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WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST:

WEEKEND MASSES

5:00 pm:	Saturday Evening
9:30 am:	Sunday Morning
11:30 am:	Sunday Morning

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at 1:00 PM on the first Sunday of each month. Arrangements must be made in advance with Sister Mary. Please note that there are no baptisms during Advent and Lent.

Marriages Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and participation in the Diocesan Pre-Cana Program is required. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with Fr. Frank who will discuss the necessary details.

Sacrament of the Sick In the event of serious illness, please call the Rectory and request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Communion for the Homebound Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to those unable to join us for Eucharist. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Confessions First Saturday of the month in the church from 4:00-4:30 PM. By appointment for all other times.

ST. SAVIOUR PASTORAL STAFF

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Deacon Paul E. Norman, **Faith Formation**
Dr. Nicholas J. Nicassio, **Music Ministry**

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Monday–Thursday	9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Saturday	No Office Hours
Sunday	No Office Hours

To speak with a priest, please call for an appointment.
For sick calls, phone anytime.

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Are you a sinner? Have you been away from the church for a long time? Are you divorced or separated? Are you physically or mentally challenged? Are you from a different culture? Are you not accepted because of your sexual orientation? Are you elderly, a teen or young adult? Are you discriminated against because of your color? Are you feeling broken? Are you poor or out of work? Have you been imprisoned? Have you a feeling that you are left out? **You are welcome here! This is your home, and we are your family!**

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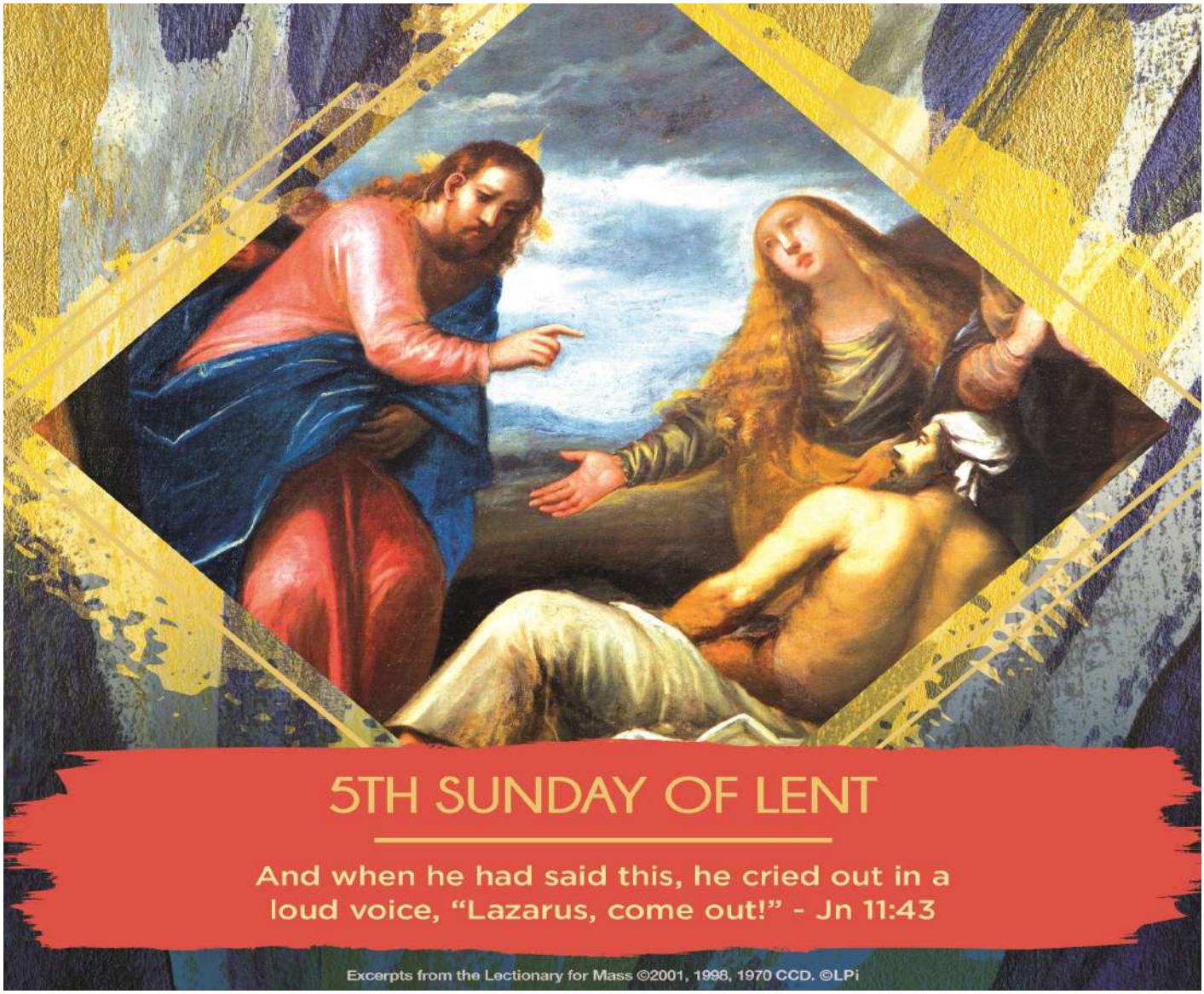

