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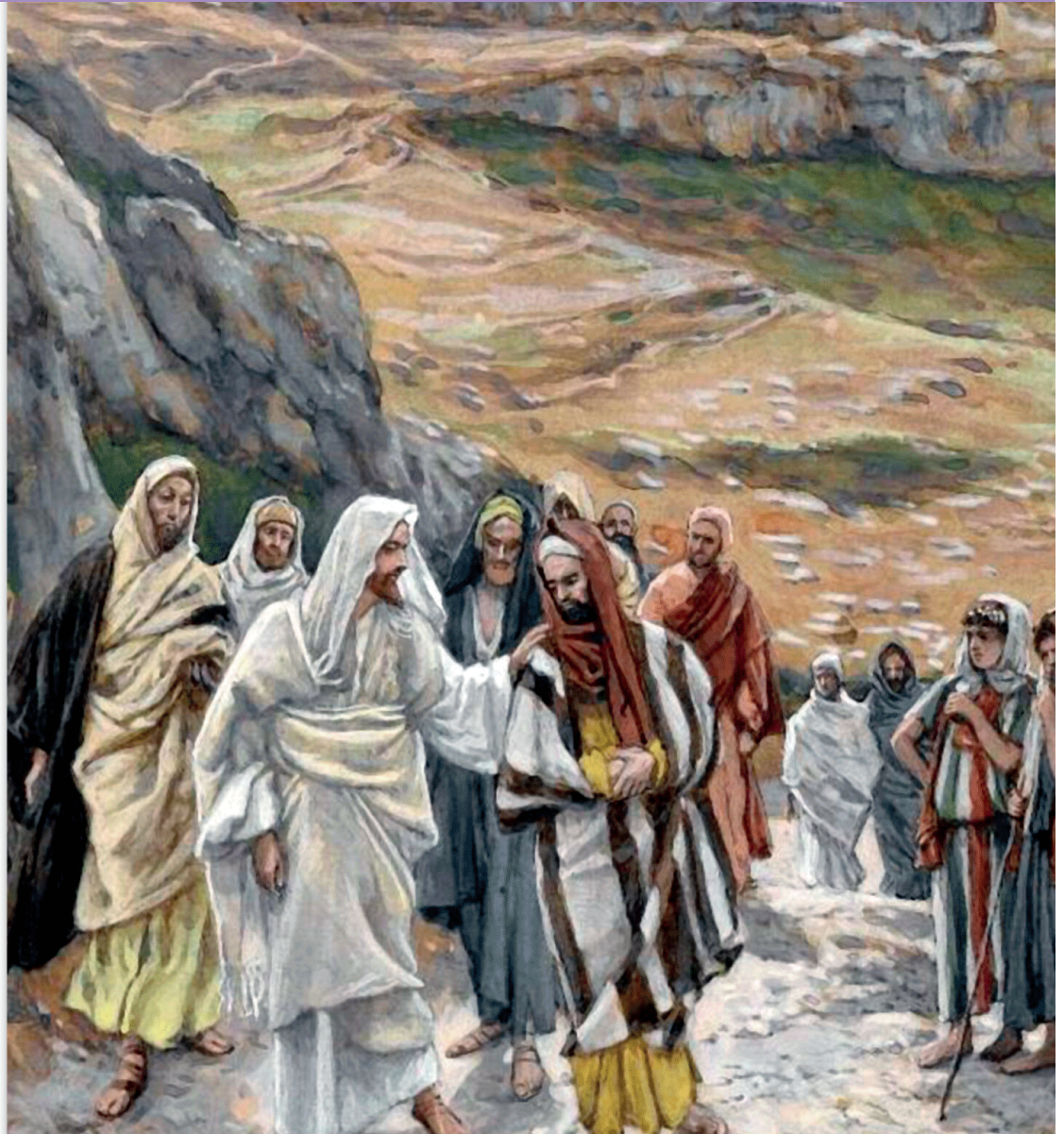
Very Rev. Grzegorz P. Podwysocki • Pastor

The 5th Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

“The hour has
come for the
Son of Man
to be glorified.
Amen, amen,
I say to you,
unless a grain of
wheat falls to the
ground and dies,
it remains just
a grain of wheat;
but if it dies,
it produces
much fruit.”

