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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."
 - Jn 12:23-24

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Heavenly Father, As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week & remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS TIMES AT MARY OUR QUEEN

DAILY MASS

6:20am Tuesday - Friday, 8:15am Monday - Saturday

COMMUNION SERVICE

6:20am Monday

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30-6:00pm, Saturday 4:00-5:00pm

MASS TIMES AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY

DAILY MASS

9:00am Tuesday - Friday

COMMUNION SERVICE

9:00am Monday

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30-5:00pm, and by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

FOR BOTH PARISHES

Monday - Thursday 8am-4pm

Friday 8am-12:00pm

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A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We enter into the Fifth Week of Lent. The mentioning of the Greeks in this weekend's Gospel refers to Jesus not only making an impact on just his own people but also to everyone around him. This speaks upon the universality of Jesus' salvation that is offered. By saying "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit" Jesus makes himself accessible to all. This is the very reason why Jesus came into our lives. By the offering of the cross, Jesus shows us the way to the Father. This is the very intention of God – which is to draw all of us to himself. This is why we always encourage you to make a good confession during the season of Lent. The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to remove all of the junk in our lives and be renewed with our focus in Christ. We hope that this Lenten season continues to be a source of renewal that shapes us in the love of God.

I hope you have been able to attend the Lenten series that has been offered for our Family of Parishes. Our final session will be at St John Vianney this Monday March 18 at 7pm. We hope to build up our Parishes by providing more faith opportunities like our Lenten series. Not only does this give us an opportunity to be a place where faith is lived but also where our faith is shared. If there is something that you would like to see that helps the growth of your faith life, kindly contact Jodi Meyer.

The Knights of Columbus of both St John Vianney and Mary Our Queen will be hosting their Final Fish Fries of the Lenten season this Friday. The proceeds support the charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus. Please join us if you are able to.

Things going on at St John Vianney:

The Church pews that were affected by the water damage caused by the leaking roof were stained over the week. This completes the repairs that were caused by the water damage. There are also a few spots in the flat roof portion of the Church that are leaking. We are currently working to get them patched up.

Things going on at Mary Our Queen:

The renovation of our existing playground should begin in about 2 weeks time. We will be removing the shredded mulch and replacing it with a new rubber surface. The renovation also includes the replacement of the dome in the playground and the slides in the existing playground structure.

God's Blessings,

Fr Marc

MARY OUR QUEEN SCHOOL



"Where Faith and Knowledge Meet"
Serving Preschool - 8th Grade

MOQ School Mission: To form students of faith to pursue academic excellence and live in Christian service.

Welcome to Mary Our Queen Catholic School. For nearly 60 years, we have partnered with parents to provide students an academically rigorous curriculum and strong spiritual foundation rooted in our Catholic faith. Our motto, "Where Faith and Knowledge Meet," encompasses our mission to provide our students opportunities to grow in intellect, faith and service to become faith-filled leaders of tomorrow.

Want to learn more about MOQ School?

Visit us @ moqschool.org [Mustang Memo](#) Located on moqschool.org
[Facebook facebook.com/moqschool/](https://www.facebook.com/moqschool/) [Instagram @maryourqueenschool](https://www.instagram.com/maryourqueenschool)

Interested in Enrolling at MOQ School or scheduling a tour?

Visit us at moqschool.org or call 402.333.8663

Lent is an amazing time of year in a Catholic school. We are able to walk with Jesus in a very real way. . .of course that happens at so many different levels of understanding from our preschool all the way through our 8th grade. MOQ staff is blessed to walk this journey with our students and grateful for our partnership with parents during this sacred time.

God bless,
Maureen



MOQ SCHOOL IS HIRING!

Visit moqchurch.org/careers for more information.

RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please contact either Parish Office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Both Parishes: Contact Renee Spicka at the MOQ parish office at least six months in advance.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Mary Our Queen: Classes are currently online. Contact Kolleen Hoffman at the MOQ parish office to register.