When I am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. --God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. --God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
the one who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Sprit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

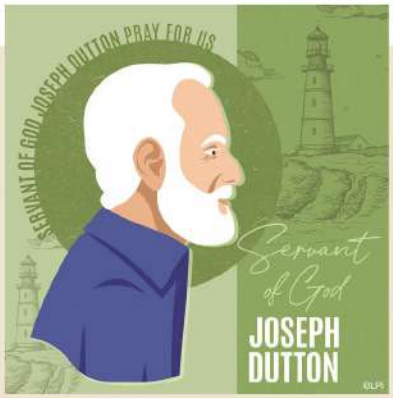
Though weighed down by grief, Martha rushes out to meet Jesus. She may not understand why he was absent upon the death of her brother, but her faithfulness is undeterred. In the hour of her heartbreak, she knows her only solace is in the embrace of the Lord.

Observances for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Saturday: April Fools' Day

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins



Saint of the week

Servant of God Joseph Dutton served as a lay missionary alongside Saint Damian and Saint Marianne of Molokai. Upon his 40th birthday he converted to Catholicism, dedicated his life to service, and spent the rest of his days joyfully ministering inside a Hawaiian leper colony.

Prayer

Prayer for Servant of God Joseph Dutton's intercession

God our Father, by the grace of conversion you raised your servant, Joseph Dutton, from the darkness of war, and despair. Wounded by the shock of battle and chained by addiction, he searched for You and found Your abundant mercy. In Joseph Dutton we see Your providence in his conversion from darkness to the light of the Gospel. May his total submission to Your purifying will encourage us on our own way of conversion. Hear our prayer now as we thank You for the gift of his life and the wonder of his witness. If it be for Your glory and the growth of Your Church in holiness, may he be counted among Your saints for all eternity.

Joseph Dutton, please intercede for us and present our requests to God through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Easter has become known as the Feast of the Divine Mercy, or more commonly, Divine Mercy Sunday. This devotion to the divine mercy of Jesus has been celebrated for many years in many different parts of the world since the 1930s, yet it wasn't until Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000, that the Sunday after Easter became known as "Divine Mercy Sunday" in the General Roman Calendar. Saint Faustina was an uneducated Polish nun who kept a diary of about 600 pages telling the story of her revelations regarding the mercy of God. Devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus challenges us to arrive at a greater understanding that the love of God is both unconditional and never-ending, and is available to ALL people - and it challenges us even further to reciprocate that love and mercy to everyone whom we encounter throughout our life's journey. Here at Saint Saviour parish, there will be veneration of the divine Mercy image and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 3:00 p.m. on (Sunday, April 16, 2022). ALL the members of our parish family are invited to attend and share in God's Divine Mercy.

