



Readings For Sunday, March 12, 2023

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Mass Scheduling & Offering

Monday, March 6
9:00 a.m. Mass ~ Adoration 8-9
†Aunt Delores (Joe & Sue Kennard)

Tuesday, March 7
9:00 a.m. Mass ~ Adoration 8-9
†Paul Kortier (Herman & Judy Elkie)

Wednesday, March 8
All Day Adoration Until 4p.m.
9:00 a.m. Mass
†Karen Rea (Nancy Demeulenaere)

Thursday, March 9
9:00 a.m. Mass ~ Adoration 8-9
†Cameron Lange (Grannie & Papa)

Third Sunday of Lent
Saturday, March 11
4:30 p.m. Mass – Atlanta
†Marlene & Ted Corey (Corky)

Sunday, March 12
8:00 a.m. Mass - Hillman
The People
10:00 a.m. Mass - Hillman
Birthday Blessings for Renee (Mom & Dad)

Please enjoy weekly Lenten Reflections from our bishop.

New video every Monday through Lent

Here is how to access them:

Go to the Diocese of Gaylord website – under “Office of the Bishop” click on Bishop Jeffrey J. Walsh – next under “In this section” click “Eucharistic Revival” – scroll to the bottom of the page and there is a link to a video from Bishop Walsh talking about the Eucharistic Reflections.

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. James Siler Mon: Deceased Priests
Tues: Rev. Rolando Silva
Wed: Rev. Kenneth Stachnik
Thurs: Rev. Dennis Stilwell Fri: Rev. Emmanuel Tizhe
Sat: Most Reverend Jeffery J. Walsh

Weekend of February 25 th & 26 th		
St. Augustine		
Envelopes (40)	Online (4)	\$ 1,235.00
Loose		\$ 232.25
Building & Maintenance (2)	Online (2)	\$ 75.00
Deficit Reduction Online (1)		\$ 25.00
Mass Stipend; Ash Wednesday		\$ 217.00
Rice Bowl		\$ 184.00
Total		\$ 1,968.25
Cemetery		\$ 96.00
Jesus the Good Shepherd		
Envelopes (10)		\$ 280.00
Loose		\$ 110.00
Rice Bowl		\$ 94.00
Total		\$ 484.00

Why do we have penitential seasons?

Jesus gave the example of a penitential retreat, spending prayerful time in the desert preparing for his ministry, reflecting on God’s will, and determining how he’d freely make that happen.

Penitential seasons offer us this same opportunity: to withdraw from our resources and evaluate our spiritual progress or regression. We do this through reflection and repentance, which enables us to identify our weaknesses and make reparation to amend our sinful ways. Penitential seasons create time to reflect on our need to make God the focal point of our lives. The result can be spiritually rewarding.

Am I Not Your Mother?

It is true that conversion cannot be forced, so how do we reach those who have left us? With love and compassion, acknowledging their pain for a start, as Our Lady of Guadalupe did for Juan Diego. I am your merciful Mother, the merciful Mother of all who live united in this land, and of all mankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who have confidence in me. Here I will hear their weeping and their sorrows, and I will remedy and alleviate their sufferings, necessities and misfortunes.

Listen and let it penetrate your heart, my dear little son, let nothing discourage you, nothing depress you. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? What else do you need?

Yes, what else do we need? We who understand say, “Nothing Mother. Thank you, Mother.”

But those who are outside, those who don’t understand, how can we reach them?

Some of those who have left feel betrayed by God through the suffering they have endured or are enduring. They feel He had no compassion for them because He allowed the suffering, or is allowing the suffering.

We know that Jesus Christ was fully man and fully God. Jesus while on earth told us if we can see Him we are seeing the Father. We know that Jesus showed compassion by healing and forgiving sin. He wept over the death of his friend. And so, our Father in heaven must also feel compassion, and must weep. We must also remember that He knows what it means to have a Son suffer and die an embarrassing death on a cross though innocent of any crime. If His Son could suffer, why should we complain about our suffering? Are we somehow better than the Son of God? What right do we have to question God in the first place? Were we there when He created the heavens and the earth from the void?

Look to Mary. She is fully human. Her life was one of sorrow and suffering and yet she comes to comfort us. She bore the suspicion of family and friends for her pregnancy, she rode a donkey to Bethlehem while nine months pregnant, she had to flee her homeland to protect her child, she became a widow, and watched her son be captured by the leaders of her Church, taken to the occupying army to be tortured and crucified and die on a cross by enemy hands. Yet she has come to several generations as she came to Juan Diego, saying “I am your mother.” Share with those who are suffering, and with those who blame God for their suffering, that God understands. His Blessed Mother understands. They did not bring evil into the world; it came with sin. But if the human heart reaches out, their heavenly hearts will respond and Love and Peace will come.

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
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St. Rose of Lima
Lenten Fish Fry Every Friday from
February 24th – March 31st ~ 4:30 –
7:00pm
Adults \$15.00 / Children 5 & under
\$5.00

CCW will be having their monthly Bake
Sale & Coffee Hour today after Mass in
the parish hall!
Everyone is welcomed!

Friendly reminder that our
Annual Parish Festival
is quickly approaching! We are
looking for your help by selling
raffle tickets, which can be picked
up at Mass or from the office, as
well as items donated for the silent
auction and large items for the live
auction! If you have any questions
contact

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beloved grandson, †Cameron
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members called home by our Lord
& for those of us left behind to
grieve.

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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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2nd Tuesday of the Month

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

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March 5, 2023
Second Sunday of
Lent

Lent.
A SEASON OF RENEWAL

