

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Jeanette Weldon, mother of Irma Bell)
- 12:00 PM—Coffee & Donuts following Mass

MONDAY, APRIL 08, 2019

Lenten Weekday (5);

- 6:30 PM—Evangelization Team Meeting to address cards

Tuesday, April 09, 2019

Lenten Weekday;

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

Lenten Weekday;

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service, followed by Coffee
- 10:00 AM—Small group: *Sunday by Sunday*
- 6:30 PM—Faith Formation, K-8

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

Lenten Weekday; *Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr*

- 7:00 PM—Finance Council Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019

Lenten Weekday; (day of abstinence)

- 6:00 PM—Adoration and evening prayer
- 6:30 PM—Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

Lenten Weekday; *Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr*

- 9:00 AM—Small group: *Sunday by Sunday*

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

- **9:30 AM**—Mass (Bernie Relph)



“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”
John 8:10

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62
Ps 23:1-6
Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9
Ps 102:2-3, 16-21
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gen 17:3-9
Ps 105:4-9
Jn 8:51-59



Friday
Jer 20:10-13
Ps 18:2-7
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday
Jer 20:10-13
(Ps) Jer 31:10-13
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday
Is 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11
Lk 22:14—23:56

Some Dates to Note

- April 8—Evangelization Team Meeting
- April 11—Finance Council Meeting
- April 16—Social Action Committee Meeting
- April 21—Egg hunt following Easter Sunday Mass
- April 23—Parish Council Meeting

Be sure to check out the El Salvador Mission trip story and thank you on the back page of this bulletin. It is a beautiful story.



Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem.
Luke 19:28

Please Note: Mass on Palm Sunday, April 14 and Easter Sunday, April 21 will be at 9:30



EASTER LILY MEMORIAL

If you would like to donate an Easter lily in memory of a loved-one, envelopes are available in the gathering space. No particular amount, just what you would like to give. Donations must be returned by Sunday, April 14.



Faith Formation News

Classes will begin at 6:30 as usual and dismiss at 7:30.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14

- **9:30 AM**—Mass

Holy Thursday, April 18

- 7:00 PM—Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Bring bells to ring at Gloria)
- Father will hear confessions immediately following mass
- 8:00-9:00 PM—Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 19

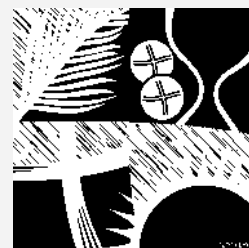
- 9:00 AM—Morning Prayer
- 3:00 PM—Stations of the Cross
- 3:30 PM—Fr. Thom will hear confessions
- 7:00 PM—Celebration of Our Lord’s Passion

Holy Saturday, April 20

- 9:00 AM—Morning Prayer
- 9:30 AM—Decorating Church for Easter
- 8:30 PM—Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 21

- **9:30 AM**—Easter Mass
- Easter egg hunt after mass



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over...
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FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

A REFLECTION ON FASTING by Rev. Daniel Merz

Humanity's "Fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation. Food perpetuates life in this physical world, which is subject to decay and death. But God "created no death." (Wis. 1:13) Humanity, in Adam and Eve, rejected a life dependent on God alone for one that was dependent rather on "bread alone." (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) The whole world was given to man as a kind of food, as a means to life, but "life" is meant as communion with God, not as food. ("Their god is their belly." Phil. 3:19) The tragedy is not so much that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake, "apart" from God and to be independent of Him. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God." And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone."

Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone." (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.

God's abundant blessings

Dc. Joe



Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, we remember that, Jesus spent years working as a carpenter. Work is important to help people fulfill their potential. And everyone must receive a fair wage to provide for themselves and their families.

Encounter Ona

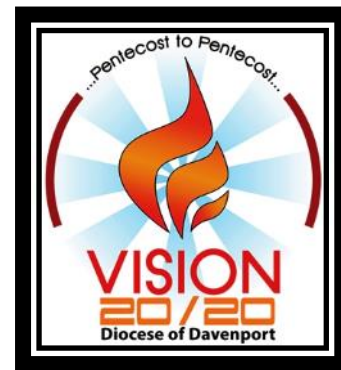
Ona always knew she wanted to be a "shining woman" in her community—and an example to her two young daughters. She studied hard and eventually earned her teaching degree from a university. But in Gaza, jobs are hard to find. Even though Ona had been a good student, she could not find work as a teacher. "The financial situation was so difficult," Ona says. "I started to feel hopeless."

That's why CRS matches workers with job opportunities. Through CRS, Ona applied for an internship as a teacher and was hired to teach math.

Ona knew she wanted to take full advantage of the opportunity. "I took time to ask questions and learn. I tried to better myself—and become a better teacher."

