

March 5-6, 2022 | First Sunday of Lent

AVE MARIA

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekly Reflection



Penance is, after prayer, the most effective means for cleansing the soul of past faults and even for guarding it against future ones.

When Our Lord is about to begin His public ministry, He has His Precursor proclaim the necessity of penance: "Do penance: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 3:2). Jesus himself declares that He has come to call sinners to repentance: "I came not to call the just, but sinners to penance" (Lk 5:32).

This virtue is so necessary, that unless we do penance, we shall perish: "But except you do penance, you shall all likewise perish," (Lk 13:5) For the sinner, penance is an act of justice; for having offended God and violated God's rights, he is bound to make reparation his sins; and this he does through penance.

After giving much thought to the reason why so many souls make but little progress, Father Faber concludes that the cause is "the want of sorrow for sin." As he explains at length in his book, Growth in Holiness, chapter 19: "All holiness has lost its principle of growth if it is separated from abiding sorrow for sin. For the principle of growth is not only love, but forgiven love."

Works of penance are principles of spiritual growth. Our sacrifices have eternal meaning. May whatever good we do, and the suffering we endure, heal our souls, help us grow in holiness, and reward us with eternal life.

Our Priests

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Collection Summary

● **2/19 & 2/20 Total** \$25,637.50

● **Weekly Budget*** **\$18,943.24**

Donations to CFA \$83,421.50

CFA Goal **\$210,000**

Campaign Victory Goal **\$3,000,000**

Total Campaign Pledges \$2,420,954

Pledges Collected to Date \$1,603,365

**Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt*



MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace

Sat. March 5

- 9:00am + Jimmy Bagwell
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Leonard Petock
- 7:00pm (SP) + Yolanda M. Ariles Chaviano

Sun. March 6

- 8:00am + Terry Busch
- 10:00am January Donovan
- 12:30pm (EF) The Parish Community
- 7:30pm Norman MacDonald

Mon. March 7

- 7:30am + George Gratton Hill
- 12:00pm Prayer Box Intentions
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm Ana Marie & George Anastasiades

Tues. March 8

- 7:30am Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00pm + Victor Dix
- 5:00pm + Helen Harmon Hill

Wed. March 9

- 7:30am + Freddy Hutchison
- 12:00pm + Maria Leyva
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm Glen & Kathy Roberts

Contact the Parish Office to remember your own dearly departed loved ones in the Holy Mass.

Stations of the Cross follow Friday Holy Hour

Thur. March 10

- 7:30am Mike McAllen
- 12:00pm + Carmel DeLeon
- 5:00pm Cindy Schang

Fri. March 11

- 7:30am Nick Larocci
- 12:00pm + Dick Weber
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Migdalia Fernandez
- 6:30-7:30pm Holy Hour & Confessions

Sat. March 12

- 9:00am + Dick Weber
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Mary Alice & Carey Evans
- 7:00pm (SP) + Rosalina Morales

Sun. March 13

- 8:00am The Parish Community
- 10:00am Shannon & Justin Morgan Fm.
- 12:30pm (EF) Patricia Talsness
- 7:30pm + Marion Denegre

Color Key for Priests

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| ● Fr. David Vidal | ● Fr. Joseph Lugalambi |
| ● Fr. John Andem | ● Fr. Ignatius |
| ● Fr. Piotr Paciorek | ● Fr. Anbu |
| ● Fr. Romanus Cessario | ● FSSP |
| ● Fr. Rick Martignetti | ● Fr. Bob Garrity |
| ● Fr. Guy Mansini | ● Fr. Richard Bondi |

Prayer of the Week: Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

Welcome to the Church!

February 25

Tristan Michael Jennings

February 27

Eva Kimberly Amaya

*Contact the parish office for information on scheduling a baptism and the required classes for parents and godparents.



Holy Matrimony

Congratulations!

February 19

Beker Ludim Escalante &

Kaithlyn Inez Perez

*Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior. Must be registered parishioner & been attending Mass for 3 months.



Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of this Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of illnesses or frailty.

