



Catholic Church

MARCH 19, 2023
THE 4TH SUNDAY
IN LENT

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A FAITH JOURNEY

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"Faith" is a word that we take for granted in our understanding of what it means. The way the ancients understood "faith" is different than how we understand it today. Today most people understand faith as the belief one holds in their heart for the existence of the invisible God. To the ancient Jews and Christians this is not faith. The ancients held the understanding that to have "faith" was to live your life in such a way that expressed and showed that you are in a relationship with God. This means that if you hold in your heart an undying belief in the invisible God; and you believe in all of the miraculous ways God intervenes in our world; but you live your life in such a way that no one would know you have strong beliefs means you have little to no faith.

For the ancient Jew "faith" was not what you have. "Faith" is what you live out. "Faith" is a verb. If Jewish this

meant you live your life according to the Law of Moses. By living out this law others would know that you have a strong faith in God.

For the ancient Christian you live your life according to the teachings of Jesus. It was not enough if you believed he is the second person of the Trinity, that he performed miraculous works, even that he rose from the dead. Faith in Jesus meant you lived the lifestyle of a disciple. To live the lifestyle of a disciple was, and is, to live out what Jesus teaches. By living that lifestyle others will come to recognize that you have faith in Jesus. By living that lifestyle others will come to recognize that you are sharing in that new life Jesus ushered in through his resurrection. This is what it means to have faith in the Resurrected One. You live differently not because you merely believe in the Resurrection. You live differently because you understand

that you share in that Resurrection, not in some distant future after you die, but NOW. Our faith calls us to intertwine ourselves so deeply into the resurrected life of Christ that we cannot live without an outward expression of what we hold true. The outward expression is the lifestyle we choose. That's Christianity. That's Catholicism. That's discipleship. That's faith!

Some will say, "I am spiritual, but not religious." Being spiritual is holding beliefs. Being religious is to have faith.

In the gospel for this Sunday John tells the story of a young man on a faith journey. It begins with him not knowing who Jesus is. After the miraculous healing the man can now "see". But he still can't see Jesus for who Jesus really is, "...a man called Jesus made clay."

The religious leaders are concerned that Jesus made clay on the Sabbath. Something only a sinner would do. Not a man of God. They asked the young man who Jesus is. This time he gives a different response showing that his understanding of Jesus is evolving. "He is a prophet."

When pressed a third time to tell who Jesus is he says that, "He is from God." The young man now sees Jesus as one who has been sent by God. Jesus asks if he believes in the Son of Man. Son of Man is the title Jesus gives himself. It means, "The human being." Do you believe in the human being? (The Son of Man). He does believe in Jesus' humanity. It is through the humanity of Jesus that the man comes to believe. His belief is then transformed into faith. The healed man now sees Jesus as he truly is. He puts the belief into action by worshipping Jesus.

By putting belief into action, (faith), the healed man becomes a disciple. Only a disciple would worship Jesus.

During the season of Lent the Church invites us to move our belief into faith by inviting us to participate more deeply into the life of Jesus and the life of the Church. May Jesus heal our sight so we may clearly see.



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

March 19, 4th Sun of Lent: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41
March 26, 5th Sun of Lent: Ez 37:12-14, Ps 130, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45

WATCH SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON MCN CH 6

Watch our Sunday 10:00am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm and replayed on Mondays at 10:00am. Saint Olaf also live streams our Monday-Friday 12:00Noon Mass and our Sunday 10:00am Mass on YouTube: youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for loved ones lost who are associated with Saint Olaf. We will post news of any pending Funeral Masses or Memorial Services when they are scheduled. Check saintolaf.org and click on Funerals in the top right corner of any page to see the scheduled funerals.

Muriel Bochnak, Associate Parishioner, died February 23. Funeral occurred at St. Charles Borromeo March 7.

Bettie Louise Hampton, Parishioner, died February 25. Funeral at 10:00am on March 25.

FROM AGE TO AGE, FATA, SINGS AT 10:00AM MASS

Our premier choir-in-residence joins the Parish Choir to sing at 10:00am Mass. Prelude begins around 9:40am.

SEASONAL CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

We welcome singers to join the Seasonal Choir for Holy Week and Easter. For details and to sign up, please contact Joel Anderson at janderson@saintolaf.org or call 612-767-7628.

NEW! YOUNG ADULT GROUP MEETS ON THURS

Are you a young adult in your 20s or 30s looking to build community at Saint Olaf? Join us on Thursdays at 6:00pm during Lent for adoration, soup, and scripture discussion.

SAVE THE DATE

"I THIRST" CONCERT – MARCH 30, 7PM

Our parish is hosting a unique Lenten experience "I Thirst" by an award-winning musician Tatiana 'Tajici' Cameron. She travels from Nashville, TN to offer an evening of music and inspiration that will deepen your Lenten journey. We hope to see you on Thursday, March 30!

CALL FOR A WEDDING COORDINATOR

Saint Olaf is looking for a wedding coordinator to work with couples to help them plan a sacramental wedding. The Wedding Coordinator assists couples from the start of the wedding planning process through their special day. Saint Olaf has around 6 Weddings per year and a wedding coordinator is assigned to each wedding. Training is provided. Contact Michael Strande at MStrande@saintolaf.org or 612-767-7630 for more information.

NEW! WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS ON WED

Given our parish theme this year to live as an intentional disciple, all women at Saint Olaf Parish are invited to join a Women's Bible Study! We will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm to study the readings for the following Sunday. For more information, please contact Margaret Adams at margaretadams703@gmail.com. All women are most welcome!

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US TO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF GIVING

Thank you to all who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal already! Saint Olaf's goal is \$76,698.06 and as of March 9, 2023, we have received donations from 24 donors totaling \$6,824, or 8.9% of our goal. Prayerfully consider how you are called to share to support the 20 Designated Ministries. Additional information and envelopes are available in the Acrylic stands at the Church entrances, at csafspm.org, or use the QR code link here.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

WELCOME HOME

Please be attentive to the following:

- We support Facemasks. Wearing one is optional.
- Hand sanitizer is available
- If you are sick, please stay home

Building closes at 5:30pm Monday - Friday

Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursdays

Chapel is open for private prayer from Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 5:30pm

+ Live streamed

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

12:00 PM MASS
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL
4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

6:00 AM MASS
8:00 AM MASS
9:40 AM FATA PRELUDE BEFORE 10:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM MASS+
12:00 PM MASS
4:00 PM MASS

MONDAY, MARCH 20

SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS +
12:00 PM AA MEETING - EDUCATION ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS+
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
6:30 PM SEASONAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
7:00 AM AA MEETING - EDUCATION ROOM
11:30 AM NICOTINE ANONYMOUS MEETING EDUCATION ROOM
12:00 PM MASS+
6:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - FORLITI GATHERING ROOM
6:30 PM SAINT OLAF PARISH CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS +
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
6:00 PM YOUNG ADULT GROUP CHAPEL & FORLITI GATHERING ROOM

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
10:00 AM KNITTING GROUP FORLITI GATHERING ROOM
11:00 AM ADORATION
12:00 PM MASS+
12:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS+

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

12:00 PM MASS
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL
4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fasting: Restricts eating to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of a single day, and prohibits eating between meals. This is for Catholics beginning at age 18 until their 59th birthday. Pregnant women and people who are sick are not obligated to fast. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence: Catholics older than 14 years of age may not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or any Friday of Lent.

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #36

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Feb 27 - Mar 5	\$26,110	\$18,500	\$7,610
YTD through Week #36	\$919,661	\$944,849	-\$25,188

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.