

MARCH 14 , 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



# The Catholic Center

The Gospel today comes from the third chapter of the Gospel of John. Jesus encounters a religious leader named Nicodemus who is very curious about Jesus. He sneaks away at nighttime so that he can speak with Jesus.

Perhaps Nicodemus goes at night because he doesn't want others to find out. Nicodemus is curious and has heard Jesus speak profound words. He has the desire to follow this person Jesus... his heart is beginning to be on fire.

Nicodemus is usually the one who teaches others about God. He grew up in a religious family, studied the scriptures, performed the sacred rituals, preached to the community... and yet here he is wanting to learn from Jesus.

It's almost as if everything he has known to be true is suspended in the air. He is captivated and goes to Jesus at night to listen to his words. Jesus talks with him. They have a conversation. He instructs him about how God is on a mission to offer everyone everlasting life. Jesus communicates to Nicodemus that God wants every single person to experience true life. It is from a heart of love that this desire flows.

Nicodemus listens to it all. He learns from Jesus and probably takes it with him to ponder in his home. The words of Jesus resonate within him, ringing true. This scene isn't the last time we hear from Nicodemus as he shows up later in the Gospel. Nicodemus appears - not at night - but now during the day, right after Jesus was crucified. Nicodemus shows up in order to bury him. He's no longer afraid to be seen with Jesus. He brings a gift of myrrh and buries the body of Jesus with dignity.

This Lenten season we have an opportunity to be like Nicodemus. Perhaps we've been brought up in a religious family, knowing all the scripture passages, having gone through the traditional rituals and even served as a leader in this community. Nicodemus encourages us to show up, listen and have the words of Jesus take root in our hearts.

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## Mass Readings

**Saturday** - Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14  
**5PM** – Leo J. Sapera †

**Sunday** - 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

**8AM** - Mary & Pat Darden †

**11AM** - Adele Gagliardi †

**4PM** - CC Members (int)

**6PM** - Sergio Mesa †

**Monday** - Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

**5:30PM** - Clemency Pfundstein †

**Tuesday** - Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

**5:30PM** - Peter Dang (int)

**Wednesday** - Is 49:8-1 / Jn 5:17-30

**5:30PM** - Peter & Jamie Frankson (int)

**Thursday** - Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

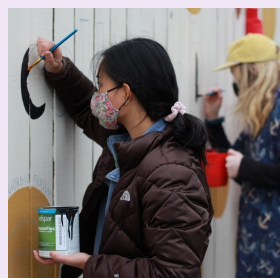
**5:30 PM** - RCIA Candidates (int)

**Friday** - 2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

**8AM** - Thanksgiving Mass

## CSA Service Day

A special thank you to 55+ students who came to volunteer this past Saturday! Many jobs were completed such as pressure washing, gardening, building picnic tables, cleaning the chapel, painting our new mural, and so much more! It was inspiring to see our students willingly put in hours of hard-work on their Saturday. Special thank you to Luke Lashley and Liz Quilliams for organizing this wonderful event!



## LOOKING FORWARD IN LENT

**This Week****24 Hour Adoration***Mondays 6PM to Tuesday 5:15PM****Please note there are no Stations of the Cross or Fish Fry this Friday*****Lenten Speaker – Father Joseph Morris, Gospel of Mark***Friday, March 19, 7PM*

Fr. Joseph Morris serves as the chaplain at the Kennesaw State University Catholic Center and at Berry College. With a background in drama and theatre, Fr Joseph has memorized Gospel of Mark and now presents it in its entirety for a unique and enjoyable experience.

**Lenten Mission – Father Tim Hepburn***Sunday, March 21 1-3PM*

Fr Tim Hepburn is Pastor of St Michael Catholic Church in Gainesville, Georgia. He has served in various roles throughout the Archdiocese, such as chaplain at Emory University, chaplain at the Georgia Tech Catholic Center, Vocations Director and in various parishes.