St. John Vianney: Contact Mary Johnson at the SJV parish office to register.

RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, contact Ann Hagenau at 402-578-9346 or email rcia@moqchurch.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Jesus is waiting for YOU! Join us for Exposition:

Mary Our Queen: every Monday after the 8:15am Mass until 5:45pm.

St. John Vianney: First Friday Benediction at SJV at 6pm

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The time of paying a visit to Jesus is wholly the time of love—a love we will resume practicing in Paradise, since love alone "does not come to an end", said St. Catherine of Genoa. Many hours for perpetual adoration are open, especially on Saturdays and Sundays at Mary Our Queen. Contact Mary Adam, 531.375.0733.



MOQ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & CALENDAR CLUB

Winners 03/02/24 - 03/08/2024

Daily Winners:

03/02/2024: Jim & Margie Timmerman (1298)

03/03/2024: Mary Purcell (1372)

- Sunday Prize

03/04/2024: Miah & Katie Sommer (1195)

03/05/2024: John & Ann Hawkins (1057)

03/06/2024: Rachel Craig (1312)

03/07/2024: Mark Voller (1381)

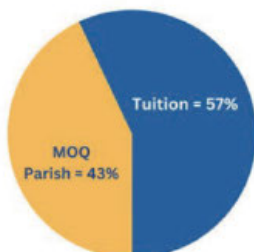
03/08/2024: Jamie Kinsella (1288)



BRIDGE THE GAP

As you may be aware, tuition paid by our school families does not cover the full cost to educate each child. Closing this gap between tuition and the actual cost to educate a child at MOQ School is dependent on the generous donations and support of our parish and school community, alumni, and philanthropic partners.

Bridge the Gap will enable MOQ School to serve its mission to form students who are committed to faith and academic excellence now and well into the future. Your contribution to Bridge the Gap will directly impact MOQ students, enabling us to enhance academic programs, invest in technology and infrastructure, and provide financial aid to deserving families. Scan the QR Code to contribute today.



MARY OUR QUEEN PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP



Scan the QR Code to donate online! Donations accepted for all collections including regular weekend tithing, special collections, and Holy Days.

Sunday Giving, week of February 18

Sunday Offering	\$ 17,449.00
Online Giving	\$ 10,166.08
Total	\$ 27,615.08

Weekly Budget	\$ 35,257.48
Fiscal Year to Date	
Actual	\$ 1,027,454.73
Fiscal Year to Date	
Budget	\$ 1,263,754.32
Difference	-18.70%

Upcoming Collections

March 24, 2024: **General Maintenance and Repairs.** This collection is for parish building and maintenance expenses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 18, 2024

- 6:20 AM Communion Service
- 8:15 AM Living & Deceased Members of CDA Court Mary Queen of Peace (ML)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

- 6:20 AM † Joan and Eileen Meyer (RR)
- 8:15 AM † Phil Signorile Jr (TB)
- 9:30 AM † Julie Moore (TB)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

- 6:20 AM † James Sledge (RR)
- 8:15 AM Special Intention (TB)

Thursday, March 21, 2024

- 6:20 AM † Poor Souls (MR)
- 8:15 AM Personal Intention (TB)

Friday, March 22, 2024

- 6:20 AM † Ralph Hakel (RR)
- 8:15 AM † Mary Stoner (RS)

Saturday, March 23, 2024

- 8:15 AM MOQ Parishioners (ML)
- 5:30 PM Alex Menks (MR)

Sunday, March 24, 2024

- 7:00 AM MOQ Parishioners (TB)
- 9:00 AM † Marilyn Higgins (ML)
- 11:00 AM † Joe & Carrie Regner (TB)

