

Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

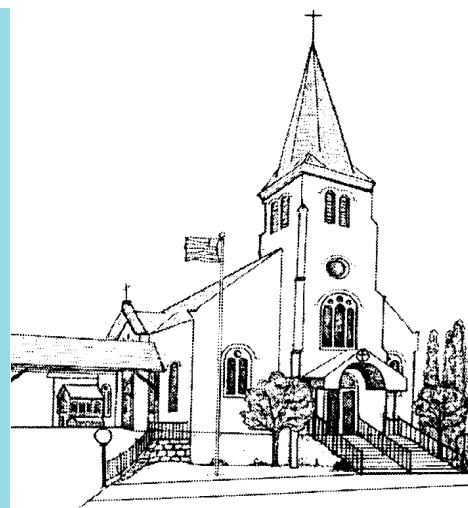
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Weekend & Weekday Masses

Saturday-Temporarily Suspended
Sunday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am

Private Prayers:

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays-
8:30-Noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
until Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions will be heard by request
after mass on Wednesdays or
by appointment.

Clergy

Pastor:

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

Assisting Priest:

Fr. Chuck Brambilla
Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

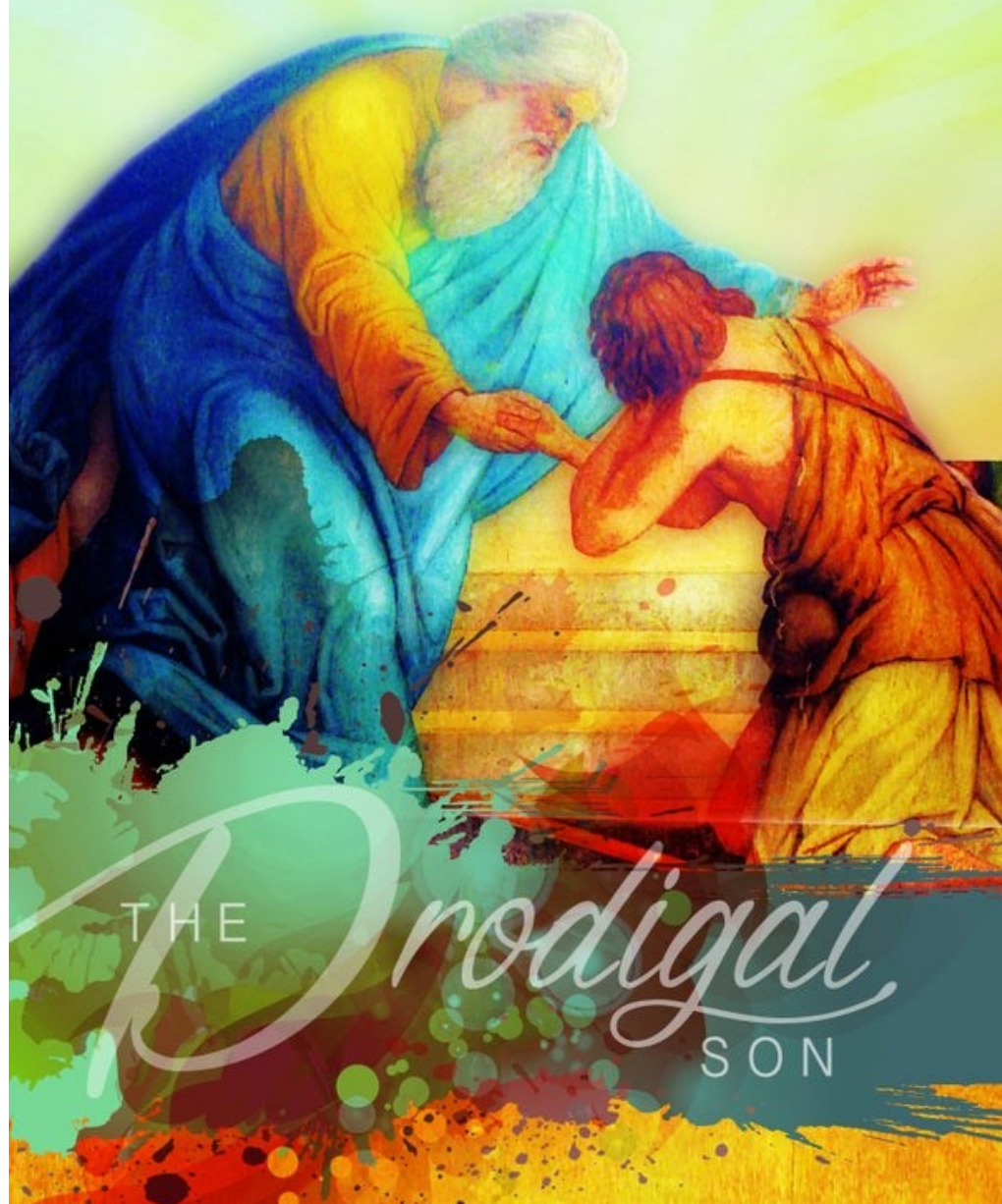
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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2021

