

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



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78 St. Josephs Lane
Woodlawn VA 24381-1101
Sunday English Mass 11:30am
Spanish Mass: 2:30 PM
Daily Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:00am
Spanish Weekday Mass : Thurs. 6:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Before Mass 11:00-11:15 am

Risen Lord Catholic Church

59 Mountain View Park
Stuart, VA 24133
Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sun. 7:45-8:15am

All Saints Catholic Church

598 Needmore Lane, NE
Floyd, VA 24091 (540)763-6000
Mass: English
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:15-4:45pm



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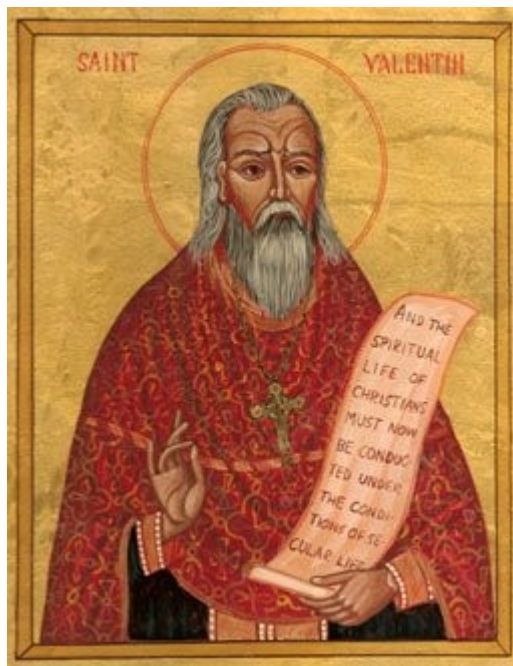
Risen Lord Catholic Church



All Saints Catholic Church



St. Valentine's Day is perhaps one of the most celebrated saint days in America; however, the religious understanding of the day has been lost amid the flurry of chocolates, hearts, and jewelry. Much of the details of St. Valentine's life have been lost to time. What remains, though, is the story of a man whose love for Christ directed his life, and ultimately led him to a martyr's death. St. Valentine was a



Roman priest who ministered to the Christians persecuted under the reign of Claudius II. St. Valentine's devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ drove him to aid the persecuted Christians in any way he could. Due to the fact that St. Valentine was a priest, and particularly because he helped the Christians who were oppressed under the rule of Claudius II, he was arrested by the Roman officials. While in jail awaiting his martyrdom, St. Valentine restored the sight of the

jailer's blind daughter. On the night before he was to be put to death, he wrote a farewell letter to the girl, signing it "From Your Valentine." Despite the stories of St. Valentine marrying young couples, as well as the letter he wrote to the jailer's daughter, the origin of his association with love and marriage is somewhat clouded. One theory lies in the pagan tradition of men and women seeking each other out for inappropriate relationships on the feast day of a certain pagan goddess. Since this day was celebrated on February 15, Christians living after the time of St. Valentine attempted to redirect the pagans' interest in love and relationships to the holy example which could be found in the life of St. Valentine, who was celebrated on February 14. Another theory is similar, claiming that February 14 is the date on which birds choose their mates. As a result, St. Valentine is often pictured with birds, particularly lovebirds. St. Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers, engaged couples, those with epilepsy, happy marriages, love, travelers, and young people.

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A Message from Father Herman

The annual Diocesan Appeal season has come. This is when we join hands with our Bishop in a special way to intensively spread the Gospel within the diocese and beyond using the blessings God has given us.

Appreciations go to all folks in the cluster who have always contributed to this fund. Thank you very much.

The Annual Diocesan appeal supports various diocesan programs and these include but are not limited to clergy formation, campus ministries, seminarian Education, Providing for those in need etc.

This fund also pays for the immigration costs for our current international priests working in our Diocese as well as a 6-month mentorship period for new international priests.

A sizable portion of the dollars collected from the Appeal effort is returned to our parishes to support other needs. The more dollars the parish collects the more is given back to it to cater for its local needs, the appeals benefits other people as well as our very parishes.

It is from this fund that mission parishes receive what is commonly known as Home Mission Grants to cater for capital improvements, outreach ministries and specific ministry costs. Our cluster has benefited several times from this grant. This is another opportunity God has given us to participate in the work of evangelization as a generation that has witnessed the bicentennial jubilee of our diocese.

After our generation has done its part, we shall hand on the Catholic church to the next generation when it is still strong and able to stand on its own or even better than we found it.

