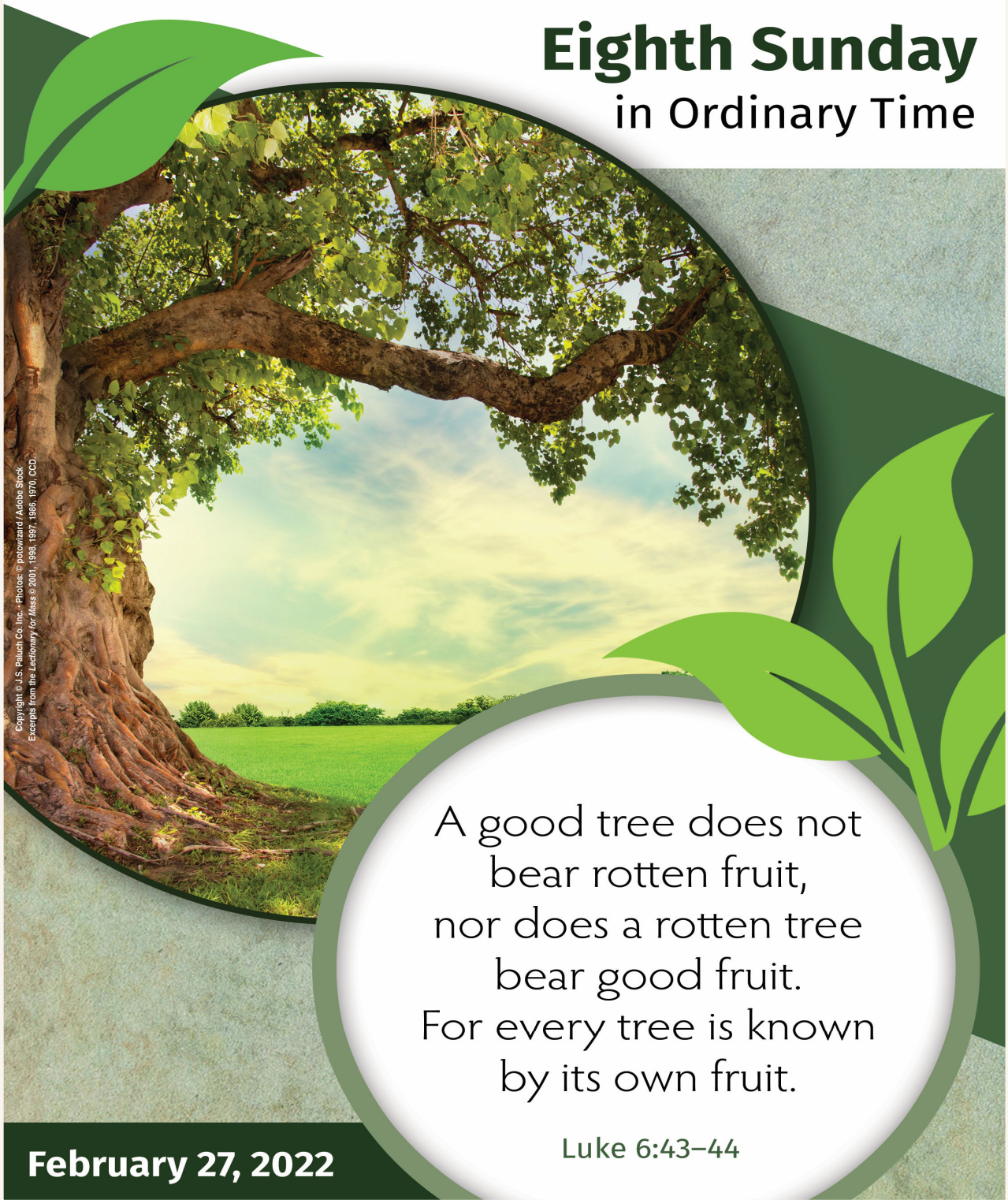


OUR LADY OF GRACE

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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For every tree is known
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Luke 6:43-44

February 27, 2022

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5:30 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the parish office at least six weeks in advance

Sacrament of Marriage:

Call the parish office at least six months in advance.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Peter Damian; Presidents' Day

Tuesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday

Wednesday: St. Polycarp

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Mary Blake, Pilar Campos (Fr. Jorge's mother) Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Chris Chumney, Jacy & Abby Daniels, David Davis, John Deleon, Kate DeWein, Robert DuBray, Jose Elukkunnel (Fr. Joseph's father), Angela Fitzner, Deacon Frank Gallardo, Vangie Gallardo, Eric Hawbecker, Josephine Janczar, Markus Klink, Joann Lamb, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, George Perez, Carlos Saucedo, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Lisa Weissler.

