

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

MARCH 2022 BULLETIN



CHALLENGES FOR MARCH

Two challenges this month: (1) March 2nd is the date designated this year for Ash Wednesday. Is it really true that some parishes (and religious supply stores) create their ashes by burning the dried left-over palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday - or is that just a myth? (2) We celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Did he really drive the snakes out of Ireland - or is that just a myth? [Check out page 7 for the answers.](#)

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

May God bless each family present and bless our entire Holy Family Parish. Make it like the family of your Son. May our moments of sorrow give way to the seasons of joy. May the memory of harsh words fade before the warmth of a loving touch. May the tears of sorrow be replaced by the music of laughter. May resentment be banished from our families. And may forgiveness reign in our hearts today and everyday. Amen.



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Mass Schedule:

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Every 3rd Sunday @ 11:30 AM - Youth Mass

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**MONTHLY
CALENDAR**



- Mar. 1 - Men's Club meeting**
6:00 pm. All men
invited to 125 Red Clover Way. Dinner provided.
- Mar. 2 - Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent); see page 6 for distribution of ashes info.**
- Mar. 5 - Children's Rosary 2:00 pm in church.**
Children and parents invited.
- Mar. 12-13 - Daylight savings time ends overnight!
- Mar. 15 - Women's Club meeting 6:00 pm at the church complex**
- Mar. 17 - St. Patrick Feast Day
- Mar. 19/20 - Special collection to help payoff the church loan**
- Mar. 22 - Lector Workshop 4:40-6:00 pm - see page 6 for more information**
- Mar. 24 - Knights of Columbus Council meeting 7:00 pm in secondary meeting room.**
- Mar. 26 - Finance Council meets 9:00 am in church administrative office. New members and guests welcome.**
- Mar. 26/27 Catholic Relief Services collection
- Mar. 29 - Lector Workshop continues 4:30-6:00**
- Mar. 29 - Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm in church administrative office.**
- Apr. 5 - Lector Workshop continues 4:30-6:00 pm**
- April 14-16 - Holy Week**
- Apr. 17 - Easter Sunday**
- May - CCD registration begins for next year.**
- May 7 - First Communion 10:00 am**
- May 9 - Confirmation 6:30 pm**

FR. FRED'S CORNER

My Dear Family of God:

I would like to seize this opportunity to thank God for your lives. It is by His Grace that we are still alive. Praise be to His Name.

Thanks be to God once again that COVID-19 and its variants are gradually waning in their effects on humanity. It is not over until it is over, so let us continue to exercise caution on how we observe the COVID protocols. Mask wearing will still be enforced and encouraged in the Church until we are advised not to use them anymore for our own protection.

We will be revisiting our Christian Doctrines to familiarize ourselves once again and get to know them well; and the Order of the Mass will also be explained during the Lenten Season. So as previously reported, there will be less singing during Lent. I strongly recommend during this time that we minimize talking in the Church and reflect deeply on the Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It will also be a nice opportunity to reflect on how devastating the COVID has been and the number of family members and loved ones we have lost in this period.

The Lenten schedule will be announced as March progresses, and the Holy Week and Easter schedules will be in the April bulletin; so please check them. They will also be made available on our website and our new bulletin board in front of the Church.

Greetings to you all. I continue to love serving as your Pastor.

Amen. -- Fr. Frederick K. A. Kutubebi

REMINDER: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11:30 am Mass each Sunday.



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STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS

Income = \$36,800.00 (all Masses and e-giving)

Pay off loan income = \$22,900.00

\$24,400 = All Parish Expenses (payroll, utilities, insurance, etc.)

\$20,600 = Loan payment and interest

Thank you all for your continued generosity.

"God loves a cheerful giver." 1 Peter 4:10

SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR MARCH

Sunday, February 27th (Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Book of Sirach 27:4-7 - When one speaks, their faults appear. Just as the fruit of a tree shows the care that it has been given, so too does one's speech show the care given to developing their mind.

Responsorial Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16 - "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."

