

MORE TO PRAY

Tuesday: *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” (John 3:16)*

Jesus came into this world to do what we could not do for ourselves. *“He died, but He vanquished death; in Himself He put an end to what we feared; He took it upon himself and he vanquished it, as a mighty hunter He captured and slew the lion.” (St. Augustine)*

Wednesday: *“Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)*

Jesus came into this world to bring us to the Father, to be our model of holiness. *“In all your deeds and words you should look upon this Jesus as your model. Do so whether you are walking or keeping silence, or speaking, whether you are alone or with others.” (St. Bonaventure)*

Thursday: *“For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the spirit.” (1 Peter 3:18)*

Jesus died in our place to pay the penalty for our sins. *“Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent.” (St. John of the Cross)*

Friday: *“Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2: 5-11)*

Take time to ponder the passion of Jesus by praying the *Stations of the Cross*, on your own or in community with the parish today (9:00 am and 7:00 pm). Use the crucifix and prayer card provided at the Mission as a reminder to “connect” yourself to His cross.

Saturday: Take time to review your week. Have you turned to the Blessed Mother this week to ask for graces to “Do as Jesus would do” during your weekly challenges?

FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

Jesus said, *“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.” (Matthew 11: 29)* He had a special affection for the little and the poor. This week, follow the example of Jesus by making a sacrifice of your time, talent, and treasure to serve the poor and marginalized. See the Lenten Mission webpage for suggestions:

<http://standrewapostle.org/parish-lenten-mission-2018/>

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Mission Leader: Father Daniel P. Leary

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

**WEEK 2:
THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL**

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MORE TO LEARN

- ◆ We were created in the image and likeness of God, and are meant to live in unity, friendship, and harmony with Him. (CCC 355)
- ◆ Our image can never be removed, but our likeness to God becomes disfigured by sin. (CCC 1701)
- ◆ In the Old Testament, God showed people how to live by observance of the Law, but did not of itself give the strength, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, to fulfill it. (CCC 1962)
- ◆ God intervened in the history of humanity by sending Jesus, who showed us how to live in right relationship with the Father. (CCC 456-460)
- ◆ Jesus paid the price for our sins because of God's love for us. (CCC 430, 604)
- ◆ The New Law is the grace of the Holy Spirit received by faith in Christ, operating through charity. It uses the sacraments to communicate grace to us. (CCC 1983)
- ◆ The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." (CCC 1324)
- ◆ We are invited to respond to what God has given us, the invitation in the Gospel to walk in the way of Christ, led by the Holy Spirit who inspires, guides, corrects, and strengthens us. (CCC 1691-1698)

MY NOTES:

MORE TO SHARE

- ◆ Jesus asked his apostles, "Who do you say that I am?" If someone asked you, "Who is Jesus?" how would you respond? Have there been times in your life when your knowledge of Jesus increased significantly? What were the circumstances?
- ◆ We encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the source and summit of our faith. How has Christ in the Blessed Sacrament been "the living bread come down from Heaven" (the words above our tabernacle) in your life? How is your faith strengthened? How are you consoled?
- ◆ Mary is Jesus' mother and our mother, too. In what ways does she help us to understand the mystery of the Incarnation? What does she teach us about cooperating with God's grace?
- ◆ Jesus was crucified at Passover. How does that help you understand the meaning of Jesus' title, "Lamb of God," which we pray at every Mass? How does that title deepen your love for Jesus and his sacrifice?

MORE TO PRAY

Daily Prayer for the Week: Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, bear me. Within Your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from You. From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to You that with your saints I may praise You for ever and ever. Amen.

Daily Reflections

Monday: *"And thus death spread to all men, because all sinned." (Romans 5:12)*

We have all made choices showing we are inclined to sin, resulting in spiritual death and separation from God. Pray the rosary individually or with your family (*The Joyful Mysteries*). Ask the Blessed Mother to give you the grace to resist sin and to persist in your Lenten journey. If you're new to this devotion, use the brochure provided at the Mission.