

## Liturgy

“As Servants of Christ, through the various Liturgical Ministries, we offer our gifts to one another with the mutual kindness and respect, providing and enhancing opportunities for prayerful worship and celebration.” **Liturgy Pastoral Secretary:** PJ Chavez [pchavez@walsh.edu](mailto:pchavez@walsh.edu) or Mike Reed [mreed@christtheservantparish.org](mailto:mreed@christtheservantparish.org)



The Season of Lent is a period of repentance and soul searching, reflection and taking stock of our lives. It is a season to prepare us for the great feast of Easter-the Great Awakening - the Day of Resurrection.

We are called during the season of Lent to remember, more intentionally, that in Baptism we were immersed into the life of Christ. That means that our lives are to reflect the intentions, commitments, and values of Jesus, who was in his life the “image of the invisible God.”

As disciples of Christ, we are called to “put on Christ” remembering the word of St. Paul “It is no longer I who live, but Christ living in me.” Therefore, we strive 168 hours a week to live with the same intentions, commitments, and values of Jesus.

I know that there are times I am successful and other times not. Sometimes I live my life with the passion of Christ, and other times I turn away from the intentions, commitments, and values - not reflecting in my own life the image of God.

Since apostolic times, this season has been observed, imitating Jesus’ own withdrawal into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights, which were a time of testing for Jesus. It has been customary to fast by abstaining from meat during Lent, especially on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. In many countries the last day before Ash Wednesday is called Carnival, which is Latin for farewell to meat. This is also the underlying meaning of Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, etc.

The abstaining from meat can be a reminder that in the denial of eating meat we are being called to deny ourselves of those practices, habits, and daily routines that do not reflect the intentions, commitments, and values of one who is created in the image of God. Remembering that identity and witnessing to that identity during Lent enables the Season of Lent to become a Season of Grace not only for ourselves but for the support of our community life as Servants of Christ.

L. Gaetano.



For the care and concern of our fish fry customers and volunteers, there will be no dine in or carry out this 2021 Lenten season year. Thank you for the support over the years and we will see you next year.

**Mass Intentions****Tuesday February 23**

9 AM– David Hussar by Margaret Del Gatto

**Wednesday February 24**

**\*\*SCHOOL MASS- STUDENTS ONLY\*\***

10 AM– Molly Samsa by Dorothy & Sylvia Kresovich

**Thursday February 25**

9 AM–Living and Deceased Members of Christ the Servant Parish

**Friday February 26**

9 AM– Judith Wendell by Erica & Mike Soehlen

**Saturday February 27**

4:30 pm–Josephine Robertson by Jane & Gene Wheeler

**Sunday February 28**

9AM –Jean Buonocore by Family

William Johnson by Margaret Gracia

11 AM–Gloria Morgese by Joan Scarfone & Nedra

Bill Clark by Chris Papatheodorou

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

### Christ the Servant Parish

#### Let Us Dream: A Lenten Journey with Pope Francis Tuesday Evenings March 2-March 30 7:00-8:30 p.m.



A five-week workshop reflecting on the message of Pope Francis from *Fratelli Tutti*, his encyclical on fraternity and social friendship and his book *Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*. It is a journey of reflection, prayer and discernment to help us act in our community to overcome indifference, restore dialogue and build the bonds of love that are at the heart of being Christian.

Each session stands on its own, so if you cannot attend all the sessions, please still sign-up and come as often as you are able. Topics and speakers are as follows

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| March 2  | Opening Prayer Service for Living <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> at Christ the Servant Church<br>Session 1 – Dark Clouds over a Closed World<br>Msgr. Lewis Gaetano<br>Orientation to our Lenten sessions                   |
| March 9  | Session 2 – An Open World and an Open Heart via ZOOM<br>Chapters 3 & 4 of <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> Pages 16-23 in Group Reading Guide   |
| March 16 | Session 3 - A Stranger on the Road via ZOOM<br>Chapters 1 & 2 of <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> Pages 4-15 in Group Reading Guide<br>Pastor Marilyn Roman, Hope Outreach Ministry   |
| March 23 | Session 4 – A Better Kind of Politics and Dialogue and Friendship in Society ZOOM<br>Chapters 5 & 6 of <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> Pages 24-33 in Study Guide  |
| March 30 | Session 5 - Prayer Service of Reconciliation at Christ the Servant Church<br>Paths of Renewed Encounter and Religion at the Service of Fraternity in our World<br>Msgr. Lewis Gaetano<br>Where do we go from here? |

