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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MARCH 3, 2019

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30pm - Confessions
 - 5:00pm - Rosary
 - 5:30pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday - 10:30am - Mass

WEEK DAYS

Monday to Wednesday - 5:40pm - Rosary
 - 6:00pm - Mass
Thursday - 3:00pm - AMCC
Friday - 3:00pm - QCC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Please Signup for Lectors and EMHC
2. Ballot to elect members to serve on the Parish Council.
3. Iditarod Fundraiser. Need Volunteers to cook chili and bake desserts for the Fundraiser.
4. Lenten Season begins on March 6th with Ash Wednesday Mass at 7pm. On all the Fridays during the Lenten Season there will be Mass at 6:30pm and 7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Soup. Need volunteers to sign up to make Soup for stations of the Cross. (Booklet).
5. Need more volunteers to cook meals for NEST. Please contact Betsy.
6. There will be Religious Education after the 10:30am Mass.

READERS AND EM'S FOR MARCH

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday March 2

5:30pm Lector Betsy Brennan
 EMHC Sandi Nehriri

Sunday March 3

10:30am Lector Sylvia Paniataaq
 EMHC

Ash Wednesday March 6

7:00pm Lector Emily Hofstaedter
 EMHC Annie Blandford

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 9

5:30pm Lector Sandi Nehriri
 EMHC

Sunday March 10

10:30am Lector Julie Farley
 EMHC

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 16

5:30pm Lector Leona Mayac
 EMHC Sandi Nehriri

Sunday March 17

10:30am Lector Emily Hofstaedter
 EMHC

St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 19th

7pm Lector
 EMHC

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 23

5:30pm Lector
 EMHC

Sunday March 24

10:30am Lector Sean Penetac
 EMHC

**The 2019 Lenten season begins on Ash
Wednesday, March 6, for Latin-rite Catholics
with Easter Sunday on April 21.**

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by **giving alms**, and to sacrifice self-control through **fasting**. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this **reflection**. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ."-- Pope Francis

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

On these pages, you will find a variety of suggestions and resources to help you "raise up," "sacrifice," and "offer" during this Lent and to embrace your baptismal commitment.

Catholics are also encouraged to make going to confession a significant part of their spiritual lives during Lent. The U.S. Bishops' statement, "**God's Gift of Forgiveness: The Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**" can be distributed and shared in parishes. Dioceses are encouraged to make the sacrament available often during Lent and to use **these resources** to promote participation. We also have **resources to help individuals** who have not been to confession in a while "rediscover" the sacrament.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

On 24th February 2019 is \$ 1477. Thank you very much for your generous contribution.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Jesus' parables in this week's Gospel are a reminder of the importance of continued learning, prayer and reflection, and humility in our discipleship. We shine God's light in the world when we are "lit from within" with God's grace, willing to examine our own conscience and recognize our own need for transformation through Jesus. As busy parents responsible for our children's physical, emotional, and spiritual growth, we may sometimes be challenged to find time and energy to care for ourselves and attend to our own spiritual growth. Yet doing so can improve our family relationships and help us guide our children in their faith. We can be reminded of the simple safety instruction we hear when flying: to put on our own "spiritual" oxygen mask before helping others. Gather as a family and spend some time discussing ideas about what it means to be a good disciple. *What do we need to learn? How are we to act? How do we treat others?* Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:39-45. Discuss what Jesus means when he asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Talk about how we might be tempted to focus on one another's shortcomings without noticing our own and how this might lead to conflict. Point out that part of being a good disciple is focusing on our own behavior. As a family, share ideas for responding as a disciple when you are upset with another family member's words or actions. (For example, taking a cooling off break before talking to the person or praying for help to see if our actions contributed to the conflict and we need to apologize.) Pray that you will grow together in your discipleship and then pray the Lord's Prayer.

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