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE*

Monday, February 28

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge

Tuesday, March 1

Confessions 4:45 pm

Mass 5:30 pm

Ash Wednesday, March 2 - All With Distribution of Ashes

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Mass 12:15 pm Fr. Joseph

Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

Liturgy 7:00 pm Fr. Joseph

Thursday, March 3

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Joseph

Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

Friday, March 4 - First Friday

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge

Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Isidor Garcia, OMI

Saturday, March 5

Mass 8:00 am Fr. Dennis

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Jorge

Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Jorge

Sunday, March 6

Confessions 8:30 am Fr. Jorge

Mass 8:30 am Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI

Confessions 10:30 am Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI

Mass 10:30 am Fr. Jorge

Confessions 12:00 pm Fr. Dennis

Mass 12:00 pm Fr. Jorge

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of
†Helen Hoffer
who died February 3, 2022
May she rest in peace.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 28

7:00 am Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez - Rodriguez Family

Tuesday, March 1

5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Palacios Family

Ash Wednesday, March 2

7:00 am In Thanksgiving V.S.I.

12:15 pm Gary 'CJ' Johnson- Birthday - Marilyn Johnson

5:30 pm Henry Deleon (d) - Dolores Beardsley

Thursday, March 3

5:30 pm Dr. Frank Valcour (d) - Pat LeVreir

Friday, March 4

7:00 am Virgil 'Bud' Johnson (d) - Marilyn Johnson

5:30 pm Rie Jansen (d) - Marilyn Johnson

Saturday, March 5

8:00 am William Johnson (d) - Marilyn Johnson

5:30 pm Brig. Gen. Thomas G. Smith (d) - Parish

Sunday, March 6

8:30 am Doug Mursch (d) - Marilyn Johnson

10:30 am Edward Moran (d) - Pat LeVreir

12:00 pm Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

Urgent Papal Request Sent To The Universal Church



APPEAL

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

Franciscus

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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The **Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** is recited after the 8:00 am Mass every Saturday. All are welcome to join in praying the rosary for your special intentions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



E U C H A R I S T

Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence

Join us as we present Bishop Robert Barron's **Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence.**

We will delve into the "source and summit" of our faith with this 5 part program. This study will give us a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity that we receive at each and every Mass. In their recent document dedicated to the Eucharist, US Bishops are calling on American Catholics to "enter more deeply by faith and love" into the Mystery of Mysteries, the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This study is a wonderful way to remind us of the gift of the Table of the Lord during our Lenten Journey. Join us each Thursday in March.

March 3 - 31 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Guadalupe Classroom

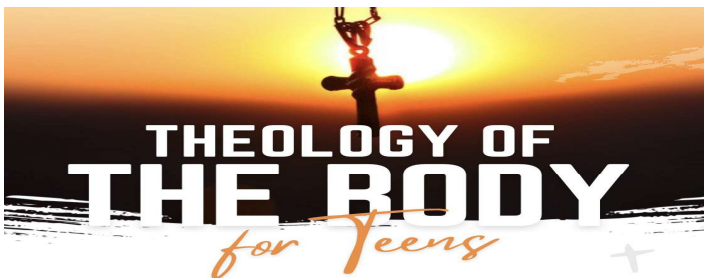
Cost of materials is \$20.00.

Please contact Linda Enriquez for information or to register:
210-387-4804 (linda.lamar@yahoo.com)
or call the church office @ 210-734-7285



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins every Wednesday in the Adoration Chapel after the 7:00 am Mass and ends on Thursday at 5:30 pm. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.



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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

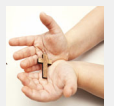
7 - 8:30 pm in the Madonna Room- Lower Level
For registration information call the church office or follow the link on Flocknotes.
The cost is only \$20 per person.

