



Learning How to Die

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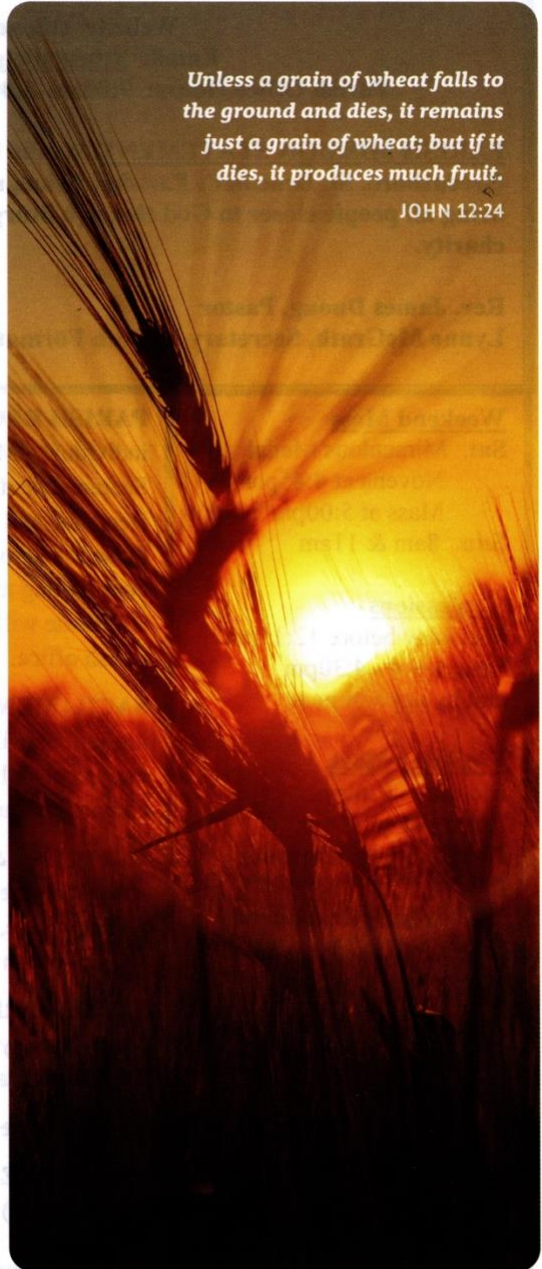
It has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus “offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears” to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say “yes” to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus. ●

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

JOHN 12:24



Reflect

Can you accept the little deaths along the way as preparation for the final passing from this life?

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-3:00pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As the Roman Catholic Mother Church of Greensboro, St. Benedict's Parish mission, responding faithfully to Christ's call, is to bring all people closer to God through liturgy, fellowship, service, outreach, and works of charity.

Rev. James Duong, Pastor

Lynne McGrath, Secretary & Faith Formation Coordinator

Weekend Mass

Sat. Miraculous Medal
Novena at 4:45pm

Mass at 5:00pm

Sun. 8am & 11am

Confessions

Weekday before 12:15pm

Saturday 4 - 4:30pm

and by appointment

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday

Rosary at 11:45am

No MASS on Thursday

Weekly bulletin requests

must be in the Parish

Office by 12:00pm on

Wednesday, ten (10) days in

advance of the weekend of

publication.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Welcome all new families and individuals. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at St. Benedict, and for the parish to issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three (3) months before a certificate will be given. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are seriously ill, going in for surgery or weak from old age, you may receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Please contact Fr. Duong if you desire to receive this sacrament.

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME & SHUT-IN VISITS: If you or any members of your family are sick and, in the hospital, or a nursing home, and you'd like Communion brought to them, please call the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION: All classes from Pre-K to High School are on Sundays from **9:15-10:30am** in the parish hall. For more information call Lynne McGrath.

RCIA: Please call the parish office for more information.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made with a priest/deacon at least six (6) months in advance. Call the parish office for more information.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 2024

May God create clean hearts in us,
that we may see and treat others as His beautiful creations

MASS SCHEDULE

3/16	Saturday	5:00 PM	+	John & Pat Stewart
3/17	Sunday	8:00 AM		For the Parishioners
		11:00 AM	+	Sabina Hagerstrom
3/18	Monday	12:00 PM		Funeral Mass - Mario Barbagallo
3/19	Tuesday	12:15 PM	+	Gregory Doyle
3/20	Wednesday	12:15 PM		Jim Naurmann & Katie Room at the Inn
3/21	Thursday	NO MASS		
3/22	Friday	12:15 PM	+	Ed Sopp
3/23	Saturday	5:00 PM		For the Parishioners
3/24	Sunday	8:00 AM	+	John Watterson II
		11:00 AM	+	Anthony Vazquez

