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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday**

St. Mary – 4:30pm

**Sunday**

St. Mary – 9:00am (Rosary 8:30am)  
St. Joan of Arc - 5:00pm (Rosary 4:30pm)

**Weekdays (at St. Mary only)**

Tuesday – 6:00pm  
Wednesday – Friday – 7:00am  
Tuesday – 5:00pm – Adoration

**CCD**

St. Mary - Sunday at 10:00am

**RCIA**

St. Mary – TBD

**CONFESSIONS**

*Saturday* – 3:30pm – St. Mary  
*Sunday* – 8:30am – St. Mary  
*Sunday* – 4:30pm – St. Joan  
*Tuesday* – 5:15pm

Or by appointment

*St. Joan of Arc*  
327 W. McKinley St.  
Jasonville, IN

*St. Mary Church*  
105 E. Jackson Street  
Sullivan, IN

P.O. Box 506; Sullivan, IN 47882

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday* Mar. 27  
*of Lent* 2022



**Then Jesus said, “It is for judgment that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those who do see may become blind.”**  
**John 9:39**

**Church Support – March 20**

**St. Joan of Arc:** Regular \$150 / Jasonville Food \$40  
Attendance: Sunday: 16

**St. Mary:** Regular \$1,215 / Comm. Kitchen \$10  
Attendance: Saturday: 37, Sunday: 41

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (March 27-April 3)

### Saturday, Mar. 26 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

STM – Fr. William Botzum ✨

### Sunday, Mar. 27 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

STM (9:00am) – Marty Pierson ✨

STJ (5:00pm) – Bruce and Thelma Vitosky ✨

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

### Monday, Mar. 28 – Lenten Weekday NO MASS

### Tuesday, Mar. 29 – Lenten Weekday

STM – Marty Pierson ✨

### Wednesday, Mar. 30 – Lenten Weekday

STM – Michelle Wyatt ✨

### Thursday, Mar. 31 – Lenten Weekday

STM – Mario A. Valenzuela ✨

### Friday, Apr. 01 – Lenten Weekday

STM – Arnold Kuester ✨

### Saturday, Apr. 02 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

STM – Members of St. Mary & St. Joan

### Sunday, Apr. 03 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

STM (9:00am) – Members of St. Mary & St. Joan

STJ (5:00pm) – Members of St. Joan & St. Mary

## PRAYER LIST

**St. Mary:** Brenda Bedwell, William Bouchie, Bob Cooper, Beth Fusco, Verne Davis, Payton Main, Dave Meadows, Cathy Nedemeyer, Raymond Pirtle, Christopher Styga

**St. Joan of Arc:** Sue Case, Glen Wood Coleman, Karen Conley, Liam Fuzesi, Joe Hudson, Shannan Hudson, Cindi Johns, Kenny Lee, Abbey Martin, Bob Martindale, Troy Martindale, Brent Sexton, Elizabeth Solomon, Frances Trump, Jack Trump

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### ITEMS OF NOTE:

- **Congratulations to everyone in the Community Kitchen!**  
Last month the Kitchen received the "Excellence in Service" award from the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. Donations for the Community Kitchen can be put into the collection at any time clearly marked for the Community Kitchen. ***(Make checks payable to St. Mary and list Community Kitchen on the memo line.)*** The basket at St. Mary South Door is also used for supplying the needs of infants through "Blessings for Babies," which is open during the Pantry hours every Monday, 5-6 PM when the hot meal is served.

## DAILY MASS READINGS

### Mar. 27 (Sunday)

Reading I – Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Reading II – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### Mar. 28 (Monday)

Reading I – Isaiah 65:17-21

Psalm 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b

Gospel – John 4:43-54

### Mar. 29 (Tuesday)

Reading I – Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Gospel – John 5:1-16

### Mar. 30 (Wednesday)

Reading I – Isaiah 49:8-15

Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18

Gospel – John 5:17-30

### Mar. 31 (Thursday)

Reading I – Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Gospel – John 5:31-47

### Apr. 01 (Friday)

Reading I – Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22

Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23

Gospel – Luke 1:26-38

### Apr. 02 (Saturday)

Reading I – Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12

Gospel – John 7:40-53

### Apr. 03 (Sunday)

Reading I – Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Reading II – Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel – John 8:1-11

# A REFLECTION

FROM FR. JOHN

## **Why Confession?**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (commonly called Confession) is appropriate any time of the year, but during Lent and Advent it takes on special significance. For during these seasons, a special effort is made by the faithful to prepare for the two liturgical feasts celebrated around the world, Christmas and Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday; we take on a visible sign of our Christian identity and we are given the charge: "Repent and believe in the Gospel!" Confession is repentance.

## **Is Confession in the Bible?**

Yes, most certainly, it is. In Matthew 16:19, the evangelist records the words of Jesus Christ to Peter and the Apostles: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Further, in James 5:14-17 we are told, "Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Powerful testimony!

## **Won't the priest remember what I say?**

In the confessional, the priest stands as the representative of God and the Church. He is no longer your priest but is standing in the person of Christ. In giving a penance, and then absolving your sin, the priest acts for Christ.

The confessor assumes the Seal of Confession; nothing said in that confessional can ever be uttered again. The priest cannot even acknowledge or disclose that you came to Confession at all! Nothing you might say will get a reaction from the priest. No sin is too big or too small for the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who is the very font of mercy and love.

## **But why go to Confession at all?**

We don't baptize ourselves, do we? And if we ask others to pray for us, we recognize the need for others on our Christian journey; no one stands alone. God's very design calls for us to aid one another, from the intercession of the saints in heaven, to the sacramental graces offered through priests and deacons.

*Only God can forgive sin.* But Christ also *entrusted* the power of absolution to his apostles so that we might return fully to the Father. A recommended frequency, based on the teachings of the Pope and Catholic Church law, is between once a month and once a week. If you haven't been to confession in some time, Lent is a great season to receive the graces God wants to pour out to you. Just tell your priest, "It's been a long time, Father," and he will help you.

