

# *Our Lady at St. Germaine*

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March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

*Be faithful to  
the Gospel*



## A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

Our second reading from St. Paul centers on the Cross of Christ and the way it contradicts normal human expectations and the Greco-Roman wisdom of his day. Paul is pointing out that his preaching the message of the cross at Corinth is in total conflict with society's understanding of what makes for success. This continues today.

Paul was attempting to teach the Corinthians to recognize that the relationship between Christians is modeled on the atoning death of Christ as salvation for all people. The body of Christ, the Church that is composed of all of us, is different in the way it acts and behaves from all other earthly bodies be it business, political, or even charitable. Our motivation is to be reflections of Christ by loving as God loves us, the Cross of Christ.

For St. Paul, Christianity has been entrusted with a vision of God reconciling the world to himself in Christ, from the position of the Suffering Servant and not a conquering hero. Jesus is not powerful or authoritarian as many would like to profess and proclaim.

However, the Christ of Paul is not the Christ that many Christians embrace. Their Savior is one who will conquer his enemies with worldly power and might. Paul's Christ is the Son of God, who humbled Himself on the Cross to restore our relationship with God and one another.

We ask ourselves during these days of Lent, what is our image of Christ and is it the same understanding of Jesus, who saves us by the Cross that St. Paul proclaimed to the Corinthians?

Sincerely,  
Fr. Tom Cabala

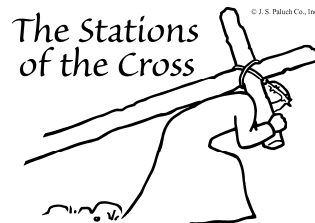


### Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Lenten Stations of the Cross will be held Fridays, in Church at 5:00pm.

Face masks and social distance are required.



*We want to thank the Covid Team for their untiring, selfless dedication to our parish this past year.*

*Your caring efforts in keeping our church safe and open have made you an extended family to us all.*

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, March 8– St. John of God**

8:30 AM Mass  
Robert Foley, Theresa Tortorello, Laura Phillips (healing)

**Tuesday, March 9– St. Frances of Rome**

8:30 AM Mass  
Anne Vaughan, Edward Dougala,  
Theresa Tortorello

**Wed, March 10–Lenten Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Joe Magee, Theresa Tortorello

**Thurs, March 11–Lenten Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Marion Krucek, Gerri Demma, Theresa Tortorello

**Friday, March 12– Lenten Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Theresa Tortorello

**Saturday, March 13– Lenten Weekday**

8:30AM– Joseph Skopec, Virginia & Tim Burns  
4:00PM –Victoria Barone, John Pleban,  
Michael Lyons

**Sunday, March 14–Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30AM– Bruce Harlan,  
Eileen & Matthieu McLean(anniv)  
9:30AM– Helen Kolodzey, James F. O'Shea Sr.,  
Charles P. Moscato  
11:30AM–Lottie Fedyniak, Albin Scislowicz,  
Maria & Raphael Russo, Cecilia Ebokam

**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Andrew "Andy" Washack

Lorraine M. Lagoni

**Please pray for those who are sick, their families & caregivers, including:**

Virginia Bovilsky, Joe Braje, Elaine Bridgeman,  
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Kimberly Thielen, Dorothy Trop, Mary Ann Trop,  
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Sunday masses and the Rosary will continue  
to be available to watch from home via  
our website, [www.ourladyatstgermaine.org](http://www.ourladyatstgermaine.org),  
YouTube or on Facebook.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;  
Mt. 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;  
Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

*2021 Mass book is open and has plenty  
of availability. Please call the office at  
636-5060 x200 to request a mass.*



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*Please be generous in your support of our parish ministries and services.*

**February 28, 2021**

Sunday:	\$11,043.09
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,013.00
<b>SUNDAY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$13,056.09</b>
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$146.00
Annual Catholic Appeal:	\$385.00
Food Baskets:	\$155.00
Aid to Education:	\$210.00
Easter:	\$510.00

\*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

## Split The Pot Drawing



Last week envelope # 921 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing.. The amount of \$ 945.00 will be added to next weeks pot.

