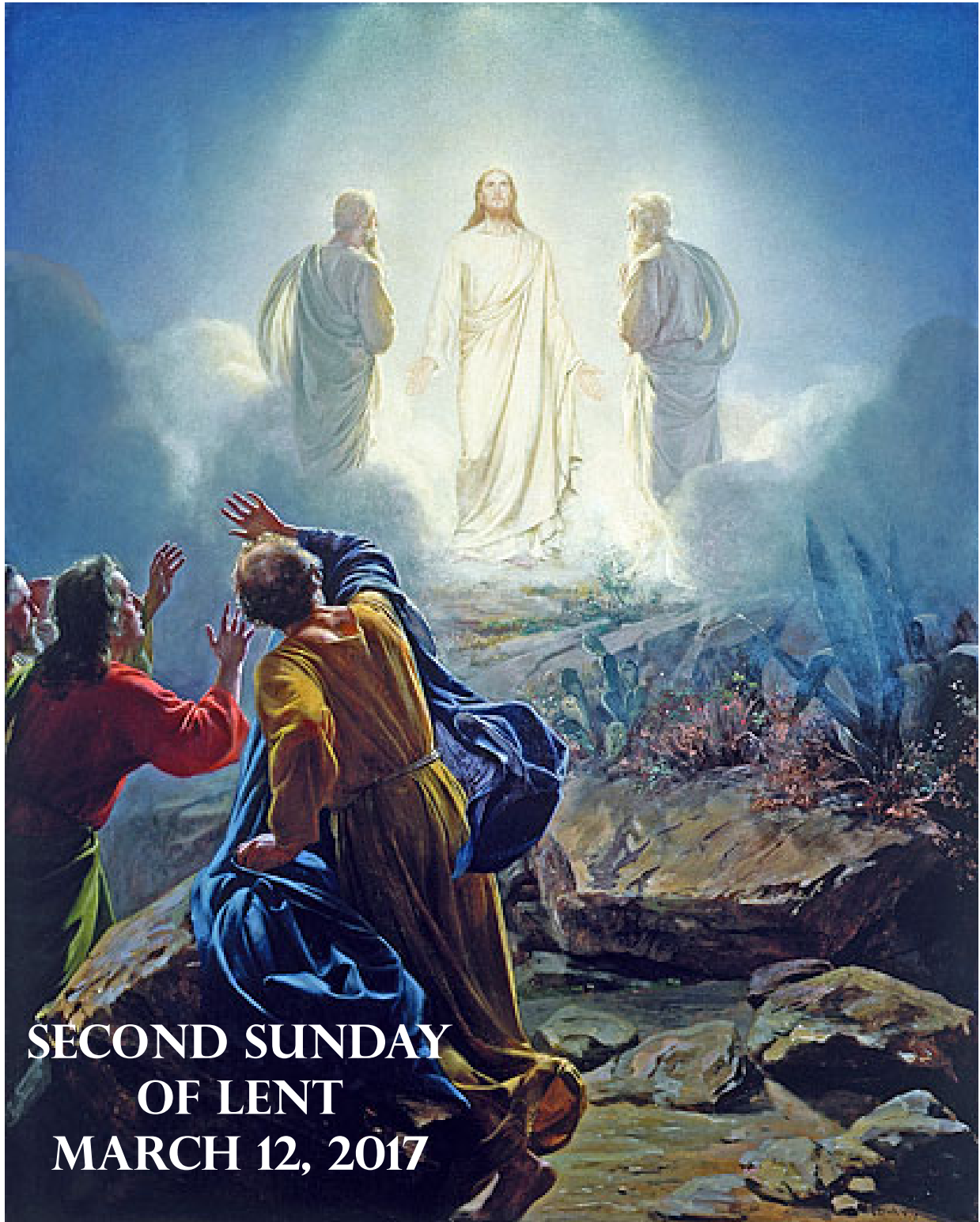


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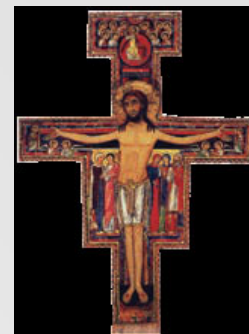
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**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 12, 2017**