TNTs

We are ready to play cards! Won't you join us? The TNTs host a card fest every Friday at 12:30pm in the St. Joseph Room. This is a great, warm opportunity to meet new friends and share with existing ones. St. John Vianney parish members are very welcome; we look forward to getting to know you better. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun. Questions? Contact Mike Dougherty at 402-689-2826, Guinness1124@yahoo.com. See you soon.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The next Catholic Daughters meeting will be on Monday, March 18th. We will pray the rosary at 6:15pm, social time at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm. At this meeting we will discuss the upcoming Court elections, serving funeral luncheons in March, attending Mass at the Holy Family Shrine April 6th, Golden Years luncheon April 11th and many other activities. **We would love to have more women join our Court!** All Catholic women over 18 years of age are invited to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Even if you are not able to attend our meetings, we are looking for new members to help with our projects and also as prayer partners. For more information about Catholic Daughters see National: www.catholicdaughters.org or State: www.nebraskacda.org. Contact Regent Sherry Wittrock at 402-850-4764 for more information.



LADIES GUILD

NOTICE: Great changes ahead for MOQ Ladies Guild. We are changing things up at the guild and moving our monthly meetings to the **4th Wednesday of each month starting at 7:15pm in the Kenny Center.** We invite all women of Mary Our Queen to join in the fun. New to the church or have been here awhile? Have kids? No kids? Children have grown? We are inviting YOU! We gather each month as women of faith & friendship and would love to have you join us.



No need to rsvp just show up when you are available, we would love to get to know you.

MARY OUR QUEEN SCHOOL BOARD

Apply online at
<http://moqchurch.org/leadership>

Hard copies available in the parish and school offices.




MARY OUR QUEEN PARISH NEWS

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR!

The Legion of Mary will once again host the St. Joseph Altar in the narthex beginning Saturday March 16th. It will be blessed before the 9:30am School Mass on Tuesday, March 19th. The display will be taken down that afternoon. Cash and some food donations will go to SJV Parish Community Lenten Outreach Program, most canned/boxed food donations will go to the Catholic Charities, breads and fruit will be donated as well.

Mark your calendar and plan to bring candles, St. Joseph pictures and statues (mark items so they can be returned to you), canned foods, etc. and add to the display. There is a great need for canned protein products (tuna, chicken, beef, spam) and soup. Also things like peanut butter, jelly, cereal, box of oatmeal packets, healthy crackers and popcorn. Canned fruits and vegetables are always good too.

St. Joseph Pray For Us! Questions, please contact Lori Hamilton at 402-699-5027 or Linda Thomsen at 402-660-2213.



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE HELPED WITH DELIVERY FOR THE DOROTHY DAY MINISTRY. YOU ARE APPRECIATED!



Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Graders! We are looking for volunteer "helpers" at the Children's Liturgy each Sunday at the 9:00am Mass at Mary Our Queen. As a volunteer, you will come up to the front of the church with all the children when they are called and follow them out to the separate space where we hold the Children's Liturgy. You will introduce yourself to the Leader and will help the kids remember to be quiet and be still as we listen to the Word of God. You will also help to make sure all the kids get back to their seats with their families at offertory time. Thank you! Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4BAEAE2DA6F94-5th6th>

ATHLETICS



MICRO SOCCER SPRING 2024

Join us on the soccer field for Mary Our Queen Micro Soccer! The first practice/game will be Saturday, April 13

Cost: \$30. You can reuse past MOQ Micro shirts or wear any royal blue t-shirt.

Note, that we are no longer selling new Micro shirts.

Ages: 4 – 5 (and some 6) year-olds

Dates: April 13 — May 11. Practice/games for 5 Saturdays.

(May 18 will be a makeup day if needed due to weather)

Time: Saturdays from 4 pm to 5 pm.

Location: MOQ Soccer Fields (south side of the MOQ Campus)

**Parents – if you wish to coach your child's team, volunteers are always appreciated! Coaches do get priority during team formation.*

We can't play without coaches.

