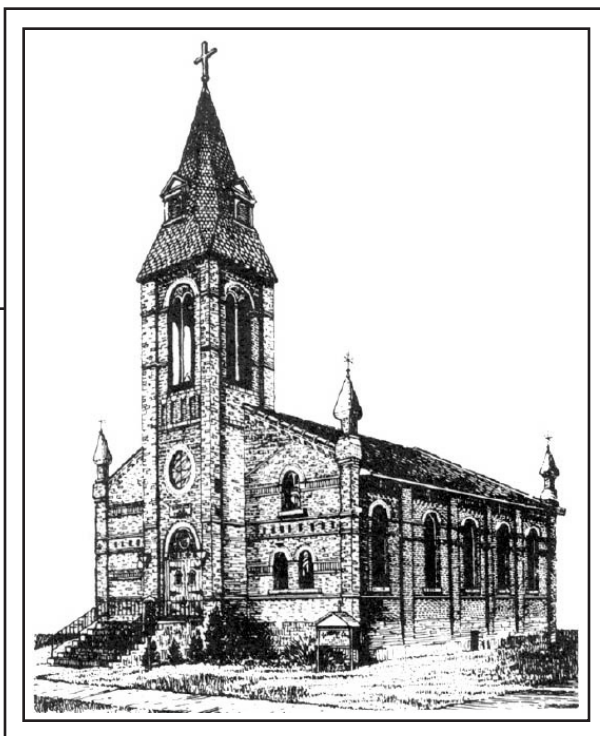


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Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
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Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
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RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to Mass

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Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish Office.

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MARRIAGES: Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be received at the parish office by Tuesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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REFLECTION ON A PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Every day Catholics and Christians pray the Divine Office, also known as the Breviary, which is a collection of prayers, psalms, Gospels and scripture readings. Priests and religious make a commitment to pray the Divine Office every day, offering this prayer on behalf of their parishes and the Church. I have been praying the Divine Office for forty years now, and it repeats itself on an annual basis so that if one had a one-volume breviary, it would be good for every year – you’d just have to do more flipping each day to put together the particular prayers according to the Church seasons. The other day I was struck by one of the prayers and thought I would reflect upon it for it is a prayer which professes great truths of who Jesus, Our Blessed Lord, is and what an earth changing impact Our Saviour has on our lives and the life of the world.

Lord, you have renewed the face of the earth.
Your Church throughout the world sing you
a new song, announcing your wonders to all.

Through a virgin, you have brought forth a new birth in
our world;

Through your miracles, a new power;

Through your suffering, a new patience;

In your resurrection, a new hope,
and in your Ascension, new majesty.

“The face of the earth” is an oft-used term that simply means ‘everywhere in the world’, without exception. Yet when applied to God who made everything that exists including existence itself, our known world here on earth has been renewed – made new again, from the world He originally created. God made all things, including the earth populated by we humans, and it has been renewed through Jesus’ coming to the earth. The earth as a planet and made up of many elements is not the focus of renewal but the people on it. We have been renewed in the coming of the Messiah, the Saviour who Himself renewed us. How? By providing for us, through His passion and Cross, a way out of sin and darkness and fear, in giving us the sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) by which we can, guilty of sin, confess those sins and be rid of them for good with the absolution given by the priest. God said, *“Behold, I am doing a new thing”*, (Isaiah 43:19) in light of God’s saving plan of bringing the Hebrew people out of bondage to slavery through the Red Sea which took the lives of horse and chariot that had pursued them. Rev. 21:5 says: *“And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’”* This is a new and final covenant between God and man – and there will be no other, which announces to the world a new and lasting relationship between in a final renewal of everything in the very culmination of the world.

Because of this earth-changing renewal of its people who are through Christ invited to approach God, who was formerly not approachable in the old covenant, “He took flesh and dwelt among us”, establishing a new way of relating to God that is personal and communal through Jesus who loves us and showed

the immensity of that love when He died on the Cross. This is not only new, it’s final. There will be no further covenants with man. Historically in the bible there have been seven covenants, four out of the seven He made directly with the people of Israel, and three of these four He made whether the people were faithful or not – God is always faithful. God saved the people from bondage but now in the new and everlasting covenant, we are saved through Christ Himself by His Cross and Resurrection. Ephesians 2:8 reads: ‘For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God’. The renewal of the face of the earth, therefore, is a new song sung by the new people, the Church which acclaims again the great wonders of our God.