*Contact the parish office for scheduling a visit to the sick. For an emergency, call 239.261.5555 and follow the instructions.



PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A renewed effort for our Parish to continue our Capital Campaign, ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** is beginning!

Capital Campaign Donations are distributed in the following way: 85% is directed to debt reduction and 15% is allocated to capital improvements. **Amount raised since we began our renewed efforts in October 2021: \$962,143.00** This has been raised from 137 donors! Thank you so much for your generosity!

Please join us in this effort! For more information, contact our Parish Office Office@AveMariaParish.org or visit www.AveGives.org

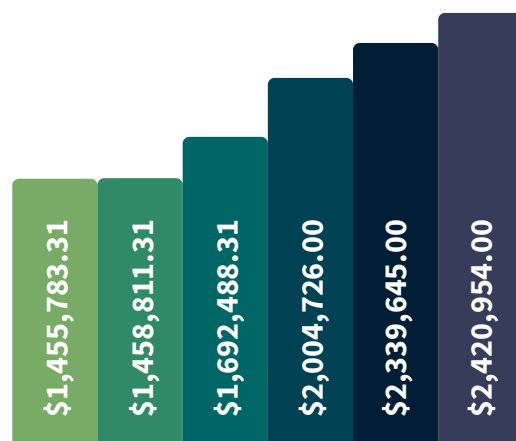
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Sept. '21 Oct. '21 Nov. '21 Dec. '21 Jan. '22 Feb. '22

PARISH LIFE

Events and Updates



March 8

Public Parish Tours

1-3pm / Church



March 9-10

**High & Middle School
Retreat**
Dominican Sisters

Donahue Academy



March 11

KofC Fish Fry
Ave Style

4-7pm / Parish Hall



March 11

Stations of the Cross
After Holy Hour & Confessions

7:30pm / Church

Ave Maria Knights of Columbus

POLISH DINNER FUNDRAISER



Saturday, March 12
Oil Well Craft Beer

Sponsored by:

**The Ave Maria Knights of Columbus
And Benefitting Their Local Charities**



SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1-7PM
(OR UNTIL PIEROGI RUN OUT)
OWCB PARKING LOT
5334 AVE MARIA BLVD.

Meal Prices:

\$12-Pierogi & Kielbasa Meal
\$12-5 Pierogi Meal
\$10-3 Pierogi Meal
Free-Will Donation
(cash or credit)



St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Families

Ave Maria Parish & Donahue Academy Parish School

St. Joseph is the Patron of Fathers, Families, and the Universal Church. This year, we will honor **St. Joseph as the Patron Saint of Families**. Please, save the date!

5:00pm Holy Mass (Vigil).

6:00pm Procession after Mass from the Church to Donahue Academy

6:30pm Potluck Italian Dinner (Donahue Gym). RSVP is required; go to www.avemariaparish.org to confirm the number attending and what you plan to bring.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

Consecrate Yourself to Mary!

All parishioners are invited to join a six-week Marian Consecration retreat based on Father Michael Gaitley's highly acclaimed book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Workshops will begin next week at the Parish Hall and the Mary & Mercy Center. Or you may do a home study on your own, or with your family. **We will make our Marian Consecration on March 25th, the Feast of The Annunciation of the Lord.** If you have already consecrated, you can renew and join the others on March 25.

Workshop Schedules:

English

Sundays, Mar. 6, Mar. 13, Mar. 20 & Mar. 27, 3:00 to 4:30pm at the Parish Hall (Led by Dan Crow)

Thursdays, Mar. 10, Mar. 17, Mar. 24, 1:30 to 3pm at the Mary & Mercy Center (Led by Peg Meyer)

Spanish

Thursdays, Mar. 10, Mar. 17, Mar. 24, 7:30 to 9pm at the Mary & Mercy Center (Led by Virginia Melendez)

Four ways to register and buy books (\$10 cash/check):