OFFERING FOR ALTAR MEMORIALS

$25 per week

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Blessed Mother Candle

Saint Joseph Candle

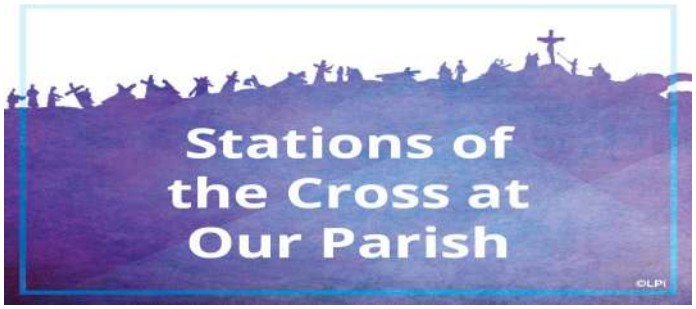
FEET WANTED

We are in need of 24 feet (that's 12 persons) for the washing of feet at the MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER on Holy Thursday evening (April 6th) beginning at 7:30 p.m. ALL types of feet are welcome to apply. Warts and bunions will not disqualify you—we are an equal opportunity employer of feet. If you are interested in being one of our foot "washees" (remember, there are only 12 openings and they are sure to go fast!), please call Father Frank at the Rectory (718) 768-4055.

Please consider putting your feet in our hands!

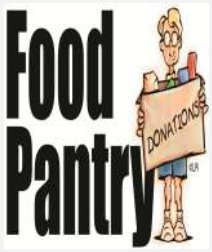
Bishop James Massa, CM, will be coming to Saint Saviour Parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our teenagers at our Saturday evening Mass on May 6th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the church. ALL the members of our parish family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Sacraments are communal celebrations of faith and ALL are invited to join us. We feel it is important that our entire parish come out and support our young people as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

"Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give." — *Saint Francis of Assisi*



For centuries, one common practice during the season of Lent has been the praying of the Stations of the Cross. This prayer has enabled people to walk with Jesus toward Calvary and share in His passion and death. We invite ALL members of our parish family to join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross together this Lent. Here at Saint Saviour Parish, we will pray the Stations of the Cross the following Sundays during Lent.

(March 26th) immediately following our 9:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist.



Saint Thomas Food Pantry

Please continue to support the food pantry at St. Thomas Aquinas. We are especially in need of hot cereal, soup and toiletries, but whatever you give will be most appreciated!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

We kindly ask ALL the members of our parish family to remember the poor as they leave church each Sunday. The monies collected in our poor boxes are used to assist in the ministry of our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. These monies enable us to provide food, clothing, and other essential needs to people who come to us seeking assistance. Sadly there are too many Sundays where there is very little in our poor boxes a the back of church. During this season of Lent, let's ALL make a commitment to take a little more seriously one of the traditional disciplines of Lent—PRAYER, ALMSGIVING, and FASTING. Thank you so much!

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Easter Flowers—This Weekend
Maintenance & Repair—April 1-2

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE & EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Easter Mass Remembrance Envelopes and Easter Flower Offering Envelopes are now available at the front doors to the church. If you wish to have a loved one remembered at each of our celebrations of Eucharist on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, please take an envelope, write their names on the envelope, enclose your offering and return it as soon as possible either in the Sunday collection or at the Rectory. In addition, we hope to decorate our church as beautifully as last Easter with various flowers around our sanctuary. If you with to make a contribution, please use one of the Easter flower Offering Envelopes available in the back of church.

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STEWARDSHIP

March 18-19

Offertory $5,376
Children's Collection $111
Catholic Relief Services $642
Attendance 276

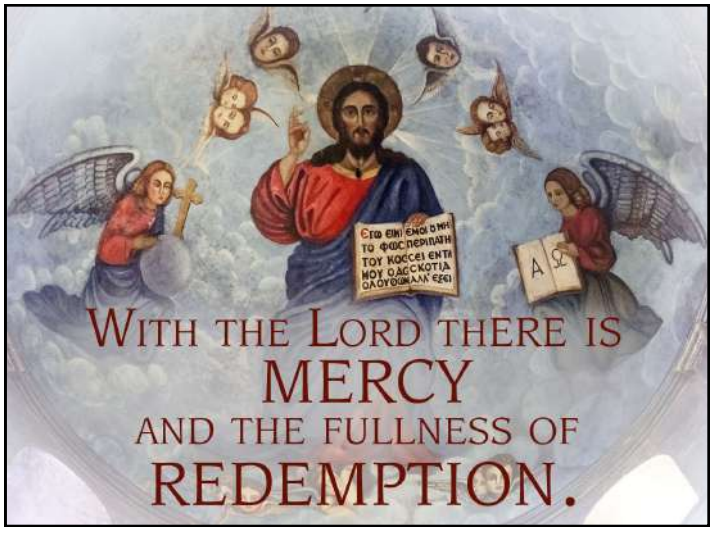
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
12:00 p.m. Children's Living Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
(Blessing of the Food)
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY
9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Redentor L. Romero/John Macready (Anniversary)/ Bishop Ronaldo Alvarez
11:30 a.m. Joseph Mastrota/
Ken Corey (Anniversary)

