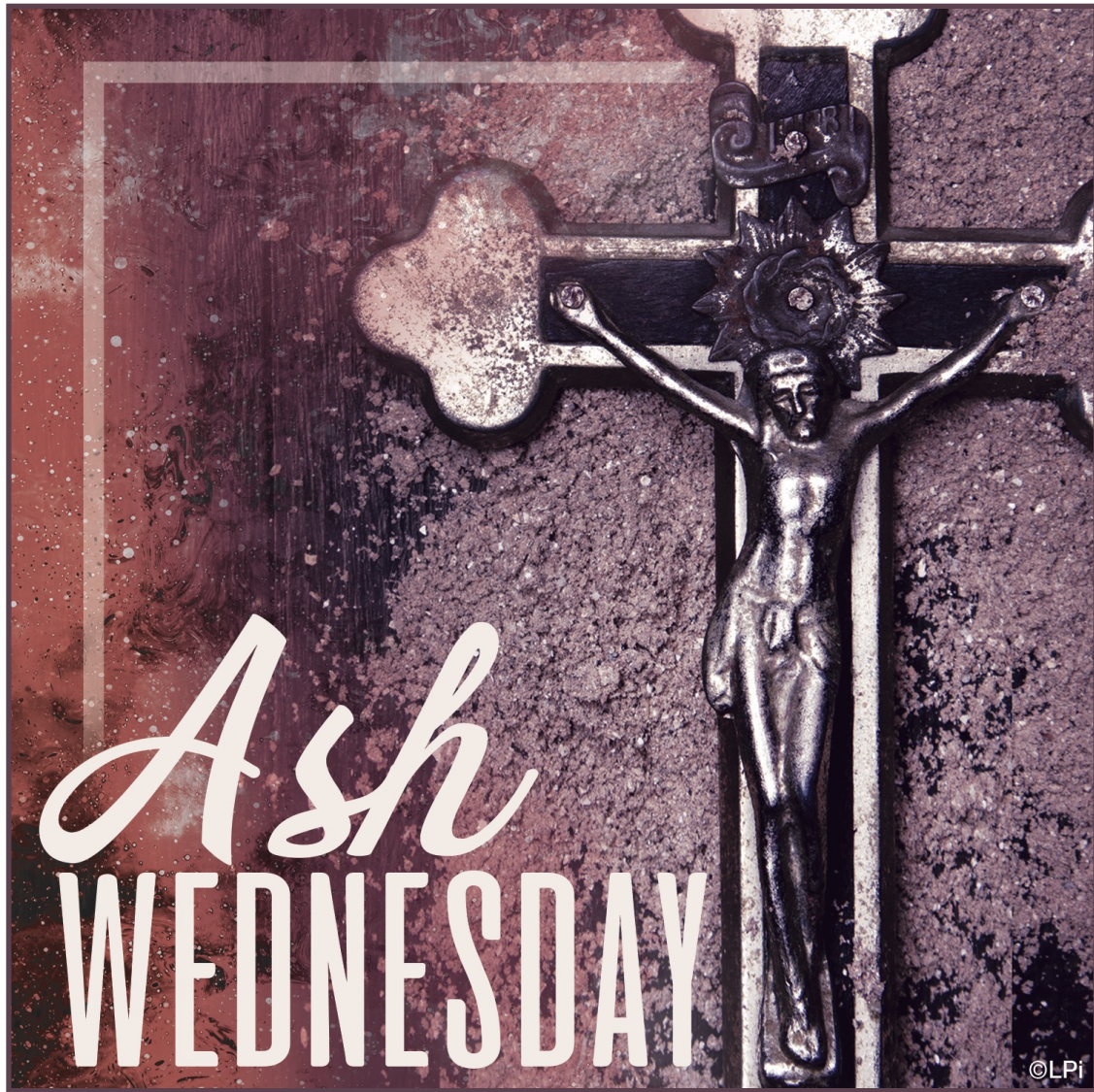


Saint Mary's Catholic Church



March 3, 2019 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings and Psalm: pgs. 404-406