**Reconciliation Opportunities**

Our regular Reconciliation times are Wednesdays from 4:00PM-5:00PM and Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM.

In addition to these times, there are a number of other opportunities for Reconciliation.

Monday, March 22 at 7:00PM - Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 23 at 4:00PM - Reconciliation

Thursday, March 24 at 4:00PM - Reconciliation

Saturday, March 27 at 10:30AM - Drive Through Confession in the CC parking lot

**Looking Forward**

Holy Week Sign-ups will be released this Sunday, March 14 on our Facebook, Website, and through our Bulletin email list!

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH**

Pope Francis has declared this year to be the Year of St. Joseph. The Solemnity of St. Joseph is this Friday, March 19. Since it is a Friday during Lent, a dispensation has been granted to all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Atlanta from the Discipline of Abstinence on Friday, March 19. This means that Catholics in the Archdiocese can eat meat this coming Friday. The Archdiocese will celebrate the Year of St. Joseph in several ways. Be sure to check out the Archdiocese website for more information.

**FUNERAL MINISTRY**

We are looking for volunteers to help with Funeral Masses and services at the Catholic Center. The most important responsibility of this ministry is to be present for those who are grieving. Volunteers would help the priests set up for the Mass, greet family members and guests, and generally assist with the liturgy as needed. We will train all volunteers. Funeral Services often take place on weekdays so volunteers will need to be available then. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact the Center office.

**AV MINISTRY**

We are seeking a few volunteers to help with audio/visual at the Saturday 5PM Vigil Mass. No experience is necessary and we will train you. You will be responsible for cuing the slides. Contact James Perkins at [music@cchat.org](mailto:music@cchat.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER**

From Pope Francis' Message on Lent: Lent is a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love. *Faith* calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters. *Hope* as "living water" enabling us to continue our journey. *Love*, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope. This is what moves us as Knights of Columbus. Join us: Visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and enter code MCGIVNEY2020 to register. We also invite you to enjoy a delicious Fish Fry dinner Fridays during Lent.

**GSYPF BIBLE STUDY**

The GSYPF Bible study will meet via Zoom on Monday, March 15 at 7:00 pm to discuss Chapter 6 in the study guide "Job: A Good Man Asks Why." Newcomers are always welcome. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at 706-613-0921 or [csinksen@uga.edu](mailto:csinksen@uga.edu).

**THE WAY FOR WOMEN RETREAT**

The Way for Women is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program April 9-11, 2021 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, Georgia. Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed. Registration deadline is March 31, 2021. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or [sstubbs@archatl.com](mailto:sstubbs@archatl.com) for more information.

**FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATES**

Thank you for continuing to generously share your treasures with the Catholic Center for its operations, ministries, and outreach programs. For any questions, please contact the Center.

**February 28, 2021**

\$7232.00 - Offertory    \$177.00 - Alms

**March 4, 2021**

\$13,596.87 - Offertory    \$344.00 - Alms

**WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER**

Diane Ambrose, Huguette Bourgerly, Mim & Nick Bourke, Shirley Bundy, Bill Burden, Grace Byrne, Brian Carr, Lori Craig, Norma d'Azzo, Lindsey Davis, Betty DeGuilo, Peter Dang, Elena Dekazos, MaryAnn Deom, Morgan Doorley, Tom Eaton, Alice Gallagher, Carol Garbon, Nicole Garris, Mildred George, the Glisson Family, Amy Hartwell, Bob Henry, Ann Johnson, Gordan Manning, Jim Miller, Jim Mueller, Joel Alesi, Jonathon Guerra, Mikel Nicolo, Barbara O'Brien, Ricardo Guerra, Shannon Campbell, Sharon Perrine, Teri Travis, Lee Prendergast, Norah Risher, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Caleb Sanders, Ann Schrauth, Carole Seeley, Jimmy Simons, Eileen Sinda, Doug Tigert, and Joan Weiss.

**With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Larry Morris.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for March:** Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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