Second Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:54-58 - Be firm, steadfast and devoted to the work of the Lord. Your labor in this regard will not be in vain. *Where, O death, is your victory?* Thanks be to God who has given us victory over death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel of Luke 6:39-45 - A blind person cannot lead another blind person lest they both fall into a pit. Why do you see the splinter in your brother's eye but fail to see the plank in your own eye? A good tree does not bear rotten fruit. Nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. You will be known by the fruit of your own tree. A good person produces good fruit but an evil person produces evil fruit.

Sunday, March 6th (First Sunday of Lent)

First Reading from Deuteronomy 26:4-10 - Moses reminds the people that their ancestors were enslaved in Egypt, maltreated and oppressed. But when they appealed to the Lord, they were brought out of Egypt by the power of God. Having been given a land of milk and honey, the people should thank the Lord and bow down in His presence.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 - "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."

Second Reading from Romans 10:8-13 - The same Lord is Lord of all who call upon Him. Paul tells the people to confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord, knowing that God raised Him from the dead so that they all can be saved.

Gospel of Luke 4:1-13 - Following His baptism by John in the Jordan, Jesus was led into desert by the Spirit to pray for forty days before beginning His public ministry. During that time, Jesus was tempted by the devil - with three familiar temptation stories which Jesus rebukes one by one.

Sunday, March 13th (Second Sunday of Lent)

First Reading from Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 - Abram (who was to become Abraham, the Father of many nations) was told by God that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky and that God would make a covenant with Abram and give him and his nation the land from Egypt to the Euphrates to be their own.

Responsorial Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 - "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

Second Reading from the Letter to the Philippians 3:17—4:1 - Paul tells the people to be imitators of him. They should not let their minds be occupied with earthly things. Their citizenship should be in heaven. They should await the coming of their Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change their earthly body into a glorified body. So stand firm with the Lord.

Gospel of Luke 9:28-36 - The oft-repeated story of the Transfiguration of the Lord: Jesus took Peter, James and John up onto a high mountain and prayed with them. During His prayer, the face of Jesus became radiant and His clothes became dazzling white. While this was happening, the glorified presence of Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus. When the three disciples realized what was happening, they were amazed. Peter said to Jesus that it was good that there were there to witness this event. Peter offered to build three tents for Moses, Elijah and Jesus, but while they were still watching, a cloud enveloped the mountain top and a voice spoke out from heaven saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." With that, Jesus was alone and the four went down the mountain and told no one of the experience at that time.

Remember to continue to check out our parish website at: <https://holyfamily-amcan.church/>

CONTINUED SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR MARCH



Sunday, March 20th (Third Sunday of Lent)

First Reading from Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 - While Moses was tending his flock, he came to the mountain of Horeb. There, an angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in the form of a fire burning out of a bush. Moses was shocked because the bush was not being consumed by the fire but the angel was speaking from the fire. When Moses approached, the voice became that of God who called to Moses and told him to come no nearer. God told Moses that this was a holy mountain, ordained by the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God told Moses that He had heard the cry of His people enslaved in Egypt and that He would rescue them and lead them out of that land. When Moses asked what name he should give to the people of Israel, God said to tell them that "I am who I am;" and Moses did as the Lord had instructed him.

Responsorial Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 - "The Lord is kind and merciful."

Second Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 - Paul reminded the people that their ancestors passed through the sea and were baptized into Moses. They drank spiritual drink and ate spiritual food. But some displeased God and were struck down. The people should not grumble but should be thankful of all that God gives.

Gospel of Luke 13:1-9 - Repent or you shall perish, says the Lord. Jesus told the parable of the fig tree that had not produced any fruit for three years. When the owner of the orchard told the gardener to cut the tree down, the gardener pleaded with the owner to let it survive for a year and cultivate and fertilize the tree; and it will produce fruit. Then if it produces nothing, it could be cut down.

Sunday, March 27th (Fourth Sunday of Lent)



First Reading from Joshua 5:9, 10-12 - The Israelites were encamped on the plains of Jerico and celebrated the feast of Passover. The next day, they ate the produce of the land, and when they were able to eat food produced by the land itself, the manna from heaven ceased.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 - "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

Second Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 5:17-21 - The old things have passed away: the new things have come in the name of Christ, who is a new creation. God has reconciled the world to Him in the name of Christ, and so we are ambassadors for Christ as if God were speaking through us.