Good luck!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Many blessings are crocheted and knit into what we make through the prayers we say for every shawl. We have come to realize that there are endless possibilities for the use of Prayer Shawls. Whether there is a serious need or a special celebration the one common factor is that the comfort and healing power of prayer is sent with every shawl. To request a Prayer Shawl call 636-5060

## 2021 A NEW LENT/BELIEVE, BELONG, BECOME

This past summer when the churches in our diocese opened for mass we were able to witness what it means and how it feels to BELONG. We were locked down in the middle of Lent, our school and Religious Education Program came to a screeching halt, funerals were limited to a very small number of participants, and worst of all Holy Week was only experienced via YouTube. We can look at that as adjusting, and we did that well. But when the doors opened and people came back to celebrating mass together there was a sure sense of the feeling of Belonging. People were happy to be back, masks were not an issue, and our faith community began to flourish. For those of you who still do not feel comfortable attending in person, that day will come and it will feel oh so good!

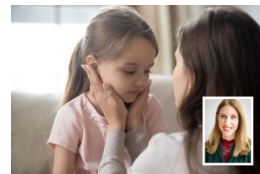
This week we read the story of Jesus overturning the tables in the Temple. It was the beginning of Passover, the crowd was immense. It was a good time to peddle their wares. However, Jesus clearly knew who and what belonged there. It was not those concerned about money, it was not a marketplace, and it not for those who disregarded his message that the Temple is a house of sacrifice and prayer. Jesus' expression of anger isn't what we typically witness, but sometimes necessary. By turning the tables Jesus also turns the script of where and how to worship. This event in the Temple is the precursor to the ultimate sacrifice, resulting in the Resurrection. Jesus becomes the Temple. Jesus invites us each Lent to make changes, maybe subtle changes or more pronounced. As his disciples we learn to follow his example, to belong to His church, and to share in His mission.



# How to help your child deal with grief and loss

Expert advice on supporting children through the process

Kelly Johnstone



Grief comes in many forms, and at the moment, as we navigate our way through a pandemic, we are all facing different types of loss from being unable to see loved ones in other countries to not being able to hug our friends.

There are also those who have lost loved ones, and, while it's heart-breaking, loss is life and is all part of growing up.

We all cope with grief differently and that goes for kids too. Not only do children grieve differently from adults, but children of different ages also express how they are feeling in surprisingly divergent ways.

Young children may not even understand what death means, or that people who have died won't be coming back. They may worry they have done something to cause the death.

On the other hand, they might not seem too concerned about it, or even go from crying one moment to wanting to play the next. It is also normal for a child to feel angry at the person who has died (or someone else entirely).

As children get older they may begin to understand more, but will still need help from their parents and other caregivers on how to process and cope with loss.

We talk to Maša Karleuša Valkanou, CDA-licensed psychologist at Thrive Wellbeing Centre, who specializes in life transitions, grief, loss and abuse, to get her top tips on helping kids to deal with their grief.

## **Does grief come in different forms?**

Grief can be expressed as sadness, which is the most adequate way to express it, but it can also be expressed as anger, depression, irritability, loss of motivation, will or energy. Children express grief differently, they lose their focus, become more frustrated, irritable and angry. Adolescents may turn to destructive and impulsive behavior, banned substances, promiscuity, reckless driving and self-harm.

## **What sorts of things will kids be grieving now as we continue to navigate the pandemic?**

Each individual situation is different; most people had to adjust their lifestyle, give up their usual pleasures and back off on social and family interactions, which is sad. But people can adapt to the change and hope for the better days to come. On the other hand, there are people who lost loved ones and that is the real tragedy. The process of grief is also more complicated, as usual rituals that help the grief are not available, things like being all together or having a memorial service.

## **What about kids who have lost loved ones in another country, how can parents explain that loss to them?**

This is a very important question. Parents are sometimes uncomfortable with telling children sad news, but it is vital that parents are honest with their children and keep them informed about reality, even if it is a tragic one. Parents should keep it simple and factual and then sit with a child and patiently answer all the questions that child may have, and prompt some more. Parents should not hide their own emotions – if your eyes tear up, that's good and shows your child they can be sad too. Children should not witness an adult falling apart (sobbing uncontrollably, throwing things, being in an altered state of mind), but they should see the parent being sad and authentic about their emotions.