- At the Parish Office (9am – 5 pm, Weekdays)
- At the Mary & Mercy Center (10 am – 3 pm, Weekdays)
- Email your registration (name, phone, email, workshop choice) to:

info@maryandmercycenter.org



Secular Franciscan Order

Sunday, March 6
12:30-3:30pm | Parish Hall
Carol Bart
cabart51@gmail.com



Columbiettes

Tuesday, March 8 (Lenten Reflection)
6:15pm | Church
Vicki Dean
vjdean@yahoo.com



Divine Will Group

Wednesday, March 9
7-8:30pm | Mary & Mercy Ctr.
Felipe Gomez
fiatdv@icloud.com



AA Meeting

Thursday, March 10
7-9pm | Parish Hall
Dan Linton
dlinton58@gmail.com



Donahue Academy

Thank you to everybody who helped make this year's Grandparents Day a success! Our students were enriched by the time spent with the visiting grandparents who were able to see living proof the Faith is being passed down here at the School.

Congratulations are in order for our Grade and Middle School Basketball teams. The 5th and 6th Grade Girls, 5th and 6th Grade Boys and 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball teams all won their respective conferences this year. On top of that, both 5th and 6th Grade Boys and Girls teams finished their seasons undefeated. 5th and 6th Grade Boys coach Jessica Copeland had this to say about the team:

They were joyful, charitable, energetic, hardworking and determined. They brought that energy and enthusiasm to every practice and game. They represented Donahue Academy incredibly well. What I loved the most was how they cheered for each other. They were a joy to coach!

Please mark your calendars for Donahue Academy's upcoming celebration of St. Joseph on March 19th! The event begins with Mass at 5:00pm in the parish, followed by a procession to the parish school where we will all enjoy a festive Italian dinner. The feast honoring St. Joseph is free to attend, though an RSVP is required. A link to the RSVP form can be found in the announcements box on DonahueAcademy.org homepage and in the highlighted events of AveMariaParish.org



Religious Education

Join us for the Children's Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays, from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Church. This weekly guided children's adoration is for children in grades 1-6. Others are welcome to join using the pews in the back half of the church. For more information on any of our Faith Formation programs or to receive the weekly emails that will include a children's Eucharistic story and music tracks, email to **Becky Hampton at Becky.H@avemariaparish.org**

"I urge you to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His presence? Like the young Samuel, by learning the words of the prayer of the heart, they will be closer to the Lord." Saint John Paul II

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



Después de la oración, la penitencia es el modo más efectivo para purificar el alma de las faltas pasadas e incluso para cuidarla de las futuras. Cuando nuestro Señor está por comenzar su ministerio, El hace que su precursor proclame la necesidad de la penitencia: *"Haced penitencia, porque el reino de los cielos esta cercano,"* (Mt. 3:2) Jesús mismo declara que El ha venido a llamar a los pecadores al arrepentimiento: *"No he venido a llamar a los justos, sino a los pecadores a la penitencia,"* (Lc. 5:32). Esta virtud es tan necesaria, que si no hacemos penitencia, pereceremos: *"Si no haceis penitencia, todos igual*

perecereis," (Lc. 13:5). Para el pecador, la penitencia es un acto de justicia, porque luego de haber ofendido a Dios y violado sus mandatos, el pecador está llamado a enmendar sus faltas; y esto lo hace por la penitencia.

Después de haber meditado la razón por la cual tantas almas progresan tan poco en la vida espiritual, el Padre Faber concluye que la causa es *"la falta de dolor por los pecados."* Como lo explica de modo extenso en su libro *Growth in Holiness*, capítulo 19: *"Toda santidad pierde su principio de crecimiento si está separada de un profundo dolor por los pecados. Porque el principio de crecimiento no sólo es el amor, sino el amor perdonado."* Las obras de penitencia son principios de crecimiento espiritual. Nuestros sacrificios tienen un significado eterno. Que cualquier bien que hagamos y cualquier sufrimiento que padezcamos, nos cure el alma, nos ayude a crecer en santidad, y nos concede el premio de la vida eterna.

PARISH OUTREACH LENTEN MISSION

March 21-25, 2022 - Save the Dates!