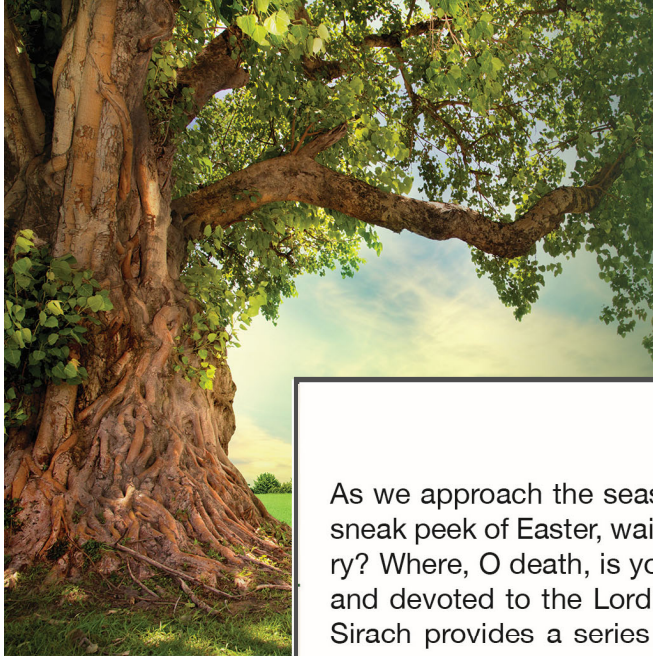


The **Children's Rosary Group** meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 4:30 pm** to learn a mystery of the rosary and pray a decade together. We meet at the stations of the cross adjacent to the OLG parking lot. For more information please call Bridie Chaudoir at 713-501-2954.

"Raising in Grace"

Join us for a group of Moms and Tots with Bible Storytime. We meet on the **2nd and 4th Monday** of the month from **9:30-11:30 am** in the Breezeway Classrooms. For information, call Marissa Arriaga at 210-885-5047. Hope to see you there!





Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 27, 2022

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nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.
For every tree is known by its own fruit.

Luke 6:43-44

PREPARING FOR LENT

As we approach the season of Lent, Paul's first letter to the Corinthians gives us a sneak peek of Easter, waiting for us on the other side: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" Paul's conclusion, telling us to remain steadfast and devoted to the Lord's work, could serve as a Lenten motto. The reading from Sirach provides a series of adages regarding discipline of the tongue, and of our speech. Maybe not a bad Lenten practice to observe. Even Jesus in Luke's Gospel gets into the act, encouraging a cleansing of the heart ("A clean heart create for me, God" we will sing in Psalm 51 during Lent), so that from the goodness of our heart we will bring good into the world. Of course, these insights from Sirach, Paul, and Luke serve us quite well year-round. What we truly do "in the Lord" is never done in vain.

IS THIS ON THE TEST?

Today's reading from Sirach reminds us not to praise others before they speak, "for it is then that people are tested." Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, takes it a step further, reminding us that we are also known by the fruit borne in our lives. It doesn't take long to think of a person or group of people who speak beautiful, praiseworthy words, and yet their lives are unfruitful, or their lives outright contradict their speech. This is the class of people we call "hypocrites," and it's clear in all the Gospels that Jesus has no time for them. Our speech does test us, but the test is really to demonstrate that there is a connection between what we say and how we live. Expressed another way, this is the age-old discussion about faith and works. A truly deep-rooted faith will bear fruit in the works, in the actions of our lives. As happens so often in discipleship, we are dealing with the both/and, not either/or.

TALKING HEARTS

As disciples who follow Jesus, we believe that we are following God's very Word-made-Flesh. The theological term for this is In-carn-ation, the "in-flesh-made" second person of the Trinity. As followers of the Word, our words are truly important. Our hearts and mouths are wired together, as Jesus tells us today: "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." This is yet another echo of the wisdom of Sirach: "Speech discloses the bent of a person's heart." Eventually, our words—and the other actions of our lives—will convey what is truly in our hearts. Perhaps the ultimate test of our discipleship is not merely our words, or even our actions, but on a deeper level the test is whether or not others will find in us God's word "in-flesh-made." Our mission is to be the Word-made-flesh, in the flesh again in our own place and time.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:4-7
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45



Women's Spirituality and Prayer Group

All women (18 years and older) are invited to join!

**Monday evenings
7-9 pm
Lower Level - Madonna Room**

The group will explore Catholic spirituality through the *Vita Orationis*: a series of lectures, guest speakers, prayer exercises, and sharing in both large and small group settings.

Cost for materials is \$20.00. For more information or to register, contact Laura Macom at 210-863-8269 or by email at LMacom@ymail.com.



**NO RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION CLASSES
March 6th & 13th**

Are you interested in a convenient and secure way to make your Offertory gift? E-giving is available for our parish through the Faith Direct program. For more information and to enroll go to our website, olgsa.org, and click on the e-giving tab or contact the office.



