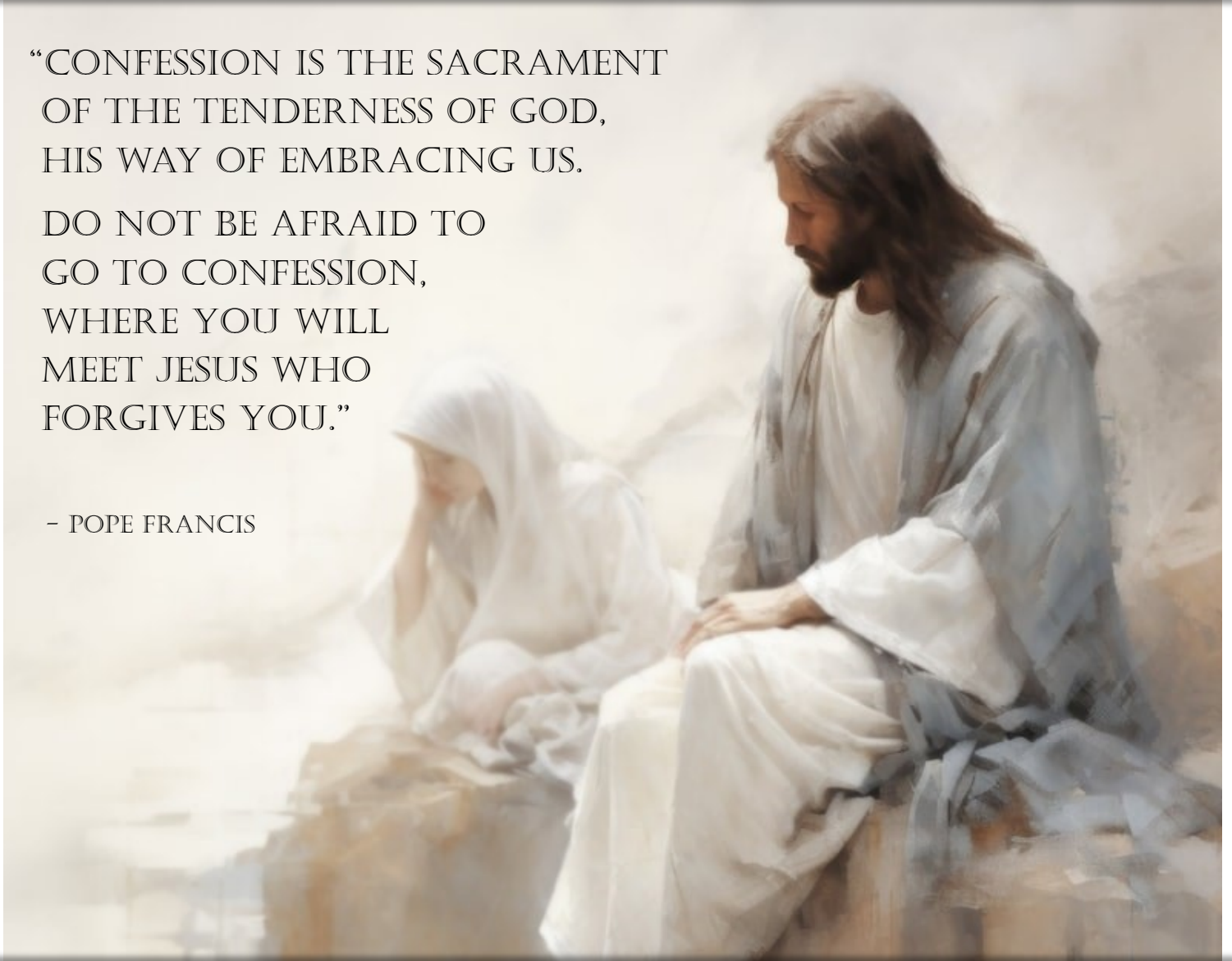


MARCH 10, 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“CONFESSION IS THE SACRAMENT
OF THE TENDERNESS OF GOD,
HIS WAY OF EMBRACING US.