INTENTIONS

Keeping Our Military in Our Prayers

Capt. John Brock	Mohammad Karim
Mark Bracich	Michael Knudsen
Cpl. Kevin Bryan	Danny McGranahan
Lt. Andrew Chess	Capt. Kyle Payne
Maj. Timothy Chess	Jose Rodriguez
Jason Davidson	Christopher Simmons, E3
Aaron Gaither	Sgt. Bryanna Spade
C. Grubey, PFC	Sgt. Kyle Spade
Sgt Tony Grant	Fred Todd
Maj. Russel	Kharll Skycer Villarin
Henderson	Sgt. W.R. Williams III
Richard Hughes	Stephen Zenbileski
	Maj. Russel Henderson

Sick and Shut-In

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers and at Mass:

Richard Collings, Martha Eakes,
Bill Kalbaugh, Angie Kuklinski, Bill
McCutcheon, Bonnie McIntyre,
Angela Miller, Dan Popik, Cam
Reitzel, Manny & Laura Rodrigues,
Anne Sopp, Vivian Speetjens, John &
Bunny Stuart, Teresa Thu Tran, Beth
Wilson, Brian Wilson, Deborah
Wilson, Jean Wilson

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,507.00
Maintenance fund	\$ 185.00

THANK YOU!

MINISTER SCHEDULE: March 23 and 24, 2024

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 PM	Kim Garcia	Danielle Hayes	Geoff Stephany	Tom Garcia
8 AM	David Kolosieke	Trudy Menzzentto	Andrew & Jacob Gnaster/ Raul Garcia, Mary Ray	
11 AM	Bunny Stuart	Ed Campbell	Khiem Villarin/Sean Robinson/Credo Mensah	Choir



REFLECTION

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

LEAVE A LEGACY "God can multiply His favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works." (II Corinthians 9:8).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What part of myself that I've become attached to in a self-centered way can "die" so that I will clear more space in my heart and my schedule for love of neighbor?



PARISH NEWS

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2024**

ONE *Body in* **CHRIST**

DIOCESAN SUPPORT (DSA) 2024 We are now seven weeks into the Diocesan Support Appeal campaign and, as of today, 16 of our families have contributed. We need each of you to help us reach our goal of \$28,753.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. this Wednesday. **PLEASE NOTE:** This will be the last opportunity for Reconciliation at St. Benedict's during Lent. There will be no further Confessions until after Easter.

RICE BOWL 2024 We invite you to participate in CRS Rice Bowls this Lent. Please pick up your Rice Bowl provided in the vestibules at the back of the church. Thank you for your contributions.

LADIES GROUP will meet this Tuesday, March 19, at Poblano's Mexican Bar & Grill, 808 Friendly Center Rd., Greensboro, at 6 p.m. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

PREPARING FOR EASTER We will decorate the church at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30. All parishioners are welcome to come and help.

FAITH FORMATION



During Lent, all parishioners are welcome to join us in the parish hall at 10:30 a.m. as the children of St. Benedict's Faith Formation pray the Stations of the Cross.

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Our annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by our Confirmation class, will take place following the 11 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. All children of the parish are invited to attend.

This week let us say **Happy Birthday** to:

Daniel Salazar (3/16), Domenico Vicidomini (3/17), Joyce Spera (3/19),

Katie Hamlin (3/20), Aidan Sorbito-Alegado (3/21), Prince Gabriel Sorbito (3/21)





LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of *Fast and Abstinence from meat*. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Weekdays of Lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached the age of 14 are bound to totally abstain from meat.

LENTEN SCHEDULE AT ST. BENEDICT

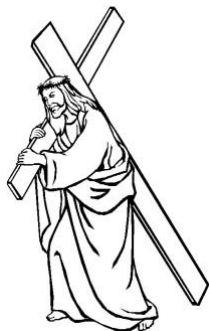
Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday of Lent at 6 p.m.

