

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020
Lenten Weekday (4); *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

Tuesday, MARCH 24, 2020
Lenten Weekday (4)

- 8:30-12:00 Open for Private Prayer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

- 8:30-12:00 Open for Private Prayer

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020
Lenten Weekday (4)

- 8:30-12:00 Open for Private Prayer



"Unbind him and let him go."
Luke 11:44

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020
Lenten Weekday (4)

- 8:30-12:00 Open for Private Prayer

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020
Lenten Weekday (4)

- 10:00 AM-Individual Reconciliation

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
John 9:2

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday
Is 65:17-21
Ps 30: 2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday
Is 7:10-14, 8:10
Ps 40:7-11
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday
Ex 32:7-14
Ps 106: 19-23
Jn 5:31-47



Friday
Wis 2:1am 12-22
Ps 34:17-21, 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

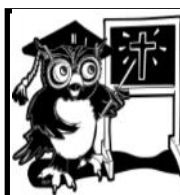
Saturday
Jer 11:18-20
Ps 7:2-3m 9b-12
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday
Ez 37:12-14
Ps 130:1-8
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Some Dates to Remember

Mar. 24—Liturgy Committee Meeting 6:00 pm
Mar. 24—Parrish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Please watch for email for further instructions on how to attend meeting via internet.



Faith Formation News

No Class until further notice.

A Huge Thank You to the following:

A thank you to Ed and Mary Dell Flattery for cleaning and polishing the tabernacle, patens, incense boats, and a myriad of other vessels and objects.

Thanks to Phil Webb, Bud Wilson, Tom Wilson and the Knights of Columbus for building, staining, and installing the new handrails leading to the sanctuary.

Thanks to Mary Dell Flattery, Karen Van Dusseldorf, and Deacon Joe for helping clean up the sacristy.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

When someone you love cannot get to church because of illness or bad weather, "My Sunday Mass on TV" offers spiritual comfort and hope. Compassionate homilies, an inspirational prayer for spiritual communion during distribution of the Eucharist, and closed-captioning for the hearing impaired enable the homebound to experience the blessings of Sunday Mass. For a complete channel guide, visit www.HeartoftheNation.org or call toll-free 1-(855) 855-MASS (6277).

Bishop Barron Word on Fire <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/> (Fr. Ron highly recommends this mass)

Daily mass and other liturgy items please visit www.ewtradio.net for times and links

Mass from Basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception nationalshrine.org/mass

Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over...Thank you for your gifts.



Offertory.....\$71.00
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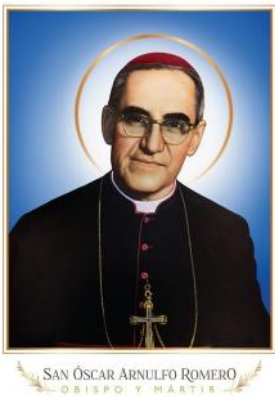


Grinnell Deanery Communal Penance Schedule

All Communal Penance's in our area have been cancelled.
Individual Confessions will be heard on Saturday's from 10:00 am to 11:00 am or by
appointment

Saint of the Week

Saint Oscar Romero
1917-1980
Feast day – March 24



When Monsignor Oscar Romero was installed as Archbishop of San Salvador, El Salvador in February 1977, he was thrust into a tumultuous situation. A military coup in October 1979 led to a gruesome, twelve year civil war. These events were precipitated by the great disparity between a small number of powerful, wealthy families – who were backed by local politicians and the military – and the rest of El Salvador's citizens. Many people suffered extreme poverty. Laborers worked for minimal pay for wealthy landowners, yet they could not hope to obtain land for themselves. The military terrorized the people in order ensure that the families held onto land and money. The Catholic Church became a target when some clergy began to defend the poor. In response to these injustices, some Salvadorans took up arms and fought against the military.

While some Latin American clergy promoted violence as a response to injustice, Archbishop Romero advocated for a different weapon: Christian love.

Before becoming archbishop, Monsignor Romero was not aware that the government was responsible for the deaths of many civilians. Because of his quiet nature, some thought that he would be good for the position, assuming he would not meddle in controversial affairs. However, shortly after his installation, his close friend, Fr. Rutilio Grande, a priest who openly opposed the unjust practices of wealthy landowners, was assassinated by gunmen while traveling with two people to celebrate Mass. This experience awakened Archbishop Romero to the reality of the corruption in his country and prompted him to take a stand for his people's freedom.

Archbishop Romero preached many homilies that were broadcast throughout San Salvador. He persistently defended the rights of the people, calling government leaders to conversion and challenging them to uphold God's law. He reminded the people that they were loved by God and that fighting back with Christian charity was the way to victory. His vocal response to government violence against the poor led to difficulties with other clergy members and his religious superiors as well as death threats from government accomplices. In spite of these challenges, he continued to speak out on behalf of the poor.

On March 24, 1980, Archbishop Romero was shot to death while celebrating the Eucharist in the chapel of Divina Providencia hospital. Saint Oscar Romero was beatified in May 2015 and canonized on October 14, 2018 by Pope Francis.

Thank You!!!!

Thank you to everyone who made the Installation Mass last weekend such a lovely day. Everything was great – the food, the liturgy, the servers, the music, everyone presents—and the breakfast casserole (watch for the recipe).

Fr. Ron Hodges

Catholic Messenger Subscription Update

Catholic Messenger Assessment \$1,944.00
Subscriptions Paid to Date \$609.00
Outstanding Balance \$1,335.00

Be Well, Stay Healthy

Remember to:

- 1) Wash your hands frequently
- 2) Cover your cough with a tissue or with your sleeve
- 3) If you don't feel well call your health care provider
- 4) Maintain a social distance of 6 ft from other people

Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood

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

For all who have died.

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



MEET MARIA ANA

Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How can you we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

“The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing.”

Psalm 2:4

WHY GOD MADE MOMS

Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house..
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mom like me.

COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT BACKPACK PROGRAM

This program is designed to provide food insecure youth with a backpack of food to take home on the weekend. Each backpack contains 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners along with a couple of snack items. We would like to encourage everyone to bring one or two items next week to church to help with this cause. Monetary donation are also accepted and will go to purchasing the need items.



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 will be accepted until April 15.

The “good news” newspaper

The Catholic Messenger nourishes your family with food for thought and keeps you informed weekly with diocesan news, special features, syndicated columnists, opinions, national and world news, along with happenings in our Catholic schools. Plus, you'll learn from the teachings and travels of Bishop Thomas Zinkula. Subscribe through your parish – print or e-edition – just \$29!

A Stewardship Moment

Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?