



ST. PASCAL BAYLON

CATHOLIC CHURCH

God's love knows no barriers. St. Pascal's...where all people matter.

Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here. Please join us in Brioschi Hall after Mass for hospitality and to find out more.

MARCH 8, 2020 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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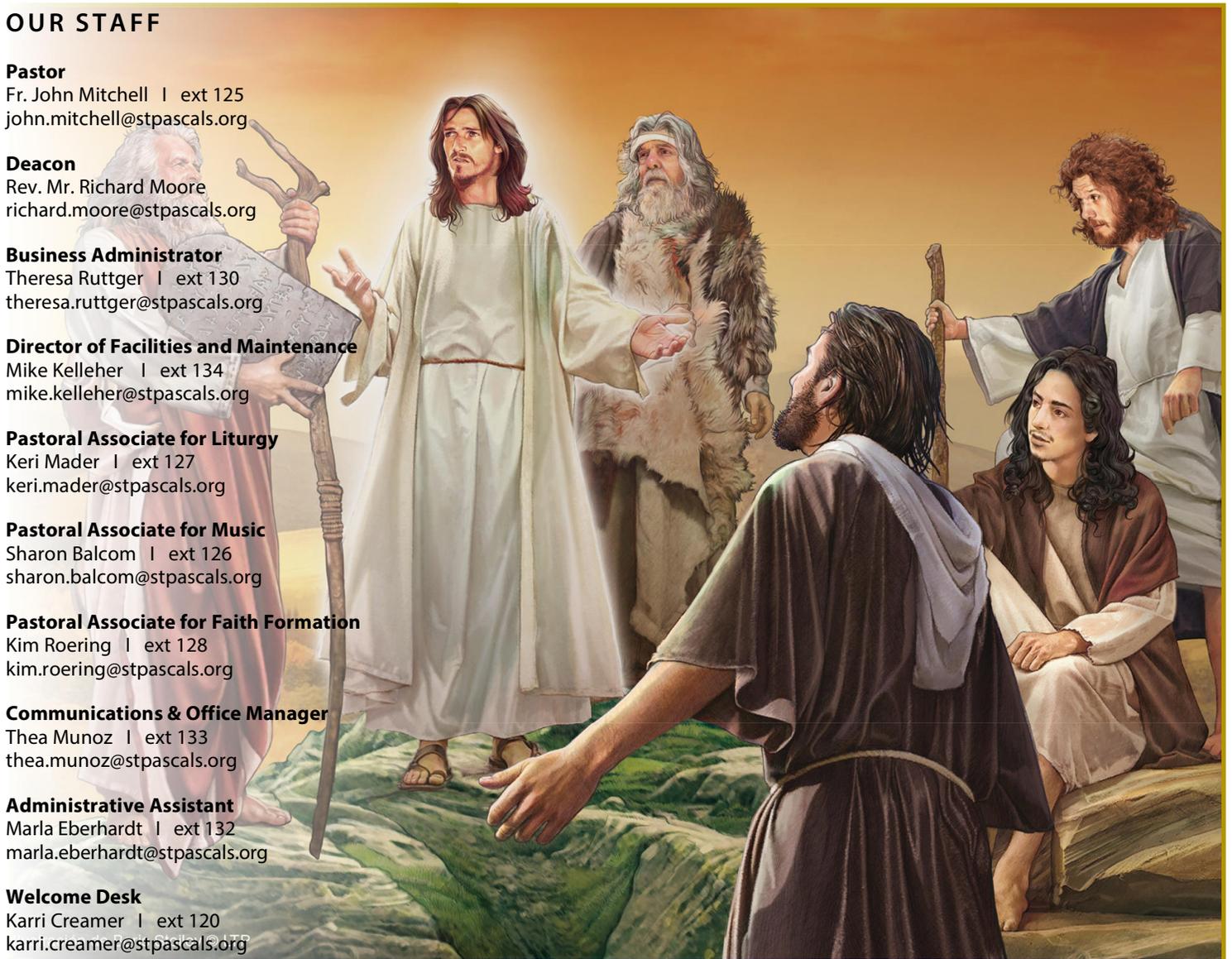
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Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM | Wednesday 9:25 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We have started publishing a weekly parish e-newsletter with information about parish events, newsy items and weekly trivia questions. We have also started sending out email for funeral notices and funeral lunch help. You can subscribe and unsubscribe to any of these e-communications any time by going to the following link: www.stpascals.org/in-the-loop. If you have any questions, please contact Thea Munoz at 651.774.1585 or thea.munoz@stpascals.org.

