

Calendar

- Monday**
April 5
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62
Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday**
April 4
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday**
April 5
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Jn 8:51-42
- Thursday**
April 6
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59
- Friday**
April 7
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:51-42
- Saturday**
April 8
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday**
April 9
Palm Sunday
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66

Dear Padre,

What happened to “hellfire and brimstone” preaching, like I remember from parish missions in my younger years?

Hellfire and brimstone recalls Genesis 19:24: “The LORD rained down sulfur upon Sodom and Gomorrah, fire from the LORD out of heaven.” It refers to a harsh preaching style and “doom and gloom” content focused on God’s wrath, punishment, and hell. Puritans—those English Calvinists who colonized Massachusetts in the 1600s—adhered strongly to their belief in eternal damnation, innate sin, and diabolical power. Likewise, American Baptists were known to “out-Calvin Calvin” in their preaching.

While Catholics also adhere strongly to our belief in the possibility of eternal damnation, innate sin, and evil forces, we believe in the grace of baptism to remove original sin, the outpouring of God’s grace to strengthen our weakness due to original sin, and in the extraordinary power of conversion to prevent everlasting damnation. To that end, parish missions and revivals strengthen the spiritual life of the faithful and welcome lapsed Catholics.

Preaching orders have been conducting missions since their earliest days in America. Saint Alphonsus encouraged his Redemptorist missionaries to be lions in the pulpit and lambs in the confessional. One preacher in the 1850s described the fires of hell with such intensity that the nearby fire engine crew was mistakenly dispatched to the church to extinguish the conflagration. Yet the fire most desirable during a mission is the one in people’s hearts for God. “Fear of God” means a dread for God’s judgment, but it can also mean a reverential marvel for God. Many preachers today prefer to instill that awe for God’s inviting mercy instead of a paralyzing fear of God’s anger.



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A Word From Pope Francis

“Whoever experiences [the joy of the Resurrection] becomes a witness of the Resurrection....He or she is then capable of carrying a ‘ray’ of light of the Risen One into various situations,...bringing serenity and hope.”

—Regina Caeli, St. Peter’s Square, April 21, 2014



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Assumption of Our Lady



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March 05, 2016

First Sunday of Lent

Hay River, NT

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon.-Thurs. 5:30 pm

Friday 12:00 noon

Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Don for any other sacraments or funerals.



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Mar 05	Lisa Capulso Michaela Crook	Kyle Reid Doug Swallow	Steinwan Family	Louisa Schrumm Julia Flumerfelt Davida Delorey	Please sign-up See Grace
Mar 12	Dee Dee Lepine Katherine Lenour	Horst B. Paul Delorey	Lance, Nanette & Family	Doris Caudron Davida Delorey Julia Flummerfelt	Please sign-up See Grace
Mar 19	Sheila Ryan-Hachey Julia Flummerfelt	Kyle Reid Horst B.	Jonathan Mac-kenzie Zoe	Theresa Swallow Tessie Gonzales Shirley Gutierrez	Please sign-up See Grace
Mar 26	Sherry DaRosa Doris Caudron	Emmanuel Da-Rosa Darm Crook	Ramirez Family	Theresa Swallow Louisa Schrumm Doris Caudron	Please sign-up See Grace
April 02	Ruth Boden Sancie Gostick	Doug Swallow Andrew Cassidy	Capulso Family	Sylvia Boyer Davida Delorey Tessie Gonzales	Please sign-up See Grace

CWL NEWS

New National Theme: Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

Lap Quilt Challenge: The members of the CWL nationwide are making lap quilts for residents in nursing homes and the patients in hospice. Whether you sew, knit, crochet, patch or quilt, your efforts and prayer-in-action will be most appreciated. Anyone interested in creating a lap quilt is invited to do so. We are hoping to have these quilts ready for our Diocesan Convention at the end of April.