In the remainder of this beautiful prayer, the renewal revealed that:

‘Through a virgin, you have brought forth a new birth’.

This means that through Mary’s ‘yes’ to the Angel, where she willed motherhood and gave birth to Jesus, He is the giver of the new birth, Baptism. It is through the Baptism which Jesus initiated that we become a new creation and have a new birth into life with Christ.

‘Through your miracles, a new power’;

The many miracles Jesus’ performed are way more than the wonder of them in the eyes of witnesses meant. They were both announcements and invitations. Announcements, in that they showed the awesome power of Jesus and made the people ask, ‘Who is this?’... that He can walk on water? Who is this that he can cure the sick, restore the leper, give sight to the blind, forgive sins, raise the dead back to life? And from this question comes the invitation... If this be the Messiah, the Son of God, what must I do? Follow Him is the invitation. Imitate Him, love Him and serve Him.

‘Through your suffering, a new patience’;

Jesus, in the last few days of His earthly life, experienced great suffering through His Passion and Death on the Cross. He suffered physically, spiritually and emotionally in His humanity but revealed also through it that God shows a renewed patience for man and, in fact, waits for man to come back to Him. And in this new and final covenant made by Jesus with us, He has been waiting these past 2 millennia for us, the world, to turn to Him, repent of sin, and love and be loved.

‘In your resurrection, a new hope’,

God’s most supreme act is the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead because it spells for all humanity the possibility of being with Jesus for ever in heaven. Jesus’ rising from death also enables us to die but for a moment and then taste and see heaven. Hope is founded on faith and when we believe in Jesus and His promises, then hope believes that God will carry us into all that is good and even into heaven.

‘And in your Ascension, new majesty.’

Post Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. He has made all things new and reigns as King with supreme power and authority over all that is. Yet He shares the dignity of His Kingship with those who are baptized in His Death and Resurrection. The King loves us, me, you. His love is universal yet personal. One day we will leave this life behind, on our way to see The King. (Fr.C.)



Tues Feb 11 th	
6:30pm to Mass	Confession
7:00pm	Special Intentions of the Guerrero Family
Wed Feb 12 th	
8:30am	Special Intentions of Crispina Mاماat Requested by Virginia & Lito Mina Special Intentions of Teresa & Felix Kosierb Requested by Mary Cudney & Family
Thurs Feb 13 th	
8:30am	+Ted Van Boxmeer Requested by Carol Johns
Fri Feb 14 th	
7:30am	HOLY HOUR
8:30am	Special Intentions Martha & Michael Requested by Gal & Jagielski Family +Gene Cudney Requested by Mary & Family
Sat Feb 15 th	
3:30 to 4:00pm	Confession
4:30pm	+Patricia Fennessy Requested by Denis Fennessy
Sun Feb 16 th	
9:00am	+Giovani Palmisano Requested by John Lassak & Family
11:00am	For the People

Please Pray for the Sick

Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Albert Sant, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Ashley Zavitz, Alex Poirier & Family, Tammy MacDonald, Anita Taglione, Mary Little, Yvonne Grimm, Janine Wright, Anne Johnston, Dorothy Shaughnessy, Rose Flanagan, Norma Still, Pat Ironside-Mayes

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

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CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

St. Mary's parish is inviting you to register your child for the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming months.

REGISTRATION

There will be two opportunities for parents to attend (with their child candidate) one of the two following meetings.

SUNDAY, March 2nd at 12:30 pm in the church

OR

WEDNESDAY, March 5th at 7:00 pm in the church

WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING

Your child candidate

A copy (not the original) of your child's Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (eligibility for sacraments in the Catholic Church is only to those who are baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, proven by certificate.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration can only take place if you have provided a copy of a Catholic Baptismal Certificate.
\$50.00 Registration donation

The completed Registration form – go to our parish website and download the form, fill it out and bring it to the parent meeting.

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