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO
GO TO CONFESSION,
WHERE YOU WILL
MEET JESUS WHO
FORGIVES YOU.”

- POPE FRANCIS



THE PARISHES OF

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End of Monday

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stmrm.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

5:00 pm St. Mary: Ruthie Aherin

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 am St. Raymond: The People of Our Parishes

10:00 am St. Maurice: Howard & Rita Fishburn

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 am St. Mary: John Murphy

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 am St. Raymond: Ron Lowe

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 am St. Maurice: Deceased Members of the
Weitekamp and O'Brien Families

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00 pm St. Mary: The People of Our Parishes

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 am St. Raymond: The Powley Family

10:00 am St. Maurice: Bob Mundhenke

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS ON FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 5:00 PM

Rotating between our Parishes

March 15 St. Mary

March 22 St. Maurice

STATIONS BEFORE MASS EACH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:30 pm St. Mary

7:30 am St. Raymond

9:35 am St. Maurice

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Starting at 6:00 pm at St. Raymond

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS

3:00-3:30 pm St. Maurice

4:00-4:30 pm St. Mary

SUNDAYS

7:00-7:30 am St. Raymond

ADORATION

ST. RAYMOND

8:30 am Wednesday - 8:00 am Thursday

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 10:00 pm Wednesday

WINTER WEATHER MASS NOTICE

If school is canceled due to bad weather,
weekday mass will also be canceled.

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
this is the verdict, that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light.

The word "verdict" derives from the Latin "dicere", to speak, and "veritas", truth. Those engaged in a trial by the jury anxiously wait for the verdict, hoping that it will be in their favor even if it is not actually the truth. The Gospel tells us that a Life-giving verdict only comes to those who live the truth and come to the light.

Jesus clearly says that believing "in the name of the only Son of God" is necessary if we are not to "be condemned." But what is this believing? Jesus makes this clear as well: coming "to the light" by living "the truth." Living "the truth" is the evidence that brings a favorable judgment. The verdict: "eternal life."

It is really easy to fool ourselves about living "the truth" when actually we have chosen darkness. For example, we choose to engage in unfruitful gossip, convincing ourselves that we simply need to be better informed about others.

We know, however that we are living the truth when what we do stands up to the light of Christ and is consistent with the truth of Gospel values. For example, we choose forgiveness rather than retaliation, we welcome the outsider rather than ignoring those who are not in our circle of friends, we choose only words that uplift rather than those that hurt.

This kind of living gives evidence of our believing in Jesus and leads us to the verdict we desire: "Eternal Life."

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 pm St. Mary

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

- No morning mass at St. Maurice -

12:00 pm St. Maurice: Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm St. Mary: Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm St. Raymond: Celebration of the
Lord's Passion

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- No evening mass at St. Mary -

7:30 pm St. Maurice

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 am St. Raymond

9:45 am St. Mary

10:00 am St. Maurice

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, March 9:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, March 16:
Glenn Rovey
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, March 23:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Glenn Rovey

Holy Thursday, March 28:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

Easter Sunday, March 31:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

LECTORS

Saturday, March 9:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, March 16:
Tony Krager

Saturday, March 23:
Dan Martin

Holy Thursday, March 28:
Kathy Rovey

Easter Sunday, March 31:
Carol Hupp

ST. RAYMOND

MARCH

LECTOR Jerry Wagahoff
CANTOR Verne Pinkston
HOSPITALITY Greg Beck

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Donna Wagahoff
Carl Marten

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
March 3 - Mary & Julie Krager
March 10 - Dick Lyons
March 17 - Carl Marten
March 24 - Noller/Morehouse
March 31 - Dick Lyons

SERVERS:

Sun, March 4 - Dan Held
Sun, March 11 -
Sun, March 18 - Denny Held
Sun, March 24 - Avery & Luke Pope
Sun, March 31 - Morgan Hampton

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

LECTOR Gerry Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Catherine O'Connell
John Bergschneider
Dale Brockamp