## **A lot of little kids won't really understand what death actually means.**

The parent should explain death in a simple way, according to their own belief system. It is not important that a child understands it completely, they will with time. It is important not to make up some stories and obvious lies and it is very important to emphasize that there is no fault or blame in death, children tend to blame themselves for everything, they may feel it is somehow their fault. It is ok to offer some explanation that you believe it is helpful, like that the person who passed is in a better place or similar.

## **What sort of anxieties will parents see in their kids following tragic news?**

It is ok if the child is sad, crying, asking questions. If the child is silent for more weeks, express anger, irritability, fears and self-destructive behaviors, parent should talk to the child. If these behaviors last for more than four months the child should receive counselling or therapy to help him grieve.

## **Do children go through stages of grief?**

The first stage is denial, followed by anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance at the end. The child might get stuck in a particular stage, when it is important to seek professional help.

## **How to support your kids with their grief**

Keep these tips in mind

Talk to your children in simple terms, according to their age, but honestly and factually. Do not insist they understand, they will eventually. Do not lie to your children. It is ok to offer some comforting explanation according to own belief system.

Ask questions. You don't have to explain much, rather, ask them what they think. You don't have to know the answers, you can say – that is a really good question, I'll think about it, I don't know.

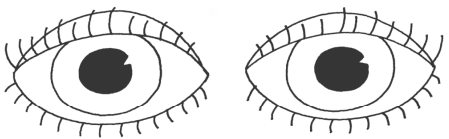
Do not avoid emotions, questions, difficult topics. The more you talk about them, the less threatening they are.

Show your sadness and tears, but don't flood them. Show that being sad is all right, it is safe.

# God's Word for Children

Psalm 25:15 says,  
 "My eyes are ever fixed on the LORD."  
 That means we should follow and look to God for help.  
 To remind you of this, write your name on the blank.  
 Color the eyes the same as yours.  
 Color the rest of the certificate. Cut it out and hang it up.

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 (your name)

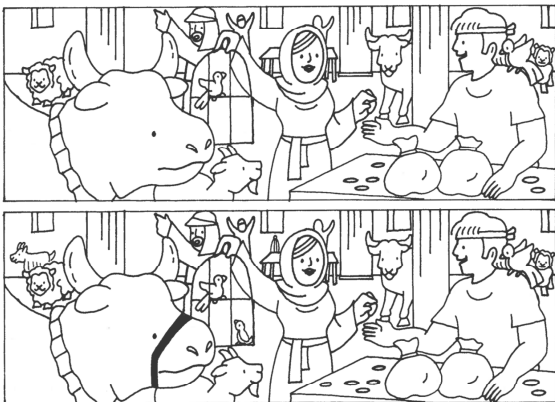


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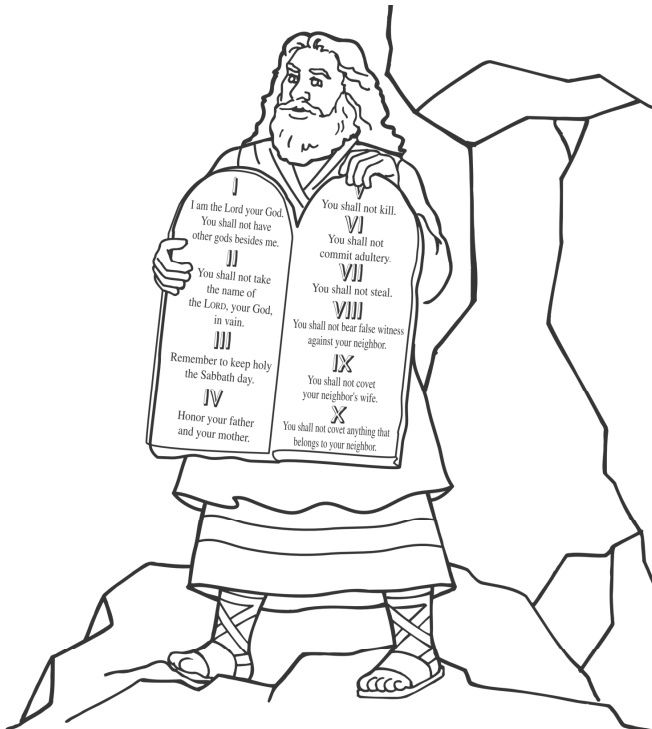
**Third Sunday of Lent**