John 12: 23,24

Jesus Discourses with His
Disciples by James Tissot
Circa 1886-1894



Weekday Mass

Tues-Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 4:00pm (English)

Sunday 7:30am (English)

Sunday 9:00am (Polish)

Sunday 10:30am (English)

Sunday 12:00pm (Polish)

Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

1st Friday 5:30-6:45pm

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Website

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday March 19

† Wincenty Bryja

Wednesday March 20

† Leona Howard

- Staff and students of the Universities in the Diocese

Thursday March 21

† Edward Bialecke

† Gertrude Bialecke

- St. Joseph Rockdale

Friday March 22

- Linda Mitchell

- Immaculate Conception Mission, Roberts

Saturday March 23 4:00pm

† Michelle Jellish

† Michael Ernest

Sunday March 24 7:30am

† Kristen Newberry

Sunday March 24 9:00am

- Jozef Lepak

Sunday March 24 10:30am

† Graciela Picciolini

Sunday March 24 12:00pm

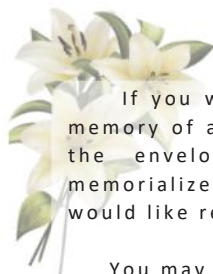
† Małgorzata Marian Wadowski

† Mizia, Levandoski, Harper, Garcia & Zivat Families

† Aleksander Maria Bizub



Create a clean heart in me



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

If you wish to contribute to the Easter flowers and decorations in memory of a loved one, the envelopes are available in the Narthex. On the envelope, include the name(s) of those you would like memorialized. Please print legibly! For each person (or couple) you would like remembered, we suggest an offering of \$5 or more.

You may put the envelope in the collection basket or turn it in at the office no later than Sunday, March 24th.

This memorial will be in the bulletin the weekend after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday).

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS



Madeline Gogol



Oliver Cwik



Julia Wojewoda

recently Baptized into our faith

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



The lamps this week burn for...

† Thomas & Penny Smith and Family

† Zigmund & Arlene Sowinski and sons

Please pray for the reposed soul of our parishioner



Zygmunt Nieradka

who entered eternal life on March 10th





St. Joseph's Corner

The Fifth Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of Passiontide. In these last two weeks of Lent, we prepare by sharpening our focus on Christ's Passion. As we live out Passiontide, our churches cover the crosses and images. All of this is in preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum.

Why are Crosses and Images Veiled?

The veiling and other Lenten changes to the order of the Mass—like the absence of the Gloria and changing the Gospel Acclamation—help to illustrate our exile from heaven.

God Loves His People Unceasingly

By the time of the Prophet Jeremiah, God had made four covenants with his people: The Noahic Covenant, The Abrahamic Covenant, the Mosaic Covenant, and the Davidic Covenant. God's chosen people continued to break each covenant and disobey God. Therefore, each new covenant represents God's mercy and love for His chosen people, a new chance for redemption.

Jeremiah foretells the New Covenant—a covenant that will be written into our hearts instead of on stone tablets (Jer. 31:33). This is a covenant of love instead of obligation. We continue to fail to love God fully, yet God's response to our failure is to love us more.

Jesus, the Paschal Sacrifice

The New Covenant is instituted at the Last Supper when Jesus proclaims, "This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant in My blood" (Luke 22:20). Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant. He tells us of the paschal sacrifice He must endure for our sake. He speaks of His death—"this hour" (John 12:27)—and that He came for this purpose.

While preparing for Holy Week, we must reflect on the Paschal Mystery, a doctrine at the core of what it means to be Christian. Christ's work of redemption accomplished principally by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, whereby 'dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life'" (1067; cf. 654).

Our Role in Our Salvation

In the New Covenant, God promises to forgive our sins and accept us in communion with Him if we turn our hearts toward Him. Jesus explains that if the grain of wheat does not fall and die, it remains only a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it will bear much fruit. We, too, must let that which keeps us from God fall from our lives and die (John 12:24).

We are not meant for life in this world. Our tendency to cling to the material nature of this world will ultimately cost us our lives. Jesus tells us to hate the life of this world. If we wish to serve Him, we must follow Him by keeping His commandments and modeling our life after Him.

As husbands and fathers, we must lead our families by example, imitating Christ's life, following His commandments, and letting die the attachments to this world. Only then can we hope to bear fruit in the world to come.