Our church: *More than a parking lot . . .*

By Cardinal Cupich



Last weekend I asked pastors to share with parishioners my letter providing an update on recent developments in our **Renew My Church** process. As I wrote, what is at stake as we begin this effort is whether or not we will take seriously the task of passing on the faith to the next generation. For some of us, the question is quite personal. As a couple recently put it to me: “We wonder if we are going to be the last generation of Catholics in our family.”

All who attend Mass recognize that, as we look around the community, we are missing a good number of the children of those in attendance, young men and women who have been educated in our schools and religious-education programs, and who are now starting families of their own.

This forces us to take a hard look at the many challenges facing us today. What do we need to do in order to make our parishes vibrant and sustainable communities for our people today and for generations to come? Concretely, this means that we must use our limited human and material resources prudently. But it also means adopting a missionary mindset that allows us to reach out to and welcome both the un-churched and the de-churched.

We should not be afraid of this task; indeed, it presents us with an opportunity for new fruitfulness. **We stand on the shoulders of ancestors**, many of whom were immigrants in the not-too-distant past, who rolled up their sleeves and got to work on the challenge of forming communities, men and women who built the churches and schools, the hospitals and many agencies that have served countless people across generations. So much has been handed on to us by those who have gone before us, but the most valuable part of that legacy is their deep faith, which allowed them *to respond to Christ’s call to continue his mission of making disciples*. **Renew My Church** must begin there, with a faith that Christ is calling us to take up in a fresh way his mission, rather than settling for the way things are. It is a call to move from maintenance to mission.

Pope Francis offered some inspiration in one of his recent homilies when he used the image of a parking lot to describe how some, whom he calls “lazy Christians,” consider their parish church. This is what he said: “*Lazy Christians are ‘parked’ Christians: they have found in the church a good place to park. . . . For them the church is a parking lot that protects their life, and they go forward with all the insurance possible. But these stationary Christians, they make me think of something the grandparents told us as children: beware of still water, that which doesn’t flow, it is the first to go bad*” (Pope Francis, Jan. 17, 2017, daily Mass).

The message for us is clear. *Staying put in our comfort zone is not tenable*. Given the challenges that face us, we need our parishes to become ever more vital, to use our limited resources ever more fruitfully and *not to allow ourselves to become lazy Christians*.

I encourage everyone to pray for and to become involved in the **Renew My Church** process. . . . By listening to one another and working together, we will build a renewed, vital and sustainable Catholic presence for the good of our communities. I ask that each of you search your hearts and ask yourself if you are willing to accept the status quo, to accept the possibility that you may be the last Catholic in your family. If you are not willing to accept that, then I invite you to join me as we embrace this opportunity to listen and respond as Christ calls to us in our time: **Renew My Church**.

LET'S GET TO \$100,000 FOR THE ROOF!



*Help us sell the
2017 Raffle booklets.*

*Booklets are available at Masses, in the Rectory or
from any of the Captains listed below.*

*We're making progress towards
accumulating enough funds to begin
the roof. Lets get these booklets sold so
we can begin in 2017!*

Don Baron	Kathy Denning
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Hilde Koziol	John & Mary Affatati
Barb Watson	Dean & Geri Johansen

St. Isaac Jogues News

This Week's Lent Schedule

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent;
Gorzkie Zale in Polish and English, 3 p.m., church

Wednesday

Bible Study, 9:30 p.m.;
Men's Club Lent Mass, 7 p.m., church, all welcome

Thursday

Soup Supper, 6 – 7 p.m., HFR;
"Faith" presentation by Fr. Britto Berchmans, 7 p.m.
HFR, free will offering