To prepare ourselves for this Holy Season of Lent, you are invited to attend our **Parish Outreach Lenten Mission** with reflective talks by well-known international Catholic speakers. All talks will be in the Parish Church from **7:00pm to 8:30pm**. Two priests will be hearing confessions during the talks. No registration is needed and all are invited!



FR. FRANCIS PEFFLEY, SPIRITUAL
DIRECTOR OF THE LEGION OF MARY

MARY'S HEAVENLY WEAPONS

3.21 - THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
3.22 - THE HOLY ROSARY



FR. CHRIS ALAR, MIC

THE SACRAMENTS

3.23 - ARE YOU SAVED?
3.24 - CONFESSION (PART 1 & 2):
WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW

On Friday, March 25, join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation, the patronal feast of Ave Maria Parish and Ave Maria University! Our day will include the Parish and University Consecration to our Blessed Mother and the Inauguration of the New President of AMU, Mark Middendorf. Schedule: **3pm**: Inauguration; **4:30pm**: Marian Consecration Prayer; **5pm**: Mass presided by Bishop Frank Dewane; **6pm**: Dinner on the Canizaro Library Lawn; **7pm**: Concert. To join the dinner, you **MUST** get a ticket before March 20. Go to our website: www.avemariaparish.org

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La Legión de María

La Legión de María es una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica con cerca de cuatro millones de miembros activos. ¿Qué hace? Orar y trabajar apostólicamente. Funciona con reuniones semanales de grupo, donde se ora, se revisa la actividad apostólica, y se estudian temas formativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado. **La Legión de María se reúne los martes a las 6:00pm en Mary and Mercy Center.** Para más información contacte a Marvin Gaitán, marvingaitan73@gmail.com



Matrimonios Transformados

El Grupo de Matrimonios de Ave Maria se reúne en **Donahue Academy los sábados de 11:20am a 2:30pm.**

Su objetivo es el crecimiento espiritual y apoyo de los esposos. Se tratan temas como: la comunicación, la intimidad, las finanzas, y la educación de los hijos.

¿Quiénes pueden participar? Parejas en preparación matrimonial y matrimonios en cualquier etapa y/o circunstancia. Para más información, contacta a **Karla y Jorge Cebreros**, mtavemaria@gmail.com

Oración de la Semana: Acto de Contrición

¡Señor mío, Jesucristo! Dios y Hombre verdadero, Creador, Padre y Redentor mío;
por ser Vos quien sois, Bondad infinita, y porque os amo sobre todas las cosas,
me pesa de todo corazón de haberos ofendido;

también me pesa porque podéis castigarme con las penas del infierno.
Ayudado de vuestra divina gracia propongo firmemente nunca más pecar,
confesarme y cumplir la penitencia que me fuere impuesta. Amén.

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Pésame, Dios mío, y me arrepiento de todo corazón de haberos ofendido.

Pésame por el Infierno que merecí y por el Cielo que perdí;
pero mucho más me pesa, porque pecando ofendí a un Dios tan bueno y tan grande como Vos.
Antes querría haber muerto que haberos ofendido,
y propongo firmemente no pecar más, y evitar todas las ocasiones próximas de pecado. Amén.

SOME UNIQUE TREASURES

from Ave Maria Catholic Church & Resources



Pavers

Starting at \$350



Facing Stones

Starting at \$3,000



Custom Rosary

\$85

Email memorials@avemariaparish.org
for more info!



Last Thursday, February 17, 2022, we began in our Parish the **Catholic Culture Series**.

Joseph Pearce gave a lecture on "A Matter of Life and Death: The Battle for a True Education."

"Catholic Culture Series" intends to show how the Gospel and our Catholic Faith are or should be incarnated in our society.

Please, mark in your calendar our next coming event.

It will be on Thursday, April 7, 7-9:30pm

at the Prince Building Auditorium (AMU).

Patrick Lappert: "What Is Human Nature?"

Transgenderism and Catholic Anthropology"

Mary Rice Hasson: "Responding to the Transgender Moment: A Catholic Imperative"



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kids about
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