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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 10

2 Chronicles 36: 14-17a, 19-23 Ps
137:1-6 Ep 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21
10:00 am Brendan Clough †
12:00 pm Parish Community

Monday, March 11

Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:1-12 Jn 4:43-54
5:30 pm Rosita Pinto †

Tuesday, March 12

Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:1-8 Jn 5:1-16
5:30 pm Marcelo Quinteros †

Wednesday, March 13

Is 49:8-15 Ps 145: 8-9, 13-18 Jn
5:16-30
5:30 pm Int. of Elizabeth

Thursday, March 14

Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:18-47
5:30 pm Yolanda Maria
Sakowski †

Friday, March 15

Wisdom 2:1-a, 12-22 Ps 34:16-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
5:30 pm Int. of Myra Landicho

Saturday, March 16

Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:1-13
Hebrews 5:7-9 Jn 12:2-33
5:30 pm Masilamani Joseph † &
Maria Selvam †

Lenten Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday after the 5:30 pm Mass during Lent for Stations of the Cross, led by different groups every week.



The Friar's Nook

By now, I hope that everyone has had a chance to read the Parish Financial report. It has been a long time in coming. But with COVID, everything got slowed down. As you can see. With the drop and attendance during COVID and since then our income has dropped significantly. While our bills have not. I trust in God that the people of the parish will respond generously to keep our doors open and our ministry active.

You can expect new things in the parish in the coming months. First, we finally have a Pastoral Council of eight people to help and to guide the direction of the parish. Everyone seems very excited at the possibilities. And rightly so. I told them that when Bishop Kasun met with me, he was so impressed with the ownership the parishioners had for the parish and their involvement. It is my hope that that involvement spreads to those who aren't otherwise active in the parish. Everyone says the best way to do that is to tap people on the shoulder and ask and now I have eight more hands to do the tapping! So don't be surprised. If someone from the Parish Council asks you to help out with something that we're doing in the parish. Give it a try. You might like it. We will continue to have. Parish "fun" raisers as long as we have the people and the energy and creativity to keep it up. As you know, we're looking for folks to volunteer their time at any one of the upcoming events. As my father always said. "Many hands make light work."

I had a birthday this week and I wish to thank all of you who were so kind and generous to me in celebrating my birthday. I don't know what the future holds but I'm excited for it. As we continue to grow as a parish, feel free to invite friends to come either to church or to one of our fun nights. I believe getting people. "Near church" is a good start. Who knows? They might even start joining us for prayer!

I can't believe we're already thinking about Easter. But we have plans for Holy Week. We will be going over them with our ministries. Expect to find some minor changes to what we've done in the past. I think you'll like the outcome. We are trying to make it a more prayerful and inclusive experience. The Pastoral Council has suggested that on Easter Sunday, we offer coffee and Timbits since we have such a large crowd then. I realize that many will just come to Mass and leave. But some may come into the hall for coffee, Timbits and fellowship. And who knows where that may lead in their lives and in their faith journey. I have no problem buying more Timbits.

Pray for the success of our parish,

Fr. Bob

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Aniela Kuncaitis, Antonia Bova, Celeste Cignarella, Guillermo Medina, Rose Menecola, Rosanne Kelly, Inex Meleca.

The Deceased: Albina Padilla †, Neza Kastelic †

Lenten Intentions

Parishioners are invited to share their Lenten intentions, thoughts, and prayers anonymously, by writing them down on the 'intention slips' provided at the back at the church. Everyone is welcome to place their filled in, tightly folded intentions in the baptismal font on the altar throughout Lent. Enter them as often as you'd like. On Holy Saturday, these intentions will form the kindling for the blessing of the fire outside the church, the rising smoke symbolically carrying our intentions to heaven.

Irish Pub Night – March 16, 8:00pm

All are welcome for an Irish Pub Night on Saturday, March 16th. There will be a 10\$ cover charge and tickets are on sale this weekend. At the door they are 15\$. There will be LIVE entertainment and dancing. You can **purchase** green beer, wine, and Irish coffee at the bar, so please bring extra cash! Doors open at 7:30pm!

Merrymakers Luncheon - March 21

The Merrymakers lunch will be one Thursday, March 21st. Join us for Mass at 12pm followed by the lunch at 12:30pm. Tickets can be purchased after this weekend's mass. Please join afterwards for the workshop

March 21, 3PM – Preventing Falls Workshop - FREE!

The experts from Living at Home Ltd will provide tips and advice on how to make your home safer and help you prevent costly falls & continue to age in place. Whether you are living home alone or taking care of someone, this workshop aims to equip you with the right information for fall prevention! Please join us on Thursday, March 21st at 3:00pm in the parish hall!

Creation Care Ministry: How might care for nature help another person in your life to experience a better way of life?

Reflection excerpt: 'We can act with what resources we have, and with whom we are near, to enhance, support, and encourage sprouts of God's rule of justice, solidarity, and community.'

Suggested action: Learn about the benefits of agroecology and other farming methods that prioritize sustainability and the needs of communities over scale and profit: <http://bit.ly/agroecologyCIDS>. <https://maryknollogc.org/files/attachments/lent-2024.pdf>

ShareLife Sunday

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 17, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal of \$14 million, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- deliver food to children in developing countries
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Monthly Offertory

Offertory	Feb 2023	Feb 2024
Envelopes	\$ 4,966	\$ 4,786
Loose	\$ 1,170	\$ 2,238
PAG*	\$ 6,223	\$ 6,096
Total	\$ 12,359	\$13,120

**Pre-Authorized Giving*

Contributions to the **Building Maintenance Fund** for the month of January were \$3,509.

Upcoming Activities

March 13

CWL Executives Meeting

March 16

Irish Pub Night 8pm

March 17

ShareLife Collection

March 20 – 7:00 pm

Lenten Penitential Service

March 21

12:30pm Merrymakers Lunch
\$12 Tickets on Sale after Mass

March 21

3:00pm Living at Home – Seniors home safety presentation (free)

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday Sat. Mar 23 – 5:30pm

Sun Mar 24 - 10am & 12pm

Holy Thursday Mar 28 - 7pm

Good Friday March 29 – 3:00pm

Easter Vigil Sat. March 30 – 8:30pm

Easter Sunday March 31 – 10am & 12pm





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