If you have any questions, please email microsoccer@moqchurch.org



Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 18, 2024

- 6:20 AM Mass (Church)
- 8:15 AM Mass (Church)
- 9:30 AM Exposition (Church)
- 1:00 PM Senior Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
- 5:00 PM Evening Prayer (Church)
- 5:45 PM Benediction (Church)
- 6:30 PM Catholic Daughters Meeting (Trinity Rooms)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:00 PM Legion of Mary (Queen of Peace Room)
- 7:00 PM Lenten Series (Cafeteria)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

- 6:20 AM Mass (Church)
- 8:15 AM Mass (Church)
- 9:30 AM All School Mass (Church)
- 2:45 PM Jr. Legion of Mary (Queen of Peace Room)
- 3:15 PM Robotics (Cafeteria)
- 3:15 PM Girl Scouts (St. Joseph Room)
- 6:30 PM GriefShare (Trinity Rooms)
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting (Cafeteria)
- 7:00 PM Parish Council (Upper Room)
- 7:00 PM Parish Penance Service @ SJV
- 7:30 PM Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

- 6:20 AM Mass (Church)
- 7:30 AM Alpha (Trinity Rooms)
- 8:15 AM Mass (Church)
- 1:30 PM Parish Penance Service @ SJV
- 5:30 PM RE Confessions
- 6:00 PM Religious Education
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)
- 6:45 PM Spiritual Reading Study Group (Upper Room)
- 7:00 PM Oremus Jr. (Cafeteria)
- 7:30 PM Athletic Committee (Queen of Peace Room)

Thursday, March 21, 2024

- 6:20 AM Mass (Church)
- 8:15 AM Mass (Church)
- 10:00 AM Joyful Mysteries (Queen of Peace Room)
- 6:00 PM Alpha
- 6:30 PM CEC Planning (St. Joseph Room)
- 6:30 PM His Global Love (Family Room)
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting (Cafeteria)
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting (Queen of Peace Room)
- 7:45 PM Magis I (Upper Room)

Friday, March 22, 2024

- 6:20 AM Mass (Church)
- 7:30 AM Alpha (Trinity Rooms)
- 8:15 AM Mass (Church)
- 12:30 PM TNT Cards (St. Joseph Room)
- 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 23, 2024

- 8:15 AM Mass (Church)
- 4:00 PM Confessions (Family Room)
- 5:30 PM Mass (Church)

Sunday, March 24, 2024

- 7:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 7:30 AM RCIA (Trinity Rooms)
- 9:00 AM RCIA (Upper Room)
- 9:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 11:00 AM Mass (Church)

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP



Scan the QR Code to donate online! Donations accepted for all collections including regular weekend tithing, special collections, and Holy Days.

Sunday Giving, week of February 18

Sunday Offering	\$	19,425.00
Weekly Budget	\$	13,692.31
Fiscal Year to Date Actual	\$	497,187.91
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$	485,538.54
Difference		2.40%

Upcoming Collections

March 24, 2024: **Reduction of Debt.** This collection is for the reduction of parish debt.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 18

9:00am Communion Service

Tuesday, March 19

9:00am † Stanley & Helen Brichacek

Wednesday, March 20

9:00am Intention of Laura Domet

Thursday, March 21

9:00am † Timothy M. Eisenhauer

Friday, March 22

9:00am Parishioners of SJV

Saturday, March 23

5:30pm † Dale E. Gillespie
† Lvg/dec of Korth family

Sunday, March 24

7:30am For the living parishioners
10:30am † Judy Addison Shields
† Myrtle Addison

CHRIST IN GLORY WITH ALL THE SAINTS

An Art and Development Program celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. John Vianney Parish

Thank you those who have completed the pledge card and returned it to the parish office. If you have not returned your card, please take a few moments to fill it out and return it. Thank you for your generosity in "Moving Forward By Giving Back".