The success of this mission requires joint effort by all members in the parish. Those who came before us did their job, the ball is now on our side.

May God bless each one of us as we prepare to begin this important exercise in the life of our diocese.

Un mensaje del padre Herman

La temporada anual de la Campaña Diocesana ha llegado. Esto es cuando unimos nuestras manos con nuestro Obispo de una manera especial para difundir intensamente el Evangelio dentro de la diócesis y más allá usando las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado.

Nuestro agradecimiento a todas las personas del grupo que siempre han contribuido a este fondo. Muchas gracias.

La apelación anual diocesana apoya varios programas diocesanos y estos incluyen, entre otros, la formación del clero, los ministerios del campus, la educación de seminaristas, la prestación de servicios a los necesitados, etc.

Este fondo también paga los costos de inmigración para nuestros sacerdotes internacionales actuales que trabajan en nuestra Diócesis, así como un período de tutoría de 6 meses para los nuevos sacerdotes internacionales.

Una parte considerable de los dólares recaudados del esfuerzo de la Campaña se devuelve a nuestras parroquias para apoyar otras necesidades. Cuanto más dólares recauda la parroquia, más se le devuelve para satisfacer sus necesidades locales, los llamamientos benefician a otras personas, así como a nuestras parroquias.

Es de este fondo que las parroquias misioneras reciben lo que comúnmente se conoce como Subvenciones para Misiones Domésticas para atender mejoras capitales, ministerios de alcance y costos ministeriales específicos. Nuestro grupo se ha beneficiado varias veces de esta subvención. Esta es otra oportunidad que Dios nos ha dado para participar en la obra de evangelización como generación que ha sido testigo del jubileo del bicentenario de nuestra diócesis.

Después de que nuestra generación haya hecho su parte, entregaremos la iglesia católica a la próxima generación cuando aún sea fuerte y pueda sostenerse por sí misma o incluso mejor de lo que la encontramos.

El éxito de esta misión requiere el esfuerzo conjunto de todos los miembros de la parroquia. Los que vinieron antes que nosotros hicieron su trabajo, la pelota ahora está de nuestro lado.

Que Dios nos bendiga a cada uno de nosotros mientras nos preparamos para comenzar este importante ejercicio en la vida de nuestra diócesis.



A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.
Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.
Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.

Short Litany to Our Blessed Mother

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.
Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.
Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.
Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.
Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.
Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us.
Amen.

REVISED COVID 19 PROTOCOL

In recent weeks, Southwest Virginia has experienced a surge of new Coronavirus cases. The Governor of Virginia and the Bishop of our Diocese have issued revised guidelines for the faithful to safely attend Mass in person.

As a Catholic community we have an obligation to safeguard parishioners who attend Mass. Because of this, a mask, face covering or face shield will be a REQUIREMENT to all who attend Mass in person without exception.

Our Parish has always had this requirement, however the Diocese has recently added a face shield to meet the acceptable face covering requirement. This will accommodate parishioners unable to wear a mask or face covering.

For those unwilling or unable to comply with this requirement, we encourage you to attend Mass virtually via Facebook. Our Livestream can be found on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephswoodlawn.net/>

HELP US reduce the spread of this virus and protect your fellow parishioners.