Monday, March 27, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jerry Georges

Tuesday, March 28, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Chadwick Family

Wednesday, March 29, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jerry Georges

Thursday, March 30, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Joseph N. Mastrota

Friday, March 31, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, April 1, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. Richard &Teresa Carter/ Joseph Campesi/Theresa Colgan

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Jerry Georges
11:30 a.m. Joseph N. Mastrota/Florence Judge

We still have Mass Intentions available for both weekday AND weekend celebrations of Eucharist. Please consider having a Mass celebrated for a loved one or family member—either living or deceased. We are ALL in need of prayers, and there is no greater prayer than the celebration of Eucharist. Each Mass Intention is only $15.00. If you are interested in having a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of someone who is living, please call Emily at the Rectory and she will be more than happy to assist you.

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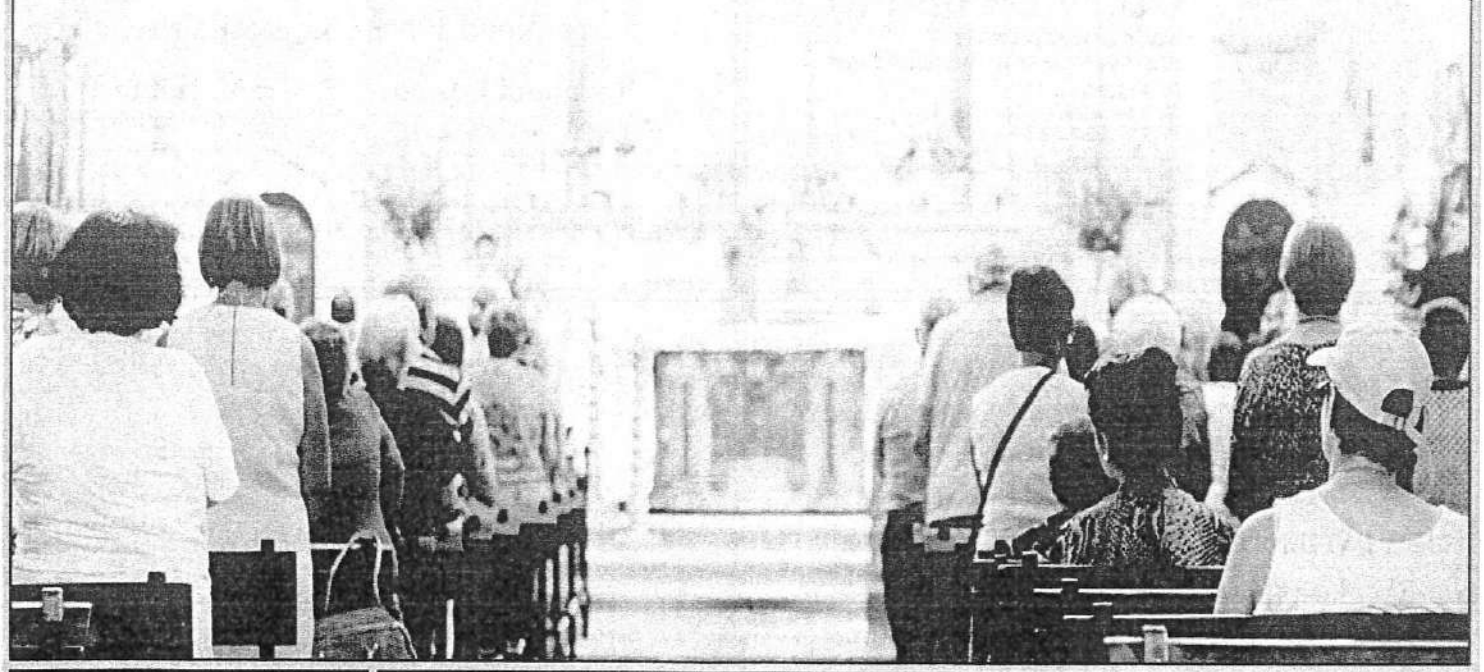

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