



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

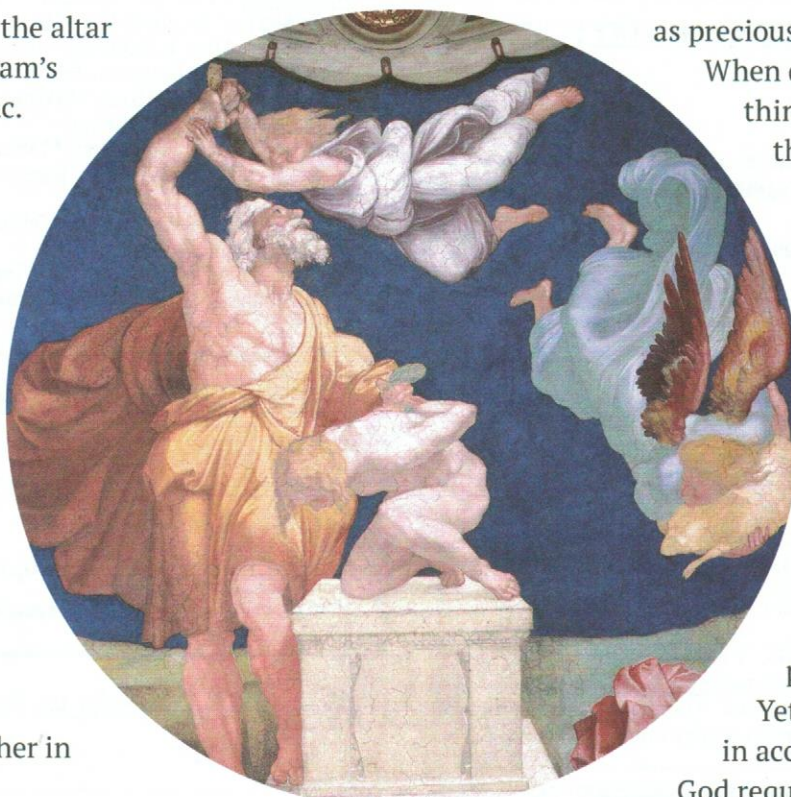
Mk 9:2-10

Let Go and Let God

Kn^eeeling humbly on the altar is the son of Abraham's old age, the promised Isaac. He was the answer to prayer, a commitment by God that, through this child, Abraham would have descendants as numerous as the stars. Yet God was asking him to sacrifice that hope and promise. And Abraham, although surely not understanding, was willing to obey the Father. It represents the supreme test of faith. Abraham is called our Father in Faith for a reason.

Abraham is looking up to God, not focused on the creatures, even as much as he loved his son. We also need to be looking up to God in order to rightly value the things below.

He understands that no godly gift should take God's place in the human heart—even something



Piece: *The Sacrifice of Isaac*, 1511

Artist: Raphael Sanzio

Location: Vatican Museums

as precious as his God-given child.

When dealing with all the good things God gives us, even those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to submit to his plans.

God doesn't always make sense to us, and we are painfully aware that his ways are not always our ways.

Isaac is a young boy, but certainly big enough to put up a fight as his elderly father's plans become evident.

Yet we see him kneeling in acceptance of the sacrifice God requests. Although he wants to understand, he doesn't make the reason an absolute. Isaac foreshadows the trusting lamb led to slaughter, the ram whose head will be caught in a crown of thorns, and the Son who will not be spared by the heavenly Father.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Are we willing to lay peacefully within God's plan, even if it means sacrifice?

Do we trust his plans more than our own?

Is there anything more beloved by us than God's loving plan for us?

*He who did not spare his own Son...
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?
Romans 8:32*

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CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

MASS - Saturday at 6:00 pm, Sunday at 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5:00 pm

Office Hours: Mon. thru Fri., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Office email: parishsec@gwtc.net

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 3rd

Sacristan: Toni Donovan

Lector: Sandi Hausmann

EME: Joyce Heath, Michael Hausmann, Kristen Hausmann

Servers: Justin Hausmann, Sadie Tegethoff, Ryan Sell

Ushers: John Kocer, Steve Meyer
Rich O'Bryan, Tom Sharkey

Sunday, March 4th

Sacristan: Judy Arthur

Lector: Tovi Bartels

EME: Val Sherman, Dean & Amy Engel

Servers: Megan Brozik, Ryder & Piper Mortenson

Ushers: Jason & Finn Bartels
Dean Engel, Lance Engel

ICC COLLECTION REPORT

Feb. 14, 2018: Ash Wednesday Collection/Catholic Social Services \$1,496.00

Feb. 17 & 18, 2018: Envelopes \$3,343.12, Loose \$192.06. **Total \$3,535.18.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Church in Latin America \$50.00

THANK YOU!

