



Spring Cleaning Life

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When Jesus cleansed the temple, he cleared it of all the sacrificial animals and foreign coins that cluttered that holy place. He also shifted the focus of where we find God made present—from a building to himself. “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19). Saint Paul tells us that we, too, are God’s temple because the Holy Spirit dwells in us. So it makes sense that Jesus also wants to clear our lives of all that clutters them so that we might grow in his image.

Such decluttering happens when youthful freedom and partying are left behind because we hear some inner call to settle down and contribute to life. It happens when young couples begin to raise a family and trade in sporty cars and fashionable lifestyles for baby furniture and SUVs. It happens in middle age when in the midst of building a life we change the blueprint. The weight of illness will shift our perspectives as well, when worries about life’s details turn dispensable because what we once thought was important becomes clutter in need of being cleared out.

None of this comes about because of some user manual for daily living, but rather because we sense an invitation from Jesus to reassess our lives—to join him in clearing out the clutter in order to take care of what is essential. It is a strange sort of wisdom that flows from a source deeper than ourselves. If not for that powerful force of God’s Spirit clearing the temples of our lives, we would never become the people God created us to be. ●

Reflect

*What might be cluttering
your life right now?*



While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of
Passover, many began to believe in his name
when they saw the signs he was doing.

JOHN 2:23

**St. Mary's & St. John's
Brush CO & Stoneham CO**

Pastor: Rev. Marek Ciesla, S. Chr.
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Maurice Okeke

Masses:

Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM
Stoneham: Sun. - 12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses
or by appointment
Stoneham: Sun. - 1:00 PM

Adoration & Benediction: 1st Friday of the
month immediately after Mass (till 9:00 a.m.)

Anointing of the Sick: - call the Office

Office: Thursday & Friday
Leave a message **970-842-2216**

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 2 Vigil
5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving and Graces for
Mateusz and Maria

Sun Mar. 3 Mass/3rd Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m. †Manuel Benitez - EB
12:00 p.m. Spiker Family Intentions - MK

Thurs Mar 7 Mass
5:30 p.m. Graces for Neil Wahlert - KE

Fri. Mar. 8 Mass
8:00 a.m. †Elena Rocha

Sat. Mar. 9 Vigil
5:00 p.m. †Park Russell - Shaver family

Sun Mar. 10 Mass/Laetare Sunday
10:00 a.m. Graces/Tyler Daughenbaugh
12:00 p.m. †Gabriela

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Tom Flores, Rosa
Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum,
Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla,
Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt,
Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill,
Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula &
Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales,
Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Ron Uhrig,
Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal,
Shelby Daughenbaugh, Caiden Lee, Frank
Laso, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Norma Wolfe,
Rodney Hergenreter, Stella, Amanda
Weisensee, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil,
Jessica Penner, Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell,
Jennifer Romero, Pennie Haller, Armando
Saucedo, Jeffery Pieper, Carmona Family,
Leo Millburg, Neil Wahlert, Chuck
Blackwelder

For the Soul: Alberto Salvador, Rita Marie
Flores, Tom Flores, Judith Esser



Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, March 10th
 set your clock forward one hour

Sundays thru Lent at St. John's
12:00 p.m. (noon) Mass
 After Mass confessions, luncheon and
 Eucharistic video

Shroud of Turin / March 10th
Sacred Heart Parish - Peetz, CO at 1 PM
 Presenter, Jim Bertrand M Ed is from the
 American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud.
 A full size replica of the Shroud on display.
 For more information call:
Melinda Beyer at 308-249-1018

The Divine Mercy Choir / March 25th
 from Vilnius, Lithuania
St. Helena - Ft. Morgan at 7 PM
"The Music of Saint Faustina"
 Held in the sanctuary; learn the history and
 significance of the Original Image of Divine
 Mercy. Enjoy a concert of ancient sacred
 music familiar to St. Faustina. The spoken
 portion will be in English, but the choir
 sings in Lithuanian and Latin. Attendees
 will receive Librettos with translations and
 information on each musical piece.
 Tickets are \$15. Seating is limited.
 For more information or tickets:
Dottie Philips 970-380-3517
Joan Blossom 303-709-1012

In the remodeling of the rectory kitchen,
 there are some used items to give away:
Vintage Double Ovens
Counter Stove Top
Dryer
 If interested, please contact Brian Amack:
970-768-7765



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
 Revival**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 /Exposition / Adoration / Benediction/

St. Mary's: March 2nd/3rd
 First weekend of the month
Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

St. John's: March 10th
 Second Sunday of the month
11:30 a.m. - 11:57 a.m.

LENT 2024

Fridays of Lent at St. Mary:
 A Day of Abstinence

5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 6:00 p.m. - Lenten video
 after video - Knights dinner
 Parish Hall (basement) /good-will offering
 Mar. 8 - Mexican / Mar. 15 - Soup
 Mar. 22 - Chef's Choice

Wednesdays of Lent at St. John's:
 6:00 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Lenten Soup to follow
 Dates: March 6, 13, 20, and 27

Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.
March 12, Tuesday / St. Joseph, Akron
March 14, Thursday / St. Anthony, Sterling
March 21, Thursday / St. Mary, Brush



Food Drive - Help feed families
 Consider canned goods & items for
 the Brush Food pantry.
 Monetary donations welcomed.
Drop off at St. Mary's
Thank you for your support!

Dear Padre,

My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?

When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.

Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary, and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation. ●



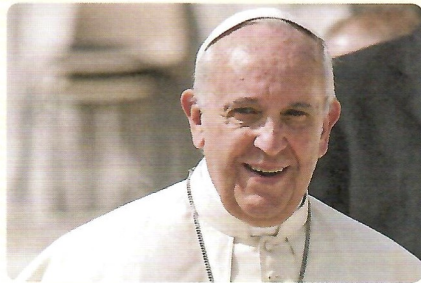
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| March 4 | March 5 | March 6 | March 7 | March 8 | March 9 | March 10 |
| Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Fourth Sunday of Lent |
| 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30 | Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35 | Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19 | Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23 | Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34 | Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14 | 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21 |



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Father sent [his Son] to cleanse the temple: not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart. Jesus could not tolerate his Father's house becoming a marketplace (see John 2:16); neither does he want our hearts to be places of turmoil, disorder, and confusion.

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