### Christ the Servant Bible Study

Engaging, fourteen-week Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. These gatherings will meet on ZOOM and are offered at two different times to accommodate a variety of schedules. We will be making use of the study by Tim Gray found on FORMED. A study guide will be available for participants.

**Morning Session: Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. March 16, 2021-June 15, 2021**

March 16, 23, 30 - April 6, 13, 20, 27 - May 4, 11, 18, 25 - June 1, 8, 15

**Evening Session: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. March 18, 2021- June 17, 2021**

March 18, 25 - April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - May 6, 13, 20, 27 - June 3, 10, 17

We ask for a \$5.00 good will donation to cover the cost of each program - \$10.00 for both.  
Thank you and God bless! We look forward to taking this journey of faith with you.

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### FORMED

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1. Navigate your browser to: <https://formed.org/signup>
2. Search "Christ the Servant" in the box on the webpage.
3. Select our parish from the dropdown menu (833 – 39th St Canton, OH)
4. Enter your name/email
5. Formed will send you an email, click the link found in the email. DONE!



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### Watch on FORMED:

Christ's love for you is bursting forth. Embrace him and let his mercy pierce your heart during this Lenten season. Join a 40-day journey of welcoming his tender love, beginning with these short, daily videos from Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray. Sign up to receive these **daily Lenten reflections** straight to your inbox every morning: <https://formed.org/lent>

**Forgiven:** The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. <https://watch.formed.org/forgiven>

**A Lent to Remember** explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. <https://watch.formed.org/a-lent-to-remember>

Pope Francis has declared this year the year of St. Joseph. Watch a moving video on the life of St. Joseph [Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ](#)  
Stations of the Cross on FORMED

- <https://watch.formed.org/videos/way-of-the-cross>
- <https://watch.formed.org/videos/meditations-on-the-stations-of-the-cross-by-ronald-thomas>
- <https://watch.formed.org/stations-of-the-cross-by-saint-alphonsus-liquori/videos/stations-of-the-cross-by-saint-alphonsus-liquori>

A **Scriptural walk through the Mass** by Dr. Edward Sri <https://watch.formed.org/a-scriptural-walk-through-the-mass-by-dr-edward-sri>

### Additional Digital Lenten Offerings:

Sign up for **Daily Reflections** from Matthew Kelly at Dynamic Catholic <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/daily-reflections.html>

**3 Minute Retreat** – Loyola Press offers a three minute mini-retreat to pray every day. Download the app on your mobile device. <https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/>

**Lectio Divina - How Do You Pray with the Bible?** James Martin, S.J. – America-The Jesuit Review <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i27FqIyk2qY>

2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Diocesan Ministries Faith – Hope – Charity This weekend every member of Christ the Servant Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the Annual Bishop's Appeal. As followers of Jesus, we make sacrifices that will bring His love and hope to the less fortunate served by Catholic Charities. Our support will also enable our diocesan Church to provide programs which meet pastoral needs and enhance Jesus' mission in our time and place.



Please make your sacrificial commitment to the 2021 Bishop's Appeal. Bishop Bonnar is counting on the support of every parish family to meet our parish goal of **79,400.00**.

