

**SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**First Friday, February 6-**

6:00 p.m.- Susan Janak & Jerome Bujnoch

**Sunday, February 8-**

9:15 a.m.- Herbert & Rosie Bludau

**Sunday, February 15-**

9:15 a.m.- Anton & Julie Sassin

**Ash Wednesday, February 18-**

*(Day of Fast & Abstinence)*

6:00 p.m.- Franklin Chastecka

**Friday, February 20 (Day of Abstinence)**

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

**Sunday, February 22 (First Sunday of Lent) -**

9:15 a.m.- James Konvicka

**Friday, February 27 (Day of Abstinence)**

9:15 a.m. – Stations of the Cross

**Sunday, March 1 (Second Sunday of Lent) -**

9:15 a.m.- Marvin & Susan Bujnoch's 40th Anniversary

**Rosary Leaders:**

Feb. 8-Joyce Janak

Feb. 15-Lucille Klekar

Feb. 22-Dorothy Schneider

Mar. 1-Sandy Konvicka

**Lectors:**

Feb. 8-Pat Mladenka

Feb. 15-Dedie Dobbs

Feb. 22-Dorothy Schneider

Mar. 1-Daniel Matula

**Cantors:**

Feb. 8-Choir-Lucille Klekar

Feb. 15-Ruth Rouse

Feb. 22-Richard Rouse

Mar. 1-Laurence Bludau

**Offertory Gift Bearers:**

Feb. 8-Barbara Kanak & Family

Feb. 15-Gussie Kelnar

Feb. 22-Bryan & Julia Klekar

Mar. 1-Marvin & Susan Bujnoch

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Feb. 8-Dedie Dobbs, Trina Bludau, Pat Pesek & Carol Rother

Feb. 15-Janice Rother, Evelyn Konvicka, Billy & Bev Hrcir

Feb. 22-Vivian Mozisek, Richard Sommerlatte, Tony & Joyce Bludau

Mar. 1-Edward & Sandra Pustka, Leon & Nancy Etzler

**Ushers:**

Feb. 8-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Feb. 15-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish & Charles Grafe

Feb. 22-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar & Sidney Jasek

Mar. 1-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

**Church Cleaners:**

Feb. 7-Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik & Ruth Rouse

Feb. 14-Katherine & Vic Kahaneck, Sharon Janak

Feb. 21-Sharon Henrichs, Lisa Matula, & Laura Matula

Feb. 28-Barbara Matula, Monica Matula & Susan Bujnoch

**Altar Servers:**

Feb. 8-Ryan & Adam Hermes, Clay & Blake Rother

Feb. 15-Jacob Janak, Emilie & Ryan Mudd, & Kaitlyn Rother

Feb. 18-(Ash Wednesday)Josh Bludau, Ryan Hermes, Michael & Robbie Perdziak

Feb. 22-Derek & Kevin Konvicka, Allexus Mizera & Luke Scherer

Mar. 1-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Michael & Robbie Perdziak

**Promise of Marriage:**

McKenzie Schindler and Jared Krischke on Saturday, March 14.



***From the Desk of Msgr. John***

Wednesday, February 18, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Lent is the penitential season of the Church's year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter vigil and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Then the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally, the Lenten season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

During the weekdays of Lent there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat. After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten-Easter Season.

**Donations to St. Mary's Altar Society**

Billy & Bev Hrcncir/Hrncir Auto Worx-\$250.00  
Tony & Joyce Bludau-\$30.00  
Leon & Nancy Etzler-\$10.00

**Christmas Flower Donation**

Carol & Laurence Bludau-\$25.00  
Lucille Klekar

**Meeting Notice**

**KJT District III meeting is set for Sunday, March 15, 2015.** Mass will be at 9:15 a.m. at St. Mary's Church for living and deceased members. Registration, brunch & meeting will follow immediately at St. Mary's Hall. Hope to see you all.

**Special Thanks** to the following individuals, families and organizations for their time and efforts for our Church. May God bless each one of you.