We would like to thank the people who helped, baked, cooked, assisted and/or donated their time to make the 12 Step Pilgrimage this past weekend a success.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD

On this first Sunday of Lent the Gospel describes how Jesus went into the desert after he had been baptized by John, to prepare himself to begin his work of sharing the Good News of God's love with the whole world.

Confirmation classes continue. Our next class is **March 12**. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament. The celebration of Confirmation will take place **May 6, 2017 at St. Ann's** and **May 7, 2017 at Assumption Parish**.

The liturgical season of Lent has begun.

Lenten lunches (soup and sandwiches) are held each Thursday at the Anglican Church. The theme is 'At the Table with our Lord'. Feel free to leave a donation if you wish.

Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7:00 pm.

: Weekly Revenue	
\$2,086.00	Collection
\$0.00	Hall Rental
\$2,086.00	Revenue Total
\$1,764.00	Expenses Total
\$322.00	
Expenses are based on the 2015 average	

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

Our Resurrection

The raising of Lazarus is a decisive miracle in Christ's public ministry. It leads to increased hostility and gives the Jewish leaders both an excuse and a motivation to actively seek the death of Jesus. This Gospel episode is so important that John dedicates an entire chapter to the story.

What is the most important message of this miracle? Without faith in Jesus, there is no resurrection. A fitting message for an artist painting in Europe right after World War II.

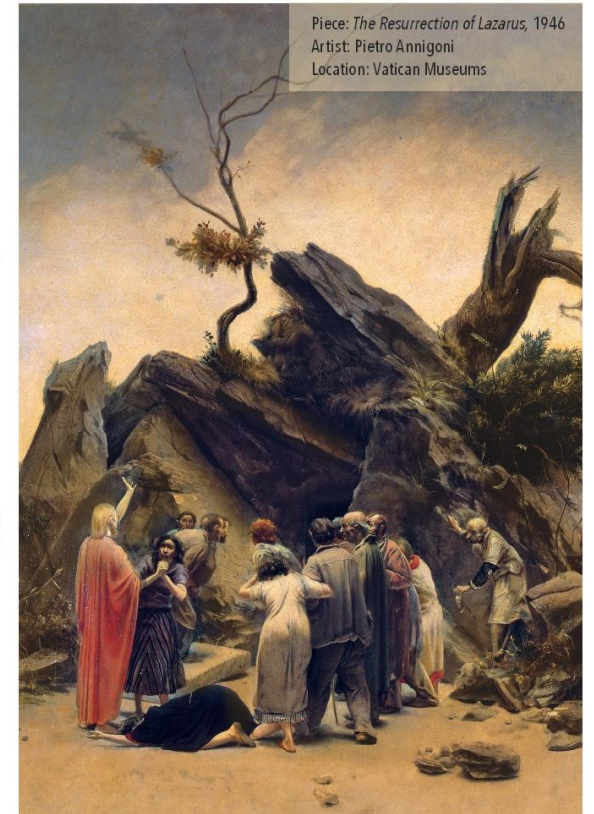
Looking at the painting of Annigoni, Mary is at the feet of Jesus while Martha is on her feet pouring out her heart. The artist evokes a landscape of death and destruction, one too often observed in postwar Europe. Colors of decay abound. Stones are piled up like rubble. The trees are burnt, scrawny, and twisted as if after an air raid. It is ugly, rugged, barren, and dry. A small group of people have gathered to weep at the tomb.

Jesus is the only source of color and life. After Martha affirms her faith in Jesus and the resurrection, he lifts up his hand and calls out. The onlookers peer inside, perhaps having heard the sounds of rustling coming from the cave.

The message of this artwork is clear to anyone struggling with the bondage of a destructive past. Jesus wants to speak words of life and raise us from the grips of death, war, and despair.

Believe in Jesus and he will raise you up!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Resurrection of Lazarus*, 1946
Artist: Pietro Annigoni
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

How is your Lenten journey bringing you deeper in faith and closer to new life in Jesus? Has Jesus raised you from destruction or despair? How?

"If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).