



On Becoming Human

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes human beings seem to be evolving into more than what we have been. Gradually, we become capable of experiencing more than what we pick up through our five senses. We listen to our intuition; we pay attention to our sixth sense; we discover a spiritual side to our personalities. More and more, we notice people in need. We find ourselves becoming better listeners as people unburden themselves to us. We may be more aware of some stirring deep within ourselves. All such moments may be seen by people of faith as God bringing us to a new place in life.

Just as Isaiah speaks of God doing something new among the Israelites in distant exile, God continues to guide us to becoming more completely human. By his life, passion, and death, Jesus shows us most clearly what sort of person our God is drawing us to be: compassionate and just, generous and merciful, loving in a wasteland of indifference. So, when we hear the story of Jesus not condemning the woman caught in adultery, we may find ourselves becoming conscious of our own need to stop judging, stop condemning. Most of us have not yet evolved to the point of doing what Jesus would do. Instead, we condemn others while overlooking our own culpability. We are still in the process of learning to follow Jesus, to act as he would act, to love as he would love. It is God at work in us. ●

Reflect

***Am I a condemning or a forgiving person?
Do I accept forgiveness when it is offered?***



[Jesus said,] “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.”

JOHN 8:10–11

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

APRIL 5 & 6, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 5 - 6:00 PM

✠ Mario Lijoi by Natalina & Mary Ann Lijoi

Sunday, April 6 9:00 AM

✠ Alex Ercoline by Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, April 8

✠ NO MASS ~Penance Service in Princeton 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 9

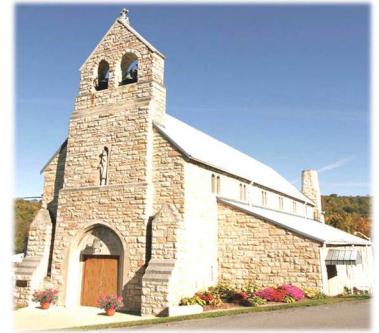
✠ NO MASS ~Penance Service in Bluefield 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 12 - 6:00 PM

✠ Jamie Garton by Deborah Garton & Fred Butler

Sunday, April 13- 9:00 AM

✠ Richard Canterbury by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Confession:

Before Weekend Masses

During Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday's of Month

By Appointment

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8: St. Anne's Meeting 11:00 am

April 9: Communal Penance Service 6:00 pm

April 11: Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 14: Knights of the Columbus Meeting 6 :00 pm

April 17: Holy Thursday Mass 6:00 pm

April 18: Good Friday Service 6:00 pm

April 19: Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

April 20: Easter Sunday Mass 9:00 am

April 28: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm

May 2: First Friday Mass 6:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Every Friday during Lent. No Adoration during Lent.

April 11 at 6:00 pm ~ Knights of Columbus

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To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to all of you on this 5th Sunday of Lent! As we draw closer to the solemnity of Holy Week and the joy of Easter, we are invited to reflect deeply on our relationship with God, the power of His mercy, and the call to reconciliation. In these final weeks of Lent, may we continue to open our hearts to the transforming power of God's grace.

In this Lenten season, our readings reflect on mercy and repentance. Indeed, repentance is at the foundation of our Lenten calling. May we truly examine our hearts for ways we can seek God's abundant mercy and grow in our relationship with him. In the first reading, Isaiah 43:16-21, the Lord recounts his marvelous deeds of the past, but points forward to something new. In the second reading, Philippians 3:8-14, Paul looks to continue his pursuit of hope, rooted in the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus.

The Gospel reading from John gives us the moving story of the woman caught in adultery. The scribes and Pharisees seek to condemn her, but Jesus offers her forgiveness, saying, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone." He does not condemn her but calls her to repentance, saying, "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." Here, we see a profound example of God's mercy—Jesus, in His love, offers forgiveness and renewal.

As we reflect on these readings, the central theme is clear: God is calling us to repentance and reconciliation. We are reminded of our need for healing and the transformative power of God's forgiveness. This is a time in our Lenten journey to prepare ourselves for the renewal of our hearts at Easter, and one of the most important ways we do this is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In preparation for Easter, we are offering two opportunities for Communal Penance Services:

Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. in Princeton

Wednesday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m. in Bluefield



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The Catholic Church encourages the faithful to go to confession at least once a year, particularly during the Easter season, to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. These services are an excellent way to receive God's forgiveness and to experience the healing power of His grace. We invite you to come and take advantage of this opportunity to reconcile with God and one another as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter.

As we think about the need for penance and reconciliation, it's important to remember the example of Jesus' time in the desert. After His baptism, He spent 40 days in the wilderness, where He faced temptation by the devil. Jesus was tempted in three specific ways: to turn stones into bread, to throw Himself down from the temple, and to worship the devil in exchange for all the kingdoms of the world. Yet, Jesus resisted these temptations by relying on the strength of God's Word and by remaining faithful to His Father's will. His example shows us that it is through prayer, fasting, and trusting in God's Word that we find the strength to overcome our own temptations.

As we prepare for our Communal Penance Services, it is helpful to remember two points about the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

1. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation brings healing** to our souls. Through the absolution of our sins, we are restored to a state of grace and healed from the wounds that sin causes in our relationship with God.
2. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation renews our commitment to God and to one another.** It helps us reconcile not only with God but with the people around us, fostering a deeper sense of unity and peace within our communities.



In preparation for these services, I encourage each of you to reflect on two spiritual questions:

1. Have I allowed the distractions and temptations of the world to pull me away from God?
2. How can I open my heart more fully to God's mercy and forgiveness, both for myself and in extending forgiveness to others?

May God bless you all during this final stretch of Lent. I look forward to seeing you at the Communal Penance Services. May this season be a time of deep renewal and transformation for each of you.

In Christ's love and peace,

Father Sebastian Devasya

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2025

*Scripture: "The Lord has done great things; we are filled with joy"
Psalm 126*

The schedule through Spring 2025:

April 6, 13, 27: Regular Sessions

April 20: No Faith Formation ~ Easter Sunday

April 27: Except for the Confirmation Class/Last day of Faith Formation

First Holy Communion will be May 4 during the 9am Mass.



Congratulations to Kaiden Bryant, Adalynn Farmer, and Alexander Rose for receiving their First Reconciliation last Friday. Please continue to pray for our first Communicants.

Confirmation Class Schedule

All of the classes listed above for Faith Formation and the following:

April 27 - Rite of Entrance for our Confirmandi. Sponsors need to attend.

May 11, 18, and June 1

Class Retreat Date will be on May 17th

Confirmation Mass Rehearsal is June 7th at 10 am in the Church.

Confirmation Mass is June 8th at 4:30pm with Dinner to follow with Bishop Brennan

OCIA

Formerly Known As RCIA



If you are interested in the OCIA process please contact, Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.

Please attend Communal Reconciliation on Wednesday April 9th at 6:00 pm in the church.

Please pray for our Elect ~ Jacob Lawless, Janet Belcher, and Cody Jewell

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Easter Flowers

Mary, Ken, and Roger Mash

Bill & Mary Albert

Ada Mae, Nancy, and Bill Williams

Hattie Helke

Karen Noble

Rose, Delores, Margaret Pendleton

Judy White

By Randy & Cindy Albert

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by Julia Harrison

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by Tom Harrison

Gifted by Percy Johnson

Ray & Mary Shumate by Katie Kidd

Family of E. M. Lampert

Family of F.W. Turner

O.E. Clemins

Harold "Sandy" Bright

by Terry & Claire Lampert

Mario A. Lijoi by Natalie Lijoi

Teresa Soulis by Vickie Lijoi

Ray L. Shumate & Mary Shumate

by Jimmie & Marilyn McCoy

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Mitch Rebeck by Deb Rebeck

Gifted by Michael & Sandy Romeo

Araceli Buendia

Genara Buendia

Francisco Tumbokon

by Dennis & Marietta Tumbokon

Gifted by Gina Vescio

Gifted by Courtney West



Stations of the Cross Schedule

April 11 at 6pm

Led by Tom Behrmann

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Lenten Lunches

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

11:45-1:00 PM

CALL FOR RESERVATIONS: 304-327-9727
208 TAZEWELL AVE BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

SACRED HEART PRINCETON

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

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AFTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Holy Week SCHEDULE

