



Readings For Sunday, March 5, 2023

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Mass Scheduling & Offering

Monday, February 27

9:00 a.m. Mass ~ Adoration 8-9

†Mary Marquardt

(Roger Marquardt)

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 a.m. Mass ~ Adoration 8-9

†Cameron Lange

(Grannie & Papa)

Wednesday, March 1

All Day Adoration Until 4p.m.

9:00 a.m. Mass

†Jim Achatz

(Rebecca Achatz)

Thursday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Mass ~ Adoration 8-9

†Carl Stamm

(Terry Braciszewski)

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 4

4:30 p.m. Mass – Atlanta

The People

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Mass - Hillman

†Jason Fletcher

(Villeneuve Family)

10:00 a.m. Mass - Hillman

†Tom Hollenback

(Kathy Wittman)

Every Wednesday through Lent

~ Dinner – 5:30 to 6:00

~ Adult Faith Formation/Religious Ed

6:00 to 6:45

~Stations of the Cross – 6:45 pm in the church

There is a new eucharistic minister schedule in the back of the church!

Standing In Need of Prayer

Kris Duchene, Claudette Colombo, Kevin Struzik, Myles Richardson, Genelle MoreauLee, Connie Von Siegrist, Chris Mutz, Dominic Tillman, Eric Tillman, Bonnie Benac, Corey Morrison, David Dusseau, Patty Luxford, Sam Vicari, Margaret Barton, Cecile Kortier, Brenda Sabol, Jim Shepherd, John Platevoet, Jack Stevens, Michele Klotz, Mary Ann Cook, John Minaudo, Mary Ann Ferasin, Kris Munroe

Prayer Chain

Key Person ~ Darlene O'Callaghan ~ 989-742-3669

Judy Elkie ~ 989-590-8411

Prayers For Clergy & Religious

Sun: Rev. Leonard Paul Mon: Rev. Alfred Pillarelli

Tues: Rev. Benjamin Rexroat

Wed: Rev. Mitchel Roman

Thurs: Rev. Richard Schaeffer Fri: Rev. Lawrence Sergott

Sat: Pope Francis

Weekend of February 18th & 19th

St. Augustine

Envelopes (36) Online (4) \$ 1,320.00

Loose \$ 174.00

Building & Maintenance Online (2) \$ 45.00

Deficit Reduction Online (1) \$ 25.00

Mass Stipend; Parish Hall Rental \$ 240.00

Alter Candles \$ 485.00

Total \$ 2,004.00

Cemetery \$ 35.00

Jesus the Good Shepherd

Envelopes (10) \$ 378.00

Loose \$ 87.00

Total \$ 465.00

History of Lent - What fasting used to look like

The Lenten season, preparation for Easter, has been observed from the onset of the Church, although there have been inconsistencies with duration and practices. The Council of Nicea, 325 A.D., established Easter's fluid date as the Sunday following the first full moon of the vernal equinox. In 461 A.D., Pope St. Leo established the duration as 40 consecutive days before Easter. Pope Gregory the Great, in the sixth century, added the dispensing of ashes the preceding Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), making Lent 46 days. Sundays were considered feast days and not included in the count.



Conversion

Conversion cannot be forced. Sometimes the best intentions backfire, as they did for the Spanish before our Lady came. But we are getting ahead of the story.

When Cortez and his men landed in the Americas, they quickly unloaded the ships. One had to be aware of his surroundings and be careful when the natives might be hostile. But then, Cortez did something no explorer had done before. He burned the ships! There was no going back to Spain for his men. No water refuge if the land was too dangerous. The decision was made for God and for Gold (or maybe in the reverse order).

As they traveled toward the capital of this land, Mexico City, the Spaniard had native allies who acted as guides and who would aid in battle. These natives were tired of the oppression of their rulers, of the sadism of the gods, and longed for a better life they hoped these pale strangers would give, as they had promised.

In return, the Spaniard hoped their promises would keep their native friends loyal when the way grew tough, and when it grew frightening.

It grew frightening soon...not because of life threats, but because of what they saw. In each village were temples with the Aztec gods, their scary faces staring out at them, and their facades covered with skulls. Skulls of men, women and children-all ages, all sizes. The army destroyed the temples with them masks of human sacrifice, and replaced the idols with statues of Mary or a cross. The further into the country they went, the angrier and the more determined they became to change this culture of death. They fought and won their war. They banished the religion, destroyed the temples, crushed the idols, and when necessary, killed the murderous priests. The natives were slow to convert. Their gods demanded blood for the sun to shine and crops to grow. The inconvenience of death was little in comparison with a lack of fertility. The Spaniards found the reluctance of the natives to convert to Catholicism, to the one true God, and to a belief in his holy mother who had only love to offer, as an affront to themselves and used force as a weapon for conversion. Natives were enslaved, and after ten years of Spanish rule, were ready for revolution.

The bishop prayed to our Blessed Mother for her help, and those who seek her intercession are seldom left unaided. So, she came. Not as our Lady of Lourdes, but as a Native Indian maiden, one of their own, with love and peace in her heart. The miracle of the Tilma was only the beginning. The number of requests for Baptism kept the priest's busy night and day. It took showing of love for hearts to change, and our Lord and our Blessed Lady of Guadalupe know all about Love.

We are looking for donations for the
2023 Parish Festival Silent Auction!

Please make sure all items are new or homemade. There is a list of basket ideas and items that we are looking for on the table in the back of the church. There will be boxes in the cry room on the east side of church for any donations. Thank you all very much!! For questions, please call Kathy Weiberg at 989-306-6233.



46th Annual Hillman Fireman's Ball

Saturday, March 18th

Hillman Community Center

Tickets are \$25/per person

Socializing: 5pm ~ Catered Dinner: 6pm ~ Cash Bar, Music, and Door Prizes: 8pm- Midnight
Tickets available @ Marty's Barbershop, A-1 Woods & Waters, and by any Hillman Firefighter



St. Rose of Lima

Lenten Fish Fry Every Friday from February 24th – March 31st ~ 4:30 – 7:00pm

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& for those of us left behind to
grieve.

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AND MARIAN MEDITATION**

- Entrance: Prepare
Daily She walks in His Footsteps.
- 4th Station: Reflect
Jesus and His Mother meet.
- 7th Station: Reflect
She watches Him Fall again.
- 12th Station: Reflect
Her son, Jesus dies on the cross.
- Meditation Place: Consider the Mother
of God, now our Mother and Mother of
the Church— Our gift to her—to love her
Son and walk this Path with Her.

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Meetings
2nd Tuesday of the Month

6:30 p.m. Officers
7:00p.m. Business

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February 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent