

Prayer for the young and our families with Kateri

Oh, most humble Kateri
I seek your love and prayers.
I turn to you for your inspiration.

May I know the power of humility; the strength of seeking God's will in everything I do this day; the compassion to care this way for those who are weak and in need of help; and the faith to forgive those who walk a hurtful violent path.

Pray with me Kateri that through us, God our Creator will comfort the orphan, watch over the neglected child, and wait with the youth who go astray.

You lost your parents and found others along the way to care for you and guide you. May all parents and grandparents stay healthy, seek the selfless love of Jesus, and give where giving is most needed. May they make wise decisions and heed daily the Wisdom of the Great Spirit.

Your spirit was strong and your love for Jesus is deep. May I trust that Christ will turn my weakness into His strength and meekness; so that whatever comes to me this day, I may choose to do God's will and faithful will I stay. AMEN

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5th Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor's desk.

The Mystery of Divine Empathy. In the Gospel of John (11:35), we encounter the shortest, most moving verse in Scripture: "Jesus wept." Even though Jesus knew He was about to perform a miracle, He did not bypass the grief of Martha and Mary. He felt the weight of their loss. This mirrors the beautiful sentiment of Psalm 56:8: "You have kept count of my tossing's; put my tears in your bottle."

We do not worship a stoic, unfeeling deity. We have a God who validates our pain. When you are hurt or in pain, those tears are never lost or unseen before God but they are precious to Him. At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus proves He is not just a distant King, but a companion who sits in the dust of our grief.

As St. John Paul II noted (Apostolic Letter, Salvific Doloris (On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering)), "Jesus weeps with those who weep... He is not a God who is indifferent to our pain, but a God who makes our pain His own." St. Paul makes it clearer that the Spirit of God isn't just near you—He lives in you. This means when you are at your breaking point, you are one with Christ. God does not leave you alone in your sufferings. The Holy Spirit who dwells in your body feels your exhaustion and your betrayal is tasted by Him. As the Head of the Body, Christ feels every sensation of the limbs.

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Parish Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Masses for the Lord's Day

Sunday: 12:30 PM.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: 12:10 PM.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS Please contact the parish office.

THE HOLY ROSARY is recited half hour before all Weekday Masses

From the Pastor's Desk continued from the Pastor's desk.

We see in Ezekiel 37—where God promises to "open your graves"—is a personal invitation. We all have "graves" not necessarily made of stone: the tomb of a failed relationship, a habit we cannot kick, or the darkness of depression. Jesus stands at the edge of these dark places today. He sees every secret tear and feels the sting of our hurt. He isn't a mere onlooker; He is one with us. As St. Augustine beautifully wrote, "God loves us as if there were only one of us to love." He breathes His life-giving Spirit into our tired lungs, helping us take that first step back into the light. God sees our pain, feels our weariness, and lives within us to bring us back to life.

Let us not loose heart in our sufferings but take refuge in him who always walks by our side. May Jesus our Savior keep us sound and safe, protecting from all the possible dangers. Amen.

A Summary of 'Salvifici Doloris'.

In his 1984 Apostolic Letter, Salvifici Doloris, St. John Paul II explores the profound mystery of human pain as a **"special space"** for encountering God.

A Call to Maturity: Suffering is an invitation to spiritual growth and moral strength. "Suffering is also an invitation to manifest the moral greatness of man, his spiritual maturity."

The Purpose of Pain: The Pope teaches that suffering exists to "release love". "Suffering is present in the world in order to release love... to transform the whole of human civilization into a 'civilization of love.'"

Finding Power in Weakness: In a divine paradox, our moments of greatest physical or emotional weakness can become conduits for God's strength.

"The weaknesses of all human sufferings are capable of being infused with the same power of God manifested in Christ's Cross."

John Paul II concludes that while suffering remains a mystery, it is never meaningless. It is a vocation that allows us to walk more closely with Christ.

Fr Biju

This Week in Our Parish 2026

Monday 23 ,2026 Mass at 12:10 p.m.

11:30 to 12:00pm Holy Adoration

Next Sunday Mass: Feb 29.2026 Palm Sunday at 12:30 pm

Last week's Collection: \$399.05

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EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S

6:00 P.M.POT LUCK

MASS- 7:PM

GOOD FRIDAY AT ST ANNE'S

SERVICE AT 2:30 PM

HOLY EASTER VIGIL MASS AT ST ANNE'S

7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY MASS AT KATERI

12:30.00PM