### Prayer for the Bishop's Appeal

Loving and gracious God,  
 you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.  
 He gave of himself, not only on the cross, but in every moment of his life.  
 Jesus saw the hungry; he fed them.  
 Jesus saw the lame; he cured them.  
 Jesus saw the sick; he healed them.  
 Jesus saw the discouraged; he encouraged them. Jesus saw the dying; he gave them new life.  
 Jesus gave.  
 In this way, he taught us to give.  
 Loving and gracious God,  
 open our hearts to the many ministries offered throughout our Diocesan Church.  
 Strengthen our resolve to be like your Son, Jesus Christ, to give of ourselves in every moment of our lives.  
 Amen

## Bible Study Reflections

### When Jesus Calls Your Name

#### Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark

As we introduced last week, Discipleship is more than just being a follower. It entails learning and then attempting to spread what one has learned. Jesus' disciples learned from him and then made it a part of their lives as they spread his message. The Gospels present us with many of Jesus' teachings. From them we learn what the Apostles learned. Each Gospel presents these teachings in their own ways geared to the particular audience they were writing for. It is thought that Mark was writing in Rome for Christians who were facing great persecution, this will impact some of what we hear in Mark about discipleship.

First of all we see that the disciples are called by Jesus. In Mark 1:14-15 Simon and Andrew are called to leave their nets and follow Jesus, which they immediately did. This is somewhat different from other disciples of that time as they would have first followed a teacher and then committed to being a disciple. Later we see James and John also called in this way and in 2:14 Matthew the tax collector as well. When questioned about the calling of Matthew, a sinner, we hear Jesus proclaim that he has come for sinners not the righteous. Jesus has many confrontations with the Pharisees over their propensity to be self-righteous, seeing themselves as above others and close to God through the Law and rituals. We see here that Jesus is going to present a new way of coming close to God. He shows this more by what he does in Mark than by what he says. He reaches out to the outcast with cures and mercy. Jesus drew large crowds to hear him speak or witness a cure. (2:15-17, 3:7, 5:24, 8:1-2). But most were only followers. At the end we know few were around.

In 3:13-19 we see those that Jesus had called now named Apostles, coming from a word meaning to be sent out. Jesus is sending them out to preach his message, spread the news. But this was not going to be easy as we hear him say in 8:34-35: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." Many scholars believe that Mark has Jesus speaking here to the Christians of his time who were facing great persecution. We are all called to take up "crosses" though they can come in many different shapes. The principle idea is that we should not expect it to always be easy to follow Christ in our world, while our lives may not be directly threatened, though in history and in some parts of the world today lives are threatened, we will be challenged or asked to give up something to stay true to our Christian calling.

We find more directives about being a disciple in these passages from Mark. 9:33-37 tells us we should not be seeking to be honored, to be first among others, but we must be the servant of others. 10:35-45 emphasizes this more as Jesus tells the Apostles they are not to be rulers over others but to serve them, that will make them great. Jesus himself has shown them this. "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Finally in 14:32-42 we have the account of Jesus in the Garden the night before his Crucifixion. The disciples have boasted that they will never leave him but we know that they failed. We too will fail to fully live out our discipleship. Jesus gives us the same directive he gave the Apostles in the Garden: "watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." We need to continually pray for the strength to live out our call to discipleship, and when we do fail we know Jesus in his mercy welcomes us back. In Mark 16:14-15 we see Jesus appearing to his disciples and sending them out: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Where are we called to proclaim the Gospel today? We are reminded of a saying often attributed to St. Francis, "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." While Francis may not have actually said this it does fit with his approach to following Christ. Live out the message in what we do, in our everyday tasks and relationships.

Peace and Joy, Jim Naegeli

For more check these on the internet: <https://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Mark-Discipleship.htm>  
[www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/blog/preach-the-gospel-at-all-times-use-words-when-necessary](http://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/blog/preach-the-gospel-at-all-times-use-words-when-necessary)

## Parish Life

**Parish Life Pastoral Area Mission Statement**

As servants of Christ, through the various Parish Life ministries, we offer our gifts to one another with mutual kindness and respect, providing and enhancing diverse opportunities for fellowship, mutual support and ministry to our Parish community, led by Christ's example of hospitality and inclusiveness." Parish Life Pastoral Secretary: rkingsbury@christtheservantparish.org.

**DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS** The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season 2020.

"Your ways, O LORD, make known to me. Teach me your paths," the psalmist pleads. "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God, my savior."

The ways of the Lord can seem elusive. Or, if we can discern the ways of God, we are not always certain as to how to navigate those paths.

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