

Annunziata Lenten Parish Mission



February 24 - 28, 2018

Preaching

*Father Sean Charles Martin
President and Professor
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**BRING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY!
INVITE A FRIEND!**

Church of the Annunziata

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday 7:00 and 7:45 a.m.
Saturday 7:00, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day Eve 5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Holy Days 7:00 and 7:45 a.m.
Holidays 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Last Sunday of the month, all the Sundays of
Advent and Lent, or anytime by calling one of
your priests at the rectory.

Holy Communion for

Homebound Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment, usually on Sunday at 12:15 p.m.
Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Only registered, active members of our parish and
their children may celebrate their weddings at
Annunziata, with a six-month preparation period.

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OUR WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

We welcome all who come and worship with us. If you wish to join our parish faith family, or have a change in your contact information, kindly complete this form. You can return it to the Rectory, place it in the collection, or give it to a Priest or Deacon.

Name _____

Cell/Phone Number _____

Address/Zip _____

Email _____

☐ Please make the above changes to my parish record. ☐ I would like our Church Family to pray for:

☐ I wish to find out more about the Catholic faith.

☐ I would like to speak with a Priest/Deacon

FROM OUR PASTOR

LENTEN PARISH MISSION



A great time of year for renewal in our Catholic Faith, enthusiasm, and a real positive shot in the arm spiritually, is the Season of Lent. Let's face it, all machines, whether they be cars, televisions or computers, sooner or later need a checkup or to see a mechanic for a tune up. People are no different. To get someone out of a rut or comfort zone, you need to program something special and out of the ordinary.

What makes a parish mission successful, unlike all other spiritual exercises, is its extraordinary preaching that is different from the best of Sunday homilies or other instructional courses. By its very nature, a parish mission has in its DNA a conversion mode.

Father Sean Martin, our Mission Preacher this year, is a New Testament Scholar. Father Martin's area of special interest is in the Letters of St. Paul. He is a great teacher and an excellent preacher. His students at the Aquinas Institute on the Campus of St. Louis University, talk about his great sense of humor, his wit, and his ability to make the Scriptures meaningful in everyday life.

I hope you and your family will join us for the three nights of the Mission. Father Martin will preach all the Masses on the weekend of February 24th/25th, and will celebrate Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 26th, 27th, and 28th with special preaching each evening.

Please invite family, friends, business associates, neighbors, to COME AND SEE!

VALENTINE'S DAY/ASH WEDNESDAY

This year, Ash Wednesday—which begins the penitential season of Lent with a day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer—falls on February 14th, Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day celebrates a third-century Christian martyr, but it has also become a celebration of romantic love, replete with chocolates, fancy prix fixe menus, roses, and an overload of candy hearts.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has clarified that Lent is more important than candy hearts, and suggested that Catholics pick some other day for paper hearts and Cupid's arrows. Catholics will not be dispensed from the laws of fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday, and are encouraged to celebrate Valentine's Day on February 13th, which is also Mardi Gras.

The obligation of fast and abstinence must naturally be the priority of the Catholic community. Catholics 18-59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics 14 and older are also required to abstain from meat on those days, and on Lenten Fridays. According to the U.S. Bishops' Conference, a person fasting "is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not to equal to a full meal." During the Season, let us pray for one another!

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10**

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ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
Office of Laity and Family Life



SIX WAYS TO PRACTICE KINDNESS FOR LENT

Like anything in life, the more we practice something the better we get at it. While it's natural to think we are kinder to those we love and see every day, the frustrations of life sometimes get in the way and it's not always the case. So why not make Lent 2018 the season you start our own kindness initiative ... beginning right in your own home. With genuine practice day in and day out you can take these habits to the wider world. Here are some suggestions:

1. Use manners more

Common courtesy seems to be on the way out in many places, but manners are one of the vestiges of humility and kindness still worth preserving, both at home and in public. Use "please," "thank you" and "your welcome" at every opportunity — when your husband hands you the remote, when you ask your child to brush his teeth or pick up the toys; the goal is to make these phrases part of your kids' verbal DNA, and you want them to be automatic for yourself — yes, even that brusque checkout cashier deserves the grace of a "have a nice day," even if you don't think he deserves it.

