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First Sunday of Lent



Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 16 - 21

- Tues, Feb 16** 5:00 pm Mass at *St. Martin*: Shirley Webb by Steve & Robin Knudson
- Wed, Feb 17** 7:30 am Mass at *St. Joseph*
9:00 am Mass at *KRCC*: †Theresa Renner by Jim Renner
- Thurs, Feb 18**12:00 pm Mass at *St. Martin*: †Mary Catherine Barland by Tom & Maggi Stadick
- Fri, Feb 19** 8:30 am Mass at *St. Joseph*: Abbot Brian and Monks at Assumption Abbey
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross at *St. Joseph*
- Sat, Feb 20** 5:00 pm Mass at *St. Joseph*: †Joe & †Sally Pulver by Darell & Sherry Herman
- Sun, Feb 21**..... 8:00 am Mass at *St. Joseph*: †Jane Pierce by Rosie Schumacher
..... 10:00 am Mass at *St. Martin*: Parishioners

Black and Indian Mission Collection – Today our parishes will take up the 131st annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

Twenty-Four Hours of Mercy Event - The Catholic Diocese of Bismarck is offering a special round-the-clock event called “24 Hours of Mercy” beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 4 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck. The church will be open for 24 hours with many priests from the diocese available to hear confessions. Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will also be taking place during this time.

Those suffering from sin of any kind are invited to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. “Confession is a great gift from God, through which he gives us the assurance of mercy,” said Fr. Nick Schneider, Director of the Office of Worship. “God the Father, through the mouth of the priest, says ‘I absolve you.’” The event is part of a world-wide directive from Pope Francis to underline the need for prayer, contemplation of the Eucharist and a chance to go to confession. The event is part of the pope’s Lenten initiative in honor of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Schneider said those who show up have much to gain. “It’s a chance to receive this great gift of mercy together with many others over the course of a day,” he noted. “It’s also an opportunity to pass through the Holy Door of Mercy at the Cathedral to receive a plenary indulgence.” The Cathedral will remain open from 5 pm on Friday, March 4 until 5 pm on Saturday, March 5th for the “24 Hours of Mercy.”

BE KIND by Fr. James Martin, SJ – Every year Catholics usually ask one another what they’re giving up for Lent. Sometimes there’s also some good-natured teasing about the perceived degree of difficulty: “Is that all? That’s not hard!” This Lent, rather than giving up chocolate, why not do this: Be Kind. Kindness is an underappreciated way to lead a Christian life. Let me suggest three ways to be kind. *First, don’t be a jerk.* You may be sick, tired, or upset about some minor catastrophe that happened at work or at home. That doesn’t mean that you have to pass along your anger or frustration to others. *Second, honor the absent.* Stop talking about people behind their backs. Few things are as damaging to our spiritual lives as denigrating other people. It’s a serious lack of charity, and needless to say, it makes the other person feel terrible if they discover what you said – which they usually do. *Third, give people the benefit of the doubt.* St. Ignatius Loyola mentions this at the beginning of his *Spiritual Exercises*. Whenever there is any doubt about what someone said or did, give them the “plus sign.” Being kind may be harder to do than giving up chocolate, but it’s a lot more helpful for your spiritual life – and for everyone else’s.



The history of the holiday

St. Valentine's Day is a religious holiday. Do you know, who was St. Valentine? One of the legends says, he was a Christian priest, who had been thrown in prison for his teaching. On February, 14 Valentine was beheaded, not only because he performed a miracle—he cured the jailer's daughter from her blindness the night before he was executed—but he wrote a letter to the girl signing it «From your Valentine ».