-Sebastian Abbinanti

FAITH FORMATION

For further information on any of the items below, or on the Religious Education program, please contact Janet Litterio in the Faith Formation Office at **708-301-0214**. **FAX #: 708-301-6356**.

Visit our parish website omgccc.org for the RE schedule and other Faith Formation information throughout the year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

March 20- Class

*****March 27-Reconciliation Gr 3-7 CHURCH*****

Grades 1 and 2 are off.

April 3—CLASS

April 10—CLASS



St. Joseph is the foster father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He's the patron saint of fathers. Joseph is also the protector of the Church. He's one of the patrons of refugees, because he took Mary and Jesus, when Jesus was a baby, to safety in Egypt, to flee the wrath of the tyrannical King Herod. Joseph is also the patron saint of laborers, because he was a working man, a carpenter. He's the patron saint of families and, here's a beautiful one, he's the patron saint of those who are dying.



Saint Patrick was born in England, but when he was a teenager, he was captured by Irish pirates who took him to Ireland as a slave. After six years, Saint Patrick escaped and returned to England and his family.

When Saint Patrick became a priest, he traveled back to Ireland as a missionary so that he could teach the people about God. He used examples to explain the mysteries of the faith in simple ways. One day, Saint Patrick compared the Trinity to a shamrock. He said that the shamrock has three leaves, but it is only one plant. In the same way, God is three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—but one God. God used Saint Patrick's kidnapping to convert the Irish people. In our lives, God uses the bad times to bring about a good we do not always see. We must be patient and trust Him.

RECONCILIATION



Lenten Reconciliation Friday March 22nd 7pm

The entering and exit procedures will be the same as our previous events. Entrance will only be through the Adoration Chapel door (formerly the staff entrance). After entering, volunteers will direct you where to line up. After you have finished confession and penance, you will exit through the Narthex doors. We appreciate your cooperation. We are expecting a large volume of people, so please plan accordingly. Multiple bilingual priests will be hearing Confession.

Spowiedź wielkopostna odbędzie się 22 marca o godzinie 7:00pm

Procedury wejścia i wyjścia będą takie same jak w poprzednich wydarzeniach spowiedzi. Wejście będzie możliwe tylko przez drzwi Adoracji Kaplicy, które wcześniej służyły jako wejście dla personelu. Po wejściu wolontariusze skierują Cię, gdzie się ustawić. Po zakończeniu spowiedzi i pokuty, wyjdziesz przez drzwi znajdujące się z tyłu kościoła. Dziękujemy za współpracę. Spodziewamy się dużej liczby osób, dlatego prosimy o odpowiednie zaplanowanie dnia. Kilku dwujęzycznych księży będzie dostępnych do spowiedzi.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday March 28

5:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper English
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Polish
8:00pm Adoration at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday March 29

2:30pm Stations of the Cross English
3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord English
7:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Polish
8:00pm-11:00pm Adoration at the Tomb

Holy Saturday March 30

11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm:
Basket Blessing Bilingual
7:30pm Easter Vigil Bilingual
9:00pm-10:00pm Adoration at the Tomb

Easter Sunday March 31

5:30am Resurrection Mass Polish
7:30am Mass English
9:00am Mass Polish
10:30am Mass English
12:00pm Mass Polish

ROZKŁAD MSZY ŚWIĘTYCH NA WIELKI TYDZIEŃ POSTU

Wielki Czwartek:

5:00pm Msza Święta po angielsku
7:00pm Msza Święta po polsku

Wielki Piątek:

2:30pm Droga Krzyżowa po angielsku
3:00pm Liturgia po angielsku
7:00pm Liturgia po polsku

Wielka Sobota - Wigilia Paschalna:

11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm:
Poświęcenie pokarmów o godzinie
7:30pm Dwujęzyczna Msza Wigilijna

Niedziela Wielkanocna:

5:30am Msza Święta Rezurekcyjna
7:30am Msza Święta po angielsku
9:00am Msza Święta po polsku
10:30am Msza Święta po angielsku
12:00pm Msza Święta po polsku

Bishop Hicks' Column

March 2024

SUPER BOWL SURPRISE



ON A SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, I gathered with my family and friends to watch the Super Bowl. It was entertaining hearing everyone's reasons for gathering around the game that day. Some were cheering on a particular team or player. Others couldn't

wait to view the halftime show or catch a glimpse of Taylor Swift. A few just relished being in the company of friends and family and indulging in the abundance of food and drink. Regardless of each person's motivation, the Super Bowl provided us with an opportunity to come together in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.