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CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



It is time to make the new ministry schedule for March 24th - July 29th.

This will include Easter Masses.

Please get your unavailable or available dates to Vicki (vjliturg@gwtc.net) or call the parish office. Thanks!



The ICC Family Choir will sing on Sunday, March 4th, 10:30am. We practice at 9:00am and have a break with treats at 10:00.

Please join us with your children. Questions – please contact the parish office. All are Welcome!

THE COFFEE IS ON!

Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore Parish Elders

Fr. Kevin would like to invite you to his home
Thursday ~ March 1st ~ 10:30am - 12:00 noon



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOLARSHIPS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Knights of Columbus
Church of Immaculate Conception

Due March 15th

Due March 15th

Due April 1st

If you are interested in applying, call or stop at the high school guidance office for an application or on the school website.



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - Feb. 24 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

Lucille Dirks+ by Mary Lou Phillips & Family

Sunday - Feb. 25 - 8:30 am **Colome**

For the Parish

Sunday - Feb. 25 - 10:30 am **Winner**

Deloris Cahoy+ by Mike Cahoy

Monday - Feb. 26 - 5:30 pm **Winner**

John & Doris Arthur+ by Eugene & Kaylyn Arthur

Tuesday - Feb. 27 - 4:30 pm **No Mass**

Wednesday - Feb. 28 - 9:15 am **Elder Inn**

Communion Service

Wednesday - Feb. 28 - 9:30 am **Nursing Home**

Joyce Steffen+ by John & Deb Fisher

Thursday - Mar. 1 - 9:00 am **Golden Prairie Manor**

Doris Rysavy+ by the Rysavy Family

Friday - Mar. 2 - 7:15 am **Winner**

Pro-Life For Unborn Children

Saturday - Mar. 3 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

For all Knights of Columbus: past, present & future
by Knights of Columbus

Sunday - Mar. 4 - 8:30 am **Colome**

For the Parish

Sunday - Mar. 4 - 10:30 am **Winner**

For all Catholic Daughters: past, present & future
by Winner Catholic Daughters

SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

Holy Hour

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Confession

Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:00pm at ICC

All are welcome to attend!



Join us for Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursdays @10:00am at ICC

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS AT 6:00PM



'Saint Juliana's Prayer List'

Wendy Smith	Brittney Hansen	Jeannine VanderPol
Marty Hagen	Larry Zeigler	Marianne Thompson
Reid Malnati	Dorothy Hejl	Alex Turgeon
Kelly Hair	Vicki Moser	Clair Turgeon
Stacy Pettit	Gary Elder	Shirley Turgeon
Fr. Bill Zandri	Jolene Hagen	Christine Wood
Jackie McKenzie	Bromley Heath	Mary Johnson
Kirk Mansheim	Abby Pechota	Kate DeMers
Lenna Thieman	JoAnn Brown	Martin Jorgensen
Julie Stafford-son	Glenn Layh	Ruthie Storms Joachim
Dick Donovan	Janet DeMers	Inez Dockendorf
Dorothy Edwards	Jim Harder	Virgil Novotny

Prayers for our Family Members in the Military

Gene Fisher	Jacob Debus	Dylan Doering
Daysha DeMers	Jeff Butler	Jacque Miller
Spencer Hughes	Kris Schwartz	

St. Juliana's (Patron Saint of sickness) is a list of the people we are currently praying for because of illness or in the military. The military list will remain until we are notified. Please call the office (842-3520) to request continued prayers. To preserve the dignity and privacy of individuals, we ask that only an immediate family member call to request publication of names. We will presume they have permission from the individual to do so. Thank you for your understanding.