Gospel of Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 - When Jesus ate with the tax collectors and sinners, the Pharisees and scribes complained that Jesus welcomed sinners. So Jesus told them the recognizable parable of the Prodigal Son. When you read Luke 15:11-32, read it three times: Once from the perspective of the father who lost a son but regained him. Then from the perspective of the returning son and his squandering the wealth but was repatriated with the father. And finally from the perspective of the other son who grumbled that his father forgave the Prodigal and welcomed him back with open arms.

Monday, February 28th
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10
 Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 1st
 1 Peter 1:10-16
 Psalm 98:1-4
 Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 2nd
(Ash Wednesday)
 Joel 2:12-18
 Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17
 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 3rd
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
 Luke 9:22-25

Friday, March 4th
 Isaiah 58:1-9
 Psalm 51:3-6, 18-19
 Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, March 5th
 Isaiah 58:9b-14
 Psalm 86:1-6
 Luke 5:27-32

Monday, March 7th
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
 Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 8th
 Isaiah 55:10-11
 Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19
 Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 9th
 Jonah 3:1-10
 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
 Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 10th
 Esther C:12-16, 23-25
 Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8
 Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 11th
 Ezra 18:21-28
 Psalm 130:1-8
 Mathew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 12th
 Deuteronomy 26:16-19
 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
 Matthew 5:43-48

Monday, March 14th
 Daniel 9:4b-10
 Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, 13
 Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 15th
 Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
 Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21 and 23
 Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 16th
 Jeremiah 18:18-20
 Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16
 Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 17th
 Jeremiah 17:5-10
 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
 Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 18th
 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28
 Psalm 105:16-21
 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 19
(St. Joseph Feast Day)
 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-16
 Psalm 89:2-5, 27 and 29
 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Monday, March 21st
 2 Kings 5:1-15
 Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
 Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 22nd
 Daniel 3:25, 34-43
 Psalm 25:4-9
 Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 23rd
 Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
 Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
 Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 24th
 Jeremiah 7:23-28
 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
 Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 25th
(Feast of the Annunciation)
 Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
 Psalm 40:7-11
 Hebrews 10:4-10
 Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, March 26th
 Hosea 6:1-6
 Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21
 Luke 18:9-14

Monday, March 28th
 Isaiah 65:17-21
 Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
 John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 29th
 Ezra 47:1-9, 12
 Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
 John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 30th
 Isaiah 49:8-15
 Psalm 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18
 John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 31st
 Exodus 32:7-14
 Psalm 106:19-23
 John 5:31-47



DO GOOD ANYWAY

— by Mother Teresa

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered . . . forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives . . . be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies . . . succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you . . . be honest and frank anyway.

What you may spend years building, someone may destroy overnight . . . build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, people may be jealous . . . be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow . . . do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough . . . give the world the best you have anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it's all between you and God . . . it was never between you and them anyway.



DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Wednesday, March 2nd

During Masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.

For persons unable to attend Mass, distribution of ashes at the church will be from 9:30am to 3pm.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Palm Sunday: our regular weekend Mass schedule will apply. Distribution of palms will occur before the beginning of each Mass.

Holy Week/Easter schedules will be published in next month's bulletin.

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

With certain medical exceptions, all the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday (March 2) and on all the Fridays of the Lenten Season.

In addition (except again for medical situations), the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday (April 15) by prayerfully limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day.

N*E*W*L*E*C*T*O*R*S? & ONGOING LECTORS

Workshop training for lectors (especially for parishioners interested in taking this on as a new ministry for themselves):

DATES: March 22, 29 and April 5 (Tuesdays)

TIME: 4:30 pm-6:00 pm

PLACE : Holy Family Church

FEE: Covered by the parish!

REQUIRED READING: "Beyond Reading"
(\$23.95) available before the class starts

Reading the scriptures aloud is more than reading the words. This workshop series (with the virtual presenter on the East Coast) introduces practical techniques to turn reading into vibrant proclamation to fully bring out life within the words.