Friday

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Confessions, 11 a.m. – Noon

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent
Alms Recipient – SIJ Outreach Ministry;
St. Joseph Table beginning w/Noon Mass, followed by
blessing of Table & serving of food until 4 p.m., HFR

Please plan to join us on **Sunday, March 26th** after the Noon Mass in the Holy Family Room for a **Parish Communications Meeting**. We will continue the conversation on *Renew My Church*, discuss the upcoming Parish Transformation Project, take a high level look at Parish Financials and our game plan to Replace the Roof along with other projects, and discuss a new St. Isaac Jogues Pledge Campaign.



The dialogue is important - and your attendance and participation is appreciated. Help St. Isaac Jogues get the work done so we can continue in a safe and welcoming space.

GORZKIE ZALE TODAY

Today at 3 p.m. in the Church Gorzkie Zale, the Bitter Laments, will be sung in Polish and English in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The service will be led by Fr. Camillus Janas, OFM, and members of The Lira Singers. It includes hymns which consider the Passion & Death of Our Lord, lamentations which express sorrow for sins, and sympathetic conversations of the soul with the Blessed Mother. All are welcome!



Religious Education

+First Communion Candidates are to bring their plate design to class to make the final drawing. They will work on them at the beginning of class. Also, please remember to bring your Gift of Eucharist books

- with you and have chapters 4 – 6 completed.
- +Grade 5 will have a vocation panel Monday night.
- +A presentation on the Jewish Seder will be given to Gr. 6 in class.
- +Confirmation Yr. I Candidates are to turn in their autobiographies Monday.
- +Confirmation Yr. II Candidates are reminded that all work, including service hours and summary are due Monday, March 20th. Sponsor testimony forms are due back by that date as well. Also, please remember to return permission slips for the April 1 service project being held here at the parish.
- +Initiation families are invited to the Lent Reconciliation Service Monday, March 20th, at 6:50 p.m. as some of the students celebrate their First Reconciliation.

DOMESTIC ABUSE OUTREACH MINISTRY

*The Domestic Abuse Outreach Ministry will meet on Monday, March 20th at 7 p.m. in Rm. 26 of the school. Please enter the building through door near the Religious Education Office.

*The Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach will host the 1st Annual Gala to benefit the program on the occasion of their Director, Fr. Chuck Dahm's, 80th birthday. It will be at The Diplomat West, 681 W. North Avenue in Elmhurst (Rt. 83 & North Avenue), Friday, March 31st, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. The evening includes great food, dancing, awards and silent auction. Tickets are \$80 per person and must be purchased in advance. Go to www.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/domestic-violence-outreach for tickets or to make a donation.

ALTAR FLOWERS CAN BE A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE

Parishioners are invited to decorate the altar with flowers in honor or memory of a loved one.

There can be two arrangements each week. Your name and intention is listed in the Bulletin.

The cost of a flower arrangement is \$50. Altar flowers are available each weekend from May 14th to the weekend of November 19th.

Dates fill up quickly, so please book in advance by calling the rectory at 847-967-1060.

We are again preparing for our Easter Basket program for needy individuals and families.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

We are in need of the following:

- pasta sauce, peanut butter
- can fruit, rice, coffee
- can protein, chicken, spam, ham, etc.

Your prayers, blessings and support keep us going!
St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry

2017 Replace the Roof Raffle "Winners Corner"

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!

Monday, March 6	\$50	1824	Myrna Lauren	Chicago, Il
Tuesday, March 7	\$50	660	Joan Puisis	Glenview, Il
Wednesday, March 8	\$50	393	Marlene Garber	Morton Grove, Il
Thursday, March 9	\$50	1252	Ashley Thomas	Skokie, Il
Friday, March 10	\$50	1136	Carrera Goch	Clarkstown, Mi
Saturday, March 11	\$50	931	Tom Vollmer	Wheeling, Il
Sunday, March 12	\$100	1524	John Posch	Morton Grove, Il



**GREEN PEPPER AND
EGG SANDWICHES**

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EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT EXCEPT
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SIJ OUTREACH MINISTRY...

will receive our alms next weekend. In the name of our parish, members of the ministry continue to serve many who come to our doors in need through food from the food pantry and monetary assistance for rent, utilities, gas, and more. Please place your donations in the alms boxes at the doors of the church.