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

301 Carr St. Colome, SD 57528
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Sunday at 8:00 am
MASS SCHEDULE - Sunday at 8:30 am

ST. ISIDORE—MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Gifts: Mrs. Rosemary King
Lector: Daryl
EME: Todd/Janette/Volunteer
Music: Tanya/Cindy
Servers: Carleen/Abby/Kaden
Ushers: Bruce/Lynn
Sacristan: Kathleen

WEEKDAY

MASS TIME

**Tuesdays @
4:30pm
St. Isidore**

ST. ISIDORE COLLECTION REPORT

Feb. 14, 2018: Ash Wednesday Collection/Catholic Social Services \$716.00
Feb. 18, 2018: \$3,856.00

COLLECTION: February 25, 2018 ~ Matt & Holly
March 4, 2018 ~ Rosemary & Van
March 11, 2018 ~ Ryan & Jody

SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

St. Isidore, Colome

Holy Hour

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Confession

Tuesdays 5:00 – 6:00pm - - - All are welcome to attend!



St. Isidore ~~ March Church Cleaning

Sherry Rohde (Chr.), Janet DeMers
Les Petersek, VOLUNTEER



ST. ISIDORE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 5:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!



JOIN US AT ST. ISIDORE

(weather permitting)

Friday, March 9th - 5:30 - 7:30pm

Following Stations of the Cross

Please bring a salad or your favorite "Lenten Dish".

All are welcome to attend!



**Cindy is working on a new ministry
schedule for March 25 – July 29.**

**Please give her a call with the dates
you are unavailable. Thank you for all that you do.**

PANTRY SUNDAY ~~ March 3rd & 4th

The Food Pantry is in need of 100% fruit juice,
canned soups and saltines. All donations are
greatly appreciated! Please be generous in your
support to the needy of our community!



St. Isidore Scholarships

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FAITH FORMATION ~ dreic@gwtc.net
Youth of Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore

Faith Formation Class Schedule

St. Isidore ~ 5:30pm in the Church Basement

Grades 1-12 ~ February 28, March 7, 14, 21

CHAPEL — Grades 6 -12 ~ February 28, March 14

Immaculate Conception ~ St. Mary's Hall

Grades 1-5 Class 6:00 to 7:00pm ~ Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21

Grades 6 -12 Meal at 5:45pm - followed by Class until 7:00pm
February 28

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THAT MAN IS YOU

Thursday, March 1st at 6:30 - 7:30am @ ICC Rectory



Adult Catholic Catechism

All are welcome to attend!

St. Isidore Church Basement

Class on Sunday, Feb. 25th 6-7:00pm

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Friend us to receive updates.



LOCAL PENANCE SERVICES

FORT PIERRE	Tuesday	February 27 th	6:30pm
PRESHO	Thursday	March 1 st	6:00pm
BONESTEEL	Thursday	March 8 th	7:00pm
COLOME	Tuesday	March 13 th	5:00pm
MURDO	Tuesday	March 13 th	6:00pm
GREGORY	Thursday	March 15 th	7:00pm
WINNER	Thursday	March 22 nd	7:00pm

February 25, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Once again the Lord is calling us to follow him along the journey of Lent. Each year all the faithful are invited to respond anew as individuals and as a community to our baptismal vocation and to bear fruits of conversion. Lent is a journey of evolving, creative reflection which inspires penance and gives new impetus to every aspect of our commitment to follow the Gospel. It is a journey of love which opens the hearts of believers to our brothers and sisters and draws them to God. Jesus asks his disciples to live and to radiate charity; this new commandment of love represents the authoritative summation of the Decalogue entrusted by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. Each day we encounter people who are hungry, thirsty or sick, people who are outcasts or migrants. During this season of Lent we are invited to pay greater heed to the suffering written on their faces, faces which challenge us to acknowledge the various aspects of poverty that continue in our time.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/messages/len/documents/hf_jp-ii_mes_19950908_lent-1996.html



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Fr. Kevin Achbach, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Margaret Clitherow

St. Margaret Clitherow was born in York, England in 1555. She was raised Protestant but became a Catholic soon after she married. When Queen Elizabeth I outlawed Catholicism, St. Margaret continued to practice her faith, even hiding Catholic priests in her house so they could say Mass in secret. In 1586, Margaret was arrested. Instead of being afraid, she was serenely joyful during her time in prison. She refused to renounce her faith and died a martyr.



St. Joseph

March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, honors the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is the patron of the Universal Church and protector of families.

