

The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:
(revised for Coronavirus accommodations)

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30am

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30am



"The Lord Be With You."

February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings

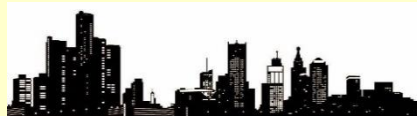
Genesis 9:8-15
(Sign of the Covenant)

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
(Keeping God's Covenant)

1 Peter 3:18-22
(Power of the Resurrection)

Mark 1:12-15
(Time of Fulfillment)

Pastor's Pen



First Sunday of Lent

As we hear of the devastation in Texas and the arctic blasts that are raging through our country and throughout the world, we realize the climate is changing. It is changing because of our negligence and our lack of respect for the earth. In this season of Lent, may we look in deeper ways to live in harmony with the earth by the way we live our lives. I received this poem from my good friend, Teresa, and it calls us to be more reflective on how we see our part in all Creation.

*"Receive this cross of ash upon your brow
Brought from the burning of Palm Sunday's cross;
The forests of the world are burning now
And you make late repentance for the loss.
But all the trees of God would clap their hands,
The very stones themselves would shout and sing,
If you could covenant to love these lands
And recognize in Christ their Lord and King.
He sees the slow destruction of those trees,
He weeps to see the ancient places burn,
And still you make whatever purchases you please
And still to dust and ashes you return.
But hope would rise from ashes even now
Beginning with this sign upon your brow."
Malcolm Guite, *The Word in the Wilderness**

*"In a daring and beautiful creative reversal,
God takes the worst we can do to Him
And turns it into the very best He can do for us."
Macolm Guite, *The Word in the Wilderness**

St. Charles Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ's Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ's ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes again in glory.

Community

Pray for the Healing Presence

Mary Canaday
Frank Catania
William (Bill) Leto
Joe Lucent
Waletha McCrary
Wesley Nethercott
Elizabeth Pillete
Roger Sinclair
Anna Tyler

Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse:

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides "clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse," Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. "I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority," the archbishop said. "No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God's law." Pope Francis announced the new norms on May 9. **They go into effect June 1st.** See detroitcatholic.com to learn more. Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's office. Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org.

FAMILY OF PARISHES Frequently Asked Questions

Check here each week to learn about the new Archdiocese of Detroit initiative, Family of Parishes.

This week we answer the questions:

"How will Families of Parishes Affect Poorer Parishes? Will Those Less Affluent Parishes be Forced or Encouraged to Close?"

and

"Is a Family of Parishes able to 'reorganize' if, after a few years, it becomes apparent that its current configuration isn't in the best interest of all the parish communities in the Family?"

How will Families of Parishes affect poorer parishes? Will those less affluent parishes be forced or encouraged to close?

There is no pre-existing plan to force, encourage, or guide parishes with fewer resources to close.

As each Family discerns how to best align resources, they may decide to retain their separate identities and worship spaces. Others, after a careful and honest review of existing resources, may opt to close worship spaces or merge with partnering parishes. These decisions will be left to the discernment of that Family, with assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit, guided by a complete focus on mission and the best interest of the entire community.

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Is a Family of Parishes able to "reorganize" if, after a few years, it becomes apparent that its current configuration isn't in the best interest of all the parish communities in the Family?

Yes, if such reorganization makes sense and follows the law of the Church. However, the hope is that once a Family is established, they will begin the process of mission-centered planning, so reorganizing would be a last resort if all other measures fail.

Mass Dispensation Update as of 02/09/2020 from Archbishop Vigneron:

Due to Covid 19, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for people living in or visiting the Archdiocese of Detroit has been extended until Saturday, March 13, 2021.

**BE GOOD TO EACH OTHER.
BE GOOD FOR EACH OTHER.**

When it comes to life it doesn't get any simpler to **live** than that.

Stewardship Minute:

Baptism & Repentance

Baptism and repentance is the common theme in today's Scripture passages. In Genesis, God establishes a covenant with Noah and his descendants: that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood. St. Peter, in his First Letter, references this story of Noah and the flood. He states: ... Eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. The Sacrament of Baptism forgives sin and calls us to discipleship in Christ, our Lord and Savior. Baptism is the "gateway" to all of the sacraments.

At the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, we strengthen this discipleship by renewing our baptismal promises, vowing to reject Satan, his empty promises, and the glamour of evil in our lives. In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist tells how Jesus remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. We know Jesus was successful in resisting this temptation. May we seek the Lord's grace in times of weakness so we, too, can avoid temptation that leads to sin. During this Lenten season, participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare yourself for the Risen Christ.

Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p

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February Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Lucille Ivers
Joe Vujic
Mary Smith

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Flora Sinclair
Pete Telang

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 22: 1 Peter 5:1-4;
Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew
16:13-19

Tues., Feb. 23: Isaiah 55:10-11;
Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19;
Matthew 6:7-15

Wed., Feb. 24: Jonah 3:1-10;
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke
11:29-32

Thurs., Feb. 25: Esther C:12, 14-
16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8; Matthew 7:7-12

Fri., Feb. 26: Ezekiel 18:21-28;
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7b-8;
Matthew 5:20-26

Sat., Feb. 27: Deuteronomy
26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-
8; Matthew 5:43-48

Sun., Feb. 28: Genesis 22:1-2,
9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10,
15, 16-17, 18-19; Romans 8:31b-
34; Mark 9:2-10

Weekly Collection

2/14/2021

Envelopes	\$ 15,910.96
Loose	\$ 116.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,046.96

Led By the Spirit On Mission

Over the next year-and-a-half, all parishes in the archdiocese will join together into groups of three to six, called "Families of Parishes." Going forward, these Families of Parishes will work together, sharing resources and talents to further advance the shared mission of our local Church.

The Family groupings have been compiled in the last few months through consultation with the auxiliary bishops and priests, a process steeped in prayer and with attention given to the best interest of each community.

In the meantime, to help us all better understand why we are moving in this direction, Archbishop Vigneron has written a [new Pastoral Note on Families of Parishes](#), providing some theological context for the transition and introducing a renewed structure for parish ministry to more effectively equip them for their missionary work. Like all [Pastoral Notes](#) released in recent years, this new text is informed by and expands upon the steady foundation of [Archbishop Vigneron's 2017 Pastoral Letter, Unleash the Gospel](#).

Looking into the not-too-distant future, Archbishop Vigneron also uses this new Pastoral Note to anticipate the development of Family Missionary Strategic Plans, which will guide each Family of Parishes as it carries out its work in the years to come.

To read the Pastoral Note, please go to: [Unleash the Gospel](#).

DID YOU KNOW...

that it is illegal to carry a firearm onto any property or facility owned or operated by a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship, unless the presiding official or officials allow concealed weapons?



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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse: To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons and other Church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator contact: **(866) 343-8055**. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. This toll-free number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with such complaints are also encouraged to directly contact law enforcement authorities. The Archdiocese of Detroit stands with the brave survivors who seek to bring the crime of child sexual abuse by clergy and other Church representatives into the light, where those who sinned are confronted and those who were harmed can find healing. To those harmed by the actions and inaction of Church leaders: It is inexcusable, and we are sorry. **In an effort to consolidate our resources and respond to the faithful's questions about clergy sexual abuse, the Archdiocese of Detroit has created a new "mini" website at protect.aod.org.** This site highlights information about reporting abuse, victim assistance, investigations, training for clergy and lay employees and volunteers, and provides additional resources, including messages from Archbishop Vigneron. Our goal is to make this important information - already available on *aod.org* - more visible, transparent, and clear.



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