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*St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church*

# The VIGIL

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Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)





### The Instruction Manual

As the First Reading describes it, the enemies of the Jews smash Jerusalem. The walls of the city are torn down. The Temple of God is burned up, and all its holy things are destroyed. And the people are taken captive to Babylon. It's all lost, their country, their customs, their language, their cult, their Temple.

**God uses His own great suffering as the final remedy to bring people from death into life.**

In the Psalms, there is a poignant picture of the people's heartbreak over this destruction of their home. The enemies who had wrecked Jerusalem wanted the Jews to sing Hebrew songs for them. "How can we sing the Lord's songs in a strange land," the captive people say to themselves in their grief.

The Second Reading declares that God is rich in mercy and great in love. So why doesn't God protect his people from the heartbreak that his people had when Jerusalem was destroyed?

The answer to the question lies in the Readings.

God doesn't want to destroy people and God doesn't allow suffering for the sake of hurting people either. Instead, God is looking for a remedy, as the First Reading implies. God is willing to use desperate measures, even the heartbreak of his people, to save them.

And not only that, but God is willing to use His own suffering too. As the Gospel Reading says, God gave His beloved Son to save the world. Christ was betrayed by his disciples, shamed in front of his family and friends, mocked by his community, condemned by the legal authorities, publicly flogged, and put to death by crucifixion. Any one of these things is enough for heartbreak, isn't it? And so, in the incarnate Christ, God uses His own great suffering as the final remedy to bring people from death into life, when all other remedies have been tried and failed.

Heartbreak by us, by Christ, is for life not for death.

And here is what else we need to see. Jerusalem was rebuilt and the Temple was restored, as the First Reading explains. Christ's death was followed by his resurrection. In each of these cases, heartbreak was turned into joy.

And so heartbreak is not the last word. Elsewhere (Ps 37:3-4) the Psalmist says, "put your trust in the Lord, ... and he will give you the desires of your heart." When the story is God's, heartbreak is not the end of the story.

Joy in finding your heart's desire is.

~ Eleonore Stump

**NOTE:** If you are looking to attend Mass when there isn't one planned for the Family of Parishes or there is a limited schedule, the chapel at St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery on Mt. Elliott happily welcomes everyone for their 7:30am daily mass.

**CHANGE IN DATE! ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND IS MARCH 15-17, 2024**

Our February weekend is already full to capacity (80 women), so we have moved our annual women's retreat up to the weekend of March 15-17, 2024. The weekends are filling up fast this year; so, to save your place, please register soon by calling Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320 or Jessica Edwards at 313.917.0129, or calling Christine at the Retreat Center at 313-535-9563. You may also register online at [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org). The retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening and ends on Sunday morning after breakfast and Mass (about 11AM). St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center is at 23333 Schoolcraft, which is the eastbound service drive for I-96, just east of Telegraph Rd. If you would like transportation, please call Patty Gillis at 313-399-8320. The retreat is a special time to rest in God, eat delicious food, share great conversations, and come home more hopeful and peaceful. Each woman has her own room and bathroom—all linens provided. The suggested donation is \$225.00, and retreatants are asked to give whatever they can afford to cover the costs---please do not let finances keep you away.

**Strangers No Longer**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Banquet, Sunday, April 14, 2024, 1:00pm-3:30pm. Please join us at the Ukrainian Cultural Center (26601 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091). Donation: \$30.00 per person. For tickets contact: Linda Cunningham (313) 819-2867 or Mike Clyne (313) 570-1471 [jmclayne@comcast.net](mailto:jmclayne@comcast.net). Share in a celebration of SNL's achievements and growth with friends, food, entertainment, and fundraising baskets and auction!

**Mass Live Streaming News!** You now have options for watching our Sunday Mass – even if you “don't do FaceBook” or look at the parish website. Now you can watch on YouTube by going to <https://www.youtube.com/@St.CharlesBorromeoDetroit>; you can watch the live stream on Facebook without having an account by doing a google search for **st charles borromeo parish detroit Facebook**, the page will appear, scroll down and look on the right side for "watch live" and click. You can also continue to watch on our Facebook page *St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Detroit MI*

**Sunday Community Dinners...** As one of our most important ministries to our members and neighbors, we have been blessed. We are in need of more. If you and your group would like to sponsor a meal, please contact Georgia Kingsley via the rectory to sponsor an upcoming Sunday meal: **Today, March 10, 2024: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans; March 17, 2024: Torya and Eduardo; March 24, 2024: Knights on Bikes; March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday – No Meal; April 7, 2024: Maryanne Flores Bible Study Group; April 14, 2024: Sponsor Needed; April 21, 2024: Colleen & BK; April 28, 2024: St. Lucy Parish; May 5, 2024: Sponsor Needed; May 12, 2024: Mother's Day – No Meal; May 19, 2024: Sponsor Needed.**

**Nativity Pantry News: EASTER BAG GIVEAWAY**

It's that time of year again and we are collecting items for the Easter Bags/Baskets for the children of pantry families and those at Mass. We are hoping to fill 60 bags. We are still in need of Chocolate Bunnies and Stuffed Animals. **Food Pantry Items Needed This Week:** Many thanks for your generosity! This week we need Spaghetti Noodles and Sauce, Pork & Beans.

