

March 24, 2019 – Third Sunday of Lent



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Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

03/23 – Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – † Keith Knudson – His Family
 03/24 – Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – Tri-parish Members
 03/24 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † Alexander & † Aileen Jelinek – Francis & Bonnie Jelinek

MASS INTENTIONS March 25 – March 31

03/25 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**
 03/26 – Tuesday – **5:00 p.m.** – † Donald Dusek – Knights of Columbus 5055
 03/27 – Wednesday – **8:00 am** – † Gertrude Schildberger – Ray Lutovsky
 03/28 – Thursday – **8:00 am** – † Edith Bauer – Paul & Colleen Samson
 03/29 – Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00 a.m. – MASS – 8:00 a.m.** – End to Abortion in North Dakota & Our Nation
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Pisek – 6:00 pm – Soup & Sandwich supper to follow
 03/30 – Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – † Roger Kovarik – Larry & Pat Kadlec
 03/31 – Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – Tri-parish Members
 03/31 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – (L) Madelyn Sanderson – Cheryl Harlow

Reconciliation – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass upon request; or, by appointment.

Adoration – 7:00 a.m. on each Friday
 7:00 a.m. before each 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Morning Prayer – Weekdays at 7:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer – Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.

Baptism – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

Wedding – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

New to Parish – Please register at the parish office (284-6163) or call parish secretary, Louise (284-6167)

FUTURE MASS SCHEDULE

April 2019

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

May 2019

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

June 2019

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE
 LITURGY HELPERS**

	March 31 – 10:30 am
Ushers	Jim & Misty Praska
Read	Joan Miller

**ST. JOSEPH
 LITURGY HELPERS**

	March 31 – 8:30 am
Usher	Rodney & Paulette Bosh
Read	Kristie Brintnell
Clean	Jerry & Wanita Cost

**S.S. PETER & PAUL
 LITURGY HELPERS**

	March 30 – 5:00 pm
Usher	Larry Brodina & Wayne Kadlec
Read	Mollie
Serve	Kaleb & Connor
Clean	Amber Brueckner & Amy Grabanski

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

**Robert Gemmill, Hadler Ellingson,
 Joe Zikmund, Charles Waechter,
 Andy Sobolik, Barbara Jarolimek**

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

FAITH FORMATION

(See www.plbtriparish.org for full schedule)

03/27/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek
 03/31/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek
 04/03/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek
 04/07/19 – Gr. K-6 – 8:45 am – Pisek
 04/10/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today's First Reading.

Mindful of His covenant with Abraham (see Exodus 2:24), God came down to rescue His people from the slave drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant (see Luke 1:54–55, 72–73), He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today's Psalm tells us.

Paul says in today's Epistle that God's saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink.

Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a "warning"—that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation.

At any moment, Jesus warns in today's Gospel, we could perish—not as God's punishment for being "greater sinners"—but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits.

Jesus calls us today to "repentance"—not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We're called to live the life we sing about in today's Psalm—blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy.

The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel (see Jeremiah 8:3; 24:1–10). As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance (see Luke 3:8).

Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let "the gardener," Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ www.salvationhistory.com

WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

03/24/19	03/25/19	03/26/19	03/27/19	03/28/19	03/29/19	03/30/19
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Third Lent</i> <u>Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero</u></p> <p>FAITH FORMATION K-6 - 9:00 am</p> <p>Faith Nord</p>	<p><u>Annunciation of the Lord</u></p> <p>Janet Gemmill Amber Brueckner</p>	<p><u>Saint Catherine of Genoa</u></p> <p>KC 5055 meeting at Pisek - 7:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Lazarus</u></p> <p>FAITH FORMATION Gr 7-9 - 4:30 pm Gr 10-12 - 6 pm</p> <p>Brogan Novak</p>	<p><u>Saint Catharine of Bologna</u></p> <p>Jerry Hodny</p>	<p><u>Saint Ludovico of Casoria</u></p> <p>Pisek - 6 pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Kristi Kovarik Cadance Jelinek</p>	<p><u>Saint Peter Regalado</u></p> <p>General Church Cleaning - Pisek Church - 9:00 am</p> <p>Men's Redeemed Conference - Fargo</p>

(Learn more about the saints by clicking on the hyperlinks above or on the Tri-Parish [Facebook Page](#))

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY – Our Tri-Parishes extend their sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Marge Praska. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in the peace of our Heavenly Father.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 pm ~ Soup & Sandwich Supper to follow
03/29/18 Pisek
04/05/18 Lankin
04/12/18 Bechyne

27TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER at Holy Family Catholic Church in Grand Forks will be held on Sunday, April 7, from 12 noon to 6:00 pm. All proceeds donated to help those less fortunate.

STS. PETER & PAUL

Besides April 12, Bechyne will be having Stations of the Cross on March 27 and April 3, starting at 6:30 pm with potluck soup and sandwich supper to follow.

On March 27, there will be an Altar Society meeting after Stations of the Cross and fellowship.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE

Spring Church Cleaning – Saturday, March 30 will be a busy day at St. John's. Beginning at 9:00 am, there will be Spring (yes it is coming) Cleaning of the church. You spring clean your house, now we need to do God's house for Him.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5055 will be meeting on Tuesday, March 26, at St. John's in Pisek, beginning at 7:00 pm. Plan to attend.

MASS INTENTION INFORMATION – Thank you to the party that suggested this information be printed from time to time. Mass Intentions are always welcome, and we will try to schedule a date that works for you. \$10 is suggested for each intention. If sending a check, please make out to the main parish. for our Tri-parish members, all checks for Mass intentions should be made out to St. John Nepomucene, **Please Do Not write a check directly to the Priest, St. Joseph or Sts. Peter & Paul.**

At this time Mass Intentions are needed for the weekend Masses at St. Joseph.

REDEEMED 2019

"MADE FOR GREATNESS" – MEN'S CONFERENCE – Bishop John Folda invites all men of the Diocese of Fargo to join him on Saturday, March 30 at the Delta Hotel in Fargo for the REDEEMED 2019 Made for Greatness Men's Conference. Hear dynamic speakers such as Bill Donaghy (creator of the RISE 30 Day Men's Challenge), Father Sean Kilcawley (Integrity Restored), Bishop John Folda, and more as they unpack what leads to the authentic greatness. Early registration is only \$40 through March 10. For more information or to register visit: <http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedmen> or call Brad Gray (701) 356-7903.

RETRouvaille: HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has assisted hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally April 26-28, 2019 in Fargo with additional dates regionally in February and March. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call (701) 356-7962 to find out more or to register.