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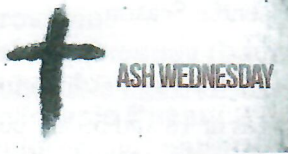
WOMEN'S CLUB SPECIAL



Stay tuned for information about a SEE'S CANDY sale for Easter treats to be sponsored by the Women's Club.

CHALLENGES FOR MARCH

- (1) Ashes have long been a symbol of repentance. But we won't go into that religious symbolism nor the reasons for signing a cross on our foreheads with ashes on each Ash Wednesday.



To answer the question, YES, traditionally the ashes are actually produced by burning the left-over palms kept from the previous Palm Sunday. Some churches store away their unused palms and the next year - on Mardi Gras Tuesday - burn them down in a fire pit to a fine powder to use the following day. The Church also allows parishes to purchase ashes from a religious goods supplier. Those suppliers say there is an art to burning the dried palms to get the best ashes: They let them smolder with no oxygen which gives them their dark charcoal color. The very fine powder of the ashes goes a long way, so most parishes are able to keep ashes in reserve from year to year, as does Holy Family. See page 6 for the schedule of distribution of ashes.

- (2) Enjoy the "Wearing of the Green" on March 17th, but when you do, don't give too much credence to the snake story ascribed to St. Patrick. Although Patrick (actually British and not Irish by birth!) did spread Christianity to Ireland, the snake story is just a myth. The legend states that Patrick once stood on a hillside in Ireland and proclaimed that all snakes would hitherto be banished from the Emerald Isle - and they disappeared. Unfortunately, no scientific evidence of fossils nor actual stories of snakes surviving the glacial period in Ireland exist, indicating that snakes were not even there in the first place. Sorry if that bursts your bubble.



LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC

MINISTERS: Remember to pick up your cross medallions before Mass, be ready for the procession, and return the crosses after Mass to the Sacristy. Thanks for your ongoing ministry to Holy Family.

LECTOR SCHEDULES

1st reader / 2nd reader

Weekend of February 26/27

5:15: David Mezzera / Catherine Pott
7:30: Ernesto Zambrano / Lucy Datiles
9:30: Betty Lorenz / Erika Myers
11:30: Rose Tamoro / Xochitl Rivera (Esp.)

Weekend of March 5/6

5:15: MFC / MFC
7:30: Hemmy Bacareza / Greg Bacareza
9:30: Josie Rubang / Kevin Kain
11:30: Danny Barcelon / Kevin Belton (Esp.)

Weekend of March 12/13

5:15: Marianne Bandril / Melita Negranza
7:30: Roselle Tamoro / Ernesto Zambrano
9:30: Eunice DeLeon / John Collins
11:30: Suzette Yturralde / Marco Pomatz (Esp.)

Weekend of March 19/20

5:15: David Mezzera / Catherine Pott
7:30: Davet Mohammed / Lucy Datiles
9:30: Marie Walton / Bill Walton
11:30: Lorenzo Serveste / Justin Sacramento

Weekend of March 26/27

5:15: Rollie Negranza / David Pott
7:30: Ernesto Zambrano / Roselle Tamoro
9:30: Betty Lorenz / Erika Myers
11:30: Rose Tamoro / Xochitl Rivera (Esp.)

EM SCHEDULES

Weekend of February 26/27

5:15: Romy Blanquera / David Pott
9:30: Carol Strausborger / Bill Walton
11:30: Francisco Jimenez / Marina Maldonado

Weekend of March 5/6

5:15: MFC
9:30: Kevin Kain / Erika Myers
11:30: Percy Barcelon / Numer Tamoro

Weekend of March 12/13

5:15: David Pott
9:30: Bannie Lee / Frank Lee
11:30: Marnel Yturralde / Danny Barcelon

Weekend of March 19/20

5:15: Rollie Negranza
9:30: Rona Yacob / Arlene Collins
11:30: Numer Tamoro / Suzette Yturralde

Weekend of March 26/27

5:15: Romy Blanquera
9:30: Carol Strausborger / Bill Walton
11:30: Francisco Jimenez / Marina Maldonado