

**Saint Boniface Catholic Church  
Mission Statement**

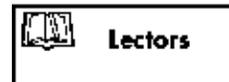
**Saint Boniface is a welcoming, caring Church community united under one baptism. We encourage participation by all members in promoting and sharing Christian and social values.**



**March 25**  
5:30 PM—C./D. Domke, C. Marden, K. Scrementi  
9:00 AM—M. Otten, E. Bogs, T. Bogs-Haser,  
T. Sheehan

**March 29 Holy Thursday**  
7:00 PM—M. Otten

**March 30 Good Friday**  
3:00PM—M. Phalen



**March 25**  
5:30 PM—P. Huske, B. Mitchell  
9:00 AM—P. Przybyla, D. Schmidt

**March 29 Holy Thursday**  
7:00 PM—R. Jurack

**March 30 Good Friday**  
3:00PM—E. Bogs, K. Short



**March 25**  
5:30 PM—A./K. Swanson  
9:00 AM—B. Hobbs, B. Graham

**March 29 Holy Thursday**  
7:00 PM—A./G. Esquivel

**March 30 Good Friday**  
3:00PM—A./S. Jaculbe



A NEW  
COVENANT  
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**Saturday, March 17**  
5:30 PM—Intentions of Parker Family  
Req. by Joan Parker  
Jozefa Zaborowska †  
Req. by Paul and Terry Kwiatkowski

**Sunday, March 18**  
9:00 AM—Ron Ostarello † Req. by Bogs Family  
Catherine Anderson † Req. by Joe Mills

**Monday, March 19**  
8:30 AM—Brian Billecki † Req. by Lynch Family

**Wednesday, March 21**  
8:30 AM—All Parishioners

**Friday, March 23**  
3:00 PM—Frs. Mark Menezes and Vytas Memenas

**Saturday, March 24**  
5:30 PM—Mass of Thanksgiving Req. by Parishioner  
Frank and Jean Kwiatkowski †  
Req. by Paul and Terry Kwiatkowski

**Sunday, March 25**  
9:00 AM—Melanie Valencia † Req. by Leobardo and  
Ana Valencia -Martinez  
Mario Broccardo † Req. by Wife



**March 11, 2018**  
Sunday.....\$ 2308.00  
Children's Envelopes..... 45.00  
Catholic Relief..... 928.00

Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations

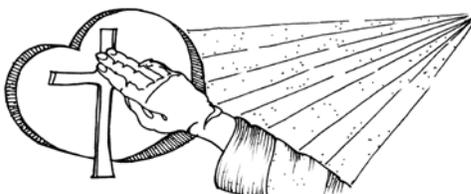
**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny  
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary  
Tuesday: Spring begins  
Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 18, 2018**

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

— Jeremiah 31:33



### SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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**We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open.**

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Many are already thinking of spring planting and waiting for bulbs to show and then flower. Dying seeds. Dormant bulbs. Plentiful produce. Beautiful flowers. As Lent winds down, what still needs to die in me? As Easter draws near, what needs to flourish? How will I remain obediently faithful?

### SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER

We are happy to announce we will be having our traditional "Soup and Bread Supper" on Holy Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending - sign up sheets will be on both sides of church. Please put down your name and number attending. We ask those not making soup to bring bread, rolls or dessert (enough for 8 people). There will also be a sign up sheet for those who would like to bring a pot of soup. It should be ready to serve by 5:00 p.m. Please list your name and phone number and what kind of soup you will be bringing. We are looking for at least 12 soup makers. Coffee, punch, and paper products will be provided. You are free to bring any other beverage you prefer. All attending the supper are asked to join in the church at 7:00 p.m. for the Holy Thursday Service, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We invite you to participate in this tradition of the parish.

**A Child's Letter to God:** Dear God, I keep waiting for Spring but it never comes yet. Don't forget. Mark  
*A Collection of Children's Letters to God*

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemane," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or "The Cry of the Lord," built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**The Ladies Club** will be meeting on Monday, March 19th at 6:30pm. The evening festivities includes stuffing Easter Eggs for the Monee Alliance of Churches' Easter Egg Hunt this year. We have 1000 eggs to fill so many hands are needed! Join in the fun!



**Get Chopping!** Join the parishioners of St. Boniface on Friday, March 23rd, as they open the Daybreak Center pantry, take out mystery ingredients, and prepare a four course lunch for 80-125 visitors. **Ever wonder what a 30 pound shepherd's pie looks like?** Come join in 2½ hours of fun and fellowship, preparing The Shepherd's Table for the Daybreak Center in Joliet. Men, Women, and Teen volunteers are welcome! For more information call Vickie at 708-534-6162.