"You are praising God when you do your day's work. You are praising him when you eat and drink. You are praising him when you rest on your bed. You are praising him when you are asleep. So when are you not praising him?"

St. Augustine



"Who, then, is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)

Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) challenges our idea of who is a stranger. As followers of Jesus, we know that it is not acceptable to care only for people who are like ourselves. Our faith calls us to look beyond borders and see all people as neighbors. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?" (Luke 6:32).

Who is a neighbor? Jesus never directed us to like everyone, but he raised love of neighbor to the level of a Commandment. And he doesn't allow us to be selective.

The snarky coworker or unpleasant older person who lives next door?

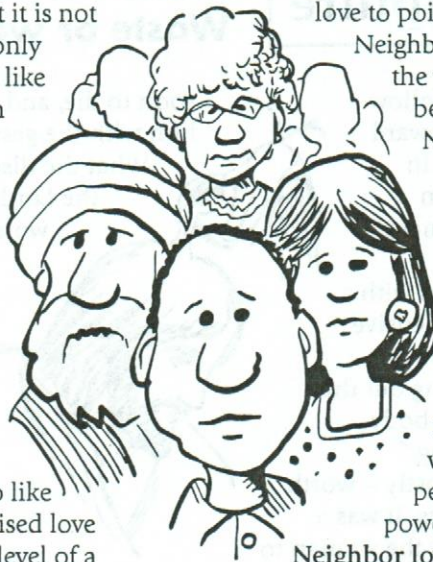
Both are neighbors we are asked to love. Customers who harp on the tiny mistakes we make, or relatives who love to point out our flaws?

Neighbors. People from around the world whose values and behavior are foreign to us? Neighbors, all.

What is neighbor love? It starts by seeing those around us – truly looking past the outer appearance and learning names, personal stories, circumstances.

Praying for others – whether we know them personally or not – is a powerful way to love them.

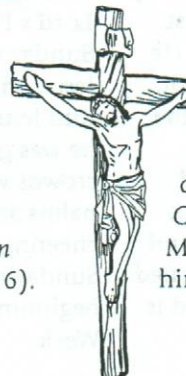
Neighbor love isn't blind to others' sin but it requires focusing on our own first. We love neighbors best by letting them witness in us the fullness of a life in Christ.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have crucifixes in church?

The crucifix – a cross with Jesus' body on it – reminds us of the price of our salvation and God's infinite love for us; "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son to death on a cross" (John 3:16).

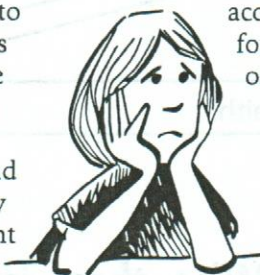


A crucifix helps us to remember that the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1545). During Mass, Jesus, through the priest, offers himself to the Father for us.

Why does God let bad things happen?

"If God is good, why does he allow bad things to happen?" In our hearts, we may know that God is loving and doesn't want us to suffer, but it can be difficult to see his plan when trouble strikes. The key is to stay close and trust his love.

Draw closer to him. Sometimes God allows bad things to happen because he knows that adversity can draw us closer to him. Take the Old Testament hero, Joseph, for example (Genesis 37-50). He was sold into slavery by his own brothers, falsely



accused by his master's wife, and unjustly imprisoned for years. Eventually he was released and became one of the most powerful men in Egypt.

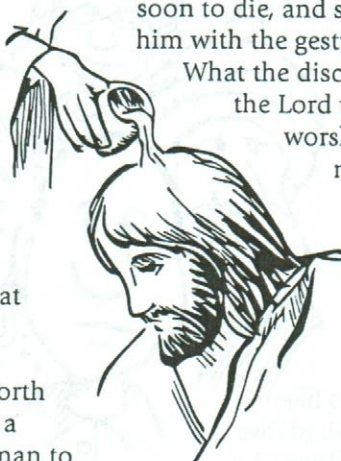
Stay connected. Throughout his suffering, Joseph kept his friendship with God strong so he could see God's hand in his life. When his brothers begged for forgiveness, Joseph was able to answer, *"Even though you meant harm to me, God meant it for good, to achieve his present end, the survival of many people."*

from Scripture

Mark 14:1-15, 47, Waste or worship?

