

February 14th, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

An Ever-growing Eucharistic Community Boldly Serving Others Through Gods Love

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Daily Mass: 8:30 am Monday - Friday

Weekend Mass Schedule

(registration required)

Saturday: 8:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am

Sunday: 10:30 am

Sunday Mass can be viewed on our

website: rescathroch.org

Office Hours Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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# Weekly Words from The Rock

Last week, I made mention of praying in the Adoration Chapel when I noticed a sign associated with the First Station. On the sign are four letters, SPQR. What do the letters represent?

The First Station represents Jesus being condemned to death. The letters SPQR are the initials of a Latin phrase Senatus Populusque Romanus. It means "The Roman Senate and People" or "The Senate and People of Rome." It refers to government of the ancient Roman Republic.

This is important to the First Station because the Romans ruled the province of Judea at the time of Jesus Christ. The governor of the province was Pontius Pilate who governed the province from 27 – 37 AD. It was Pilate who, as the governor of the Roman Senate and People, presided over the trial of Jesus. Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

As we begin the season of Lent in the coming week, the Stations of the Cross are one of the Lenten traditions. With that, I want to take up another question on the Stations. Did Jesus fall three times as he carried his cross to Golgotha? Here is an answer given by Jim Doherty:

How many times did Jesus fall? Scripture doesn't speak to this. In a Catholic devotion called the Stations of the Cross, in which a prayer is offered at the various places Jesus stopped, carrying his cross to Cavalry, three of the stations are devoted to Jesus's falls. So traditionally, three times. The key word there is "traditionally."

Many of the "stops" in this devotion spring from tradition, and not even necessarily from "Sacred Tradition," so much as popular tradition. Every Catholic church I've ever been in (and that's probably comfortably in triple digits) has the stations depicted. But the fourteen that are currently depicted aren't necessarily what were listed when the devotion was

first being developed. It grew out of a practice, beginning as early as the 4th Century, of Christian pilgrims visiting the Holy Land, and following the route it was believed Jesus followed on the way to be crucified.

When, in the 14th Century, the Franciscans were given the responsibility of caring for the shrines in the Holy Land, pilgrims were encouraged to pray a devotion to seven stations, all but one of them Scriptural, and that one that was not Scriptural has a reasonable inference. These were:

- 1, Jesus at Pilate's house.
- 2. Jesus meets His Blessed Mother on the way to Cavalry (this is not noted in Scripture, but since she was at the Cross when He was crucified, it's a reasonable inference).
- 3. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.
- 4. Jesus is assisted by Simon of Cyrene.
- 5. Jesus is stripped of His garments.
- 6. Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.
- 7. Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Nothing, as you see, about falling under the weight of the cross.

When the Turks conquered the Holy Land, and pilgrimages became more difficult, the practice of making the Stations was forbidden. But, it grew in Europe, where depictions of the Stations started to be displayed in churches. At the same time, a devotion popular among German Christians, the Seven Falls of Christ, began to be followed.

Jesus falling seven times on the way to Cavalry is a pious tradition, but not a Sacred One, which is to say, it is not, and was not an Article of Faith. Praying the devotion was encouraged, but the belief that Jesus fell seven times was never endorsed, as such. It has been speculated that the seven falls were meant to represent the Seven Deadly Sins that Jesus would conquer with His Crucifixion.

It was the Franciscan churches who were given the right, by the Pope, to display the Stations in their Churches. In the early 18th Century, this right was extended to all Catholic Churches. By this time, the Seven Falls had been incorporated into the devotion, but had been reduced to three. The stations at this point numbered 14. (continued on next page.)

### Parish Lent 2021

#### Lenten Almsgiving Project

Resurrection Parish is collaborating on a Lent project this year for our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic in Worthington, MN. Worthington is part of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and is extremely poor. Worthington is a city with 13,000 people, and more than 40% of its population is Latino. They lack affordable healthcare and have been hard-hit by Covid this year.