Mass setting: pg. 850 Missa Simplex I (@5pm and @8am); pg. 873 Missa de Angelis (@11)

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas (before Mass): pg. 1000

Entrance Hymn: On This Day, The First of Days #113

Entrance Antiphon: *The Lord became my protector...(pg. 938 #118); (Factus est @11)*

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

Offertory Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine #76

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.
(*Cantabo @11*)

Communion Hymn: Soul of My Savior #112

Marian Antiphon: Ave Regina Caelorum #45

Recessional Hymn: Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him #83

Saturday March 2

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Nick Altman Anderson)

Sunday March 3 **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (+ Linda McDermott)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass~ (+ Carol Cleeton)

3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:00pm - Confessions

4:30pm - Vespers

5:00pm - Mass - (St. Mary's Parishioners)

6:00pm - Presentation by Fr. Leon Pereira & refreshments (FH)

Monday March 4 **Saint Casimir**

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Rev. Matthew Bartulica and all priests of the diocese)

Tuesday March 5

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass- (Living & deceased relatives, friends, benefactors & malefactors of Sr. Teresita)

6:30pm - Scouts (FH)

Wednesday March 6 **Ash Wednesday**

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Dixie Altman)

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass - (+Robert Lappat)

Thursday March 7 **Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass- (Patricia Williamson)

Friday March 8 **Saint John of God**

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass~(Amanda Hinrichs)

6:00pm - Stations of the Cross (C)

6:40 pm - Simple Supper (FH)

Saturday March 9

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (+Robert Spence Altman)

6:00pm - K of C - St. Mary's Stakes Horse Racing (FH)

Sunday March 10 **First Sunday of Lent**

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (+Ayda Quiroga Barrios)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass~ (St. Mary's Parishioners)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Connie Bader)

Mass Times:

Monday - Friday @ 12:00 Noon

Saturday @ 5:00pm

Sunday @ 8:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

PARISH OFFICE

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and
FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Jeffery Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Betty Underwood, Annie Moran, David Barrett, Mary Pappas, Anthony Rizzi, Bob Trusty, KE Hun Ngo, Kim Tan, Bob DeSchepper, Roberta Vargas, Richard McAfee, Patricia Williamson, Liz Crosby, Beverly Boynton

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN &
WOMEN:**

SFC. Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks AL. (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)
Fr. CPT. Brian Klingele - Kreech AFB & Nellis AFB, Nevada, (Nephew of Ken & Karen Klingele)
Cpl Trevor Melton - Camp Pendelton, CA (Grandson of Marilyn Pontalion)
Rev. Joseph Reardon - Bahrain (Persian Gulf) Command Chaplain
SSGT Christopher Wood - Cherry Point, NC (Grandson of Jean Wilcox)
ICSN Josiah Smith - San Diego, CA. (Grandson of Mary Smith) & **IC3 Christina Smith** - Virginia (wife of Josiah)
CPT Eric Hoffman - US Air Force, Middle East (Nephew of Chuck & Karen Vlasin)

March 2 & 3, 2019
1st Week

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers
8:00am - T&T
Spooner, W Pappas
11:00am - A Talato, N
Smith, E & J Diamond,
M Deggendorf

Lectors:

5:00pm - T. Douglas
8:00am - M Pontalion
11:00am - E. Ball

March 9 & 10, 2019
2nd Week

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers
8:00am - A Rincon, W
Pappas
11:00am - A Talato, N
Smith, E & J Diamond,
M Deggendorf

Lectors:

5:00pm - J. LeMay
8:00am - L. Gibbons
11:00am - E Holder

Readings for the week of March 3, 2019

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1
Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk
10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk
9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt
9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk
5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13,
14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION IN THE CHURCH

ADORATION HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL

FURTHER NOTICE.

WE WILL CALL ALL ADORERS TO LET YOU KNOW

WHEN ADORATION WILL BEGIN AGAIN.