In this reading, we follow the march of events toward Jesus' death. It begins in Bethany with a woman pouring a costly ointment over Jesus' head and horrifying the disciples with a frivolous use of an expensive material. However, Jesus silenced them, pointing out that "she has anointed my body beforehand for burying."

The ointment was costly – worth about one year's wages. It was a significant sacrifice for the woman to make. Yet, unlike the disciples, the woman understood that Jesus was



soon to die, and she meant to honor him with the gesture.

What the disciples saw as waste, the Lord understood as worship. Jesus saw her material offering as "a beautiful thing." She took one of her most honored possessions and gave it to Jesus in an unusual act of devotion. Rather than

consider it a loss, Jesus felt honored by it.

Q & A How do I make a good Confession?

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) can sometimes feel like an obligation instead of an encounter with God's mercy, but it doesn't have to be that way. Try these tips for a more joyful Reconciliation.

Examine your conscience. Compare your actions to the principles of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). Bring to the confessional the significant ways you have failed to live up to them.

Confess the small ones, too. Participating in the Sacrament frequently means that you may only have venial (minor) sins to confess. Confess them anyway. Piling up venial sins can lessen our resistance and pave the way for mortal sin. Confessing keeps our consciences sharp.

Express contrition and resolve to avoid sin. Ask for the grace to continue growing in holiness and avoiding evil.

The point of the Sacrament is to reconcile us with the God who loves us more than we can imagine, and who is always eager to forgive us. Confession helps us come back and begin again.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 1 – St. David of Wales (c. 600). St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He was born into Welsh nobility, but instead chose to become a priest. He was later consecrated a bishop. He is best known for founding an ascetic monastery and ridding the area of the Pelagian heresy.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the

Church there.

March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st Century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 25 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.



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USCCB President, Vice President, and Migration Chair Announce National Call-in Day for Dreamers for February 26

February 19, 2018

WASHINGTON—Late last week, the Senate failed to achieve the 60 votes needed to move forward with debate on legislation to provide relief to Dreamers. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB President; Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, USCCB Vice President; and Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration, together issued the following statement:

“We are deeply disappointed that the Senate was not able to come together in a bipartisan manner to secure legislative protection for the Dreamers. With the March 5th deadline looming, we ask once again that Members of Congress show the leadership necessary to find a just and humane solution for these young people, who daily face mounting anxiety and uncertainty.

“We are also announcing a National Catholic Call-In Day to Protect Dreamers. This coming weekend, we will be asking the faithful across the nation to call their Members of Congress next **Monday, February 26**, to protect Dreamers from deportation, to provide them a path to citizenship, and to avoid any damage to existing protections for families and unaccompanied minors in the process.

“Our faith compels us to stand with the vulnerable, including our immigrant brothers and sisters. We have done so continually, but we must show our support and solidarity now in a special way. Now is the time for action.”

Keywords: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, USCCB, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop José H. Gomez, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, USCCB Committee on Migration, Dreamers, National Call-In Day, legislative protection, path to citizenship, Congress, Senate, solutions, families, unaccompanied minors, faith, vulnerable, immigrants, action, solidarity

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. ISIDORE MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