- Bernice Schulte-Sharing tree
- Billy & Amy Gerke Family-Indoor Nativity & indoor decorations
- Doris & Logan Mixon, Megan Klesel-Garland on the railings, putting poinsettias on the altar & maintaining outdoor planters with seasonal plants throughout the year
- Richard Sommerlatte & Crew-Putting up the outdoor nativity
- KJZT #53-Wied-donation of the seasonal altar cloths
- Pat Mladenka-Hemming altar cloths and making the altar toppers

**Memorials to St. Mary's Cemetery**

In memory of Franklin Chastecka:

Mike & Helen Technik-\$20; Carolyn & Don Hagain-\$20; Elroy & Barbara Holik-\$20; Edward & Sandra Pustka-\$10

**Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society**

In memory of Emil Grahmann:

James & Barbara Matula-\$10

In memory of Franklin Chastecka:

Melvin & Joyce Janak-\$20; Larry & Carolyn Svetlik-\$20



**Memorials to St. Mary's Memorial Fund**

In memory of Franklin Chastecka: Dennis Walleck-\$20; James, Vernell & Gene Kutach-\$10  
In memory of Martin Pustka: M/M Ross Sommers-\$100  
In memory of Louanne Luehrmann: Sharon Janak Family, Roman & Miranda Henke Family-\$30

**Financial Report - January, 2015**

**Income**

Sunday Collections.....\$5,010.00  
Children's Collections..... 85.50  
Hall Rentals..... 850.00  
Church..... 150.00  
Memorials..... 130.00  
Church in Latin America..... 40.00  
Flowers..... 25.00  
Total Income \$6,290.50

**Expenses**

Hall.....\$ 485.00  
Utilities..... 1,605.98  
Maintenance..... 300.00  
Office..... 500.00  
Administration..... 357.00  
Health Insurance..... 406.00  
Priest's Pension Plan..... 94.00  
Church Expense..... 50.00  
Diocese of Victoria.....11,880.72  
(Property & Building Insurance)  
Total Expenses \$15,678.70

Beginning Balance.....\$64,115.32  
Income..... 6,290.50  
Expenses..... 15,678.70  
Balance.....\$54,727.12

**Altar Society Annual Report 2014**

**Income:**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections.....\$1,468.00  
Memorials..... 1,175.00  
Donations..... 668.00  
Christmas Flowers (2013)..... 165.00  
Easter Flowers..... 145.00  
Refund from Altar Servers 2013  
Christmas Party..... 50.00  
Total Income..... \$ 3,671.00

**Expenses:**

Sacco..... \$ 231.05  
(Altar Supplies, Sanctuary Candles)  
Jo's Green Hut ..... 379.00  
(Easter Flowers, Bows)  
Wal-Mart..... 105.57  
(Cleaning Supplies, Paper Towels, Etc)  
Education of Seminarians..... 250.00  
First Communion Brunch..... 82.07  
First Communion Booklets,  
Statues & Rosaries..... 108.00  
Discalced Carmelite Nuns..... 365.00  
(Altar Bread)  
Star Cleaners (2-Chasubles/Albs).. 296.00  
Fr. Daniel Danso-Farewell Gift.. 50.00  
May Crowning Flowers..... 55.16  
Designs by Donna..... 86.40  
(2-Pentecost Arrangements)  
Going Away Party..... 150.00  
All Souls Day Votive Candles..... 50.00  
Msgr. John's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gift 100.00  
Feast Day (Soup/Sandwich)..... 230.00  
Christmas Garland, Bows, Etc. 100.00  
Altar Server Christmas Party..... 200.00  
Christmas Gifts..... 150.00  
(3 Priests and 2 Deacons)  
Total Expenses..... \$2,988.25

Balance on 12/31/13.....\$3,996.10  
Income for 2013..... 3,671.00  
Less Expenses for 2013..... 2,988.25  
Balance on 12/31/14.....\$4,678.85

**Report given by: Katherine Kahanek**

**Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas**

Grant me,  
O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you,  
a heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance  
in waiting for you,  
and a hope of  
finally embracing you.  
Amen.