Contributing to the **Christ In Glory With All The Saints** campaign is not just about the funds we raise, but the unity and love we demonstrate. It is a powerful affirmation of our commitment to the parish, to our faith, and to each other, setting a strong foundation for the next 50 years and beyond. By giving, you are helping to provide the resources necessary to continue offering vital spiritual guidance, community outreach programs, maintaining the sacred spaces where we gather in worship, and ensuring the financial stability for future generations and growth. Your gift, no matter the size, makes a tangible difference. As we move towards our 50th anniversary, it is an investment in our spiritual home and in the future of the faith we hold dear. Let's join hands, invest in our future, and continue the legacy of love and faith that has been faithfully passed down to us. *There are extra pledge cards and information on the table in the Narthex. Please complete your pledge card and turn it into the office.*



Progress of 2nd panel of **Christ In Glory With All the Saints**, including image of St. John Vianney.

FISH FRY

Fish Fry Fridays from 4:30-8pm.

MENU: Baked and fried fish, mac & cheese, French fries or baked potato, pancakes, coleslaw, salad, tomato soup, and grilled cheese.

Drive Thru available! Bake Sale and Live Music!

BAKERS NEEDED: Please bring your baked items (individually wrapped, please) each Friday of Lent. A table will be set up by the parish office in the narthex.

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR COOKBOOK(S) YET? Our beautiful 50th Anniversary Cookbooks are available to be picked up. You can pick up your cookbook(s) after the weekend Masses in the Narthex or stop by the parish office Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm or Friday 8am-Noon. Cookbooks cost \$25 each. You are welcome to purchase more than one. What a great gift for yourself and your family and friends. *Proceeds from this special cookbook will be used to retire our debt.*

COAT DRIVE



Please consider donating your clean, used winter coat. We continue to accept winter coats in the bins under the glass display case in the Narthex. They will be distributed to various agencies in Omaha that help the needy. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH NEWS

Footsteps of Saints Pilgrimage

FRANCE & ITALY

Mass at the Shrine of St. John Vianney

Join Fr. Richard Reiser from
July 31 - August 10, 2024

\$3,800 plus airfare

How to register online?

*Visit shepherdfieldtours.com

*Click on Upcoming Tours

*Click on Footsteps of Saint Pilgrimage France & Italy

*Click on Book This Tour

~For more info, see flyer in the SJV Narthex~



Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 18, 2024

9:00 AM Communion Service (Church)
7:00 PM Lenten Series (Social Hall)
7:00 PM Al-Anon (Youth Room)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

9:00 AM Mass (Church)
12:30 PM Mat Making
1:00 PM Pinochle (Ars Room)
7:15 PM AA (Ars Room)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

9:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Education Center)
9:00 AM Mass (Church)
9:30 AM Classy Seniors
10:00 AM Adult Bible Study (Ars Room)
1:30 PM Parish Penance Service (Church)
4:15 PM Religious Education
6:15 PM Religious Education
7:00 PM Teen Life Ministry (Social Hall)

Thursday, March 21, 2024

9:00 AM Mass (Church)
10:00 AM Al-Anon (Youth Room)

Friday, March 22, 2024

9:00 AM Mass (Church)
4:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)
4:30 PM Lenten Fish Fry (Social Hall)
4:30 PM Lenten Fish Fry

Saturday, March 23, 2024

7:30 AM Men of Faith
4:30 PM Confessions
5:30 PM Mass (Church)

Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:30 AM Mass (Church)
10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (Family Room)
10:30 AM Mass (Church)
10:30 AM Pre-K and Kindergarten Sunday School (Education Center)

PANTRY NEEDS. THIS WEEK'S NEEDED ITEM:

During Lent, please bring items listed in the weekly SJV Community Lenten Outreach Program article found below.

St. John Vianney Parish
Community Lenten Outreach Program

Sixth Sunday of Lent, March 24th
"I was a child and you cared for me."

The Child Saving Institute promotes the well-being of children and their families. Please help them by bringing diapers, wipes, hair combs, brushes, hair picks, African American hair products, store gift cards, movie theater certificates and bowling alley certificates. *Please leave your donations in the containers in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.*

Save the Date!