*If you would like your name on this list,
please call the Parish Office 842-3520.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Amy Engel	March	1	Sydney Fritz	March	19
Kylie Sachtjen	March	1	Clarice Poler	March	19
Travis Kubal	March	2	Tanner Fritz	March	20
Nick Wolf	March	2	Phillip Jorgensen	March	20
Bayley O'Bryan	March	3	Mabel Schmit	March	20
Gracie Root	March	3	Athena Willuweit	March	20
Nick Jorgensen	March	5	Dennis DeMers	March	21
Allan Varilek	March	5	Lynn DeMers	March	21
Toni Donovan	March	6	Tanya Fletcher	March	21
Dr. Teresa Marts	March	6	Alexis Richey	March	21
Coy Assman	March	7	Lyndsey Tegethoff	March	21
Ivy Novotny	March	7	John Ishmael	March	22
Heather Russel	March	7	Amanda Sachtjen	March	22
Mike Winckler	March	7	Samuel Sachtjen	March	22
Sarah Caslin	March	8	Lillian Barfuss	March	23
Ruth Novotny	March	8	Jennifer Butcher	March	23
Sylvania Earl	March	9	Jenny Engel	March	23
Bernice Lyons	March	9	Lauren Mayes	March	23
Jim Fritz	March	10	Tim Meiners	March	23
Moni Stiehl	March	10	Grady Myers	March	24
Duane Brunkow	March	11	Harvey Naasz	March	24
Owen Duffy	March	11	Stella Caslin	March	26
Raelen Heinzman	March	11	Barb Leeds	March	26
Janette Shippy	March	11	Ryan Sell	March	26
Jack Williams	March	11	Matt Brozik	March	27
A. J. Davis	March	12	Carol Moyer	March	28
Audrey Keierleber	March	12	Steve Trittle	March	28
Leonard Kourt	March	12	Austin Davis	March	29
Howard Caslin	March	13	Mason Shippy	March	29
Tanner Elder	March	13	Jack Arthur	March	30
Deb Hannett	March	13	Sarah Hoffer	March	31
Sharon Naasz	March	13	Browdy Kocer	March	31
Jacob Soesbe	March	13			
Mary Lou Bracy	March	14			
Taylor Chasing Hawk	March	14			
Shannon Kortan	March	14			
Amber Thede	March	14			
Aiden Barfuss	March	15			
Cooper Craven	March	15			
Ethan Ernest	March	16	John & Deb Fisher	March	1
Kristen Hausmann	March	16	Steve & McKayla Trittle	March	2
Bryan Jorgensen	March	16	Rodney & Colleen Farley	March	5
Ellison LaDeaux	March	17	Wes & Lori DeMers	March	6
Karen Naasz	March	17	Scott & Dori Docken	March	11
Mark Winter	March	17	Cody & Brandy Osborn	March	11
Haley DeMers	March	18	Howie & Wendy Smith	March	15
Hannah Hanson	March	18	Greg & Ann English	March	19
Jean Audiss	March	19	Richard & Mary Donovan	March	28
Mary Elder	March	19	Larry, Jr. & Karen O'Connor	March	29



Calendar

Monday

February 26

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

February 27

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

February 28

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

March 1

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

Friday

March 2

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

March 3

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

March 4

Third Sunday
of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or

Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

Dear Padre,

Our guitar group plays music five minutes before the opening song at Mass. By the time the interminable *Gloria* is sung, I already have a headache! Why so much music?

At Mass, the faithful “form one body, whether in hearing the Word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord’s table” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 96). Thus, liturgical music can be a form of prayer, uniting the assembly in praise to God. Ideally, it’s “a particularly apt way to express a joyful heart, accentuating the

solemnity of the celebration and fostering the sense of a common faith and a shared love” (On Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy [*Dies Domini*], 50) by Pope John Paul II.

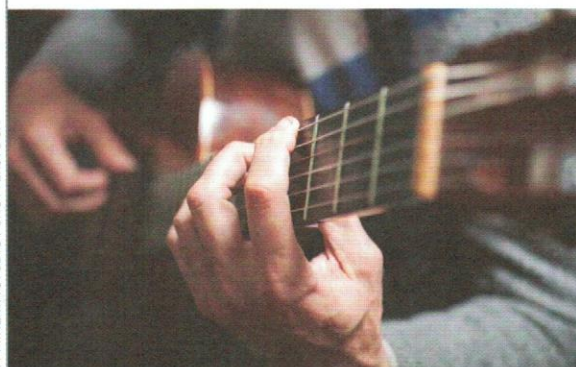
However, this ideal isn’t always reality. To address your question, let us divide humanity into two groups: people who like

to sing and people who don’t; those who sing in full voice in the shower and those who prefer monastic silence. Every congregation includes both groups. While not everyone is naturally inclined to make a joyful noise, most people appreciate music’s power to give voice to what’s deep in the human heart.

Some may even feel there’s not *enough* music at Mass instead of too much. Nevertheless, happy the liturgical ministers who know when the sum of the individual Mass parts—sung or otherwise—can become too tedious. And blessed are the music makers who know the power of silence, an instrumental, or an optional recessional song, even for solemn occasions.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | From *Liguorian* magazine, October 2017
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A Word From Pope Francis

Lent...is a special time for recalling the gift of our baptism, when we became children of God. The Church invites us to renew the gift she has given us, not to let this gift lie dormant as if it were something from the past or locked away in a memory chest.

—Homily, February 14, 2016