April 17 ~ Holy Thursday

6:00 pm Mass

April 18 ~ Good Friday

6:00 pm Service

April 19 ~ Easter Vigil

8:00 pm Mass

April 20 ~ Easter Sunday

9:00 am Mass

Lenten
Penance
Service

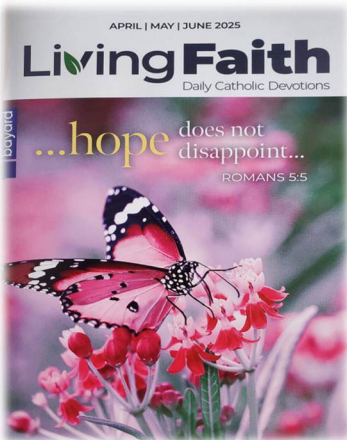
April 8 - 6 pm
Princeton

April 9 - 6 pm
Bluefield



Sacred Heart
Catholic Church

April 2025 Ministry Schedule									
Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters		
4/5 Sat. 6 pm	P. Peretti	TBA	Dave Kelley	Tom Behrmann	1.C. Saunders 2.P. Peretti 3.J. McCloud	J. Monaco	The Albert's		
4/6 Sun 9 am	T. Lampert	L. Ajulo	C. Tran E. Husband	A. Rebuck	1.K. Kidd 2.C. Havens 3.K. Kirk	R. Albert			
4/12 Sat. 6 pm	J. McCloud	F. Moran	A. Froy E. Peretti	V. Hager	1.A. Peretti 2.L. Mariotti 3.T. Hager	The Pascasio's	D. Duritza		
4/13 Sun 9 am Palm Sunday	Winfree's	B. Musolin	T. Brown A. Zinsmeister	C. Ott T. Bales	1.M. Romeo 2.S. Copolo 3.T. Lampert	R. Malamisura	R. Malamisura		
4/17 6 pm Holy Thursday	Patty Peretti	NO Rosary	P. Buenafe A. Peretti E. Peretti	V. Hager C. Saunders	1.T. Hager 2.P. Peretti 3.F. Moran		D. Shumate M. McCoy		
4/18 6 pm Good Friday	J. McCloud		A. Froy D. Kelley	A. Rebuck M. Rebuck	1.T. Behrmann 2.D. Garton				
4/19 8 pm Easter Vigil	Purita Buenafe		P. Buenafe A. Peretti E. Peretti	R. Ciccolini B. Musolin	1.T. Hager 2.V. Hager 3.L. Mariotti	The Pascasio's			
4/20 9 am Easter Sunday			S. Copolo M. Copolo	B. Buzzo C. Ott	1.K. Kirk 2.S. Copolo 3.D. Garton				
4/26 Sat. 6 pm	P. Buenafe		M. Zalduondo	Dave Kelley	Tom Behrmann	1.A. Robinson 2.D. Garton 3.J. McCloud		The Pascasio's	The Aiello's
4/27 Sun 9 am	Winfree's		L. Ajulo	R. Aiello A. Zinsmeister	R. Albert B. Musolin	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.C. Havens			



Living Faith Booklets

Thanks to an anonymous donor we have received the wonderful Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions booklets. Please feel free to pick one up when you come to Mass.

Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: George Bowling, Mary Bruch, John Burton, , Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Valerie Hager, Daniel Kirk, Claire & Terry Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Sabrina Mazol, Cindy McGraw, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch, Joan Zingale

Friends & Family: Lorin Albin, , Mark Burnette, John Burton, Beatrice Dunn, Fr. Chapin Engler, Agela Buzzo Gess, Laura Haines and baby Carmelo, Skip Harless, Angelo Perri, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Annette Pike, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese , Orpha Welch



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Total Contributions	\$ 3,357.00	\$ 53,738.43	\$ 54,000.00
Food Pantry	270.00	10,702.20	0.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	110.00	2,464.00	1,500.00
Attendance:	6pm: 44	9am: 95	

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying: {Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

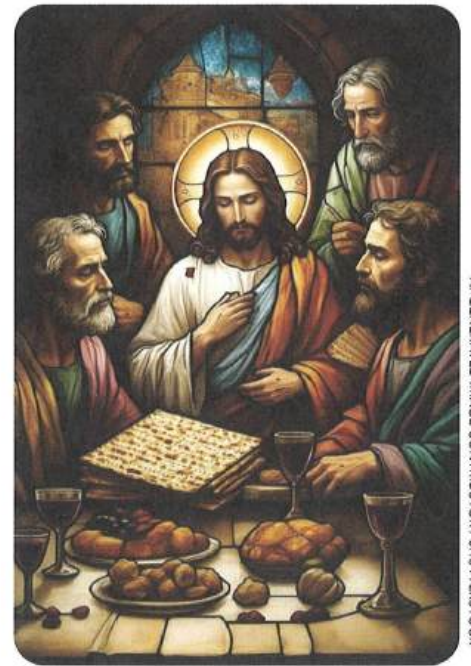
Nursing homes & Hospitals: are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

Dear Padre,

A friend of mine told me he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. What does that word mean?

The word *triduum* is a Latin word meaning “three days.” In this context, it refers to the paschal Triduum: the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when we celebrate Christianity’s most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper ends in stillness as the tabernacle is emptied, and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence. Good Friday is a day of somber quiet as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by a spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new Light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. These are the Christian high holy days. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We can always run the risk of...having [Jesus’] name on our lips but denying him by the way that we live.... How, then, can we prove whether or not we are true disciples of the Master? We do so by the way we regard our neighbor and the way we regard ourselves.



FAUXELS / PEXELS

HOMILY, MALTA, APRIL 3, 2022

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

Monday

April 7
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30,
33–62 or 13:41c–62
Jn 8:12–20

Tuesday

April 8
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

April 9
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday

April 10
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

April 11
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

April 12
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

April 13
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Lk 19:28–40
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Lk 22:14–23:56 or
23:1–49