a 16 year old prisoner of Irish raiders and sold into slavery as a shepherd. He suffered from hunger, cold, and poor living conditions. Patrick later fled, to what many believe was France, but also during the same time experienced a spiritual conversation. A man known for is steadfast, solid as a rock, determination, Patrick was consecrated in his 40s. He returned to Ireland following a dream of unborn babies reaching out to him from their wombs - an image he took as God calling him to convert the pagan land - and that he did.

Patrick was not the first missionary to Ireland, but he is credited for achieving the conversion of large areas of the population there, setting up monasteries, ordaining priests and pressing on even when confronted with great obstacles as he often was.

He was never officially canonized but is probably one of the most famous saints the world over. He is venerated in Old Catholic Church as equal-to-the-apostles and Enlightener of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day is March 17th



Bulletin Articles and calendar items for March are due to parishadmin@ferndalecgs.com by March 25, 2019 so we have them in time for publication. Thank you.

What to Give Up...

Give up complaining ...	focus on Gratitude
Give up pessimism ...	become an Optimist
Give up worry ...	trust Divine Providence
Give up bitterness ...	turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred ...	return Good for evil
Give up negativism ...	be Positive
Give up anger ...	be More Patient
Give up pettiness ...	become Mature
Give up gloom ...	enjoy the Beauty all around you
Give up jealousy ...	pray for Trust
Give up gossiping ...	control your Tongue
Give up sin ...	turn to Virtue
Give up giving up ...	Hang in there!

Parish Council President:

As many of us are already aware, Lent is right around the corner. Check the calendar for when Lenten services are scheduled. Instead of what we did in grade school, let's not "Give Up" candy, chocolate, ice cream, or something else for 6 weeks. Also, don't treat Lent like a six-week diet to get into spring & summer clothing.

Now that we are adults, we give up swearing, gossip, anger, hate, jealousy, spreading lies, etc. Perhaps give up a fancy morning beverage, for a simple, less expensive one, & give the \$\$ difference to a charity.

We might find that it's easier to do more good things: praying, smiling at a stranger, giving a kind word to a cashier, service worker, colleague, etc.,. Do one positive change each day: suffer in silence, do your partner's chore, without nagging or bragging, let a vehicle in, in front of you. Share your ideas with us over coffee after mass, we can all use ideas & encouragement.

The January Parish Council meeting was cancelled, due to unforeseen circumstances.

Our next meeting is March 10, downstairs in room 102, on the left of the hallway. Meetings begin promptly at 12:30 p.m.

Peace & Love,

Cindy Knox

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

March 3

Altar Servers: Pat Moylan
Lectors First Reading: Betty Pejakovich
Second Reading : Debbie David
Prayers of Faithful: Aaron Thomas
Greeters: Susie Hawkins
Ushers: Susie Hawkins and Cindy Knox
Eucharistic Minister: Paul Chrustowski

March 6

Ash Wednesday

Altar Servers: Debbie David
Lectors First Reading: Anne Marie McBrien
Second Reading : Cindy Knox
Prayers of Faithful: Anthony Armor
Eucharistic Ministers: Carla Meier

March 10

Altar Servers: Paul Chrustowski
Lectors First Reading: Anthony Armor
Second Reading: Betty Pejakovich
Prayers of the Faithful: Eric Monat
Greeters: Cindy Knox
Ushers: Cindy Knox and Susie Hawkins
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Moylan

March 17

Altar Servers: Debbie David
Lectors First Reading: Anne Marie McBrien
Second Reading Paul Chrustowski
Prayers of the Faithful: Aaron Thomas
Greeters: Bob Curtis
Ushers: Bob Curtis and Lamont Monat
Eucharistic Ministers: Carla Meier

March 24

Altar Servers: Aaron Thomas
Lectors First Reading: Pat Moylan
Second Reading: Cheryl Rochon
Prayer of the Faithful: Anthony Armor
Greeters: Lamont Monat
Ushers: Tom Hammond and Lamont Monat
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Chrustowski

March 31

Altar Servers: Pat Moylan
Lectors First Reading: Betty Pejakovich
Second Reading : Debbie David
Prayers of Faithful: Aaron Thomas
Greeters: Susie Hawkins
Ushers: Lamont Monat & Tom Hammond
Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Knox

April 7

Altar Servers: Cindy Knox
Lectors First Reading: Anne Marie McBrien
Second Reading : Cheryl Rochon
Prayers of Faithful: Thomas Nelson
Greeters: Susie Hawkins
Ushers: Cindy Knox & Tom Hammond
Eucharistic Ministers: Carla Meier

April 14 Palm Sunday

Altar Servers: Paul Chrustowski
Lectors First Reading: Carla Meyer
Second Reading: Betty Pejakovich
Prayers of the Faithful: Anthony Armor
Greeters: Bob Curtis
Ushers: Lamont Monat & Cindy Knox
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Moylan