In his weekly general audience on February 26 which fell on Ash Wednesday, Pope Francis urged Catholics to use the season of Lent to spend less time immersed in chatter and the noise of the world through television and their cell phones and to spend more time in silence and in conversation with God. "Lent is the right time to make room for the Word of God. It is the time to turn off the television and open the Bible. It is the time to disconnect from your cell phone and connect to the Gospel," the Pope said. (Hannah Brockhaus, "Pope Francis' Lent advice: Put down phone, pick up Bible", February 26, 2020, catholicnewsagency.com). Sounds like good advice to me!

Catholic Services Appeal Update. Thank you for supporting the Appeal. Donation envelopes for the Appeal are located at the Usher's Desk, or you may give online at: GiveCSAF.org. Previous donors to the Appeal should have received a letter from the Appeal Office inviting your gift for 2020. Here is an update on our progress towards our Parish goal as of March 1, 2020:

St. Pascal Parish Goal:	\$ 41,585.00
Total Pledged:	\$ 10,025.00
Amount Received:	\$ 7,915.00
Percent of Goal Pledged:	24.11%
Percent of Goal Received:	19.03%
Number of donors:	50

Archdiocesan Men's Conference. Saturday, March 28, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, at St. Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights. Embrace the Challenge is the theme for the annual Men's Conference. This event includes Mass and Reconciliation. The keynote speaker is Father Paul Scalia, the son of the late Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia. Cost: \$30 (\$25 for groups of 2-10). Food trucks onsite or bring your own lunch. Register online at: thecatholicwatchmen.com.

HealthEast Hospice Grief Support Services Presents: Mother Loss Support Group. Thursdays, March 26, April 2, 16, 23 & 30, 2020 (no class April 9); 6:00 - 7:30 PM at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 1660 County Road B West, Roseville, MN. This five-week grief support group is for adult daughters who have experienced the death of their mother in the past two years. It is a time for sharing stories and mutual support. To register, call 651.232.3543 or send an email to griefsupportservices@healtheast.org.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

Catholics in China. We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Compassion Kit Items for the Unsheltered

During the Season of Lent, we are collecting items for Compassion Kits for those in need. A full list of items needed is available in the kiosk in the gathering space. You may drop off the items at the collection bin in the coat room or during Friday Fish Fry Dinners at the collection bin in the gathering space.

Living Faith Booklets for April-June

Suggested donation is \$1.25 per booklet. They can be picked up in the parish office and at the table outside the main doors to the worship space.

Join in a Lenten Food Waste Fast

Brought to you by JustFaith and the Social Justice and Caring Committee

Second Sunday of Lent:

Food Organization and Storage

Did you know—eliminating food waste is considered one of the most effective ways to curb climate change? This Lent, put Pope Francis's *Laudato Si'* into action. This Ignation Lenten food waste fast offers ample opportunity for reflection, prayer, and forming lasting habit changes to care for creation.

Learn: In the United States, up to 40% of food grown is wasted, most of it spoiling in the fridge, while 1 in 8 people are food insecure. (Natural Resource Defense Council)

Pray: In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us, "Whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor." We pray for our neighbors near and far who do not have enough to eat and that we can be a part of the solution to equitable food distribution.

Act: Organize your fridge and store your food in a way that will prevent it from spoiling. For helpful tips, visit: ignatiansolidarity.net/ignatian-carbon-challenge/lenten-food-waste-fast/

Seniors

Need more information on the new tax laws and IRA distributions? Please check our website and look under Parish News to see what the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota advises.

Women's Book Club

Monday, March 9 at 6:30 PM

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club? Do it this month! We meet in the Founders Room on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month, March 9, we will discuss Marie Benedict's *The Other Einstein*, and next month, April 13, we'll discuss Roger MacDonald's *The Country Dr. Casebook*.

Emergency Food Help

Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Ave.

If you or neighbors you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for a variety of nourishing items. No residency or parish membership requirements.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

One area of St. Pascal Regional Strategic Plan Objectives is to reinforce Catholic Identity in the whole school. Catholic virtues are a part of every grade level in the school. Preschool - Eighth Grade work to learn a specific virtue all year round and bring it into many subject matters.

Third grade has the year-long virtue Compassion.