Once when Jesus was in Jerusalem,  
 he found animals being sold in the temple.  
 He sent the sellers away because he wanted the temple to be  
 his Father's house of prayer, not a store.  
 (You can read the story in your Bible at John 2:13-25.)  
 Look at both pictures.  
 Circle five extra things in the bottom one.



God delivered all these commandments.

Exodus 20:1



## LORD, YOU HAVE THE WORDS

Today you might hear the Gospel about Jesus in the temple, or if anyone in your parish is preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, you might hear the story of the Samaritan woman at the well.

Each Gospel has its own psalm response, so listen for which story will be proclaimed and which psalm you will sing. Both psalm responses are about listening to God's words.

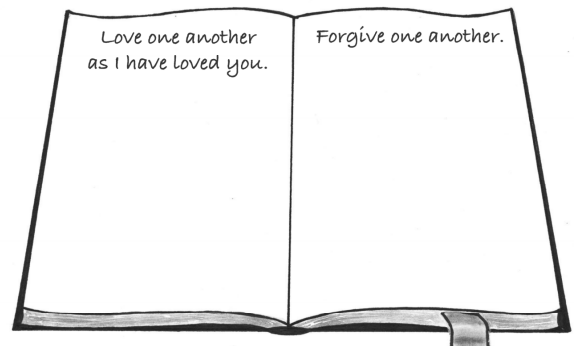
Lord, you have the words  
 of everlasting life.  
 (John 6:68c)

If today you hear his voice,  
 harden not your hearts.  
 (Psalm 95:8)

What are some words of Jesus that you remember?

Write them on the pages of this book.

Some examples are already written to help you get started.



If you sing the psalm at Mass today, listen carefully to the melody of the response.

Try to remember it and sing it during the week.

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**RECONCILIATION:** St. Germaine Saturday from 2:30-3:30PM

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March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

An open book with a glowing light effect behind it. The light is a mix of blue, green, and yellow, creating a dramatic, ethereal atmosphere. The book is open, showing its pages, and is placed on a dark surface. The text "Be faithful to the Gospel" is written in a white, serif font over the left page of the book.

*Be faithful to  
the Gospel*

# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

St. Paul reminds in our second reading that we were created in the image and likeness of God.

*For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.*

With pride and arrogance however, humanity considered itself equal to God and turned away from his life giving love. And, humanity wandered in the desert lost, seeking, and searching for what only God can give; the fullness of life here on earth and in the kingdom of heaven. But, from the time humanity turned away from God, he desired to restore that relationship of friendship and love.

So much did God love and continues to love us that he allowed his son Jesus to humbly suffer, die on the Cross, and rise on Easter morning to free us from our sin of arrogance and all other sin that keeps us from God's love. Jesus was the Suffering Servant whose compassion, mercy, and love showed us how to live and respond to God's love.

The only response for us as Christ's followers is to become reflections of compassion as seen in Christ, who united himself with the poor, with sinners, and the suffering. Strengthened in the Eucharist at the Lord's Table, this image of Christ must be lived, proclaimed, and shared with neighbor, stranger, and fellow wanderers, who are also seeking the fullness of life and human dignity that can only be found in Christ.

This is what Christ expects of us as his followers that they share themselves with others as his body the Church. He calls us as his followers to be servants in his image Suffering Servant.