MOQ and SJV Classy Seniors—Let's Play Bingo!
March 20th, 9:30am

More information to come!



ST. JOHN VIANNEY JUBILEE

St. John Vianney Parish will turn 50 years old in 2024. We have activities throughout the upcoming year to celebrate this milestone anniversary.

Thoughts from Fr. Paul Schwaab, compiled by Martha Bruckner

"The great lesson of the Garden of Agony is certainly not about stoicism. Jesus was not facing the coming trial with a lack of feeling – but with the keen awareness of the bitter agony and suffering to come. Jesus was able to get down on His knees and beg for help – and, yet, to accept lovingly, willingly, the will of God. None of us can be so proud that we can't beg, plead, yell to God for help. His grace is sufficient to support unspeakable pain and senseless frustration. We need to be humble enough to go down on the ground as in Gethsemane and beg for help – but humble enough to love by saying 'not my will but Thine be done'." (1963)

SJV JUBILEE 50th JUBILEE PRAYER

God, our Almighty Father, to you be given all honor and glory. May you continue to bless our parish under the patronage of St. John Vianney. We ask for his continued intercession as we celebrate this 50th year jubilee. Just as St. John Vianney taught God's love and forgiveness in Word and Sacrament may our parish honor his witness and presence as we continue to live as a faith family in **Community** to **Proclaim** your Word, to **Worship** you in Spirit, and to provide **Service** to others. We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ, alive in glory with all the saints. Amen.

St. John Vianney, pray for us.

PRAYER CHAIN

MARY OUR QUEEN: To add a name to our prayer chain, please contact Connie Garza (402-333-2168) or Sheila Gehrman, (402-333-9595).

ST. JOHN VIANNEY: Call Mary Johnson at the Parish Office at 402-895-0808 or email mjohnson@johnvianney.org.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

MARY OUR QUEEN: To add a name to the weekly prayers of the faithful for the recently deceased or the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 402-333-8662.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY: Please contact Mary Johnson at the Parish Office at 402-895-0808 .

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A VISITATION BY A PRIEST BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, PLEASE CALL EITHER PARISH OFFICE.

WE PRAY FOR OUR JOINT PARISH FAMILY.

FOR THE SICK.
Linda Schluter

FOR THE DECEASED. ETERNAL REST GRANT UPON THEM, O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Joseph Pierson, Dr. Richard Bolamperti

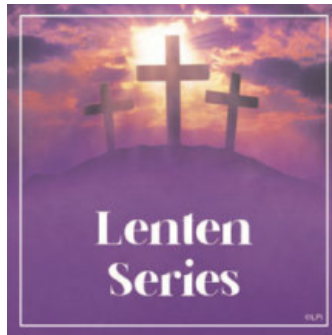
Communication Deadlines:
Combined Bulletin Monday at Noon
communications@moqchurch.org

MOQ Pulpit Pleas Thursday at Noon
SJV Sanctuary Screens Monday at Noon

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Join us for the final session of our Lenten Series!

Session 4: Making the Most of Holy Week
Monday, March 18, 7:00-8:30pm, SJV Social Hall



No matter how our Lent was spent, Christ extends to us His own pierced hand in the midst of our struggle. Just as this man of sorrows was born unknown and unnoticed in the stable of Bethlehem, these Holy Days often go unknown and unnoticed in the lives of His people. In this session we will take a closer look at the most poignant Holy Day of the entire year, a Day which cannot be contained in twenty-four hours. Join us as we explore Holy Week. Snacks and drinks will be served.

	Save the Date
	MOQ VBS 2024
	June 10-14 9am- Noon
	NEW LOCATION St. John Vianney Social Hall

CREW REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, APRIL 15!

MOQCHURCH.ORG/VBS

WE'RE HAPPY TO SERVE YOU!