Please stay tuned to the bulletin, the Resurrection website, and Facebook for more details about the clinic and how we, as a faith community, can help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### Lenten Materials available

There are Holy Water bottles in the Gathering Space for families to pick up and take home. If you have you own bottle at home you can bring it to the office Monday-Friday during office hours and we will fill it with Holy Water.

Also we have our Rice Bowl, the little Black book with 6 minute meditations on the Sunday gospels of Lent; children's stations of the cross activities for you to pick up and take home. Check out the Lent Calendar on our website, rescathroch.org. Click on the Friday videos to pray the Stations of the Cross.

**February 17 | Ash Wednesday Services** \*Reservations for Mass and Word Service required. Please go to our website rescathroch.org. *Sign up ends today Sunday, February 14th.* 

Mass 9am\*; Liturgy of the Word Service with Holy Communion 12:10pm\* Mass 7pm\*

We will distribute Ashes and Holy Communion in the Gathering Space during the following times: 2:00-2:30pm and 4:00-4:30pm.

#### Continued from Fr. Schuster's previous page:

They were:

- 1. Jesus is condemned by Pilate.
- 2. Jesus bears His cross.
- 3. Jesus falls the first time.
- 4. Jesus meets His Sorrowful Mother.
- 5. Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene.
- 6. Veronica wipes the Face of Jesus.
- 7. Jesus falls a second time.
- 8. Jesus meets the sorrowing women of Jerusalem
- 9. Jesus fall a third time.
- 10. Jesus is stripped of his garments and given gall to drink.
- 11. Jesus is nailed to cross.
- 12. Jesus dies.
- 13. Jesus is taken down from the cross and placed in His Blessed Mother's arms.
- 14. Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Of these, eight have solid Scriptural references (1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 14), one is partly Scripturally based and partly a reasonable inference from Scripture(13), and one is a reasonable inference from Scripture (4). The rest are pious legends that the Church does not specifically endorse, but does not disapprove of either, including the three falls, which are bolded in the above list.

Questions to Ponder in the Week Ahead

Let us stay with the Stations of the Cross.

Question 1: How far did Jesus walk carrying the cross?

Question 2: How much did the cross weigh?

I will return to these next week.

A Lenten Reflection

These are penned from Pope Francis:

- -Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- -Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- -Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- -Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- -Fast from worries and trust in God.
- -Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- -Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Until next week! Father Peter Schuster

#### Liturgical Ministries for Feb 21st/22nd

If unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled, please find a substitute. Thank you.

#### Lectors

8:00 pm Liz Hanson 8:00 am Patricia Rossman 10:30 am Mary Chestolowski

#### Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engels, Lee Witter 8:00 am Joanne Huegel, Tom Lund 10:30 am Fran and Shelley Filzen

#### **Sacristans**

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski 8:00 am Tracy and Donna Smith 10:30 am NOT FILLED

#### Lectors

9:00 am Patricia Rossman 12:10 pm NOT FILLED 7:00 pm Regina Boehmke

#### Greeters

9:00 am Joanne Huegel 12:10 pm NOT FILLED 7:00 pm Michelle Perrier

#### Ushers

8:00 pm Josh and Marie Noser 8:00 am Kenneth Mueller, Char Robinet 10:30 am James Maronde, William Sullivan

#### **Check in Minister**

8:00 pm Anne and Mia Cuccio 8:00 am Patrice Steier 10:30 am Bob Voss

#### **Walk in Ministers**

8:00 pm Doreen Johnson, Cheryl Kieffer 8:00 am Larry and Gloria Flicek 10:30 am Paul Drucker, NOT FILLED

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

8:00 pm Judy Pelowski, LG, Therese Root, (1), If No Deacon, Mary Mary Meine, (2)

8:00 am Dianne Plager, LG, Deb Rowekamp, (1), If no Deacon, Paty Haler, (2)

10:30 am Bob Voss, LG, Mary Stettler, (1), If no Deacon, Leonida Crawley. (2)

#### Ash Wednesday, February 17th

#### **Eucharistic Minister**

9:00 am Sheila Pelowski, LG, Patrice Steier, (1), Patty Haler, (2)