Sincerely,  
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## Lenten Regulations

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Marion Krucek, Poor Souls

**Saturday, March 20– Lenten Weekday**

8:30AM– Ralph Riggio  
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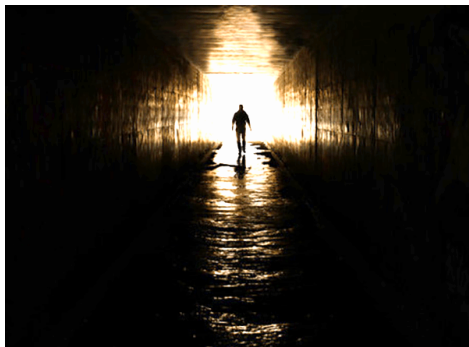


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March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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the Gospel*



# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

St. Paul reminds in our second reading that we were created in the image and likeness of God.

*For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.*

With pride and arrogance however, humanity considered itself equal to God and turned away from his life giving love. And, humanity wandered in the desert lost, seeking, and searching for what only God can give; the fullness of life here on earth and in the kingdom of heaven. But, from the time humanity turned away from God, he desired to restore that relationship of friendship and love.

So much did God love and continues to love us that he allowed his son Jesus to humbly suffer, die on the Cross, and rise on Easter morning to free us from our sin of arrogance and all other sin that keeps us from God's love. Jesus was the Suffering Servant whose compassion, mercy, and love showed us how to live and respond to God's love.

The only response for us as Christ's followers is to become reflections of compassion as seen in Christ, who united himself with the poor, with sinners, and the suffering. Strengthened in the Eucharist at the Lord's Table, this image of Christ must be lived, proclaimed, and shared with neighbor, stranger, and fellow wanderers, who are also seeking the fullness of life and human dignity that can only be found in Christ.

This is what Christ expects of us as his followers that they share themselves with others as his body the Church. He calls us as his followers to be servants in his image Suffering Servant.

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Blessing of Easter Baskets will take place at noon; but outdoors, again because of Covid 19 restrictions.

Palms will be blessed and distributed, however, they will not be passed out until after the Masses as we leave Church.

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Frank Jana, Terese Waite

**Friday, March 26– Lenten Weekday**

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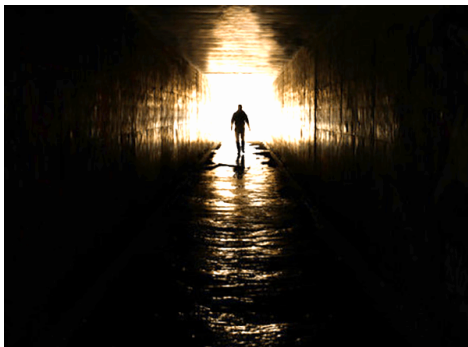


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March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

An open book with a glowing light effect behind it. The light is a mix of blue and green, with rays emanating from the top right corner, creating a dramatic, ethereal atmosphere. The book is open, showing its pages, and is resting on a dark surface.

*Be faithful to  
the Gospel*



# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

“When is Easter?” This is a question that I am asked a lot. Easter is according to Church rules on the first Sunday following the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox; and the vernal equinox is fixed as March 21. This means that Easter can never occur before March 22 or later than April 25.

Of course, this isn't what people want to know. They want to know the actual date, this year Easter is on Sunday, April 4th. Easter is next Sunday. It is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and our sharing in his life through the waters of baptism.

But, we also recognize as believers that we share in the life of Jesus whenever we receive Christ in the Eucharist. He raises us up, he heals us, he offers us hope, and peace.

When does Easter begin for us? When we realize that we must raise others up, offer them hope, and peace. When is Easter? It is whenever we raise others up and offer them new life in Christ. We celebrate this new life not only on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021; but also, the life in Christ that we share in each Sunday when we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Tom Cabala

Easter Schedule is as follows;

**March 27 & 28, Palm Sunday:** Regular weekend Masses: 4:00 PM Saturday, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, Sunday.

**April 1, Holy Thursday:** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM followed by adoration. No other Masses are held during the day.

**April 2, Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM; Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7:00 PM. No Mass is held on Good Friday

**April 3, Holy Saturday:** No morning Masses. Blessing of Food at 12:00 Noon; Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM (No 4:00 PM Mass), Easter Proclamation, The readings and the Blessing of Water will take place privately.