 **MARY OUR QUEEN COUNCIL 11700**

FISH FRY
FRIDAYS - LENT 2024

OPENING 5PM TO 7PM

\$14 ADULT, \$12 SENIOR
\$10 CHILDREN (12 AND UNDER)

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DEACON'S CORNER

Today's Host: Deacon Tom Frankenfield

This column features a weekly article from the Deacons of both parishes.

Holy Communion in Irish Culture

Happy St Patrick's Day! Since everyone claims to be Irish on this day, I thought I would look at the Irish roots in this year of Eucharistic Revival.

Holy Communion, or the Eucharist, is a sacrament that has been a dominant religious practice in Ireland—the “source and summit of the Christian life”. The sacrament commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with His disciples, during which He gave them bread and wine as His body and blood.

In Ireland, receiving First Holy Communion is a significant rite of passage for Catholic children, typically occurring when they are around seven or eight years old. It is a family and community celebration, marked by special masses and often followed by festive gatherings. Children usually dress in formal attire, with girls often wearing white dresses and veils, and boys in suits.

The roots of Holy Communion in Ireland can be traced back to the early Christian missionaries who brought the faith to the country. St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is credited with bringing Christianity to the island in the 5th century. With the establishment of monasteries and churches throughout Ireland, the celebration of the Eucharist became a central part of Christian worship.

Over the centuries, the practice of Holy Communion evolved within the Irish church, incorporating local customs and traditions.

The importance of Holy Communion in Irish culture extends to the sense of community and shared faith it embodies. It is not only a personal moment of spiritual communion with Christ but also a collective expression of identity and tradition. Despite changes in Irish society and decreases in regular church attendance, religious celebrations like First Holy Communion remain important cultural events for many families.

Do you remember your First Holy Communion? Whatever our roots, it is a special occasion in all our lives.

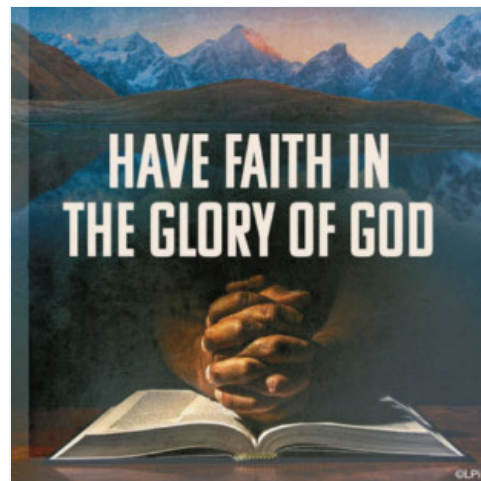
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LENTEN SCHEDULE
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Stations of the Cross Wednesdays at 6:00pm, MOQ Fridays at 4:00pm, SJV ----- Fridays at 2:30 pm, MOQ Feb 23, Mar 1, Mar 15, Mar 22 School Stations - all are welcome	Confessions During Lent Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30pm, MOQ Saturdays 4:00pm, MOQ Saturdays 4:30pm, SJV
Living Stations of the Cross March 27 at 12:45pm, MOQ	Additional Confessions Monday, March 25, MOQ 4:00-6:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm Tuesday, March 26, SJV 11am-12pm, 4:00-6:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm Wednesday, March 27, MOQ 11am-12pm, 4:00-6:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm

PARISH Penance SERVICES
MARCH 19 AT 7:00PM, MOQ
MARCH 20 AT 1:30PM, SJV



GOSPEL REFLECTION FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. “Please forgive me,” I asked, “but you seem to be smiling as you share this.” She said, “Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I’m smiling because I just can’t wait to see what good things God does with this mess.” She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus’ earthly ministry. It’s at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, “Father, glorify your name!” John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: “Father, glorify Your name in all these things!” Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

- Father John Muir, ©LPi

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."- Jeremiah 31:33

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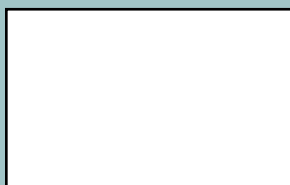
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