I enjoyed the gathering and the game for all those reasons, but I must admit many of the commercials left me confused! I found myself asking, "What was that commercial about?" or, "What product were they trying to sell? I just don't get it!" Thankfully, there were plenty of younger people around to explain curious ads to me.

Then, to my surprise, a 30-second commercial popped up featuring the actors Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie. I did a double-take and blurted out in surprise, "Wait a minute! Did they just actually run a positive, CATHOLIC commercial?!" I convinced my family and friends to rewind it and rewatch it with me three times. Amazingly, the commercial urged viewers to take a break from the game, thank God, and enjoy a moment of prayer on this Sunday. The ad highlighted a 40-day Lenten prayer challenge to be found on the Hallow app. The last three words in the commercial nudged us to "Stay prayed up." If you have not yet seen this commercial, you can find it on Hallow's YouTube channel ([hallow.com/youtube](https://www.hallow.com/youtube)).

I'm already a subscriber to the Hallow app. But I immediately clicked to join the 40-day prayer challenge which began on Ash Wednesday. It seems I was not alone in heeding that call! The day after Ash Wednesday, the Hallow app reached the number-one spot in Apple's App Store. I'm liking this structured and intentional Lenten challenge; it has enhanced my further spiritual growth during this season of Lent.

Here's what's stirred me: the Pray40 Community Prayer Challenge offers a different, well-prepared meditation or reflection from a variety of presenters, including Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Sister Mary Bernice, M.C.; Sister Miriam James, S.O.L.T.; and Father Mike Schmitz. Many of the days guide us through the astonishing, spiritual classic, *He Leadeth Me*, written by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. Fr. Walter was a Jesuit priest and missionary, imprisoned for more than 20 years in the Soviet Union. Amidst horrific and brutal conditions, Fr. Walter underwent a profound spiritual journey. He surrendered his life to God and gifted us with an extraordinary example of faith, humility, and hope in Christ.

I've noticed several testimonials about the positive, spiritual effects of using the Hallow app this Lent. One that was moving was from a man who shared "Hallow right now is bringing me back to my faith and I will see where it goes. I abandoned my Catholic upbringing because I struggle with religion being the root of so much division and war in our world. I've just recently introduced Hallow and am taking great comfort in welcoming God back into my life."

This Lent, I've been trying to spend less time on social media and more time in quiet and meditative prayer. So it seems like a paradox to me that Hallow's Lent Pray40 challenge is leading me back to my phone. Yet, using this particular app doesn't make me feel like I just wasted a large chunk of time—instead, it's guided me to feeling nourished, inspired, and blessed during my Lenten journey.

This Lent, I've noticed how many people are seeking to go deeper spiritually. So many yearn to return to God and the Church. The Church gives us so many beautiful paths to do so. Astoundingly, this year's Super Bowl commercial, which was broadcast to millions throughout the world, just might have been the voice of the Holy Spirit whispering with a megaphone to each one of us! We have been invited to draw closer to the Lord this Lent and become more fully the person God created us to be. So, here's my commercial: if you have not already done so, I encourage you to download the Hallow app and start following the Lent Pray40 challenge daily. It's never too late to stay prayed up!

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Sacraments

Baptism

Catholic parties should be members of Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Marriage

Catholic parties should be members of Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish. They should contact the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding to allow time for preparation.

Funerals

Call the Parish office to schedule an appointment to make preparations for the Mass.

Eucharist for homebound

If you or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass please contact the Parish Office for the Sacraments of the Eucharist.

For Anointing of the Sick, Hospital Visits

Please contact the office. Please do not wait until prognosis is imminent.

Religious Education

Grades 1-8 (Call Faith Formation Office)
Classes meet Wednesday, 6-7:30 PM-September through March.

Newcomers

Welcome to our Parish! Please contact the Parish Office to register or visit our website omgccc.org

Vocations for Religious Life

Considering Religious Life? For more information about vocations for the Religious Life, please visit vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

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