

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 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
(Testing of Abraham)

Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19
(Walking with God)

Romans 8:31b-34
(God is for Us)

Mark 9:2-10
(Jesus Transfigured)

Pastor's Pen



Second Sunday of Lent

First of all, I would like to welcome our two candidates who participated in the Rite of Election last Sunday. Although both men are baptized, they will be coming into full communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. They are:

Orlando Richardson
Demetricke Wells

We are blessed to have two faith filled men coming into the parish this year. Orlando and Demetricke, you give us great hope as you make the choice to enter the Church. Please know that we are so grateful for your presence in our community and we will do our best to support you on this journey of faith. God bless both of you as you prepare for Easter.

The Gospel speaks of the moment when Christ goes up to the mountain with Peter, James and John and is transfigured before their eyes. Peter is overwhelmed by this moment and says, "It is good for us to be here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." Peter, like all of us, wanted to hold on to that powerful moment and stay there but he had to come down and leave the mountain and go back to his life. It's the same with us. We have all had transfiguration moments when we realized the power of the Divine. Maybe it was the birth of our child or grandchild, maybe it's falling in love, maybe it's the beauty of a spectacular sunrise or the vibrant colors of a sunset, maybe it's the quiet of the woods or the rushing waves of the ocean. Whatever that moment is, we can't stay there forever. Like all of life, it is passing. The wonderful part is that we hold on to it in our memory and it is there to be remembered when we find ourselves in the desert or going through the storms of life. Maybe take some time this week to think about those transfiguration moments in your life and allow them to bring you hope, courage and a deeper faith that God is always with us.

As we go through this season, I hope we can all check in to some of Jesse Cox's Lenten presentations. They are thought provoking and inspiring (and we also get to see each other on the zoom calls!) I would like to allow people the opportunity to have some private prayer in the church during the **Fridays of Lent (3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26)**. **Nativity will be open from 11am to 1pm and St. Charles will be open from 1:15 to 3:15pm.** During that time, you can have some private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, or make the Stations of the Cross on your own or I will be there for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I hope this season will be fruitful for all of us. Let's pray for one another.

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

Mass Dispensation Update as of 02/09/2021 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.

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:

"What are the Three Ministry Areas Within a Family of Parishes?"

"How Will Each Family Choose Which Governance/leadership Model (One Pastor or Moderator) to adopt?"

"What If There's No Consensus, or There's a Tie Vote?"

What are the Three Ministry Areas Within a Family of Parishes?

Governance and Leadership primarily covers the clergy of a Family and those major Councils and Teams which support the clergy in their mission. After carefully considering the work and recommendation of those focused on developing this area, Archbishop Vigneron has endorsed two models of governance for our Families of Parishes: the One-Pastor Model and the In Solidum model. (See "Who will lead our Family of Parishes?" in the "Key Questions" section.)

Mission Direct primarily covers those ministries which work directly with the faithful in achieving the mission.

Mission Support primarily covers those ministries which support the Family through functions that do not work directly with the faithful.

How will each Family choose which governance/leadership model (One Pastor or Moderator) to adopt? Also, What if there's no consensus, or there's a tie vote?

Rather than relying solely on vote tallies, the clergy within each Family will be encouraged to pray and listen to the Holy Spirit to arrive at consensus. If no consensus is reached, Archbishop Vigneron will make a final decision, in consultation with the regional bishop and Curia staff.

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Stewardship Minute:
Second Sunday of Lent

The topic of sacrifice links today's First and Second Readings. In Genesis, Sarah and Abraham are blessed in their older years with their only son, Isaac. God tests Abraham by directing him to sacrifice Isaac. As Abraham is about to follow through, a messenger from heaven proclaims: *Abraham, Abraham! ... Do not lay your hand on the boy* Abraham offers a ram in place of his son. To encourage the Christian community in Rome, St. Paul reminds them that God sacrificed His only Son ... *who intercedes for us.* In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist tells of Christ's Transfiguration, where God the Father clearly reveals Jesus in His glorified state. Jesus then alludes to Peter, James, and John of His death and Resurrection. Our own giving of the "first fruits" of our prayer, service, and generosity back to God, our parish, and our neighbor, are solid acts of Christian love. Sacrifice brings great joy, peace, and grace to those who embrace stewardship in their lives. This Lent, in a spirit of evangelization, pause and reflect on how you can use your God-given gifts to spread the Good News of 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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February Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 28, 2021
Flora Sinclair
Pete Telang

March Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 7, 2021
Smith Carson, Jr.
Walte Jardine
Ann Budziszewski

Sunday, March 14, 2021
Casimir Buczak
Michael Ayoub
Mary Cunningham
Jody Holbert

Sunday, March 21, 2021
Maria Brohman
Patrick Buczak
Gerald Miller

Sunday, March 28, 2021
Ben Canaday
Alex Harvey
Bohan Vujic

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 01: Daniel 9:4b-10;
Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13;
Luke 6:36-38

Tues., Mar. 02: Isaiah 1:10,
16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17,
21 AND 23; Matthew 23:1-12

Wed., Mar. 03: Jeremiah
18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14,
15-16; Matthew 20:17-28

Thurs., Mar. 04: Jeremiah
17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4
AND 6; Luke 16:19-31

Fri., Mar. 05: Genesis 37:3-4,
12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm
105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21;
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat., Mar. 06: Micah 7:14-15,
18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-
10, 11-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun., Mar. 07: Exodus 20:1-
17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1
Corinthians 1:22-25; John
2:13-25

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](#).

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2/21/2021

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