**When Adoration does begin again, the
following hours will need an adorer:**

Wednesday 5-6 P.M.:

Thursday 4-5 A.M.:

Thursday 5-6 P.M.

**Please prayerfully consider spending an
hour with Our Lord.**

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

We are happy to have Fr. Leon with us this weekend. Below is the second part of Fr. Leon's interview. If you missed the first part you can read it on our website www.saintmarysparish.org under 'bulletins'.

THE ROLE OF MEDJUGORJE - AND OTHER PRIVATE REVELATION - IN OUR LIVES OF FAITH

So do we *need* Medjugorje for our faith? Strictly speaking, no. It falls into the realm of private revelation, and “we do not need any private revelation to be Catholics,” Fr. Leon said. “We do not need Lourdes, we do not need Fatima, we do not need Guadalupe ... We do not need the Divine Mercy apparitions ... What do we need? We need the faith that has come to us through Jesus and through the apostles,” as described in the Holy Scriptures. The things that come to us through private revelation – Lourdes, Fatima, and the Divine Mercy apparitions, for example – are not strictly necessary. But if we do not believe them, Fr. Leon said, “something is lost.

“I would put this in the category of celebrating your mother’s birthday. It is not strictly necessary. You don’t have to do it. But I think if you didn’t, something would be lost. You would be poorer for it. In that sense, I think we are more blessed to believe in Lourdes ... We’re more blessed believing in it.

“What did [Our Lady] say at Lourdes? She said, *penance, penance, penance*, and *let the sick come here and let them make a procession*. And what did she say at Fatima? Similar. To make sacrifices. To pray. To offer ourselves and the Holy Mass to the Heavenly Father. We would be poorer if we didn’t do these things. So, in that same category I would say we would be poorer if we didn’t try to live the messages of Medjugorje.”

UNDERSTANDING THE MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE

What are the messages of Medjugorje? They go hand in hand with those of Lourdes and Fatima, and are summarized by what’s known as *the five stones of Medjugorje*.

“The image of the five stones comes from David the shepherd taking the five pebbles from the stream with a sling shot to face Goliath. These are the stones that Our Lady gives us to face *our* Goliath,” Fr. Leon said. The five stones encourage us to live our life of faith more deeply. They are: 1.) Pray with the heart, especially the Rosary; 2.) Go to Holy Mass as often as possible, and receive Christ in a state of grace; 3.) Read scripture every morning, especially the Gospel, memorize a small portion, and live by it; 4.) Fast on Wednesdays and Fridays – an ancient discipline of the Church which Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholics keep to this day; and 5.) Go to confession once a month.

These five stones are the “heart of living the message of Medjugorje,” Fr. said, and they tie in perfectly with what Our Lady has said elsewhere. “They are not contradictory to the faith, and in fact nudge us in the direction of living our faith more fully.”

CAN CATHOLICS GO TO MEDJUGORJE?

In a word, *yes*.

“Let me state this quite clearly. We Catholics are free to visit any parish in the world,” Fr. Leon said. “Medjugorje is one parish in the world. There is nothing forbidding us from coming here.”

Fr. cautioned that there is a restriction on priests and bishops. “They themselves are not to organize an official pilgrimage to come here,” because this might give the perception that the Church had already established the Medjugorje apparitions as worthy of belief. But, “lay people are free to come here and to organize pilgrimage groups.” Fr. added, “you’re also free to invite your priests and bishops to accompany you as your chaplains, because you need pastoral care. ... In fact, it’s advisable. If you’re coming here you should have your priests and bishops with you, pastorally, to give you that pastoral care.”

Fr. Leon referred to the words of Archbishop André-Joseph Leonard, former Archbishop of Brussels, who said: “Two risks exist: the risk that we are being deceived in Medjugorje and the risk that we are bypassing a gift of grace,” adding, “Between the two risks, I prefer to take the risk of being open rather than the risk of *a priori* being closed to the grace of God which can be operating in this place. Accordingly, therefore, I take the position of openness and prudence.” Fr. Leon further reflected, “If it’s false, what have you been duped into? You’ve been duped into praying the Rosary, going to Mass more regularly, reading the Bible, confessing, and fasting. So, that’s not a bad thing to be duped into doing.”