Compassion is the ability to recognize the suffering of others, then take action to help them. It is to have a sympathetic concern for the misfortunes of others. Jesus modeled this virtue beautifully for us in the way He treated all who were in His presence.

Did you know that...

- Compassion reduces suffering and contributes to the well being of others, making the world a better place
- Compassion opens your heart
- Compassion enlarges your perspective making you realize that just like you, we all experience suffering
- Compassion increases your happiness
- Compassion helps you to be more connected to others

Blessings on your week!

— ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD —

Prayer and Listening Events: There is just one Prayer and Listening Event left. Plan to attend one and let your voice be heard! No pre-registration is necessary.

Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 AM - Noon at St. Alphonsus, Brooklyn Center Bilingual (English & Spanish)

Women's Club Friday Bake Sales—February 28 – March 27

Thank you bakers and buyers for the Fish Fry Bake Sales sponsored by the Women's Club. The first week was a great success with special help baking from the St. Pascal Regional Catholic School teachers and our choir members. If you are able to help, please drop off baked goods on Fridays near the parish office or before 4:30 PM in the gathering space. Hope to see you then.

Please note: There will not be a bake sale at the April 3rd Fish Fry as previously announced. Instead join us for our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale after all the Masses!

Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry: All Fridays of Lent through April 3

4:30 to 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall (Please use the Flandreau St. entrance)

Our classic Fish Fry menu includes fried and baked cod, coleslaw, mixed steamed vegetables, au gratin and season fried potatoes, mac & cheese, rolls, chocolate or vanilla pudding, and coffee/water. Milk, bottled water, pop and take-out available.

Adults (12 and up): \$13.00 | Children (6-11): \$6.00 | Children 5 and under: FREE

Proceeds go to purchase equipment, uniforms, and supplies for St. Pascal Regional Catholic School's Physical Education program and other parish/school needs.

— ADULT FAITH FORMATION —

The Prison as a Neighborhood: Experiencing God in a Lifetime of Prison Ministry

with Fr. Greg Skrypek

Monday, March 23 at 6:30PM in Brioschi Hall
During 30 years of prison ministry, Fr. Greg found that creating an environment of common ground was how the presence of God entered into his relationships with both offenders and employees. With a diverse population, Fr. Greg found many ways to connect with people of different faith traditions, especially Native American and Muslim residents. Join us as Fr. Greg reflects on how God led him to prison ministry, and shares how these experiences of ecumenism deepened his faith and contributed to deep and personal relationships with those he ministered to.

2020 Friends and Family Event

The 2nd Running of "Off to the Races"

Saturday, April 18 in Brioschi Hall

Don't miss this fun parish fundraiser—we would love to see everyone there to make this a success.

We need your help to run all the games, dessert auction, registration, selling tickets and more.

We use lots of gift cards for prizes and for the games. Consider picking some up the next time you're out shopping. For more information or if you'd like to help, please contact:

Mike Aeling at 651.307.8237 or mjaeling@gmail.com

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C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585
Email church@stpascals.org

For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing): Call the parish office.

**Parish Office Hours
September 3, 2019-June 5, 2020**

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Holidays as announced

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Mary Weyandt, Chair

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM
Cindy Reisdorf, Chair

**St. Pascal
Regional Catholic School**

Phone 651.776.0092
Email icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

**School Office Hours
September 3, 2019-June 5, 2020**

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:45 PM (and by appointment)
Communal celebrations as announced

Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are required. To register for classes or to schedule a celebration, call the parish office.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired date.

Parish Prayer Line

8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004
Mary Butler-Levine

4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.774.3248
Pat Kackman

Parish Communication

Bulletin Notices

Notices are due 3:00 PM Monday
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements

Announcements are due 3:00 PM Tuesday
keri.mader@stpascals.org

Parish E-Newsletter

Notices are due 3:00 PM Wednesday
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Mass Times & Intentions**Readings**

March 08, 2020

THE WEEK AHEADVisit us at www.stpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.**Tuesday, March 10**

8:00 AM + Ramona Greavu

Wednesday, March 11

9:25 AM Women's Club

Thursday, March 12

8:00 AM + Terry Lemke

Friday, March 13

8:00 AM + Bob Connor

Saturday, March 14

4:30 PM + A deceased member of the parish

Sunday, March 15

8:45 AM + Larry & Rosemary Hall

10:30 AM The people of the parish

**Operation Rice Bowl
Stories of Hope****Second Week of Lent: Meet Trinh**

Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more Stories of Hope, reflections, recipes, ways to help and more.