February 2021

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March 2021

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Jan 31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5	6
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8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 2:30pm Misa en Español		AS Parish Council Groundhog Day (United States)	9:00am SJ weekday Mass 5:30pm SJ Parish Council	6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento	9:00am SJ weekday Mass Lincoln's Birthday (United States) 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	5:00pm AS Sunday Vigil Mass
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1 February 2021 – Monday First Reading: Hebrews 11 : 32-40 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 31 : 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 5 : 1-20	7 February 2021 – Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME First Reading: Job 7 : 1-4, 6-7 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 147 : 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Second Reading: First Corinthians 9 : 16-19, 22-23 Gospel: Mark 11 : 29-39	13 February 2021 – Saturday First Reading: Genesis 3 : 9-24 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 90 : 2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 8 : 1-10	18 February 2021 – Thursday First Reading: Deuteronomy 30 : 15-20 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 1 : 1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Luke 9 : 22-25	24 February 2021 – Wednesday First Reading: Jonah 3 : 1-10 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 51 : 3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Luke 11 : 29-32
2 February 2021 – Tuesday PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Feast First Reading: Malachi 3 : 1-4 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 24 : 7, 8, 9, 10 Second Reading: Hebrews 2 : 14-18 Gospel: Luke 2 : 22-40	8 February 2021 – Monday First Reading: Genesis 1 : 1-9 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 104 : 1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 6 : 53-56	14 February 2021 – Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME First Reading: Leviticus 13 : 1-2, 44-46 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 32 : 1-2, 5, 11 (7) Second Reading: First Corinthians 10 : 31 – 11: 1 Gospel: Mark 8 : 40-45	19 February 2021 – Friday Friday after Ash Wednesday, Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up) First Reading: Isaiah 58 : 1-9a Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 51 : 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Matthew 9 : 14-15	25 February 2021 – Thursday First Reading: Esther C : 12, 14-16, 23-25 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 138 : 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Matthew 7 : 7-12
3 February 2021 – Wednesday First Reading: Hebrews 12 : 4-7, 11-15 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 103 : 1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 6 : 1-6	9 February 2021 – Tuesday First Reading: Genesis 11 : 20 – 21: 4a Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 8 : 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 7 : 1-13	15 February 2021 – Monday First Reading: Genesis 4 : 1-15, 25 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 50 : 1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 8 : 11-13	20 February 2021 – Saturday First Reading: Isaiah 58 : 9b-14 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 86 : 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Luke 5 : 27-32	26 February 2021 – Friday Lenten Weekday, Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up) First Reading: Ezekiel 18 : 21-28 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 130 : 1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Matthew 5 : 20-26
4 February 2021 – Thursday First Reading: Hebrews 12 : 18-19, 21-24 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 48 : 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 6 : 7-13	10 February 2021 – Wednesday First Reading: Genesis 2 : 4b-9, 15-17 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 104 : 1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 7 : 14-23	16 February 2021 – Tuesday First Reading: Genesis 6 : 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 29 : 1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 8 : 14-21	21 February 2021 – Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT First Reading: Genesis 9 : 8-15 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 25 : 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Second Reading: First Peter 3 : 18-22 Gospel: Mark 11 : 12-15	27 February 2021 – Saturday First Reading: Deuteronomy 26 : 16-19 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 119 : 1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Matthew 5 : 43-48
5 February 2021 – Friday First Reading: Hebrews 13 : 1-8 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 27 : 1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 6 : 14-29	11 February 2021 – Thursday First Reading: Genesis 2 : 18-25 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 128 : 1-2, 3, 4-5 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 7 : 24-30	17 February 2021 – Wednesday Ash Wednesday, Begin Lenten preparation for the Easter Triduum, NOT a holy day of obligation, Day of fast (ages 18-59) and abstinence from meat (age 14 and up) First Reading: Joel 2 : 12-18 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 51 : 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 Second Reading: Second Corinthians 5 : 20 – 6:2 Gospel: Matthew 6 : 1-6, 16-18	22 February 2021 – Monday First Reading: First Peter 5 : 1-4 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23 : 1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Matthew 16 : 13-19	28 February 2021 – Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT First Reading: Genesis 22 : 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 116 : 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Second Reading: Romans 8 : 31b-34 Gospel: Mark 9 : 2-10
6 February 2021 – Saturday First Reading: Hebrews 13 : 15-17, 20-21 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23 : 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 6 : 30-34	12 February 2021 – Friday First Reading: Genesis 3 : 1-8 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 32 : 1-2, 5, 6, 7 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Mark 7 : 31-37	23 February 2021 – Tuesday First Reading: Isaiah 55 : 10-11 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 34 : 4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Second Reading: Null Gospel: Matthew 6 : 7-15		

WHEN YOU GIVE ALMS... WHEN YOU PRAY... AND WHEN YOU FAST! EXPLORING THE DON'TS AND DOS OF THE LENTEN PILLARS.
Rev. Fr. Boniface Nkem Anusiem Ph.D.

The earth as we know it runs on seasons. At this point, some people are experiencing freezing weather in some parts of the earth while others are complaining of excruciating hot weather condition. While some people are covering their bodies to their faces to quell the chilling effects of cold, people in other places are considering the idea of discarding even their inner clothes because of the heat. We are born into seasons, and we live and die in seasons.

The reflection of on the seasons that characterize our material world leads us to consider the liturgical seasons of the Church which also points to some significant spiritual activities. The Ash Wednesday stands as the great door that leads us to the Lenten season. The season of Lent is forty days when we are invited to retreat, reflect, and redirect our lives from our estrangement from God due to sin to a more reconciliatory relationship with Him.