On the other hand, Fr. said, “what if Medjugorje is real, and if it is real, imagine! Let’s imagine that God has sent the Blessed Mother here to Medjugorje.” Pointing again to Lourdes and Fatima, Fr. Leon stated, “If people had waited for the approval, lots of things would never have happened. The first miracle of Lourdes — the stone mason who was blind recovered his sight. He’d still be blind, he would have died blind. And the little boy who was dying, he might have died if people had waited [for Lourdes to be approved.] And in Fatima, it happened in 1917. Approval came in 1930. So if people had waited, the 70,000 wouldn’t have seen the miracle of the sun.

“Your experience is part of the process of the final judgment on Medjugorje, and I say like Bishop Leonard has said, the greatest danger is, what if Medjugorje is actually true?”

- This Wednesday, March 6 is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at Noon and 6pm with the distribution of ashes.
- Join us on the Friday's of Lent beginning on March 8 as we pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm in the church. Following the stations please join us for a simple supper in Fitzgerald Hall. These simple meals are hosted by various parish groups and a free will offering is appreciated.
- Remember, Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting is not just a spiritual diet. By denying our bodies, our physical hunger reminds us of the hunger of our souls for God, our longing for a deeper relationship with Our Lord

The **General A & R** meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 14th, 6:30pm at the Ministry Center.**

If you have not been able to attend meetings on a regular basis or at all, this is the one meeting you do not want to miss. This is an election year for Altar & Rosary officers and the March meeting is the scheduled time that nominations for the various offices will be taken. If you are interested in adding your name for a respective office or would like to nominate someone (with their permission, of course), this would be the meeting to accomplish that. The offices are as follows: **President/Vice President/Treasurer/Recording Secretary/Corresponding Secretary.** Thank you!

THE PARISH WISHES TO EXTEND SYMPATHY TO LEONA LAPPAT AND THE LAPPAT FAMILY UPON THE DEATH OF ROBERT LAPPAT. ROBERT PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 16. MAY ROBERT REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.

Week of February 24, 2019

2/24/2019 Collection:	\$5749.00
Budgeted Weekly Offertory:	<u>\$6085.48</u>
	—336.48

Fiscal (July - June) YTD Contributions:	<i>\$184,483.00</i>
Budgeted Fiscal YTD Contributions:	<u>\$212,991.80</u>
	—28,508.80

If you would like a copy of your 2018 church contribution statement, please call Tony @ 252-0121 ext 101 or email tony@saintmarysparish.org or debbie@saintmarysparish.org

2nd Annual St Mary Stakes Horse Race is On!! - Saturday, March 9th 2019 **6:00 - 8:30pm - Fitz. Hall**

Everything about the event will remain the same, just a new date. **This will also allow 2 1/2 more weeks of sales for anyone who wants advanced tickets or horses.** The online advanced ticket / horse sales will remain open at <https://tinyurl.com/ycmc4oe9> - scroll down to St Mary Stakes Horse Race. Also see a video of how a horse race works (*only that video is about 1/100th the excitement of ours*) - there are also pictures of how to dress up for a Horse Race (*if you choose*) as well as the information flyer about the event.

We will *Not* tempt Mother Nature a 3rd time however - If for any reason the new date does not work out, the Horse Race would be cancelled for this year and K of C will work on an alternative Parish activity.

Cardinal Glennon 50th High School Reunion will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Cascone's Italian Restaurant, 3737 North Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO from 6:00-10:00 PM. Dinner Buffet in private dining room with cash bar. Spouse/date welcome, casual dress. \$34.00 per person includes tax and gratuity. Send check or money order by March 15th to Janet Mancuso, 7525 N. Eastern Ave, Kansas City, MO 64158