The St. Isaac Jogues Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body that discerns the needs of the parish and advises the pastor how best to respond to those needs. Prayerfully, the council helps to empower the parish to carry out the Mission of Christ. Membership includes representatives from parish commissions, parish staff, and St. Isaac Jogues parishioners at large. Each council member is interviewed by the pastor and goes through a process of discernment and formation. The bylaws of the Council specify term limits. Four members of our Pastoral Council are leaving due to term limits and relocation.

If you are interested in becoming a council member, please drop your name to the **rectory** mailbox or inform one of the current members by **March 17th**. Applicants will be required to complete a brief questionnaire. The questionnaire will be reviewed. The selection will be made with parish diversity and representation of all commissions in mind. Openings on the council are limited and not everyone who applies will be selected.

Know that your interest and willingness to serve on the council are greatly appreciated.



Parish Reconciliation Service

Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m.

ST ISAAC JOGUES MEN'S CLUB

The Lenten meeting for the St. Isaac Jogues Men's club will be Wednesday, March 15th at 7PM in the church. Fr. Mario will preside at our Lenten Mass. We will then gather downstairs in the church hall to celebrate with a St. Patrick's feast of Corned Beef and Cabbage, hosted by our president, John Affatati.

The cost to join the club for the last three meetings is \$15.00.

The cost for this meeting is only \$10.00.

The cost for the installation dinner will be \$50.00 which will be held on Thursday, May 18th at the Des Plaines Elk's Club. Prime Rib and Sea Bass will be served.

At this meeting, we will discuss selecting new officers and the "Man of the Year" award recipient for the 2017-2018 year.

We need all members to attend this meeting.



All are invited to share in the **St. Joseph Table next Sunday, March 19th**! While it is a meatless table we will have pasta (one w/marinara sauce and one with sauce w/sardines), fish, salad, bread, sweets, egg dishes and beverages. All the food will have been donated through the generosity of parishioners, parish groups and local businesses. There is no charge to come and eat at the St. Joseph Table, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Be sure to bring your family, friends and neighbors! **The St. Joseph Table celebration begins with the Noon Mass, followed by the blessing of the Table and the serving of food until 4:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room.**

If you made a promise of food (**meatless only**) and it does not need to be refrigerated, you may bring it to the **Holy Family Room on Saturday, March 18th, Noon – 2 p.m.** **Otherwise all other food donations need to be brought to the Holy Family Room on Sunday, March 19th, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.** in order for us to finish final preparations of the table.

Donations of food are still welcome, particularly, sweets and egg dishes. Helpers are still welcome for the Sunday, 2:45-4:00 shift. We also pet your prayers, asking St. Joseph for his help and intercession for this beautiful time of family, community and sharing! Please contact Dee Stanton at 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com to offer your gift of time or to leave a message for one of the following people regarding food: **Sweets – Irene Baron; Salads – Dolly Bellissimo; Frittatas – Diane Lazeretti.**

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

Please remember we are gathering in the SIJ parking lot at 3 p.m. Tuesday to go to the evaluation meeting at St. Martha's. If you cannot come, please call Dee Stanton.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

will meet Thursday, March 16 at 10 a.m. in Rm. 6 of the school. New members welcome!