Sunday:

Gn 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

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

Next Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

Sunday, March 8—2nd Sunday of Lent*SJCC We Care Campaign**Rice Bowls Lenten Project*

2:04am Daylight Saving Time begins: Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour at bedtime on Saturday!

After Masses New Member Registration: BH

11:45am Women's Club Board: FR

3:00pm Chamber Choir Concert: CH

Monday, March 9

6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: SL

6:30pm Women's Book Club: FR

Tuesday, March 10

8:45am Bible Study: PC

7:00pm Parish Lent Reconciliation: CH

Wednesday, March 11

7:30am Regional School Donor Breakfast: OC

9:00am Rosary: CH

9:25am Regional School Mass—All are welcome!

6:30pm Choir: CR

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, March 12

9:30am Bible Study: PC

1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr of St. Paul

7:00pm Men's Club Membership: CF

Friday, March 13

4:00pm Women's Club Bake Sale: GS

4:30pm Men's Club Fish Fry: BH

7:00pm Stations of the Cross: CH

Saturday, March 14

Rice Bowls Lenten Project

10:00pm Middle School grocery bagging: Sun Ray Cub Foods

Sunday, March 15—3rd Sunday of Lent*Rice Bowls Lenten Project*

10:30am Rite of Sending (Confirmation)

12:00pm Confirmation 2 Lunch: BH

1:00pm Confirmation 2 Reconciliation—All are welcome!

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, GS: Gathering Space, OC: Old Church, PC: Parish Conference Room, SL: Staff Lounge

Stewardship of Giving*Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020***January 2020**

Sunday Giving	\$ 84,990.67
Budgeted	\$ <u>68,337.51</u>
Surplus	\$ 16,653.16

Year to Date

Sunday Giving	\$ 481,581.53
Budgeted	\$ <u>478,362.45</u>
Surplus	\$ 3,219.08

Mortgage Reserve Fund

January Received:	\$ 26,783.11
Payment:	\$ <u>24,389.84</u>
Surplus	\$ 2,393.27
Additional Principal Pmt	\$ 50,000.00 (01.31.2020)

Mortgage (Loan Balance as of 02.12.2020: \$3,423,047.00)

Payment (Principal)	\$ 11,678.04
Payment (Interest)	\$ 12,711.80

Thank you for your support!**St. Pascal's Legacy Society****5 Things You Can Do to Leave a Legacy**

1. Prepare a will.
2. Leave a gift (called a bequest) in your will or revocable trust for the not-for-profit organizations that make a difference in your life.
3. Name your favorite not-for-profit as a beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan.
4. Name your favorite not-for-profit as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.
5. Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.

Please make St. Pascal's an important part of your legacy by remembering St. Pascal's in your estate plan. If you want more information on St. Pascal's Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger at the parish office at 651.432.4960 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O'Malley.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Listen to Him

Heavenly Father,
by turning to your Son in faith
and answering his call to holiness,
all the communities of the earth find
blessing.

Help us listen to your beloved Son,
especially when other voices also call out
to us.

Attune our ears to the words he speaks.

Open our hearts in mercy, humility,
compassion, and love.

Give us courage and wisdom
to set forth from places that are familiar
and go where you send us,
to walk steadily forward,
confident that our final destination is your
eternal kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Moving Forward