2. Yell less

If you have kids, this is a tough one. Even the most patient parent in the world loses it every once in a while, or many times in a while. Things get stressful, people get late, schedules get boggled, tests get failed, and fridges run empty, especially in big families. Research has shown that yelling in all forms, from general nagging to insults and humiliation, is not benign — it's damaging and leads to behavior problems later on. So take a deep breath, count to five, and speak calmly and with love.

3. Spend less time on your phone (and more time with them)

Your time is perhaps the most valuable thing you can give to anyone, so why not start with your kids? Log out of Facebook and forget about checking the latest news alerts till later. Being present is being loving.

4. Look for small kindness "opportunities"

Service is a great way to instill kindness in your kids, but it doesn't have to involve a big organized effort. Bring a bag with you next time you go on a walk in the park and pick up litter, or help an elderly woman with her bags at the grocery store.

5. Stop road raging

We should practice being kind, even when the other person is "anonymous" — case in point, in the car. With incidents like scary road rage, it's no wonder why kindness has a tough time surviving on the roadways. Buck this trend, especially when your kids are in the car. The next time you get cut off (and you will), be compassionate and tell your kids it's important to give the driver the benefit of the doubt. Maybe she's late picking up her toddler at day care, or he's rushing off to a family emergency. You don't know and it really doesn't matter ... you should be kind whether others are or not.

6. Share a daily act of "kindness" at the dinner table

Ask everyone to share something "kind" they did that day, however big or small. If someone doesn't have anything to offer, they'll be inspired to make sure they make the effort to come to the table with something the next day. Kindness is addictive, after all.



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LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
Captain Patrick Collins, U.S. Army
Captain Courtney Fox, U.S. Army
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Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers
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*Almighty God, Our Father,
We ask that you bless the men and women of our Armed Forces.
Give them courage, hope and strength.
Grant strength and peace of mind to all the veterans who served and sacrificed for our
country. For all those suffering from the physical or spiritual wounds of war,
We pray Lord that you surround them, embrace them, lift them from darkness and despair and
heal them with your Merciful Love.
Be with the military families waiting for the safe return of their loved ones
sustaining them in faith, hope and love.
Hear us Lord as we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*

***** Please contact the Rectory to add a loved one's name. *****



Pastoral Associate Corner

JESUS HEALS

I am sharing excerpts from this Sunday's 'Day by Day' Magnificat meditation; '*Jesus Heals*', written by Pope Benedict XVI. It powerfully resonated with my experience during my husband's recent illness and subsequent death... (*Magnificat*, Feb 2018, vol. 19, No. 12, pp 71-72.)



Today's Gospel speaks of a Jesus who heals the sick. First it was Peter's mother in law; then he healed many and cast out demons in Capernaum from those sick in body, mind, and spirit.

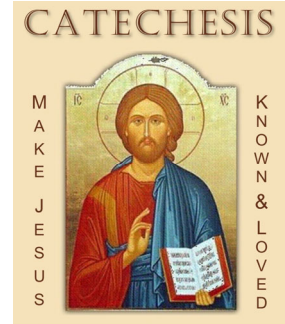
"Illness is in fact a sign of the action of evil in the world and in people, whereas healing shows that the Kingdom of God, God himself, is at hand. Jesus Christ came to defeat evil at the root, and instances of healing are an anticipation of his triumph, obtained with his Death and Resurrection... however illness is always a trial that can become long and

difficult. When healing does not happen and suffering is prolonged...how should we react?"..."the Word of God teaches us that there is a crucial basic attitude with which to face illness is that of faith in God, in His goodness."

"...Even in the face of death, faith *in the love of God* can make possible what is humanly impossible...Just as Jesus confronted the Evil One with the power of love that came to him from the Father, so we too can confront and live through the trial of illness, keeping our heart immersed in God's love."