JOINT LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND SERIES



The **Lent Soup Suppers and Faith, Hope, and Love Alive In Your Life series**, jointly sponsored by St. Isaac Jogues & St. Martha of Bethany Parishes, begins this Thursday, **March 16, here at St. Isaac Jogues in the Holy Family Room. Soup will be served from 6 – 7 p.m. This week's talk will begin at 7 p.m. and focus on the theological virtue of Faith with Fr. Britto Berchmans. It will end no later than 8:30 p.m.** There is no cost for the evenings, but free will offerings will be gratefully accepted.

Fr. Britto is Pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Park Ridge, hosts a monthly Catholic Radio talk show and is known for his comedy routine "Holy Smokes!" which he performs in the Chicagoland area.

Our other two soup suppers and talks will be on March 23 with **Fr. Martin Zielinski**, Associate Professor of Church History at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary, speaking about **hope**; and on March 30 with **Fr. Dominic Grassi**, Pastor of St. Gertrude in Chicago, speaking about **love**.



Please sign up in the Holy Family Room over the next couple of weekends for soup planning purposes. For more information please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins;
Girl Scouting Sunday

Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

SOME LENTEN THOUGHTS

"Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as thou shinest: so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from thee. None of it will be mine. No merit to me. It will be thou who shinest through me upon others. O let me thus praise thee, in the way which thou doest love best, by shining on all those around me. Give light to them as well as to me; light them with me, through me. Teach me to follow forth thy praise, thy truth, thy will. Make me preach thee without preaching – not by words, but by my example and by the catching force, the sympathetic influence, of what I do – by my visible resemblance to thy saints, and the evident fullness of the love which my heart bears to thee."

John Henry Newman

"The gospels that prepare for Lent indicate the spring-time labor that must be done in the vineyard of the soul. The soul must be harrowed by penance and contrition in order that the divine seed of the holy season of Lent may bring forth an abundant harvest."

Rudolf Peil

LET US PRAY...

Gracious Lord, hear our prayers for our family members, friends, and all others who serve and protect our country and communities. Watch over them and guide them and help them to remember your faithfulness and love. Amen.

First Responders
United States Air Force
United States Army
U.S. Army Reserves
United States Marines

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Christopher Dexter
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Gian Patrick Reyes
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Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 12, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Pete De Sario
10:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek
12:00 p.m.	Terisita Del Rosario Ronit Elkabetz Gertrude Powers
Monday, March 13, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Ronald Timko
Tuesday, March 14, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Dijitha
Wednesday, March 15, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Franzie Bleischiefer
Thursday, March 16, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Michael Finn Maria Piontek
Friday, March 17, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Patrick Fergus
Saturday, March 18, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Maria Zurowska
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Rich Doyle
Sunday, March 19, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Richard Noble
12:00 p.m.	Gregorio & Andrea Beltran

Liturgy Next Weekend March 18th & 19th

11:00 am Confessions	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul



March 18th & 19th

5:00 p.m.	Nelson Perumpel Marvin Roque Kristine Roque
8:00 a.m.	Matthew Ledesma Nathan Ledesma Red Reyes
10:00 a.m.	Alena Joseph Angelina Joseph Maya Gherman
12:00 p.m.	Lynelle Napata Kevin Thomas Lawson Mathew Mark Mangurali

Sacristans

Theresa Noble, Francis Martel, Arlene Turek

Pray for...



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 MARCY SANTIAGO
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Monday - Saturday: 8:00 AM
 Saturday: - 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

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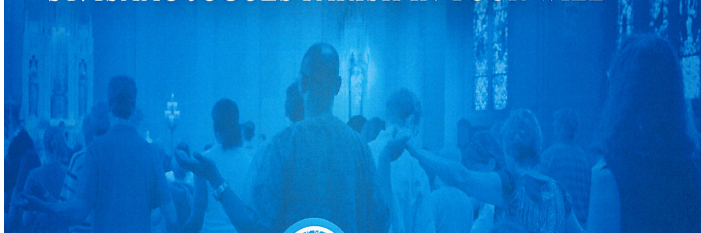
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Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation. Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

Sacrament of Baptism: Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

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