**Let Us Fast**

While fasting with the body,  
 brothers and sisters,  
 let us also fast in spirit.  
 Let us lose every bond of iniquity;  
 let us undo the knots of every contact made by violence;  
 let us tear up all unjust agreements;  
 let us give bread to the hungry  
 and welcome to our house  
 the poor who have no roof to cover them,  
 that we may receive mercy from Christ our God.

- *Byzantine Vespers*

**PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE**

Patricia Alexander  
 Marianne Burns  
 June Buersmeyer  
 Mary Canaday  
 Aaron Cole  
 Chinyere Crutcher  
 Joy Harris  
 Joan Jackson  
 Michael Martin  
 Bruce McDonald Sr.  
 John Nahas  
 Richard Nahas  
 Gloria Parham  
 Ronald Parham  
 Earlene Park-Williams  
 Elizabeth Pilette  
 Cynthia Richardson  
 Gregory Richardson  
 Linda Simpkins  
 Alicia Smith  
 Anna Tyler  
 Theresa Williamson  
 Pam Young

**Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be removed from the list. Praise God for His Healing mercies!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**March 10, 2024**  
 Victor and Suzanne Fillecia  
 Michael Ayoub

**March 17, 2024**  
 Mary Cunningham  
 Greg McCaffrey  
 Michael Ayoub

**March 24, 2024**  
 Lisa Little  
 Gerald Miller

**March 31, 2024**  
 Monsignor Daniel J. Trapp

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Second Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23  
**(Punishment for Infidelity)**

Psalm 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
**(Remembrance of Zion)**

Ephesians 2:4-10  
**(God's Gift: Salvation)**

John 3:16  
**(God's Love)**

John 3: 14-21  
**(Salvation in Christ)**

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2024**

**For the new martyrs**

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon., Mar. 11:** Isaiah 65: 17-21; Psalm 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Amos 5: 14; John 4: 43-54

**Tues., Mar. 12:** Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12; Psalm 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Psalm 51: 12a, 14a; John 5: 1-16

**Wed., Mar. 13:** Isaiah 49: 8-15; Psalm 145: 8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 11: 25a, 26; John 5: 17-30

**Thurs., Mar. 14:** Exodus 32: 7-14; Psalm 106: 19-20, 21-22, 23; John 3: 16; John 5: 31-47

**Fri., Mar. 15:** Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22; Psalm 34: 17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Matthew 4: 4b; John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

**Sat., Mar. 16:** Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 7: 2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Luke 8: 15; John 7: 40-53

**Sun., Mar. 17:** Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 26; John 12: 20-33

**STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Grateful Stewards**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask us to live **Stewardship** being grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

**COLLECTION INFO**

**March 3, 2024**

Collections	\$1,561.00
Online	\$1,054.00

**TOTAL \$2,615.00**

The Detroit Lower Eastside  
Family of Parishes

presents  
A Lenten Revival

"Hope for the Future;  
Walking With God"

Revivalist



Minister  
Alex Harvey

Sunday, March 10, 2024

@3PM

ST ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, DETROIT  
3138 E. CANFIELD ST, DETROIT, MI

CHOIRS ✦ MUSICIANS ✦ LITURGICAL DANCERS  
PRAYER TEAMS ✦ SPIRITED PREACHING

*Come, Rejoice And Refresh Your Soul!*

◦ BE WELL ◦

◦ DREAM WELL ◦



...so peace can become more than a word used in  
service of war.

# St. Charles Borromeo - March 2024 calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i>	2
3 <i>11:30am Mass</i>  <i>Community Meal</i>	4	5	6	7	<i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at Nativity 6pm</i>	8 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i>
					<i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at St. Charles 6pm</i>	9
10 <i>11:30am Mass</i>  <i>Community Meal</i>	11	12	13	14	15 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i>	16
					<i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at Nativity 6pm</i>	
17 <i>11:30am Mass</i>  <i>Community Meal</i>	18	19	20	21	22 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i>	23
					<i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at St. Charles 6pm</i>	
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i>  <i>Community Meal</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Holy Thursday Mass at St. Charles 6:30pm</i>	29 <i>Good Friday 11am Mass in Rectory</i>	30 <i>Easter Vigil Mass at Nativity 8:30pm</i>
					<i>Good Friday Mass at St. Charles 6pm</i>	
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i><u>NO</u> Community Meal</i>						



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**Rectory Hours:**

Monday & Tuesday, 10a to 3p  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10a to 4p

**Pastoral Team**

Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator  
Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum  
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education  
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry

**Council Members**

Steven Dearing, Niam Edwards, Marian Harvey,  
Sr. Mary Ellen Howard, Dan Hurley, Donna King,  
Leslie Kirby, Richard Preuss, Nicholas Rennpage

**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES  
MASS TIMES**

**St Charles Borromeo Detroit  
Mass Times**

Friday: Mass 11am  
Sunday 11:30am

**Nativity of Our Lord  
Mass Times**

Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am  
Sunday 9:30am

**St Augustine / St Monica  
Mass Times**

Wednesday, 9am  
Sunday 10am

**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.

**Family of Parishes Prayer Groups**

**Tuesday Men’s Prayer Group**  
6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

**Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study**  
St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.

For Zoom link go to [www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime](http://www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime)

**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. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General’s Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844- 324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm. [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov)). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit’s Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org).