"We all know people who were able to bear terrible suffering because God gave them profound serenity...Nonetheless, in sickness we all need human warmth: to comfort a sick person, what counts more than words is serene and sincere closeness."

...IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE

**This weekend, February 4th:**

- **4th Grade:** 9:00 a.m. Family Mass.

Next weekend, February 11th:

- **6th Grade:** Reconciliation
- **2nd Grade:** Sandwich Sunday in Faris Hall

Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2018.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is invited to participate in this lively discussion of the Bible, which meets every other Monday from 7:30 - 8:10 a.m. in Faris Hall. For more information, please call Don Carmody at 314-854-8600.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
FEBRUARY 5, 2018.**

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

Donald E. Lasater	February 5, 2016
Edmund J. Pung	February 5, 2001
Margaret Loretta Vollmer	February 5, 2002
Alexander J. Muckerman	February 6, 1980
J. John Brouk	February 8, 2004
Robert D. Mattis, M.D.	February 9, 1997
Edwin H. Wagner	February 9, 1982
Charles F. "Trip" Bates, III	February 11, 2015

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 5 - 11, 2018:**

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

Because of the Federal Privacy Act there is no longer a "clergy list" at any of our hospitals. If you are admitted to a hospital, and they ask you if you would like your priest to be notified, **please say "yes call my parish priest at Annunziata at 993-4422."**

If you know ahead of time you will be admitted, please call your priest at the Rectory and he will readily offer you the Sacrament of the Anointing.

If you know of a parishioner who is hospitalized, please do not assume we know, call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 3

7:00 a.m. John Wehrle
9:00 a.m. Daniel K. Miller
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, February 4

7:00 a.m. Lee Savage
9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
11:00 a.m. Ted Thornhill

Monday, February 5

7:00 a.m. Sue George
7:45 a.m. Don C. Musick, Jr. &
Family

Tuesday, February 6

7:00 a.m. John Shields
7:45 a.m. Clarence Sweets

Wednesday, February 7

7:00 a.m. Lydia & William Lackland
7:45 a.m. Special Intention (Kelly
Holton)

Thursday, February 8

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Maginnis
7:45 a.m. Wilma Hayden

Friday, February 9

7:00 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory
7:45 a.m. Claire Shields

Saturday, February 10

7:00 a.m. Grace C. Reynolds
9:00 a.m. George Stephenson
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, February 11

7:00 a.m. Erin Ahearn
9:00 a.m. Margot Schenk
11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, February 3

5:00 p.m.

Lector:

Steve Clark

Eucharistic Minister:

Suzanne Collins

Server:

Audrey Mahoney

Sunday, February 4

7:00 a.m.

Lector:

David Holton

Servers:

9:00 a.m. - 4th Grade
PSR Family Mass

Lector:

4th Grade PSR
Avery Henriksen
Isabella Tornabene

Eucharistic Ministers:

Meg Griesedieck
Chris Griesedieck

Servers:

4th Grade PSR
Ava Fichter
Sean Goddard
Chase Murphy

11:00 a.m.

Lector:

Rick Manley

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jane Garvin
Donna Heckler

Server:

Maggie Gonzalez

Saturday, February 10

5:00 p.m.

Lector:

Kathy Driscoll

Eucharistic Ministers:

Marty Bickel
Gil Bickel

Servers:

Catherine Farley
Jack Hayes
Paige Hayes

Sunday, February 11

7:00 a.m.

Lector:

Eleanor Ferry

Servers:

9:00 a.m.

Lector:

Bill McDowell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Marilyn Morrison
Geoff Morrison

Servers:

Katie Todorovich
Katie Donnelly
Lizanne Donnelly

11:00 a.m.

Lector:

Gene Cunningham

Eucharistic Ministers:

Cindy Cunningham
Sally O'Hallaron

Servers:

Drew Danforth
Chase Murphy