12:10 pm NOT FILLED, LG, Char Robinet, (1), Theresa Root, (2)

7:00 pm Regina Boehmke, LG, Jackie O'Connell, (1), Rebecca Woodcock, (2)

#### Sacristan

9:00 am Michelle Perrier 12:10 pm NOT FILLED 7:00 pm NOT FILLED

#### Walk In

9:00 am Patrice Steier 12:10 pm NOT FILLED 7:00 pm Bob Voss



# Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

### Open Hours

Tue	Wed	Fri	Sat
12 am	6 pm	10 pm	5 pm
11 pm			11 pm

To sign up or for more information, call the church office at 507-288-5528.



Thanks for your support through prayer and participation. The kickoff winner of the Feb 14th, \$500 prize is Chuck Robinet. Our next drawing will be Feb 21st. Keep watching for the weekly winners that will be posted in our bulletin. Congratulations to Chuck!

# Weekly Calendar with Readings

The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect until further notice.

# Monday 15 February

Mass Registration for Feb 20th/21strescathroch.org to sign up Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours 9:15 am 5:00 pm

# Tuesday 16 February

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

- Daily Mass 8:30 am; Office hours: 9:15 am 5:00 pm
- Adoration Committee Meeting 6:00 pm
- Pre Jordan Class 6:30 pm
- Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm

# Wednesday 17 February

JI 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

- Ash Wednesday Mass times: 9:00 am and 7:00 pm
- Liturgy of the Word with Ash distribution/communion: 12:10 pm
- Ash distribution and communion: 2:00 2:30 pm; 4:00-4:30 pm
- Office hours: 9:15 am 5:00 pm

# Thursday18February

Mass Registration closes at 10:00 am for Feb 20th/21st Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

- Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours 9:15 5:00 pm
- RCIA 6:30 pm
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

# Friday 19 February

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-1

- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours 9:15 am 5:00 pm

# 20 February

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 am 10:15 am
- Mass 8:00 pm

# Sunday 21 February

Mass Registration for Feb 27th/28th rescathroch.org to sign up. Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

- Mass 8:00 am
- Mass 10:30 am



# Michelle's

Music & Choral Director & Coordinator of Liturgy choirdirector@rescathroch.org

In two days, it will be exactly one year since I emailed Resurrection my interest to join this parish community. I've been thinking about this anniversary a lot these last few months. In that year, we've faced a lot of world-wide turmoil, yet I can honestly say that this has been the happiest year of my life purely because of you. My soul was thirsting for this welcoming, loving, supportive community for a long time, and I am so grateful I have found it in you. I've grown more in this last year, also because of you. I hope you realize how inspirational you are to those around you.

Lately, it seems as though every conversation I have brings up the topic of evangelism and what we can do even now to spread God's word. I don't have an answer to that question, nor do I have the space here to even discuss it, but I do know this: Evangelism isn't simply passing out flyers or informational videos. It's shining light upon the Church through your commitment to love. It is you that offers Christ's compassion every time you comfort a friend. It is you that shines Christ's presence every time you attend Mass. It is you that presents Christ's care every time you listen and respond to a cry for help. We don't need a T-shirt gun filled with bibles to evangelize. Through your commitment to stewardship, you spread God's word to the world. So as we look into new ways to evangelize, never forget the light you already possess, and let it continue to fill your heart to shine God's presence ever more brightly to the world.

God Bless, Michelle Perrier

Check out our Lent Calendar, created by our parishioners to teach all ages more about our faith. Click on the Friday videos to pray the Stations of the Cross. We hope you participate with us as one family of faith!

## **Mass Intentions**

Mon	Feb 15	8:30 am	Elizabeth Imm (birthday)	
Tues	Feb 16	8:30 am	†Marleen Creighton	
Wed	Feb 17	9:00 am	Joann Tieman	
Wed	Feb 17	7:00 pm	†For the Parish	
Thu	Feb 18	8:30 am	†Sharon Heppelmann	
Fri	Feb 19	8:30 am	†Leah Allert	
Sat	Feb 20	8:00 pm	Benjamin Harris	
Sun	Feb 21	8:00 am	For the Parish	
Sun	Feb 21	10:30 am	†Louis Laganiere, Jr	

## St. Francis School News

Happy Valentine's Day!