Please Join Us!
Annual Our Lady of Grace Missions Pilgrimage
Sunday, March 13, 2022

Mission San Jose, Mission San Juan, Mission Espada
Bike, ride the bus, or drive your own car.

Prayer, reflections and children's activities at each Mission.

Outdoor Mass at Mission San Jose at 9:00 am.

Visit Mission San Juan for a tour and reflections.

End at Mission Espada with a picnic lunch.

For a small donation of \$5 for individuals or \$10 for families, you will receive an OLG Fiesta Medal, a box lunch and water.

Register now to save your spot.

Registration in the foyer after Mass.



LIVING AS A SYNODAL CHURCH
COMMUNION. PARTICIPATION. MISSION.

What fruits can come from the synodal process?

First, our pastors and bishops will have the opportunity to listen carefully to what the People of God have to say about our local Church, which will allow them, in turn, to discern what the Holy Spirit wants from all of us here and now. Pope Francis will do the same in 2023 when the Synod on Synodality takes place in Rome.

Second, we will all have the opportunity to experience the joy that comes from meeting with our brothers and sisters in Christ, learn more about each other, and discover through such an encounter what God wants from each one of us, our parishes, and organizations here and now.

THANK YOU to all the business people who advertise in our Sunday bulletin. Your advertising helps to provide our bulletin free of charge each week.

We are very grateful for this continuous support and hope everyone will patronize these businesses.

...the beginning of Lent, is a time of renewal and drawing closer to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

MARCH 2, 2022

MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

7:00 am , 12:15 pm , 5:30 pm

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

7:00 pm



*The special collection on
Ash Wednesday
is for Catholic Charities.*

40 CANS FOR LENT **FOOD DRIVE**

During Lent, you are invited to donate one can each day in solidarity with those who struggle to find their next meal. Your donation will assist the food pantry at the Guadalupe Community Center, our Parish Outreach Partner.

Place your cans in one of the bins marked "40 Cans for Lent."

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. The following are the guidelines for the faithful.
FAST: All persons from age 18 until age 59 are obliged, unless prevented by poor health. When fasting, one full meal is permitted, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

ABSTINENCE: The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards, unless prevented by poor health.

Lent is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice are highly encouraged.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

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Press forward and fear nothing.

St. Katharine Drexel
She gave up an inheritance of \$7 million to enter religious life and then created a system of Catholic schools for African-Americans

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March 3



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Parish Guild First Friday

The Parish Guild First Friday Potluck Dinner will be held this Friday, March 4th.

Please join us for the

5:30pm Mass and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

followed by a potluck dinner in the Madonna Room.

Our Lady of Grace Men's Faith Study

The Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen was a master theologian, philosopher and preacher of the Word who recorded a series of talks entitled *Life is Worth Living!* We will gather each Saturday morning from 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Madonna Room basement to listen to a 25 minute talk from Bishop Sheen, share our thoughts as a group, and close with prayer. You'll be filled with a deeper appreciation and understanding of our Catholic Christian faith, as well as often uplifted by the timeless Sheen teachings. It is more important than ever that we come together as a community and learn that life is worth living!

For information please contact Roger Williams at 210-724-8828 or rogerwtx@gmail.com. Please join us!

ALL OLG PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO A SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER TO CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS! March 1st from 6:00-7:30 pm – Madonna Room

BASIC PANCAKES WILL BE PREPARED AND SERVED, OR FEEL FREE TO BRING ANY SPECIAL INGREDIENTS YOU MIGHT WANT IN YOUR PANCAKES (E.G. CHOCOLATE CHIPS, BLUEBERRIES, BANANAS, YOU DECIDE!) AND YOUR PANCAKES WILL BE CUSTOM MADE. PLEASE BRING ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD GO AS A PANCAKE SIDE DISH TO SHARE (E.G. BACON, SAUSAGE, WHIP CREAM, ETC).

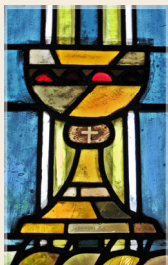
BUTTER, SYRUP, FAMILY FRIENDLY DRINKS, WATER, AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED - BYOB ADULT BEVERAGES.

Music to be provided by the Dixieland Band!

A Sign-Up Genius will be circulated soon for some items. Families are encouraged and welcome!



Holy Hour For Priests



Tuesday,
March 8, 2022
7 PM- 8 PM

Rosary, Prayers and Benediction

Daylight Savings Begins March 6, 2022

Set Clocks Ahead



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