Through her internship, Ona gained the confidence and inspiration to branch out on her own. She saved enough money to open a tutoring center. She now helps students of all ages with their math skills, as well as with other subjects. After one month in business, 41 children had visited her center. "When people encourage you, you start to think in a more creative way," Ona says.

As she thinks about the future, she thinks of her children. "I hope I can be an example to my daughters. I hope that my daughters can achieve their dreams."

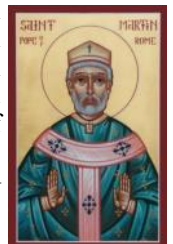


SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Martin I: Died 655
Feast Day—April 13

Born in Todi and educated in Rome, this pious Italian priest was sent by Pope Theodore I as nuncio to Constantinople, where he encountered the Monothelite heresy claiming Jesus had only a divine will and was not truly human. When Martin followed Theodore as pope in 649, he convened a council that condemned this heresy and an imperial decree supporting it.

The emperor's legates tried to arrest Martin in Italy, and succeeded in 653. The already sick pope was held in solitary confinement in Constantinople, condemned for treason and scourged. Banished to Crimea, he died there of starvation, and is the last pope to be venerated as a martyr. Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



April 7, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Brad Hagarty & Mary Dell Flattery

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Grimm, Marcia Grimm, Rita Krueger, & Linda Barnum

Altar Servers: Meta Hill & Ryan Braun

Greeters: Joann Carrothers & Karen Van Dusseldorp

April 14, 2019—9:30 AM

Lectors: To Be Assigned

Eucharistic Ministers: To Be Assigned

Servers: To Be Assigned

Greeters: To Be Assigned



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood

Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)

Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood

James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

For all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation program.



When we have food—we eat. When we don't—we pray

How an unexpected snow on a Sunday morning in Iowa affected a nursing home in El Salvador

So it snowed. We only had 45 minutes to make our connection in Atlanta. This wasn't going to help. And then when the de-icing truck broke down we were doomed. We took off an hour and a half late and missed our connecting flight. The other 19 delegates flying from Des Moines and Moline were more fortunate and made the connection to San Salvador. We were forced to spend the night in Atlanta and were booked on the flight for the next day.

The 19 made their way to Berlin where we stay. The original plan was to have a big medical clinic on Monday. But because we had all the medicines with us in Atlanta, that wasn't possible. So the group of 19 in Berlin looked for something they could do. They asked Padre Candido, the pastor of San Jose parish in Berlin, if there was a soup kitchen or something where they could help. He said there wasn't anything like that but perhaps they could visit the nursing home in Alegria about 20 minutes away.

I hadn't thought about nursing homes in El Salvador. Family is so very important to the Salvadorans. When parents and grandparents get to the point where they can no longer care for themselves they are generally taken in by their children. But some have no family, nowhere to go. That is the case at these nursing homes; the residents are often homeless.

The nursing home in Alegria had 18 residents who were cared for by 6 Franciscan sisters. Dr. Bill consulted with each of the residents and each of the staff and prescribed medications which would be delivered after our medicines arrived. The dentists provided dental care; other delegates visited with them. Veronica asked one of the sisters how they financed the nursing home. In turns out they have no regular source of income. The residents cannot pay. So they pray for God to provide. Veronica asked about food and the sister responded, "we gather at mealtime, when we have food we eat, when we don't, we pray." At that moment, they had very little food. So a trip to the grocery store seemed in order. To the supermarket they went and the sister put food in the grocery cart. When she was done, Pam said "no, get more" The sister got more and a second

and third time was told again to get more. Sister asked if they could even get meat. "Of course, please do!" The residents were provided with food for many days. They had food and they ate. They also prayed for us.

An unexpected snow turned out to be a minor inconvenience for us. We were still able to do our 5 clinic days where we saw over 1900 people. But it was a great blessing to the residents of the nursing home in Alegria. God truly works in mysterious ways. On behalf of the poor of El Salvador, we thank you so very much for your support of this mission.



THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4
Psalm 2:4

Church Bulletins bloopers:

- * Don't let worry kill you--let the church help..
- * Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- * For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- * Weight Watchers will meet a 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- * The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- * This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- * This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- * Thursday night--Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- * Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the carpet should come forward and do so.

A Stewardship Moment

April 7, The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Strong words come from Saint Paul in today's second reading. He reveals in no uncertain terms that life in Christ is our goal. Everything else, he maintains, is "rubbish." Junk. Trash. Garbage. Is that true? Is everything else "rubbish" compared to deepening our relationship with the Lord? What about putting recreational activities ahead of attending Mass? Or preferring uninterrupted hours playing the latest video games or watching TV to spending time in a bible study group, choir practice or serving in a soup kitchen? Or keeping late hours at work over sharing the gospel with friends and neighbors? To what extent do we exercise stewardship over our relationship with Christ?

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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