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February 2015

**Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches**

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Peter Damian

Born in 1072, Peter was orphaned at a young age. He escaped poor treatment by one brother when the other took him away to school where he trained to become a professor.

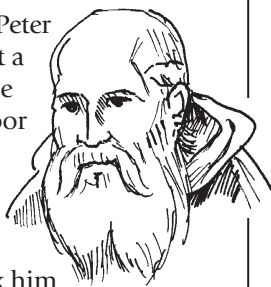
Peter practiced strict penances and spent many hours in prayer. Soon he left teaching to become a Benedictine. Pope Stephen IX made Peter cardinal of Ostia and he instituted reforms and ended many abusive practices in the Church. He wrote extensively and was declared a Doctor of the Church.

### Mass for Lent

Consider increasing your Mass attendance from once in a while to every Sunday, or from every Sunday to several days a week. Trade an hour of television each day for an hour of prayer. The extra grace will see you through the season of Lent.

*"You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever"*

Psalm 16:11.



## Self-denial is not just for Lent

Society tells us that we are entitled to whatever we want whenever we want it. Yet Jesus said, *"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me"* (Matthew 16:24). The ability to say "no" to ourselves is critical for achieving goals and overcoming temptations.

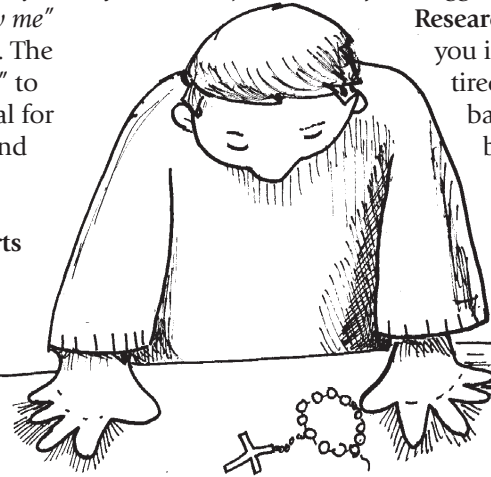
**Self-denial starts with deliberate choices.** To live a disciplined life – key to reaching any important goal – means choosing to be ruled by deliberate choices rather than by emotions, bad habits, or the influence of others. Practicing self-denial prepares us for the lean times in life that are outside of our control.

**Learn what tempts you.** Make a list of

that which you have most difficulty regulating. For example, you may find food, using bad language, and gossip to be your biggest temptations.

**Research your triggers.** Do you indulge when you are tired? Insecure? Around bad company? Read books or articles about the areas that present difficulty. Becoming informed helps you make the right decision when you are tempted to make the wrong choice. Make an action plan.

**Distract yourself.** When you feel the urge to lose self-control, pull out your Rosary, go for a walk, drink a glass of water. This will derail the train of thought and give you time to regain your self-discipline.



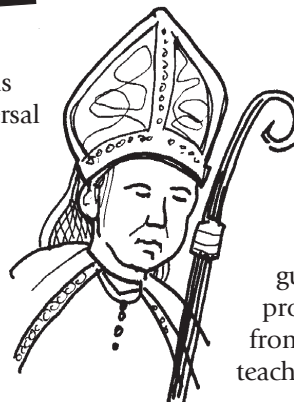
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics follow bishops?

After his resurrection, Jesus sent his Apostles on a universal mission: *"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"* (Matthew 28:19-20).

The Apostles left bishops as their successors to

continue teaching the faith. The pope and the bishops form the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Church. The Magisterium, guided by the Holy Spirit, protects Church teaching from serious mistakes and teaches us how to live our faith.

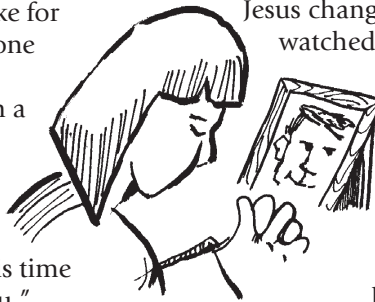




## Intercessory prayer – a double blessing

When we pray for others, we offer powerful help for someone in need. It's the best action we can take for others. Intercessory prayer is also a gift for the one who prays.

