



Dear Parishioners,

The Third Sunday of Lent is the beginning of the Sundays of Scrutiny. We will have three Sundays where we scrutinize our actions. On the third, fourth, and fifth Sunday of Lent, we reflect upon our cooperation with the light of Christ.

The purpose of our Lenten journey is to become free as we have left the desert to enter into the promised land. These Sundays are times, not necessarily to just look at what is wrong in our life, but more importantly to celebrate all that is good in our life. Jesus scrutinizes us with His divine light for healing, not to reject us but to call us to a new life and healing.

I hope your Lenten journey is going well, and you are able to participate in many of the Parish Lenten events such as Stations of the Cross, Tuesday's adoration, daily Mass, and other events!

Father Kenneth S. VanHaverbeke

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Mass Intentions

Monday - March 4 - No Mass 2 Kings 5:1-15ab / Luke 4:24-30

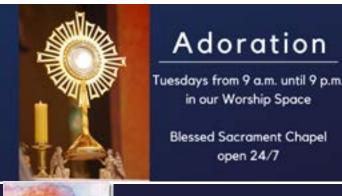
Healing Mass - Wednesday - March 6 - 5:30 p.m. Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 / Matthew 5:17-19 ⊕Gene Miller by Matt, Joe, and Kathy Clements

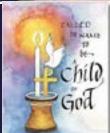
Friday - March 8 - 8:10 a.m. Hosea 14:2-10 / Mark 12:28-34 Florence Higgins and family by Mike and Jeanne Cleary

Saturday - March 9-Hosea 6:1-6 / Luke 18:9-14 9 a.m. - ⊕ Phillip Swart by Pat Winters see Sunday readings 5 p.m. ⊕Matthew Jones by Bill and Rebecca Kilgore

4th Sunday of Lent - March 10 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ephesians 2:4-10 / John 3:14-21 9 a.m. ⊕Sandra Rongish by Angela Kennedy 11 a.m. People of the parish







We are excited to welcome new members at St. Vincent de Paul parish through Baptism!

Please call Kathleen in our parish office at 316-733-1423.

Confessions in Daily Mass Chapel



Confessions are heard 1/2 hour prior to all daily Masses, also from 4-4:50 p.m. Saturday afternoons.





On Thursday, March 14, Harvest House for Catholic Adults 50+ will be celebrating St. Paddy by "having good craic." Craic is the Gaelic word for fun. The Irish celebration will start at 12 noon mass, followed by a beer-tasting get-together, then a Mulligan (Irish) Stew for \$5.00 each, cooked by Louie,

and entertainment provided by a humorous jokester, Michael Hoobler, all in the Social Space. Please bring toiletry items for St. Vincent de Paul Society charity. There will be a 50/50 raffle, in addition to a lottery for a "Spring" centerpiece for our local charity. Each participant in the beer tasting is requested to bring a minimum of two beers (preferably Irish beer) for all to enjoy. "Erin go Bragh!"

thank!

Heartfelt thanks!

Our parish thanks the St. Vincent de Paul Endowment for the new Stations of the Cross booklets with Servant of

God Emil Kapaun. These new booklets were used at Friday's Stations.



Stations and Soup Returns!

Join parishioners as we pray the Stations of the Cross at noon and

6 p.m. this Friday, March 8. Soup will be served after the 6 p.m. Stations in the Ville!



All who come to give on March 10 drive will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a pet retailer of their choice

The Holy Family Camp is in need of volunteers this

summer! HFC is a Catholic summer camp designed for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities aged 14 years or older. They are looking for high school or college age volunteers to buddy with each of the campers. Volunteers and campers are 1 to 1, so if they don't have enough volunteers, then they have to turn campers away. If you are interested in signing up or would like more information you can contact Baylee

(holmesb@catholicdioceseofwichita.org).





Summer Landscape Worker: The

Catholic Diocese of Wichita is looking for a Summer Landscape Worker at the Catholic Life Center located at 45 th St. N. and Woodlawn. This is a full-time, summer position from May through August. Interested applicants

may contact: Tom Truman (Landscape Director) at (316)744-8303. Applications will be taken until the job is filled. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org.





Spiritual Life Center Programs; Advance

Registraation Requested - For more information and to register, please visit www.slcwichita.org or call (316) 744-0167

Spiritual Exercises in 8 days -

March 19, 6 p.m. - March 28, 8 a.m - Fr. Thomas Haake, OMV.

A transformative experience meditating on the Life, Cross, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In a retreat of eight days, the four major themes of the Spiritual Exercises are utilized with the opportunity for daily colloquy (spiritual conversation). Retreatants will have four or five one-hour-long meditations for each day. Retreat costs apply.

Passion of The Christ and Fr. Kapaun - Palm Sunday Retreat

March 22, 7 p.m. - March 24, 4 p.m. - Fr. John Hotze

This year, for Palm Sunday, enter into the Passion of the Christ according to the Gospel of John and as lived by Servant of God: Father Emil Joseph Kapaun. Join us for the opportunity to explore more fully the spiritual depths of devotion to Father Kapaun as you prepare to enter into Holy Week with our Lord. Father John Hotze will take you through the sacramental mysteries of Holy Thursday, the service and self-sacrifice of Good Friday, and the hope and gratitude of Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Retreat costs apply.

The Shroud of Turin Encounter

March 25, 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - Jim Bertrand, M.Ed. of the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud

Come explore and learn about the miracle and beauty hidden in the Shroud of Turin. This powerful presentation will raise the questions, "Could the Shroud be the most important archaeological artifact ever found?" and "Does it provide clues as to what happened during the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?" This event is free, but registration is required to ensure there is space. Seating is limited, so be sure to sign up soon to ensure a spot at this event.

The Center is open for private prayer from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. each day. Visitors may also take advantage of our walking paths, outdoor Stations and statues, as well as our St. John the Baptist Nature Trail.



Saints Perpetua and Felicity's Story - March 7

"When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian."

So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, welleducated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: "What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity–a slavewoman and expectant mother–and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Felicity gave birth to a daughter a few days before the games commenced. Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. "Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will." The diary was finished by an eyewitness.

Reflection

Persecution for religious beliefs is not confined to Christians in ancient times. Consider Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who with her family, was forced into hiding and later died in Bergen-Belsen, one of Hitler's death camps during World War II. Anne, like Perpetua and Felicity, endured hardship and suffering and finally death because she committed herself to God. In her diary, Anne writes, "It's twice as hard for us young ones to hold our ground, and maintain our opinions, in a time when all ideals are being shattered and destroyed, when people are showing their worst side, and do not know whether to believe in truth and right and God."

Saint Perpetua is the Patron Saint of:

Widows Mothers of Deceased Sons

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