**April 4, Easter Sunday:** Regular Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM  
Palm Sunday & Easter Vigil Masses, will be an hour long

Lenten Stations of the Cross will be held Fridays, in Church at 5:00pm. On Good Friday, station will be held at 3:00pm.  
Face masks and social distance are required.



## Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass

The Holy Saturday Vigil Mass will take place at 7:00pm; because of the requirement that the Vigil Mass begins at Sunset. Because of Covid 19 restrictions, the Mass will be an hour or less. There is NO 4:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday. The Rite of Lighting the Holy Fire, the Easter Proclamation, and Blessing of Water will take place earlier on Holy Saturday.

Blessing of Easter Baskets will take place at noon; but outdoors, again because of Covid 19 restrictions.

Palms will be blessed and distributed, however, they will not be passed out until after the Masses as we leave Church.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, March 29– Monday of Holy Week**

8:30 AM Mass

Poor Souls in Purgatory, Francesca Chimera

**Tues, March 30–Tuesday of Holy Week**

8:30 AM Mass

Edward Schmit

**Wed, March 31–Weds. of Holy Week**

8:30 AM Mass

Jackie O'Hare, Felicia Horton

**Thurs, April 1–Holy Thursday****Friday, April 2–Good Friday****Saturday, April 3– Holy Saturday**

7:00PM –

James, Nora &amp; Theresa Shea, Andy Washack

**Sunday, April 4–Easter Sunday**

7:30AM– Charles Hughes

9:30AM– Josephine Artist, Tony Willner,

James F. O'Shea Sr.,

Thomas &amp; Rita Moran

11:30AM–Our Lady at St. Germaine

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Margaret R. Wagner

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Sunday masses and the Rosary will continue to be available to watch from home via our website, [www.ourladyatstgermaine.org](http://www.ourladyatstgermaine.org), YouTube or on Facebook.

**RSVP**

*To make a reservation for weekend mass, please call 708-572-5222 or go to*

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;

Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*Please be generous in your support of our parish ministries and services.*

**March 21, 2021**

Sunday:	TBD
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	TBD
<b>SUNDAY TOTAL:</b>	TBD
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	TBD
Ash Wednesday:	TBD
Sharing:	TBD
Food Baskets:	TBD
Easter Flowers:	TBD
Easter:	TBD

\*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

## Split The Pot Drawing



Last week envelope TBD was drawn and did not participate in the drawing.. The amount of TBD will be added to next weeks pot.

Good luck!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Many blessings are crocheted and knit into what we make through the prayers we say for every shawl. We have come to realize that there are endless possibilities for the use of Prayer Shawls. Whether there is a serious need or a special celebration the one common factor is that the comfort and healing power of prayer is sent with every shawl.

To request a Prayer Shawl call 636-5060



## 2021 A NEW LENT/BELIEVE, BELONG, BECOME WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BECOME AN APOSTLE, AND CAN ANYONE BE AN APOSTLE?

I don't know about you but I was originally taught that there were only twelve men who are considered apostles. And when one of them betrayed Jesus, he was replaced by another. However, in my studies I found that the word apostle means "one who is sent." The Latin term *apostellein* is equivalent to the verb *mittere*, which means mission. The Four Marks of the Church that we recite in our Creed reminds us that we are One (united with one God), Holy (through our Baptism), Catholic (the fullness of Christ), and Apostolic (deposit of faith handed down from Christ to Peter). Throughout scripture Jesus is often sending out two or three of them to get more food, or lead the way, or prepare a place. Today our mass begins with Jesus sending two of his disciples to bring him a colt. He gives them clear instructions of what to say if someone questions them, so they go and retrieve a colt for him. Today we also read the Passion of Jesus. It's a story we all know well. We are familiar with some of the dialogue and we know how it ends. Prior to Jesus' celebration of Passover he sends two of them ahead to go to the upper room and prepare the Passover Feast. Jesus was very clear on what was about to happen and he prepared his hand-picked apostles over the past few years for this event. We too have been chosen and sent. By our very nature we are missionaries, called to follow Jesus and share the Good News. This weekend is the first two of our four Confirmation masses. Our students have been taught, studied, formed, and Zoomed to prepare for the reception of the sacrament. Now the choice is theirs. How will the church look after these 55 students are fully initiated Catholics take on the role of disciples or apostles? The Great Commission in Matthew's gospel is to "go and make disciples." Our world has given us many challenges this year. What have we learned about ourselves? How will we recover and more importantly how will we help others recover?