**Prayers of friends can save.** Remember when a group of friends lowered a paralyzed man through a roof so Jesus could cure him (Mark 2:1-12)? Jesus was clearly touched by their devotion. His usual response when asked for healing was, "your faith has saved you." This time he said, "The faith of your friends has saved you."



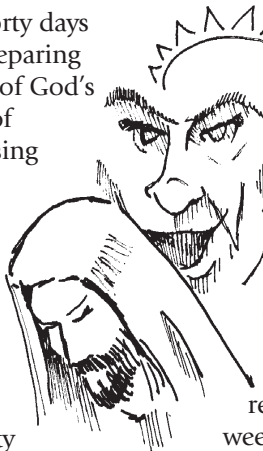
**Place friends' needs before Jesus.** In the Gospel story, Jesus changed the man's life and amazed all who watched. Imagine the kind of difference we can each make when we ask Jesus to help our friends.

**Prayer blesses both the one who prays and the one prayed for.** Those for whom we pray are blessed by the positive effect of our prayers. We are also blessed by the connection prayer gives us to God and by seeing the results of our prayers.

### from Scripture

### Mark 1:12-15, Triumph in the desert

Led by the Holy Spirit after his baptism, Jesus spent forty days fasting in the desert preparing for his ministry. Many of God's chosen spent periods of preparation and cleansing before undertaking important work in his service. Moses spent forty days fasting with God on Mt. Zion at the giving of the Law (Exodus 34:28). The Israelites scouted the Promised Land for forty days (Numbers 13:25) and wandering in the wilderness for forty years before entering it (Numbers 14:34).



In the desert, Jesus was tempted by Satan. Temptations surround us as part of our fallen world. Satan constantly works to tear us away from God. Jesus was not immune from his efforts but triumphed over Satan fully.

The best way for us to resist Satan and the presence of evil is to stay in a state of grace. We do this by going to Confession frequently, receiving the Eucharist at least every week, and praying as often during the day as we can. When we keep ourselves in God's presence, Satan and his temptations won't have a chance.

### Q & A

### Why do we say, "God is love?"

Love is an exchange between persons. In Scripture – God's inspired word –



God's love for us is compared to the love between family members: a father for his son, a mother for her children, a husband for his wife. We say "God is love" (1 John 4:8), because he himself is an eternal exchange of love (CCC 221).

Throughout the Old Testament, God continually showed his people, Israel, proofs of this love. He never stopped saving them, forgiving them, and providing for them. God does the same for us today.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). Jesus showed us the Father's love in words and deeds. He taught us to call God, "Our Father," forgave people's sins, healed their sickness, and fed them. Christ expressed this love perfectly on the Cross. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 14:13).

### Feasts & Celebrations

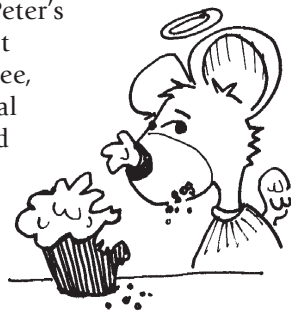
Lent begins February 18th, and commemorates the **Passion of Our Lord**. One observance is to pray before the Stations of the Cross in church and meditate on Jesus' journey to Calvary.

**February 14 – St. Cyril (869).** Along with his brother St. Methodius, St. Cyril was a missionary, teacher, and patron of the Slavic people. He invented an alphabet still used in some Eastern liturgies, and preached the Gospel in an easily understood manner. He died in Rome after taking the monastic habit.

**February 21 – St. Peter Damian**

(1072). Childhood deprivation may have created a desire for an austere life. St. Peter Damian became a devoted and disciplined monk but was called to service as a bishop and served as advisor to seven popes. He retired to monastic life and died in the care of his brother monks.

**February 22 — St. Peter's Chair.** Marking St. Peter's establishment of the Holy See, on this festival we thank God for his Church and pray for its holy preservation.



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