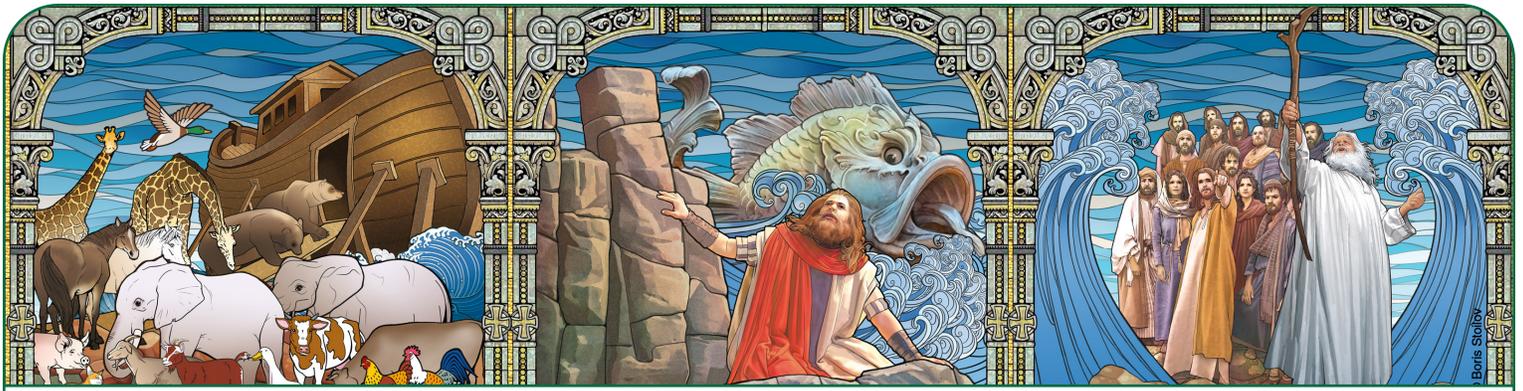


Today's Readings: Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:8b–10; Matthew 17:1–9. The beginning of Abram's story is the beginning of the covenant relationship between humankind and God. Abram, who barely knows the Lord at this point, decides to trust this mysterious God. He leaves all that is familiar to him to set out for a new homeland. He would face frightening challenges along the way, but he would continue to trust in God's hidden plan.

Peter should have known God far better than Abram ever did. Peter spent months with God's own Son, yet this disciple had no clearer idea of where God was leading them than Abram did. When Jesus is transformed, Peter thinks the end of the ages has come, the decisive turning point in

human history when God raises up the just and glorifies his chosen one. In response, Peter stops going forward. He suggests they all stay on that mountain. He does not understand that Jesus still faces the hardest part of his mission. Peter also is yet to realize his mission and cross.

In our Second Reading, we hear that God's grace has been manifest and our salvation brought to light. Nevertheless, the way forward may often be unclear. We may fear what lies ahead. Lent is a time to share those fears with God and to draw strength from the season's disciplines and from the witness of others so that we will "bear our share of hardship" and keep moving forward.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 9 God's Standard

The prayer in the First Reading confesses the failure of God's people to stay faithful to him. When they behaved no better than other nations, God let his people be scattered among those nations. God demands that his people live by a higher standard, as we hear in the Gospel passage. God, whose mercy overflows, expects us to treat others with that same remarkable compassion. In what specific way can you share God's compassion today? *Today's Readings: Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Luke 6:36-38.*

Tuesday, March 10 Reversals

Isaiah's warning is vivid: God will allow his people to be struck down if they do not repent of their wrongdoing, leaving them as blood-red as their sins. Jesus also speaks about reversals: true disciples serve others rather than seek honor and privileges for themselves. Make a list of people who radically changed their lives for Christ. What do their stories teach you? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Matthew 23:1-12.*

Wednesday, March 11 Misunderstood

Jesus and Jeremiah both spoke for God and suffered greatly for it. Jeremiah laments that his enemies are waiting for him to speak one wrong word so that they can declare him a false prophet and get rid of him. Jesus tells how he, too, will be rejected by his people. Jesus' words seem lost on his disciples, who want the very honor and glory that he warns them against seeking. Perhaps they simply did not like what Jesus was telling them. What is Jesus saying to you that you find hard to accept? *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Matthew 20:17-28.*

Thursday, March 12 What Is in Our Hearts?

God knows what is in our hearts far better than we do. God knows who is growing in holiness and who is dying "in a lava waste." The rich man never bothered to probe his heart, much less open it in love to Lazarus. Even in death, the rich man puts himself before the beggar, for he asks Abraham to send Lazarus for water, as if Lazarus were a servant. Open your heart to God. Ask God to show you the people you fail to love and what you can do to serve them. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 16:19-31.*

Friday, March 13 The End of Rejection

Despite the terrible action his brothers take, Joseph eventually forgives them and even saves them during a famine. The religious leaders who try to arrest Jesus might also have envied him because the crowds were surrounding Jesus instead of them. Finally, these leaders get rid of Jesus, only to hear that he rose from the dead. It was not too late for them to be forgiven and to share in the new life God offered in his Son. Pray for or talk with someone who needs to hear that God loves and forgives them. *Today's Readings: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46.*

Saturday, March 14 Prodigal Love

Our God who delights in clemency is like the father who watches for his younger son's return. The father's love is extravagant. First, he pours love out on the son who took from him and left, and then he pours his love upon the son who speaks of him with resentment and contempt. We are far stingier with our love, preferring to love only those who seem to deserve it. Take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and rejoice that God shows his love abundantly. *Today's Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.*