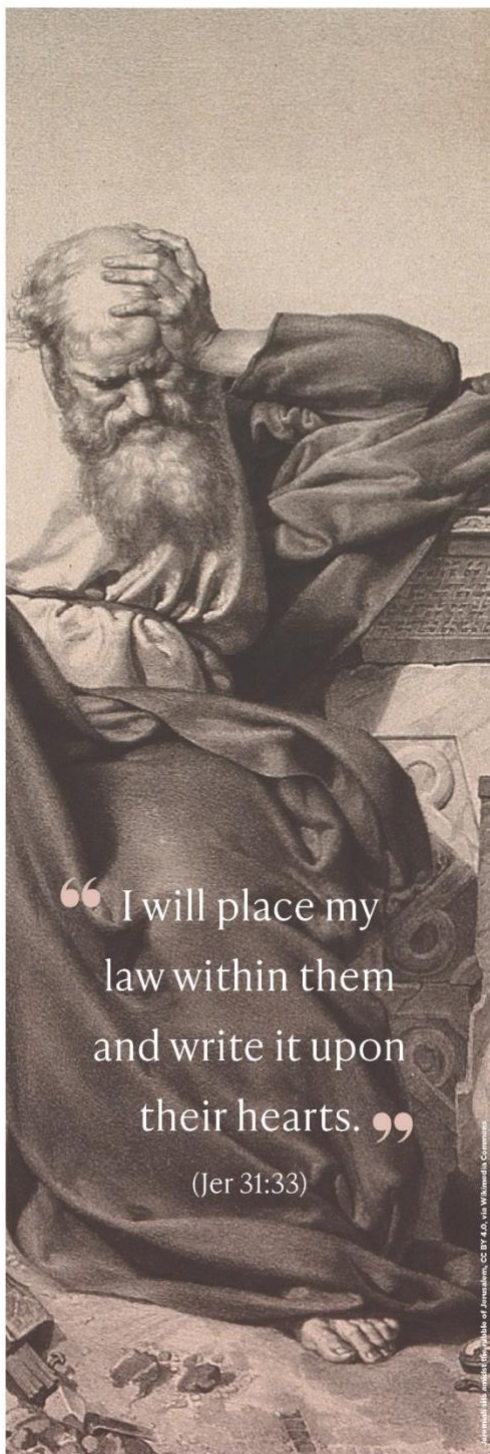
Penance Service:

St. Benedict's Wednesday, March 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:



Telling the story of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus was an important part of the early Christian's experience. In the late fourth century, people began making pilgrimages to the Holy Land, where they would follow the path that Jesus took to Calvary. During the Middle Ages, when outbreaks of war made it impossible for people to travel to the Holy Land, people created a Via Dolorosa, or "Sorrowful Way," in their towns and villages. They erected paintings or sculptures depicting the Passion of Christ along a processional route or inside a church. By the mid-18th century, the number of stations was fixed at 14 and the devotion known as the Stations of the Cross, also called the Way of the Cross, became widespread.



“ I will place my
law within them
and write it upon
their hearts. ”

(Jer 31:33)

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As we quickly approach Easter, we're reminded of the reason why we are celebrating. God's chosen people stumbled quite a bit throughout the Old Testament, so God intervened time, and time, and time again to set them back on the straight and narrow. Whereas we would likely give up on someone over time, God has remained steadfast in his grace, and always will. He created a new covenant with Israel that wrote his law upon the hearts of Jews and Gentiles alike. This new covenant was realized through Jesus Christ, who was born into our flesh and crucified on the cross. He suffered death in perfect obedience to God the Father. By being born into flesh, Jesus united humanity and divinity; through his crucifixion and resurrection, Christ "became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." He is the law of love that lives within us, and through him "all, from least to greatest, shall know [the Father.]"

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus didn't suffer the cross for his sake or for his own glory. No, our Savior came to preach the kingdom of heaven to us before sacrificing himself for our sins. Notice how in today's Gospel he even admitted he was troubled! It can be terrifying to do God's will for our lives, and Christ himself was troubled by what he was called to do. Yet, in love and trust in the Father, Jesus was obedient, saying "but it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." All Christians are called to a life of self-sacrifice, each to the degree it serves God's purpose. We are all called to give up our lives for the sake of love to glorify God. Without Christ's sacrifice, we would not have been saved; without our willingness to pursue God's call upon our life, the kingdom of God cannot be realized on this earth.

REFLECT The Lord placed his law upon your heart the moment you were conceived, but how do you allow him to shine through your life? How do you serve and glorify the Lord? Take a moment today to reflect on your words and actions and consider how you show the world that God is Lord over your life for all time, not only during Lent.

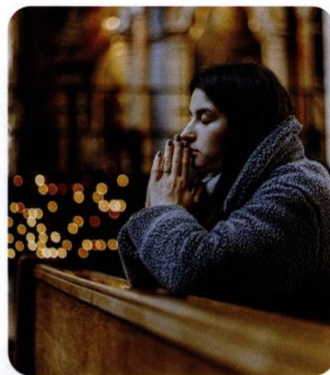
Dear Padre,

What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That's when temptation "turns a corner" and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it's been a while since you've been to confession or you're not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 18 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Jn 8:1-11	March 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a	March 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42	March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59	March 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42	March 23 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56	March 24 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.

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