

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
March 17, 2019**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 18**

*Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38*

**8:00 AM Mass** – Kias Bernard +

**Tuesday, March 19**

*2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a*

**8:00 AM Mass** – Carl Jenkins +

**Wednesday, March 20**

*Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28*

**6:00 PM Mass will be at St. Mary Church**

**Thursday, March 21**

*Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31*

**8:00 AM Mass** – Berkemeier & Beery Families +

**Friday, March 22**

*Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*

**8:00 AM Mass** – Basil Hoehn +

**Saturday, March 23**

*Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

**8:00 AM Mass** – Kias Bernard +

**4:00 PM Mass** – The Francis Family +

**Sunday, March 24**

*Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9*

**8:30 AM Mass** – People of the Parish

**11:30 AM Mass** – John Robertson +

*Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of:*

- *Joan George, the grandmother of Krystal Staggs*
  - *Marjorie Minnis, the grandmother of Michael Evans*
- Please pray for Joan, Marjorie, and their families.*

Ladies, if you forgot your \$5 dues for the **St. Anne's Altar Society**, you may drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend, or forward it to the Parish Office. Thank you!

The **Altar Society** annually sponsors the **St. Joseph Day Table** and is in need of donations with the proceeds benefiting the **Cathedral Food Pantry**. Please consider donating baked food items and dropping them off in the gym, **March 18th 4:00-5:00 PM**, or after **9:00 AM** on **March 19th**. The food will be blessed at **3:30 PM**. Thank you!

At next weekend's Masses, we will have the collection for **Easter Flowers** for our **Cathedral**. Please use the special envelope for **March 24** that is in your contribution box, or use an envelope of your own (marked "Flowers"). Your assistance in making Cathedral beautiful for Easter is greatly appreciated!

**This Coming Week**

**Monday, March 18**

8:00 AM Father's Day All School Mass - Church

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement

6:00-6:50 PM School of Religion – Ruggle Hall

**Tuesday, March 19**

Parish Office and School Closed – ECC Open

8:00 AM Mass

9:00 AM-8:00 PM Veneration of St. Jean Vianney's Incorrupt Heart - Church

3:30 PM Blessing of St. Joseph Day Table - Gym

4:00-8:00 PM St. Joseph Day Dinner - Gym

5:30 PM Solemn Evening Vespers - Church

6:30 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

**Wednesday, March 20**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM Sewing Group – Rectory Basement

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement

4:00-5:30 PM Safety & Security Mtg – Msgr. Dierkes Rm

5:20-5:50 PM. Confessions - Church

6:00 PM ECC Staff Mtg – ECC Bldg.

6:30 PM Cub Scouts – Ruggle Hall

**Thursday, March 21**

6:30 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal - Church

**Friday, March 22**

8:00 AM All School Mass

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Church

12:30 PM School Dismissal

12:30-3:30 PM Optional School Conferences

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross – Church

6:30-9:00 PM Ladies Night Out – St. Anne's Room

**Saturday, March 23**

10:00 AM Confirmation Rehearsal – Church

11:00 AM Confirmation Candidates – Ruggle Hall

12:30 PM Confessions

3:30 PM Rosary

4:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, March 24**

8:00 AM Rosary and Confessions

8:30 AM Mass

After Mass Coffee, Milk, & Donuts – Ruggle Hall

11:00 AM Rosary and Confessions

11:30 AM Mass

12:30 PM Bishop meets with Confirmation Candidates/Sponsors/Parents – Gym

2:00 PM Confirmation followed by Reception

On the **Wednesday evenings of Lent (through April 10)**, **St. Mary Church** will have a **6:00 PM Mass**, followed by a **pot luck dinner** and **Lenten program**. All **Cathedral Parishioners** are encouraged to attend. We will not have a 6:00 PM Mass at Cathedral during Lent. Program speakers:  
**March 20 – Fr. Joshua Barlett (Our Catholic Faith)**  
**March 27 – Jared Samson (2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 parts on the Mass)**  
**April 3 - Dr. Ed Kammerer (The Two Thieves)**  
**April 10 - Jared Samson (3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 parts on the Mass)**

We invite all **fathers, grandfathers** and **father figures** to our annual **Father's Day Mass** at **8:00 AM** on **Mon., March 18**. This will be the **All School Mass** for this week.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME**

Monthly Budget Goal \$76,166 (included \$4000 for reserve)

	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick &amp; Poor</u>
Week 1	\$ 9,954.25	\$ 869.00
Week 2	<u>\$16,760.51</u>	<u>\$ 438.00</u>
Total	\$26,714.76	\$1,307.00

### **A Message from Father Hansen . . .**

Next Tuesday, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the patron of our Cathedral and one of the patrons of our Diocese--the patron of our city, too!

