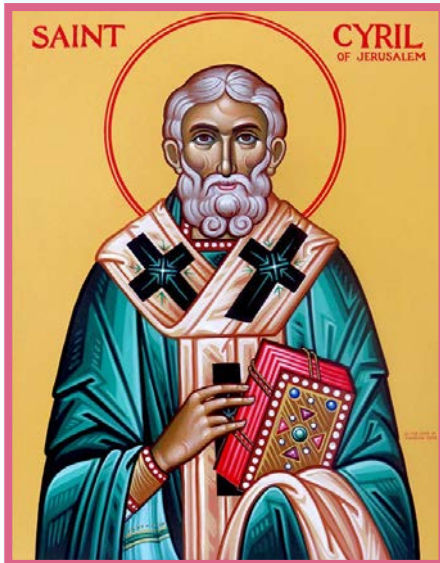


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Notes from Fr. Nick

## SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM



This Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, is the feast day of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem. Saint Cyril was a distinguished theologian and the Bishop of Jerusalem during the tumultuous fourth century (d. 386). He was exiled twice, but admiration for his charitable work ultimately redeemed him.

Cyril was exiled on one occasion when he preached against the Arians, who were heretics who taught that Christ was *created* by the Father, rather than having always been God. When his detractors couldn't make their charges stick, they accused him of selling Church property to feed the poor — a charge for which he was probably guilty.

Today, Cyril is mainly known for his accounts of Lent and Easter liturgies and his teachings to new Christians. Cyril's descriptions of late fourth-century Holy Week rituals form the basis for present-day rites for adult Christian initiation. He describes how

new members of the Church were chosen (our Rite of Election), the process of purification (Scrutinies) and the baptismal rituals of the ancient Easter Vigil. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the reformed Triduum of the Second Vatican Council largely follow Saint Cyril's practices. Yet beyond that, in his *Mystagogical Catecheses*, he expounded on the symbolism of Holy Week, which gives us a deeper understanding of rituals then and now. His writings are so powerful that we still use his texts today.

Pervading Cyril's writings is an emphasis on God's loving and forgiving nature and the healing power of the Holy Spirit. He wrote at a time when many theologians saw God mainly as a stern judge. Cyril's understanding of God's love for human beings governed his own life as well. He accepted being sent into exile with equanimity and forgave his captors.

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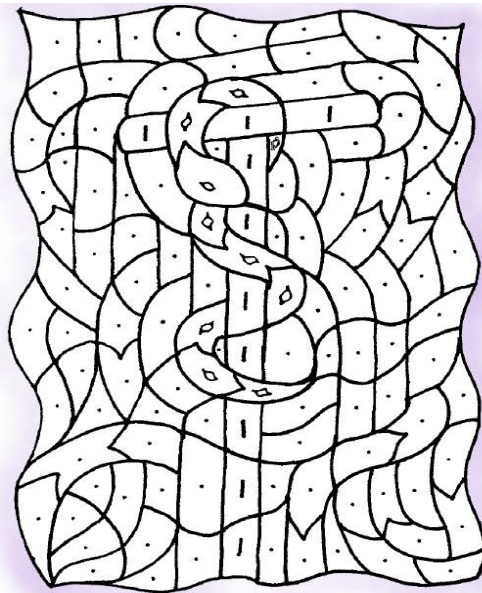
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# The Kids' Bulletin



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*Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to Heaven. When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from bronze that the people could look at and live. What was it? Use the colour code to find out!*

• blue    | brown    ◊ green

## The Deportation to Babylon

Do you know what happened to the people of Jerusalem when they sinned against God?

These pictures are in the wrong order. Put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes to sort them out!



# March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

Collection for the Week Ending February 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/07/2021	\$7,851.30	\$8,471.00	-\$619.70
Year-to-Date	\$70,509.59	\$84,710.00	-\$14,200.41

*The beginning of the month is very helpful. Thank you all!*

## Stations of the Cross ~ Outdoors

Praying the Stations of the Cross is one of our traditional practices during Lent. In 2019, then-Deacon Jonathan Harmon, SJ, and Fr. Nick worked with School of the Madeleine 7th-graders to produce these gorgeous Stations, copies of which are attached to the fence between our two parking lots.