There is No School on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day. The staff will be doing service and spending time on retreat.

Mass will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 9:15 am. Ashes will be sprinkled in all the classrooms following mass.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday at 1:30 pm in the church. This opportunity is closed to the public.

# **Community News**



What does it mean to truly live your Catholic Faith as a man in every area of life? Virtual Catholic Conference is hosting an incredible and FREE

online event for Catholic men across the nation to gather as one, pray, and grow together.

Teaming up with MC, Chris Stefanick, and more than 30 Catholic presenters, we are going to be exploring what it means to live as a courageous Catholic man amidst the challenges of our current world. Register at https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCMC2021. This is a free event.

This conference will help you: Learn practical and immediately applicable steps for becoming a strong and faith-filled Catholic man; Discover more deeply the joy of being Catholic men; Gain a clearer vision of God's unique plan for your life. And more!

### **Faith Formation**



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org.

Grades 1-5: We do not have Faith Formation classes on Monday, February 15 due to President's Day. Classes will resume on February 22nd at 4:30 and 6:00pm for grades 1-5.

First Communion: Families will be doing chapter 4 and 5 in your Eucharist workbook, which are due at the learning centers. First Communion parent and children learning centers are on Monday, March 1st; centers are open 4:00-7:00pm in Fr. Zenk Hall.

Preparing our children for Lent: As you gather your family together, explain to the children that during Lent we try to do three things each day. First, we give up something. This is called fasting. Second, we give something to others. This may be things we do to help others, or possessions, or money we share with others. This is called almsgiving. Third, we pray more. While prayer, fasting, and almsgiving should be a part of our lives every day, Lent is a season for doing these things more intensely.

"Prayer begins by listening, God speaks in the silence of your hearts and we speak from the fullness of our hearts. I listen, God speaks. I speak, God listens. This listening, speaking is prayer." St. Teresa of Calcutta.



Mother Teresa's words remind us that God actually listens to us. This Lent, let us try to put her words into practice. Although our lives are busy, we can still seek a time of silence each day to pause, ponder, and pray.



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grs 6-12, Children & Youth Ministry, dresscm@rescathroch.org Faith Formation classes are continuing the Decision Point curriculum from Dynamic Catholic. This study is normally marketed as confirmation curriculum. At Resurrection, we have broadened the focus to include all of our grades 6-12 Faith Formation students. This strategy helps our Middle School student embrace their desire for Confirmation while at the same time learning foundational Catholic teachings. This last week, we focused on the Holy

Spirit. Topics included: Who is the Holy Spirit, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, Promptings of the Holy Spirit, and finally the Decision Point—Will students welcome the Holy Spirit into their lives? To help students open their hearts to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, the following prayer is being encouraged and shared with

the students: A Prayer to the Holy Spirit. A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Included in our catechesis is a weekly saint, virtue and scripture focus: This past week we focused on St. Faustina, Gentleness, and 1 Corinthians 6:19.

We end our nights with praying the Holy Rosary.

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Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart with your holy gifts. Let my weakness be penetrated with your strength this very day, that I may fulfill all the duties of my state conscientiously, that I may do what is right and just.

Let my charity be such as to offend no one, and hurt no one's feelings; so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me. Assist me, O Holy Spirit, in all my trials of life, enlighten me in my ignorance, advise me in my doubts, strengthen me in my weakness, help me in all my needs, protect me in temptations and console me in afflictions. Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit, and pour your light into my heart, my soul and my mind.

Assist me to live a holy life and to grow in goodness and grace. Amen. Please continue to pray for our Faith Formation and Confirmation Students.

Holy Spirit, Come! St. Faustina who trusted in the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Pray for us!