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?



Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You’re still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you’re ready to give.

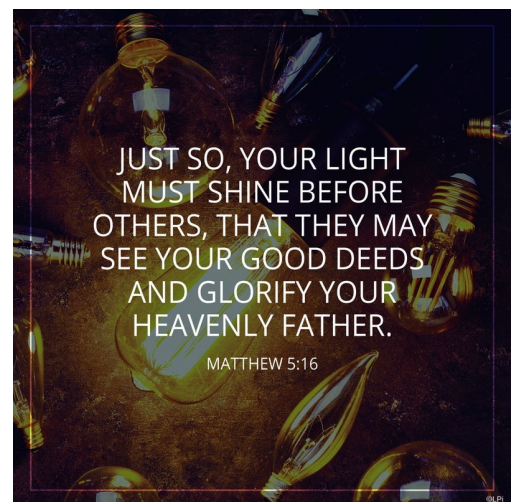
I’ve said it, and I’m sure you’ve said it, too. “Just five more minutes.” You hit the “snooze” button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there’s no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we’re getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the “snooze” button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?



First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 am at St. Gregory the Great Church** for the Sacred Heart and St. Gregory 2nd graders enrolled in the KIC program.

LENTEN RESOURCES

Lenten reflection and devotional materials are available in the back of church. Please take one home with you today!

Communion for the homebound

Dave Prickett is available to bring Communion to those who would like it on Sunday's after mass. Call the office at least 2-3 days prior to the Sunday if you would like communion brought to your home.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

March 18th will be the next drive up food distribution from 10:00 am until 11:30 am here at Sacred Heart for 60 and older. Further questions please contact the Parish office.

Understanding Lent

Lent is a season for turning to others. We come out of ourselves and go out of our way to help the poor, to welcome the outcast, and to reconcile the enemy.

We know that our meditative prayer and reflective silence have been fruitful if they result in greater charity, compassion, and mercy on our part. Vatican II's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* underscores this point: "During Lent penance should not be only internal and individual, but also external and social."



Lent is also a time to reconcile with family members, friends, and neighbors. It is a season to end estrangements, let go of bitterness, and resolve grudges.

The Lord makes it clear that the work of building bridges of reconciliation is a divine priority: "If you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, first be reconciled with your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24).

Triduum and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday ~ April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday ~ April 2

The Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday ~ April 3

Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday ~ April 4

Mass at 9:00 am with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 11

Mass at 9:00 am with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

At rest in the arms
of Jesus

#Rest in Peace



Amy Prickett has unexpectedly passed away on March 4th while on vacation. Arrangements will follow.

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included on the Prayer Chain, the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful and/or the bulletin contact the Parish office. Permission from the individual must be given before we can list their name in the Prayers of the Faithful or the bulletin.

Prayer, at its heart, is an act of faith, asking God to step in and believing that He is both willing and able to listen to us. There is no prayer intention too large or too small — you can ask for God's help with every need.

Almighty God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. Amen.

Continued prayers for:

Sue Roth, Gerald Mollberg, Jim Thorn,
Judy Strandmark, Shirley Kirchberg,
Grace Schwaab, Erin Hestbeck Mielke, Cecilia Shinler,
Bret Van Tassel, Ron Schleicher,
Janet Yurick, Dave Prickett



Palm Sunday March 28

Regularly

scheduled

Masses

Sunday at 9:00 AM

March 20 & 21 Celebrants

Fr. Fitzgerald/ Deacon Kevin	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Fitzgerald/ Deacon Kevin	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

March 27 & 28 Celebrants

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Fr. Shane	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