What a great privilege we have on this Solemnity of receiving the incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests! People have asked me, "what am I supposed to do when I venerate (not adore which is reserved for God alone) the heart?" First, the heart will be in something called a reliquary. You'll see the heart, which I understand includes significant portions that are not corrupted, behind glass in the reliquary. You may just look and pray. Or you could touch prayer cards, rosaries, or other sacramentals to the glass. This heart is the heart of one of our family members, who is in the Church triumphant—in the family that is in heaven.

St. John Vianney died 160 years ago this August 4<sup>th</sup>! The cornerstone of the Cathedral was laid three months after that! On May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1925, Pope Pius XI declared him a saint. His soul is waiting for you and me to ask for help. The heart you and I will see will resurrect and join the rest of his body and reunite with his soul for eternity! Just like we venerate our parents, grandparents, or great grandparents, we venerate the saints. Mary, of course, gets the most veneration. Let's take this opportunity to pray through St. John Vianney for our priests and for many new vocations to the priesthood, as Bishop Johnston has asked.

May this Holy Year and the visit of the heart of St. John Vianney bring healing and restoration to our understanding of the gift of the priesthood. May it lead to many hearts of many young men and women in our Diocese being open to the call to be dedicated to God in a complete way.

St. John Marie Vianney, pray for us!



This photo was taken at the **Rite of Election** here at Cathedral last Sunday: (from left to right) **Arman Partamian** (RCIA Coordinator), **Fr. Jayson Becker**, **Joe and Marlene Elliott**, **Sarah Weaver**, **Carol and Bryce Hunt**, **Fr. Stephen Hansen**, **Jun Lian**, and **Kaitlin Smith**. At our **Easter Vigil**, **Joe**, **Marlene**, **Sarah**, **Carol**, **Bryce**, and **Kaitlin** will make their Profession of Faith, and **Jun** will be baptized. Please keep them in your prayers as we welcome them into our Cathedral Family.

### **CHECK THIS OUT . . . The Good News of Cathedral**

- **Congratulations** to the following students who competed at the State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest held at Father Tolton Catholic High School in Columbia, MO: **Daisy Harshman** - 2nd place in the 11 year old girls age group; **Cole Sigrist** - 3rd place in the 10 year old boys age group; and **Jackson Sigrist** - 3rd place in the 13 year old boys age group.

### **Our School and ECC News**

- Our school will be closed on **Tues., March 19**. The **Early Childhood Center** will be open.
- The next **Ravenous Ravens Night** will be at **Hunan's Restaurant** on **Mon., March 25**, beginning at **4:30 PM**.

The **Knights of Columbus Council 5067** will host their annual **Fish Fry** on **Fridays** during **Lent, 5:00-7:30 PM**, at their **Council Hall, 1205 N. 49<sup>th</sup> Terr**. Menu includes Fried Catfish or Shrimp Alfredo Fettuccini with cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, tea and water. Drive-thru is available. Prices: \$10/adult, \$5/child age 12 and younger.

**SFX Knights of Columbus Council 15126** will host Lenten Dinners from **5:00-7:00 PM** at **St. Francis Xavier Parish Center**. **March 22** – Shrimp Tacos with Sauce, French Fries & Cole Slaw; **April 5** – Baked Tilapia, Cheesy Hash Browns & Green Beans. Cost: \$10/adult, \$5 for children under 12; \$25 for members of an immediate family.

**St. James Holy Name Society - Knights of Columbus** will host their **Lenten Fish Fries** on **March 22, & 29**, from **5:30-7:30 PM**, in **St. James Church Basement**. Adults: \$10, children under 12: \$5. They will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle.

Please join fellow Catholic physicians in the St. Joseph area for a **Lenten Reflection** sponsored by the **Catholic Medical Association, St. Raphael Guild**. The reflection will be held on **Saturday, April 6 at the Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus (8005 NW 316th Street, Gower, MO.)** A Lenten reflection will be offered at **10:00AM**. Holy Mass with the nuns of the Abbey will be offered at **11:00AM**. Refreshments will be served following Mass. The Lenten Reflection is free and open to all Catholic physicians and their spouses. Please email **Dr. Nick Bartulica** at [nick.bartulica@mymlc.com](mailto:nick.bartulica@mymlc.com) with any questions or to RSVP.

Spend an hour (on a weekday), praying before the **Blessed Sacrament** for our school children or your own intentions. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/vaVOXnM> or contact **Amy Roetto** at [amy\\_roetto@hotmail.com](mailto:amy_roetto@hotmail.com) or **816-787-0235**.

### **Stewardship Makes A Difference . . .**

We still have some openings to volunteer at the **St. Joseph Day Dinner**. We would like our school children to help with drinks and serving. Please send **\$2.00** or a **baked item** with your child on **Monday, March 18** for the **St. Joseph Day Table**. The children should be there about **3:30 PM** to work. Their dinner will be free. Call **Kitty** in the **Parish Office, 232-7763**.