HERE I AM  
LORD  
SEND ME

# CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021

FRIDAY, March 26, 2021

Paul Baker  
Alan Cazares  
Kayla DiNovella  
Rorey Donnelly  
Grace Kearns  
John Newark  
Natalie Pedroza  
Matthew Rahn  
Evan Rozhon  
Ruben Vital  
Kaitlyn Wainwright

SUNDAY, March 28, 2021

Claire Begani  
Kaycee Bowen  
Liliena Briseno  
Cydney Cotter  
Mia Gavros  
Ryan Goldsmith  
Molly LaBonte  
Yazmin Martinez  
Ashton Powers  
Kylie Schaefer  
Annmarie Schorle  
Theodore Taylor  
Zackary Ullrich

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

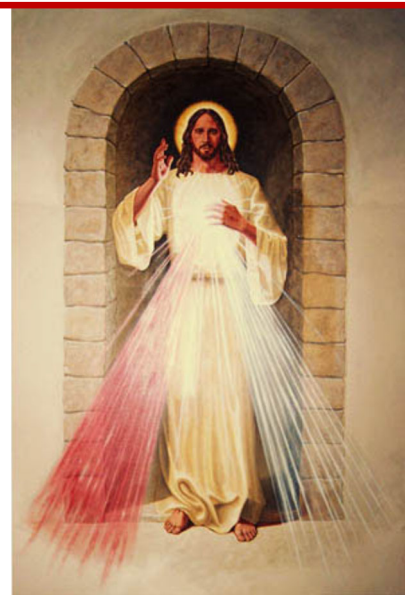
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**2:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS**

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~Jesus' words to St. Faustina



*Please join us for a celebration of  
The Feast of Divine Mercy  
Sunday, April 11, 2021*

To prepare for this feast, pray the novena of Divine Mercy beginning on  
Good Friday, April 2<sup>th</sup> and ending on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

For free chaplet prayer cards call (708)636-5060 or stop by the Parish Center.

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gift to someone  
you love.

 *in*  
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## Prayers for the Stazak Family

Jen Stazak (nee Barba) is an alumni, parishioner and longtime office manager for our parish. She is the wife of Earl Stazak, mother of four daughters (all St. Germaine Alumni) and her youngest & only son is currently in school at St. Germaine. Jen & Earl have five grandchildren and both have many siblings. Jen has supported our parish through the ups and downs that we all have experienced. There is not a program or event that is held within our parish or school that Jen hasn't been part in.

Over the past few months, Jen Stazak has been experiencing headaches and impaired vision, which was recently diagnosed as a pituitary tumor, requiring her to undergo brain surgery to remove. If gone untreated, the tumor could cause blindness. As we all know, this type of surgery will come with an incredible amount of medical bills and a minimum of 6-8 weeks of being unable to work.

With surgery scheduled for a few weeks out, Jen's family has faced another incredible curveball that has dramatically rocked their whole world. Wednesday, March 10, 2021, Jen's husband, Earl, was rushed away by ambulance to find out he suffered a massive stroke— leading to surgery needed on his brain to reduce swelling. He is currently fighting for his life as doctors work to care for him at Christ Hospital's Neuro ICU. We remain positive as we take each day one at a time, and look to God for love, hope and guidance.

To all those that know and love them, Jen and Earl would do anything for anyone that needed help and would ask nothing in return. This is just who they are. Let us all show our love and gratitude for Jen, Earl, and their family by sharing what we can and praying for them to make it through this time. We are asking you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Please Pray for the Stazak Family and the Healing of Jen and Earl.

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#### WEEKEND MASSES at ST. GERMAINE:

Saturday: 4:00 PM; Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

**RECONCILIATION:** St. Germaine Saturday from 2:30-3:30PM

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** Closed Temporarily

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