



Mon., March 31 Read Isaiah 26:4. Have you forgotten to trust God? How did that work out for you?	Tuesday, April 1 Read & reread Proverbs 3:5-6. Reflect on the times you have trusted in the Lord.	Wed., April 2 Contact someone you know who is struggling or sick. Share the message from Isaiah & Proverbs.	Thursday, April 3 List 5 ways you can strengthen your trust in God during challenging times.	Friday, April 4 Attend and pray Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm.	Saturday/Sunday April 5/6 Stop and pray with someone this weekend.
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Bible Quiz #45

The Book of Exodus (Chapters 21 - 25)

- 1. What is the punishment for a man who strikes another man a mortal blow? - **Death (21:12).**
- 2. While burning over a field or a vineyard if the man lets the fires spread to another’s field, what restitution he has to make? – **With the best produce of his own field or vineyard (22:4).**
- 3. What is the punishment given to a man who wrongs a widow or orphan? – **God will kill him with the sword (22:23).**
- 4. What are those three feasts in a year a Jew has to make a pilgrimage to celebrate feasts to God? – **(Passover, Pentecost and Booths, ref Ex 34: 18-26).**
- 5. Whom the Lord will drive out for the Israelites to occupy the land? – **Hivites, Canaanites, & Hitties (23:28).**
- 6. Why are the Israelites not allowed to make covenant with other gods? – **Because they might ensnare them into worshipping their gods (23:33).**
- 7. What did Moses do at the end of reading the book of the covenant? – **Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people (24:8).**
- 8. What was the sign of the glory of the Lord settled upon Mount Sinai? – **A cloud covered the mountain (24:15).**
- 9. Why did the Lord ask Moses to take a collection from the people? – **To make a sanctuary to dwell in their midst (25:8).**
- 10. What was the aid/model that God showed Moses to make the Ark and its furnishings? – **According to the pattern that God showed him on the mountain (25:40).**

Thank you for participating:

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March 30, 2025



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Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday: 3:15 - 3:50pm;
Sundays & weekdays:
20 minutes before Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Call the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated after Sunday’s 10:30am Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.

Marriage annulment:
Contact the pastor for easy guidance.

Anointing the Sick:
Call the office to schedule an appointment.

Youth Faith Formation:
Confirmation -
Thursday, April 24 - 6 pm
1st Holy Eucharist -
Sunday, April 27 - 10:30 am
LAST day of classes — April 30th
LAST Faith Formation Mass — May 4th

Holy Mass

Weekends:
Saturday: 4:00 (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays:
Tuesday - Friday: 12:10 pm



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Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min of Comm.	Altar Servers
Saturday April 5	4:00 pm	Melinda Frederick	Aubree Derise	Linda Russo	
Sunday April 6	7:30 am	John Trevino	Becky Meranta	-----	
	10:30 am	Carlo Streva, Jr	Madeline Guillot	Katherine Sharp	Connor Parker L. Elijah Dylan

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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 31st

9:00 am

†Parishioners of St. Bernadette.

Tuesday, April 1st

12:10 pm

†John Ourso †Danny Peterson
†Tommy Wiggins.

Wednesday, April 2nd

†Nicholas Wiggins.

Thursday, April 3rd

12:10 pm

†John Ourso †Danny Peterson
†Choker & Greg Cart.

First Friday, April 4th

†Souls in Purgatory.

Jonathan Delatte,
Chris Hardy,
Nick Gardemal,
Matt Bosworth, Cameron
Campos, Matthew S.
Landry, Luke Zweigle,
Kadin Dinger, Caleb Von
Buelow, Bart Von Buelow,
Rebecca Rotolo, Jennifer
Hebert, Jonathan Jenson,
Logan Gros, Liam
Guillotte, Elise
Buonopane, Alex Mund,
Jonah Foreman, Carson
LeBlanc.

Together We Pray
Gerald Hotard, AnnaLee Daigle, Kevin Theriot,
James Bergeron, Kenny Guillot, Daisy
Roberts & Family, Don Campos, Alice
Waguespack, Susan Legendre, Darryl
Dimaggio, Alice Boudreaux, Michael Silva, Ryan
Arcemont, Karen Duhon, Maddi Duhon, Mynette Zimmer,
Jane Mayo, Dalton Dupree, Lisa Morel, Mary Ann Lambert
Adams, Elma Braus, Cherie Schlafte, Matt Braus, Nelwyn
LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta,
Wilson Acosta, Sr., Christie Mayea, Steve Meranta, Kenny
Meranta, JY & Elaine Mula, Benny Castalano, Audie Pete,
Blaine St. Romain, Robert David, Jr, Robert Paul David,
Gert Simoneaux, Kristi Wisdom, Juanita Prestenbach,
Barbara Rivet, Bill Vincent, Judy Cornwell, Ella Ryker,
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Carl Written, Mary Liles, Jean Derise, Barry Clark, Ross
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Ryker, Special Intentions, Belinda Fabre Lee, Rosa Rosado,
Armando Rosado Glen Cormier, SJ Sampey, Ruby Breaux.



Faith Formation Gospel Weeklies

Pflaum TTTT Faith Formation Program

The Parable of the Forgiving Father is one of the most well-known from Jesus. The son does not earn the love of his father. Instead love is what the father gives. God's love and forgiveness are freely given to help us grow close to him. No matter

how lost we become, the Lord will find us. Add prayers of forgiveness to family prayer this week, and plan to take part in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

God Bless! BWM, DRE

First Saturday, April 5th

9:00 am

†Joey Hepler.

Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

†NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Clarence & Ella Walker
†Yvonne Anne Adams †Floyd Verrett †David Stansbury
†Velma & Eldridge Williams †Thomas Rivet, Jr
†Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV †Ray LaHoste, Jr
†Raymond LaHoste, Sr. †Mary Bernard Blanchard
†Peggy & Albert Hebert †Holy Souls in Purgatory
†Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr. †Claire Torres Ingalls
†Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, April 6th

7:30 am

†Albert Solet †Luke Gulliot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
†Ruby & Roland Crappell †Lynette Meranta †Breaux,
Pete, Wiggins, & Meranta Families-Living & Deceased.

10:30 am

†Rose Lipari †Terry Wiggins †Ruth Wiggins
†Carlo Strega, Sr †Alice & Lester Waguespack
†Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased.

Lent Reflections:

Becoming Children of Light (WEEK 4)

Millennials are obsessed with authenticity. We may find it hard to pass up the latest Buzzfeed quiz that could possibly tell us where we should live, what career we should have, or which Christian saint we most resemble. And if authenticity is the cardinal virtue of the millennial generation, hypocrisy might be the considered the ugliest vice.

Pope Francis connected with people across generational, denominational, and most other lines, but his witness and his message have a special resonance for millennials. Even though many young people shy away from uttering the word “sin” out of the fear that they will appear intolerant, this pope, who has identified himself as a sinner, is connecting in a special way, and it is linked to his authenticity.

Millennials trust authority and institutions far less than previous generations, and this has translated into the “rise of the nones” and the popularity of the “spiritual but not religious” mentality. Yet something about this pope is compelling. He is reshaping this generation’s perceptions of organized religion and religious devotion, challenging the assumptions many formed growing up in the early 2000s, which was a time when the religious right was fiercely waging a culture war and President George W. Bush was perhaps the most visible Christian in the country.

In their own parishes, communities, or homes, young Catholics may have witnessed a counterfeit, bourgeois Christianity, stripped of its inherent radicalism, one in which legalism displaced mercy, public reputation was valued more than personal devotion, and the purportedly devout were quick to judge others yet exceedingly tolerant when it came to their own failings. Yet if many millennials moved away from ... (continues on page 3)

Prodigal Son’s Prodigal Father

The son was a rebel, a college drop-out, a carouser, and a partier. He smoked, he drank Johnnie-Walker, he was a brawler, and had more run-ins with the law than you would care to count. By his own admission, he was the quintessential prodigal son. But now he stands to succeed the most respected, admired, and perhaps famous American of the Twentieth Century, Billy Graham. His name is Franklin Graham. Today Franklin Graham not only has a tremendous benevolent ministry called *The Samaritan Purse*, and has met needs all over the world, but he is now preaching the gospel just as his Dad did, to thousands and thousands of people. He is where he is today because he had a father who made sure the door was always open.

Prodigal

Meaning: The term 'prodigal' refers to someone who is wastefully extravagant, particularly in the context of spending money or other resources.

Definition: Spending money or resources freely and recklessly; wastefully extravagant.

Prodigal Couple

A priest told me this story: “I once knew a young couple, a husband and wife, who won the grand prize on a TV show called "The One Hundred Thousand Dollar Pyramid." One night, they showed me a videotape of the show and I saw them there on television, jumping up and down and screaming like people do on game shows. They won more money than they had ever imagined, an American dream come true. But winning all that money really ruined their lives. Whereas they had always lived within their means in the past, now they went out and got dozens of credit cards and ran up enormous debts. By the time I met them, they were about to lose everything they had and were on their way to getting a divorce. I know many people would love the chance to ruin their lives with all that money! Maybe you'd like that chance, too. But remember, this couple was truly sad. They were prodigal children.”

Prodigal Student

There is a true story of a student whose parents were tragically killed in an accident. He (the student) suddenly became the beneficiary of the estate. He started squandering the money on lavish trips. He would even invite other students to go along at his expense. He was spending the money so fast that the Chaplain of the college where he was studying called him into his office one day and had a talk with him. He said that as Chaplain of the school he felt it was his responsibility to question his spending habits. The student responded: "But what you don't understand is just how much money I have inherited." “Well, that may be so,” said the Chaplain, “but even to a large estate there comes an end.” Well, the student did not listen, and by the time he graduated all of his parent's money was gone.

← ** Reflection begins on page two.**

...the faith of their childhood because they were repelled by the hypocrisy, smugness, superficiality, or materialism of Christians they knew or saw, many have nevertheless remained trapped by the rampant individualism of our culture, which fosters this behavior.

The questions are:

Will Pope Francis be a cool dude who millennials simply admire from afar and see as affirming their existing beliefs or will he be someone that inspires us to fundamentally change the way we see ourselves and the way we live? Will our identities be inevitably distorted by a culture of individualism, consumerism, and superficiality or transformed



by a personalist understanding of who we truly are — a recognition that we are all children of God, each uniquely made, with equal, infinite worth and intrinsic, immutable dignity, called to communion with God and one another?

Lent is the perfect time to strip away the ephemeral and unreal, to free ourselves of the objects and habits that block our path to communion with God and others. It is the perfect time to become children of the light: radiating goodness, truth, and righteousness, spreading joy and hope, and bearing witness to the God of love. And by turning from the darkness, we might help others to see the Way by reflecting the light of Christ’s illuminating presence and redeeming love.