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For Weekday Mass Times see inside.

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Saturday 3PM - 3:45PM

For more information about booking baptisms, weddings, marriage preparation, or other inquiries, please contact us.

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Wed: 12 Noon - 5PM
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Welcome

As we journey through this holy season of Lent, we are reminded that we are called to be **disciples**, people who follow Jesus more intentionally, more deeply, and more faithfully. Whether you are here every week or visiting for the first time, we are **grateful** that you are with us. Faith is a journey, and what matters most is not where you are, but that you are walking it. We simply ask that you walk with us and be open to what **God** is calling you to. We believe that God calls each member of our parish to **worship**, to **grow**, to **serve**, to **connect** and to **give**. Let's walk this season together.

TODAYS READINGS: ① Exodus 17:3-7 ② Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 ③ John 4:5-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 11
 5:30PM + Aaron Higgins

Thursday, March 12
 At Belvedere 11AM Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 13
 11:00AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:10PM + Fr. Collins Okafor

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 14
 4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, March 15
 9:00AM + Cathy Pearsell
 11:00AM + Karen Missal

"Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life." - Pope Leo XIV



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About the Paschal Candle

Each year our parish prepares a new Paschal Candle for the celebration of Easter. This large candle represents the risen Christ, the Light of the World. At the Easter Vigil it is carried into the darkened church, and from it the light spreads as the faithful light their own candles. It is a powerful sign that the light of Christ cannot be overcome by darkness.

Throughout the Easter season the Paschal Candle burns near the altar as a reminder that the risen Lord is present among His people. The candle is also lit whenever the Church celebrates Baptism and at every Funeral. At Baptism the newly baptized receive the light of Christ, and at a Funeral the Paschal Candle stands beside the casket as a sign that the light first given in Baptism now leads us to eternal life.

If you would like to help provide this year's Paschal Candle, you are invited to contribute toward its purchase. Stop by the Welcome Desk after Mass for more information. Those who contribute \$50 or more will receive a small portion of last year's Paschal Candle to take home as a reminder of the light of Christ that shines in our lives.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

NAILING OUR WOUNDS TO THE CROSS

This Lent we invite you to take a simple but powerful step. During the season you may write down a hurt, burden, or area where you need healing and physically nail it to the cross in the Sanctuary. Lent is not about pretending we are fine, but about bringing what is broken to the One who heals. Each nail becomes a quiet act of trust, saying, "Jesus, I give this to You." The cross will remain in the church throughout Lent as a reminder that Christ carries what we cannot carry alone.

OFFER THE GIFT OF THE MASS

Did you know that you can have a Mass intention to honour a living or deceased relative or friend? It is a prayerful gift to be given and even more meaningful to receive. Mass intentions can be arranged by visiting the Welcome Desk after all weekend Masses or simply call the Parish office 705-746-5181 and we'll give you more information.

NEXT LENTEN DINNER AND A MOVIE

Join us on **March 28th** right after the 4PM Mass for an evening of dinner, fellowship, and faith as we watch a powerful portrayal of the Passion of Our Lord. **Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance at the Welcome Desk after weekend Masses.** We hope you will join us for this special Lenten evening together.

SOUP & STATIONS

Our Lenten Friday tradition continues with Soup & Stations. Join us at 5:15PM in the Church Basement for a simple meal and fellowship, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6PM in the church as together we walk with Jesus on His journey to the cross. All are welcome to come and share in this Lenten evening of prayer and community.

CONFESSIONS

Whether is has been 10 years, or 10 months or 10 days, God is waiting for you. Come experience the mercy of a Father who loves and forgives you. Make a plan to go to Confession this Lent. Fr. Jerry is available to hear confessions every Saturday from 3 - 3:45PM. **Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service followed by Confessions (last chance before Easter) will take place on Wednesday, April 1st at 5:30PM.... No joke ;)**

LAST SUPPER/HOLY THURSDAY DINNER

Tickets for our 'Last Supper' on Holy Thursday go on sale next weekend. Two Can Dine for \$35!

LENTEN FISH & CHIPS DINNER

Mark your calendar for Friday March 27th at 5:30PM (following Stations of the Cross which will start at 5PM this week only) as the Knights of Columbus will be serving up Fish & Chips. Tickets are now available at all Weekend Masses. A limited gluten-free option is available - please request when purchasing. Tickets are \$15 per person.

PRAY FOR OUR OCIA CANDIDATES

As we continue our Lenten journey toward Easter, please keep in your prayers those in our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacraments through the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). Over these weeks they are taking important steps in their journey of faith as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We ask the whole parish community to pray for them, that the Lord may strengthen their faith, fill them with His grace, and surround them with the support of our parish family. May this holy season be a time of deep preparation and joy for them as they draw closer to the Sacraments.

EASTER DECOR

Envelopes can be found at the church doors for donation to help make the sanctuary beautiful for Easter. They can be made in memory of loved ones who's names will be published during the Easter season. Please write your name as well as names of loved ones you would like to remember.

CHRISM MASS

Enhance your Holy Week by attending the Chrism Mass at 2PM on Monday, March 30, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter-in-Chains. During this beautiful diocesan liturgy, Bishop Daniel J. Miehms will bless the holy oils used in the sacraments throughout the coming year, and the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises. All are welcome to attend.

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