USHERS Steve DeBrun
Mellisa DeBrun
Mark Langen

SERVERS
Macie Ferrill and Gentry Dunkirk

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

LECTOR Pat Wolf
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Larry Goebel
Ed Goebel
Charlie Golitko

USHERS Steve DeBrun
Mellisa DeBrun
Mark Langen

SERVER

Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

LECTOR Larry Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Charlie Golitko
Gerry Goebel
Marietta Dunkirk

USHERS Steve DeBrun
Mellisa DeBrun
Mark Langen

SERVERS

Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR MARCH 2/3

St. Mary: \$847

St. Raymond: \$3,228

St. Maurice: \$2,245

OUR PRAYER LIST

Rob & Pam Bloome, Katie Stephenson, Maddie Le, Bernard Jenkins, Margaret Jenkins, Jim Renner, Wyatt Spurgeon, Rosanne Olinger, Darke Lucas, Debbie Lucas, Greg Weitekamp, Jim Weitekamp, Wayne Angle, Danny Fark, Tricia Fark, Jason Fark, Vickie Norris, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Brant Weitekamp, Martha Kay Reed, Chuck Sale, Pam Bates, Paul Held, Donna Lemon, Randy Prange

Remember to pray for our seminarians and for the increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Choir Practice for Holy Week

Monday nights at 6:30 pm

March 11 - St. Maurice

March 18 - St. Raymond

Please join us to help celebrate the Easter Triduum.

St. Raymond CCW Meeting

Wednesday, March 13

7:00 pm at the parish rectory

All the ladies of our parish are welcome to attend

Farmersville K of C Monthly Breakfast

3rd Sunday of the month

March 17, 7:30 am to Noon

at the Farmersville K of C Hall

Family of Faith

3rd Wednesday of the month

March 20, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the

Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville

Other class dates: April 17, May 15

St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

Raymond K of C Weekly Lenten Fish Fry

Dine In, Drive-Thru, or Carry Out

Every Friday, through March 22

Serving from 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Fried Fish, Potatoes Wedges, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Cake

\$13.00 or 2/\$25.00

Kids Pricing (Indoor Dining Only):

Age 10 and under \$7.00

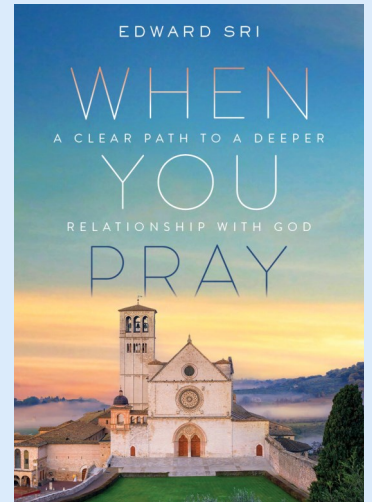
Preschool Free

Join Our Study on Prayer

You know that prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer too! They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.



Starts Tuesday March 19

Farmersville 10 am

Raymond 6:30 pm

Register now through March 10 via the sheets in the vestibules of our parishes. Study kits are \$15 each. Money can be dropped in the collection basket with a note, or brought to the first class. This study is 7 sessions long.

While the study kit is recommend, please do not let the thought of "homework" keep you from this study! If you are only able to come for the video presentation and group discussion, we would love for you to join us in learning about prayer!

LENTEN SEASON REFLECTION

Correct answer from the last issue:

B. Spring

Explanation: The Teutonic word Lent, which we employ to denote the forty days' fast preceding Easter, originally meant no more than the spring season. Lent comes from the Middle English word lente, meaning "springtime," which is itself descended from the Old English lencten. Lenten remains a word in modern English, though little used, and has the meanings of "of or relating to Lent," "suitable to Lent (meager)," and "meatless."

This week's question:

Lent is known to be 40 days long even though from Ash Wednesday to the last Saturday of the season it is 46 days. Why?

- A. Sundays are not included
- B. Mondays are not included
- C. It's a counting error
- D. Saturdays are not included