• When you give alms...

Our Lord begins the instructions with almsgiving, and the reason is understandable. Giving is one the ways we reflect God as God is the eternal giver. The letter of St. James (1:17) tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from God in whom there is no shadow of change. Success in life is not measured by how much we have but how much we give. When we give, especially those who cannot give us (Luke 6:30-35), we reflect and represent God because God gives us more than we can repay.

Coming to the practice of the almsgiving proper, our Lord instructs that when we give alms, we should not sound our trumpets. Why? The reason is that there is the selfish drive in us that looks for appreciation and applause from people. We often wish to be highlighted in the news, we love likes and praise comments. Our Lord is asking us to deny ourselves of that publicity in

our almsgiving so that our reward would come from God who repays to every sincere giver (Luke 6:38).

• When you pray...

Our Lord Jesus Christ instructs us not to pray like the hypocrites who love to pray in the synagogues and street corners so that

people could see them. Here we understand the desire for public approval coming in with regards to prayer which should be our conversation with God. There is a difference between praying to God and praying to people. It is unfortunate that most people pray to receive attention and endorsement. Praying to people is a waste of time and energy because such

prayers do nothing apart from getting their attention. (Praying to people is different from praying for them).

Our Lord invites us to make our private prayers a constant dialogue with God (Luke 18:1). Furthermore, he instructs that using many words and phrases do not determine the efficacy of our prayers. What our Lord Jesus Christ is telling us is that our prayers should be heartfelt not brilliant.

• When you fast...

Fasting is an essential spiritual exercise that we need to understand and appreciate more. To fast means to deny ourselves of not just food but any other bodily or material gratification. Fasting goes with abstinence which means keeping away from something. When we fast, we suppress the body so that the Spirit would rise. St. Paul tells us in the letter to the Galatians (5: 16-17), to live by the Spirit and not gratify the desires of the flesh. He goes further to tell us that the desires of the flesh oppose the desires of the Spirit.

In the narrative, our Lord tells us that we should not make a public show of our fasting by pulling long faces and announcing it to everyone. We could liken our fasting to some of the private and harmless things we do which we do not go about announcing to everyone. Our fasting should be kept between God and us because it is a matter between Him and us.

A more practical approach to the spiritual exercise of fasting is to focus on those unbridled desires we have. Fasting from food is perfect but there are other things you can fast from that could also be helpful. More so, there is a difference between spiritual fasting and other forms of fasting like medical fasting or physical fitness fasting. Of what value would it be to fast from food while quarreling and using foul language. We can fast from social media; we can fast from gossips, we can fast from anger and so many things.

The Church tells us that we are dust and to dust, we shall return. The best we can make out of this season is to pay attention to the word of God, repent of our sins and live a more committed spiritual life. We have tried the life of sin enough, now is a new season. Have a rewarding season of Lent and may the end of the season bring about your renewal and rising to glory with the Lord. Remember the right dispositions when you give alms, when you pray, and when you fast.

May God bless your Lenten journey.

Fr. Bonnie

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

MATTHEW 25 PILL BOTTLE MINISTRY

In developing countries, medicines—when actually obtainable—are often dispensed into hands, pockets, leaves or any other available container. Matthew 25 Ministries accepts donations of empty pill bottles to help improve health care quality in developing nations. Donations of clean, unlabeled pill bottles help the poorest of the poor in many ways: Medicine can be distributed in sterile containers. Pill bottles that are not appropriate for shipping are recycled for cash that goes towards Matthew 25:Ministries' programs. This plastic recycling program keeps thousands of bottles out of landfills each year.

Matthew 25: Ministries accepts the following types of empty pill bottles:

Prescription pill bottles, all sizes

Pill bottles with and without child resistant caps

Over-the-counter pill bottles.

Bring your bottles to Sue Ann Ehmann any Sunday. If I'm not there just leave them in the kitchen at Risen Lord.