April 21 Easter

Altar Servers: Debbie David & Aaron Thomas
Lectors First Reading: Jonathan Quirk
Second Reading: Betty Pejakovich
Prayers of the Faithful: Pat Moylan
Greeters: Lamont Monat
Ushers: Lamont Monat & Susie Hawkins
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Chrustowski

April 28

Altar Servers: Pat Moylan
Lectors First Reading: Ann Marie McBrien
Second Reading: Anthony Armor
Prayer of the Faithful: Thomas Nelson
Greeters: Bob Curtis
Ushers: Susie Hawkins and Lamont Monat
Eucharistic Minister: Cindy Knox
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Chrustowski
Ushers: Lamont Monat & Tom Hammond

Christ's Interior Landscape

My sisters and brothers, you and I share Christ's interior landscape wherein we hold fast to faith, hope and love. Through life experiences, such a journey potentially shapes, transforms and creates anew. On Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:45 am, a personal life experience almost altered my world, and yet it fundamentally shored up the importance of YOU.

While returning onto highway I-96 from M-52 Howell, my automobile hit a patch of ice. The snow-covered road, it's shoulder region and the accumulating ice created untenable driving conditions. I lost control of my vehicle, felt the car's lurch and feared the steep raven which awaited me. In the moment, terror took over. No words could accurately capture my feelings. I said to myself, "Not today will this car roll side-by-side down the raven, and so, driving into the roll, further damage and serious physical injury were avoided. Interestingly enough, my day ended at Christ the Good Shepherd's 7:00 pm mass. Having experienced a near miss with death's door, holding fast to what is known; my faith, hope and love, called my name.

On Wednesday, February 27, 2019, the evening mass' Gospel reading drove home an important maxim of holding fast to what is known. It stated that "6 days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean [Mark 9:2-10]."

My sisters and brothers, as you and I prepare to celebrate Lent and Christ's rising from the dead at Easter, let's collectively commit to faith, hope and love. This journey is not over! I implore to hold tightly to what is known...

- ◆ Faith
- ◆ Hope
- ◆ Love

Gracias de Dios para todos!

Fr. Charles



Prayer and Reflection

Please silence phones and hold conversations in the social hall 15 minutes before the start of mass so that people can reflect and pray in a quiet space before mass. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Save the Date
Lenten Penance Service April 10, 2019
7pm with soup and salad beginning at 6 pm

We will be holding a penance service that will include both general absolution and an opportunity for individual confession as well. Bishop Joe will be leading the service which will include music, examination of conscience, prayers, scripture readings and both general absolution as well as an opportunity for individual confession.

If anyone would like to donate a crock pot of soup, salad, rolls, or a dessert, please sign up on the sheets at the back of church or see Fr. Harry. If you are able to assist at the service with readings, prayers, and/or service parts, please sign up on the list in the back of church or see Fr. Harry.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: 10:30 am Mass
Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm Mass
Good Friday: 7:00 pm Service
Easter Vigil: 7:00 pm Mass
Easter Sunday: 10:30 am Mass

RCIA Program

We are holding a class for those who would like to be Baptized, Confirmed, make their First Communion, and/or make their first confession on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. Please see Fr. Harry if you would like to attend the class. Those who participate will be received into the church during the Easter Vigil Mass on April 20, 2019.

Holy Week

If you can help with any of our services, please see Fr. Harry

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Welcome to Christopher Kitman as our new Director of Music. He will begin on Sunday April 7, 2019. His duties will include planning the music for our liturgies and recruiting musical talent within our parish. We are blessed to have him join our parish family.

March, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Mass 10:30 a.m. Young People AA 8:00 p.m.	4 AA Meeting 8:00 p.m.	5	6 Mass 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday	7 R.C.I.A. 7:00 p.m. Friendly AA 8:00 p.m.	8 Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.	9
10 Mass 10:30 a.m. Young People AA 8:00 p.m.	11 Taize Prayer 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:00 p.m.	12	13 Mass 7:00 p.m.	14 R.C.I.A. 7:00 p.m. Friendly AA 8:00 p.m.	15 Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.	16
17 Mass 10:30 a.m. Young People AA 8:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day	18 Taize Prayer 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:00 p.m.	19	20 Mass 7:00 p.m.	21 R.C.I.A. 7:00 p.m. Friendly AA 8:00 p.m.	22 Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.	23
24 Mass 10:30 a.m. Young People AA 8:00 p.m.	25 Taize Prayer 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:00 p.m.	26	27 Mass 7:00 Community Clothes Closet 5:30-6:30 Dinner 6-7 pm	28 R.C.I.A. 7:00 p.m. Friendly AA 8:00 p.m.		