

FAMILIA

NEWSLETTER

Weekend Masses

Weekend Masses are offered on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm and on Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the main church.

Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses are offered in the sacristy chapel on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm and Fridays at 12:00 noon.

Rosary

The Rosary is prayed every Sunday before 9:00 am Mass.

Confession

Every Saturday at 3:00 pm.

First Saturdays

First Saturday Mass is offered in the main church at 12 noon. Confessions at 11:00 am with Rosary at 11:30 am.

From the Desk of Father David Jenuwine

Dear Parish Family,

We are three weeks away from Easter Sunday. There will only be two more Wednesday talks beginning at 3:00 pm, followed by Mass at 4:00 pm, and a soup supper at 5:00 pm. On Fridays we will continue with Stations of the Cross at 11:30 am, followed by Mass at noon.

Holy Week begins on March 13 with Palm Sunday. Holy Week will have its own particular schedule with special liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil.

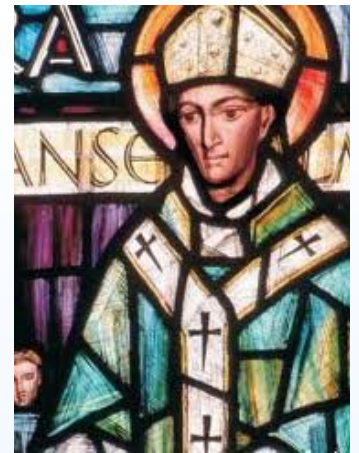
In a recent article, a cardinal in the Vatican said that priests should be waiting in their confessionals. With this in mind, we've been providing confessions on Fridays at 11:00 am in addition to the usual time on Saturday at 3:00 pm. Throughout Lent, I've been hearing confessions nearly every day at penance services throughout Saginaw and the surrounding area.

I don't know if we're not praying hard enough for warm weather or what is going on. It sure doesn't feel like global warming to

me as I shiver in front of my keyboard. After Easter, I'll be heading down to Florida to visit a priest classmate in the Diocese of Venice for a few days.

Stay warm! Let's keep each other in prayer.

Fr. David



Saint Anselm of Canterbury was a Benedictine monk, philosopher, and prelate of the Church, who was the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. He is the founder of the philosophy of scholasticism, and is a major influence in Western theology. He also originated arguments for the existence of God, and the satisfaction theory of atonement.



Holy Week: April 6 - April 12

Holy Week is the last week of Lent before Easter. It includes Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These last few days are called the Triduum - Latin for "the Three Days."

On Holy Thursday, the only Mass on this day is the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, which inaugurates the Easter Triduum. The Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his Twelve Apostles, the institution of the Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood, and the commandment of brotherly love that Jesus gave after washing the feet of his disciples.

The liturgy of Good Friday consists of three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. During the communion service, hosts consecrated at the Mass of the previous day are distributed.

On Holy Saturday Mass is not celebrated as we wait at the tomb in prayer and fasting awaiting Jesus' Resurrection. The altar is left bare, until during the solemn evening Vigil.

Easter Vigil consists of four parts: the Service of Light; the Liturgy of the Word; the Liturgy of Baptism which can consist of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for new members of the Church and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises by the entire congregation; and finally Holy Eucharist.

Easter Sunday, immediately follows Holy Week, and is the great feast day and high point of the Christian liturgical year, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Saint Mark - April 25

Saint Mark the evangelist is the traditional author of the Gospel of Mark. He is one of the Seventy Disciples, and the founder of the Church of Alexandria, one of the original three main episcopal sees of Christianity.

In 49 AD, about 19 years after the Ascension of Jesus, Mark traveled to Alexandria, Egypt; and founded the Church of Alexandria, which today is part of the Coptic Orthodox Church. Aspects of the Coptic liturgy can be traced back to Mark himself. He became the first bishop of Alexandria and he is honored as the founder of Christianity in Africa.



Saint Bernadette Soubirous - April 16

Saint Bernadette Soubirous is best known for her participation in the Marian apparitions at Lourdes. Where a "small young lady" asked for a chapel to be built at the nearby garbage dump of cave-grotto within Massabielle, and where apparitions are said to have occurred between 11 February and 16 July 1858. She would later receive recognition when the lady who appeared to her identified herself as the Immaculate Conception.

She was canonized by Pope Pius XI as a Saint of the Roman Catholic Church; her Feast Day is observed on April 16.

The Marian shrine at Lourdes went on to become a major pilgrimage site, attracting over five million Christian pilgrims of all denominations each year