SAINT JOSEPH FINANCIALS LAST MONTH AND YTD		ALL SAINTS FINANCIALS LAST MONTH AND YTD		RISEN LORD FINANCIALS LAST MONTH AND YTD	
DECEMBER 2020		DECEMBER 2020		DECEMBER 2020	
INCOME	\$8,572.48*	INCOME	\$5,336.76	INCOME	\$3,806.50
EXPENSES	\$8,720.42	EXPENSES	\$3,901.42	EXPENSES	\$2,641.39
NET +(-)	\$(147.94)	NET +(-)	\$1,435.34	NET +(-)	\$1,165.11
YEAR TO DATE 2020		YEAR TO DATE 2020		YEAR TO DATE 2020	
INCOME	\$43,581.11	INCOME	\$25,316.73	INCOME	\$25,467.08
EXPENSES	\$50,902.59	EXPENSES	\$29,154.47	EXPENSES	\$22,137.80
NET +(-)	\$(7,321.48)	NET +(-)	\$(3,837.74)	NET +(-)	\$3,329.28
Source: PARISHSoft® Accounting Statement of Activity FYTD through 12/31/2020* Income include \$1,155 raised by raffle		Source: PARISHSoft® Accounting Statement of Activity FYTD through 12/31/2020		Source: PARISHSoft® Accounting Statement of Activity FYTD through 12/31/2020	



2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Building Our Family of Faith

CASE FOR SUPPORT OVERVIEW

Case Element	2021 Target
Empowering the Next Generation	\$796,000
Seminarian Education	\$400,000
Campus Ministries	\$165,000
Reengagement with the Eucharist*	\$100,000
Segura Educational Initiative for Children	\$81,000
Distance Learning Network	\$50,000
Providing for Those in Need	\$1,275,000
Fuel and Hunger Fund	\$475,000
Pastoral Support	\$350,000
Retired Priests	\$300,000
Saint Francis Home	\$100,000
Home Mission Grants	\$50,000
Building Catholic Communities	\$1,197,911
Parish Sharing	\$997,911
International Priests	\$100,000
Patrimony Restoration*	\$50,000
Clergy Formation	\$20,000
Developing Lay Leadership	\$20,000
Liturgy and Worship	\$10,000
Fees and Administration	\$481,000
2021 Appeal Overall Target	\$3,749,911

*New Case for Support Ministry

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

The Diocese of Richmond announced that the 2021 Annual Appeal will be held over two Digital “In Pew” weekends . The first will be the weekend of February 20 and 21. The Second will be the weekend of February 27 and 28.

The Diocese has set fundraising goals for all parishes based on the annual offertories. Our Parish Goals are as follows:

All Saints Floyd- \$2,690

Risen Lord Stuart- \$1,810

St. Joseph Woodlawn-\$4,320

Do note that with our designation as Mission Parishes one half of the funds we raise in our Parishes come back to us directly.

We are also beneficiaries of key programs funded by the Annual appeal including Fuel and Hunger and Home Mission Grant awards.

HELP US Reach our Goal with your always generous and appreciated gifts.

“The second step in Christian initiation is the liturgical rite called both election and the enrollment of names” (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults no. 552).

The Rite of Election:

- Ritualizes the Church’s acceptance of the catechumens (i.e., the unbaptized) as being ready to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist) at the 2021 Easter Vigil.
- Celebrates God’s “election” or choice of the catechumens.
- Marks the beginning of their final period of more intense, spiritual preparation known as Purification & Enlightenment.

Due to the ongoing public health emergency, the Rite of Election will take place in parishes on the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021, and NOT in a large diocesan celebration.



Where do the Ashes Come from and What do the Ashes Symbolize?



In many parishes, the ashes are prepared by burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday, churches bless and hand out palm branches to attendees, a reference to the Gospels’ account of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when onlookers lay palm branches on his path.

The ashes of this holiday symbolize two main things: death and repentance. “Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay ([Genesis 2:7](#)), and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash.”

“When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy” (The [CatholicSpirit.com](#)).

With this focus on our own mortality and sinfulness, Christians can enter into the Lent season solemnly, while also looking forward in greater anticipation and joy of the message of Easter and Christ’s ultimate victory over sin and death.

‘TIS THE SEASON FOR SNOW ICE AND COLD TEMPS.

If you’d like to receive notifications from our ParishCast® alert system for weather related Mass cancellations please contact the office at sjoffice@embarqmail.com. We can send voice, text and e-mail alerts. If you are already receiving alerts from the PARISHCast® system you **do NOT** need to contact the office to set up for these alerts.



Fuel and Hunger Assistance Available

Do you know of a parishioner or someone else that needs assistance with utilities (heat/ electric/ water/ gas) or someone who needs food assistance? All parishes have limited funds available to provide assistance. Funds are distributed on a first come, first served basis with supporting documentation of need (for utility assistance). Contact the office for specifics.

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