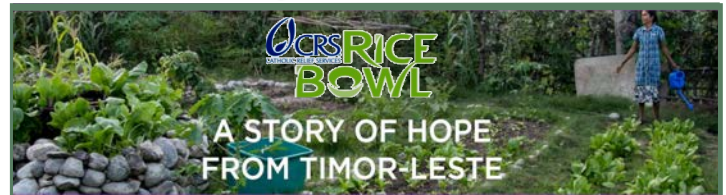
Join fellow parishioners following the 5:30 pm Mass (around 6:00 pm) in the parking lot for the last three Fridays in Lent. Candles will be available, or bring a flashlight!

## Scripture Readings for the Week

- 14<sup>th</sup> *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*  
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ephesians 2:4-10 / John 3:14-21
- 15<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*  
Isaiah 65:17-21 / John 4:43-54
- 16<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*  
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 / John 5:1-16
- 17<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday [St. Patrick, Bishop]*  
Isaiah 49:8-15 / John 5:17-30
- 18<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday [St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor]*  
Exodus 32:7-14 / John 5:31-47
- 19<sup>th</sup> *Solemnity: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Samuel 7:4-16 / Romans 4:13-22 / Matthew 1:16-24
- 20<sup>th</sup> *Lenten Weekday*  
Jeremiah 11:18-20 / John 7:40-53

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00	Intentions of Riley Odon Kalmar
	11:00	Intentions of Florentina Onglatco
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Xiomara
	5:30	Bernice McMillan RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Richard Pierre Claude RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Hani Thomas Mahoney
Wednesday	8:30	Otto Egli RIP
	5:30	Patricia Broemmell RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Mimy Ng & Family
	5:30	Silke Caltagirone RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Fr. Richard Kingsley
	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Joseph Sergott, OP
Saturday	8:30	Terry Colvert RIP



Many families in Timor-Leste live in rural areas and work as farmers. But climate change has reduced the amount of



food they can grow, and more than one-third of the population does not have reliable access to enough nutritious food, inhibiting children's ability to develop to their full potential.

With training from Catholic Relief Services, families are starting home gardens to grow different vegetables, beans and other foods that are rich in nutrients like vitamin A and iron. *The gardens are built to withstand droughts and flooding*, and the families add the food they grow—such as spinach, cabbage, peanuts, carrots and tomatoes—to their daily staple of rice, providing more nourishing meals that help children grow and stay healthy. See [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

*You can pick up your CRS Rice Bowls at the main entrance to the church, or at the Dominican Garden Mass.*

## Lenten Penance Service—Tomorrow at 7:30 pm!

As happened during Advent, the Lenten Penance Service will be livestreamed (on Facebook and YouTube) *in a closed church*. Attend the virtual service, and then come to confess in person on Tuesday or Wednesday. Priests will be available after Morning and Evening Masses (9:00 am and 6:00 pm), or by appointment.



Jesuit Scholastic **Joel Thompson, SJ**, will deliver his reflections on the *Examen* of St. Ignatius Loyola, whose method should inspire us in our preparations. As Fr. Nick has written, *"the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a means by which we acknowledge before God and the Christian Community that while our lives are filled with grace, we still need God's mercy."*

## Holy Week Schedule

- Tenebrae:* 9:00 am April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Church (35 maximum)
- Mass of the Lord's Supper:* 5:30 pm, Dominican Garden
- Adoration:* 7:00 pm—8:30 pm Rengel Plaza/Norton Hall
- Friday of the Lord's Passion:* 1:30 pm, Dominican Garden
- Stations of the Cross:* 5:30 pm, Church Parking Lot
- The Great Vigil of Easter:* 5:30 pm, Dominican Garden
- Easter Sunday:* 9:00 am, Livestream Mass  
11:00 am, Dominican Garden

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