❖ You are invited ❖

St. Joseph Day Dinner and Table

Tuesday, March 19th

4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Cathedral Auditorium

519 N.10<sup>th</sup>

**Menu: Spaghetti/Meatballs, Breadsticks, Salad and Drink**

Desserts and goodies for purchase from the St. Joseph Table

The incorrupt heart of St. Vianney will  
be visiting our Cathedral 8AM-8PM.

Veneration will be throughout the day.

You may consider eating before or after  
your visit.

Free will offering benefiting our Cathedral Food Pantry

Carry out available

# Conversion of Heart

Lenten Reflections on Mercy and Forgiveness

Week 2

**READINGS:** *Genesis 15: 5–12, 17–18; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 9:28b–36*

“While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white” (Lk 9:29).



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## Transfigure toward mercy by accepting it

In this week's reading, three of the apostles experience something they do not quite understand. As Jesus was transfigured before them with Moses and Elijah at his side, Peter thought it right to build tents for each, to contain this moment that he knew to be good.

But the voice of God interrupted him and said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him” (Lk 9:35). It turned out that Peter's plans weren't God's plans at all.

All of sudden, it was over. Jesus was found alone, and the light that emitted from him was dimmed. The disciples, especially Peter, were left with more questions than answers. They “fell silent and

did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen” (v. 36).

We oftentimes don't understand God's mercy in our lives. We are limited in our understanding, and our perception of our motives and those of others can only go so far. We try to live lives of peace and order, but sometimes our own plans don't work out and we end up hurting others.

As Catholics, our job isn't to understand God's mercy; it is to accept it. When we do this well, we come to a deeper understanding of how God works in our lives. It is only through this acceptance that we can truly see as God sees,

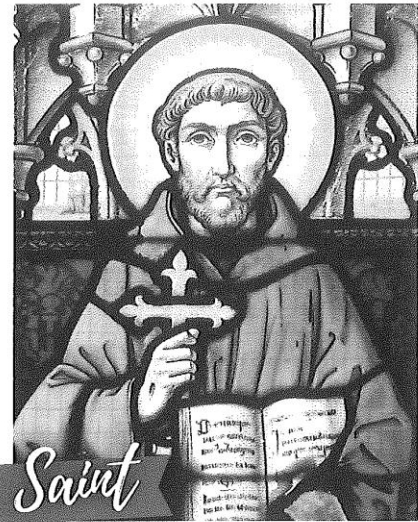
which enables us to do as God does by offering that same mercy to those who are most in need of it, none needier than ourselves.

### For Reflection

- › Is God's will for your life clear to you right now?
- › Have you seen God work through the unplanned events in your life?
- › Do you find it easy to accept God's mercy?

How happy I am to see myself imperfect and be in need of God's mercy.

- ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS



### Become an instrument of peace

Francis of Assisi was a man lost in the darkness of sin. He was selfish and determined to gain honor as a soldier and popularity as a frequent partygoer. It wasn't long before he hit rock bottom as a constant consumer of worldly pleasures. He realized his life was not well-lived, and God told him in a dream to return from war and convert his life. He spent several months attempting to live a good, holy life, oftentimes spending nights in a nearby cave where he would weep for his sins.

It wasn't until he became completely detached from worldly desires that he found true peace and a reason for being — serving the poor. After years of service and founding many like-minded communities, he would become one of the greatest saints the Church has ever known.

As you continue your Lenten journey, take a page from St. Francis's book and accept the mercy from God that will transform you into something greater than your own desires for yourself. God is the potter, and we are the clay. May he make of you a beautiful instrument of his peace.



Faith Lesson

## Attach yourself to GOD

Detachment has always been a means by which people have come closer to God. We witness Jesus' constant detachment from worldly things every time he climbs a mountain to pray, preaches about the Kingdom, and heals the poor and outcast. He is the model par excellence of detachment.

When it comes to accepting God's gift of mercy, our first step is to mimic the saints who followed Christ's call to detachment. The first reaction of every holy man or woman after they accept this reward reacts the same way — with a sense of unworthiness that is followed by acts of fasting to make up for the sins they committed. In other words, we

disassociate ourselves with our former life and detach from our old ways. We are then a "new creation" (2 Cor 5:17) and thus better equipped to complete our God-given mission.

What do you need to detach from so as to *attach* yourself to God more intimately?

### Fasting TIPS

Consider making a fast from technology this week. Apart from abstaining from meat on Friday, try going off social media, streaming videos, or other forms of digital entertainment. If you really want to go all out, try fasting from all screens and take that time to pray and reflect.



Lord, I am not worthy to be called your servant, but, nevertheless, I am. Allow me to accept your mercy with humility and purity of heart so that I may teach others to do the same. Strengthen me in my weakness and allow me to overcome my imperfections so that I might better imitate your Son to whom I am forever in debt.