

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**4 –5 MARCH 2017**

**Our Parish Mission**

*The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart. Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."*



**From the Pastor's desk**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

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- ♦ Will Jesus misuse God's promise of protection? No... 'you must not put the Lord your God to the test'.
- ♦ Will Jesus choose God's will or human wilfulness (evil desires)? No... "be off Satan!"

Let's imitate Jesus Christ, who fought all Temptation, and won the Victory, thereby gaining for us all the prize of everlasting life!

MAR PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR	
SUN 5	12pm - Baptism - Sienna, Isaac, Lincoln
MON 6	9am - Liturgy of the Word
TUE 7	9am - Liturgy of the Word
WED 8	7:30pm - RCIA session
THU 9	
FRI 10	7:30pm - Stations of the Cross
SAT 11	Wedding 1.00pm Michael & Anne - Fr Rizzo CRL Youth after 6.00pm mass

## 15 Day Pilgrimage

1. Please take one of the brochures for our new Years 7-10 youth Group, Blaze, which will commence after Easter in Term 2. It looks very exciting and I would encourage all those in that age bracket to come along and enjoy yourselves as you learn more of Jesus!
2. More brochures are available for the proposed Holy Land Pilgrimage in January 2018. Please see me if you have any questions.

God bless you all. Let's continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John

## 15 Day Pilgrimage

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## Gospel Reflection

Today's readings for the First Sunday of Lent (YearA) calls us to faithfulness and trust in the Lord, by obeying God's commandments as best as we can. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. As a result, this 'original' sin of our human ancestors (= saying 'no' to God's Will) makes its appearance on the stage of human history.

Jesus suffers Temptation to repeat the mistakes of our first parents who chose evil rather than obedience to the Word of God.

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And so St Paul - reflecting on the Book of Genesis and the story of Jesus - writes to the Romans and to us: "as one man's fall brought condemnation, so the good act of one man brings everyone life..."

In the week ahead we need to reflect on these powerful texts of Scripture and strive to follow in the footsteps of Christ... and we do this ...

- through our TRUST in God's unshakeable care and concern for us
- through our OBEDIENCE to God's law of love
- through our FAITHFULNESS to God's will for us and for all humanity.

Let's imitate Jesus Christ, who fought all Temptation, and won the Victory, thereby gaining for us all the prize of everlasting life!



The Lord *is near*  
to all *who call* to  
Him.

Psalm 145.18

## Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory, I  
will grant him length of days.

## Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by  
every word that comes forth from the  
mouth of God.

## First Reading

*Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7*

*Creation of our first parents, and sin.*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17*

**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor

deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Second Reading

*Romans 5:12-19*

*Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

*Matthew 4:1-11*

*Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: *He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.*'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.*'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father  
almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Only Begotten Son of God, born of  
the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true  
God from true God, begotten, not  
made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he  
came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and  
became man', all bow.*

**and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and  
became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and  
was buried, and rose again on the third  
day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead and his  
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from  
the Father and the Son, who with the  
Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the  
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins and I look forward  
to the resurrection of the dead and the  
life of the world to come.

Amen.

## Readings for Next Week

### 6 Mon 1st week of Lent

1st Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18  
Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15  
Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

### 7 Tues 1st week of Lent

1st Reading Isaiah 55:10-11  
Psalm Ps 33:4-7. 16-19  
Gospel Matthew 6:7-15

### 8 Wed 1st week of Lent

1st Reading Jonah 3:1-10  
Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 18-19  
Gospel Luke 11:29-32

### 9 Thu 1st week of Lent

1st Reading Esther 14:1. 3-5. 12-14  
Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 7-8  
Gospel Matthew 7:7-12

### 10 Fri 1st week of Lent

1st Reading Ezekiel 18:21-28  
Psalm Ps 129  
Gospel Matthew 5:20-26

### 11 Sat 1st week of Lent

1st Reading Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
Psalm Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 7-8  
Gospel Matthew 5:43-48

Full weekly readings can be found in the  
parish website

<http://john23rd.com/our-parish/daily-reading/>

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## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Marivic Vergel Roldan, Roger Avilam

### Deceased:

Ivan Peric, Anica Peric,  
Simon Orlovic, Flor Verano

### Anniversary:

David Kisnorbo & Max Cerdor,  
Sammy Formosa, Lancelot Dias

### Sick:

Pat Daley, Karam Matte, Cay Espanta,  
Donatila Ramos, Genevieve D'Silva,  
Greg Chapman, Alfred Miler,  
Sue Laxton, Maria Luisa Celdran-Matias,  
Elpido Beltran

### Thanksgiving:

Dino Family



## Paying our debt together

**The First Collection** – for the diocese. The 1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

**The Second Collection** – for the parish. The 2nd Collection is used to meet our parish running costs (*rates, utilities, insurance, telecommunication, computers, photocopiers, stationery and postage, church and altar requisites, repairs and maintenance of the church, presbytery, office buildings and grounds*).

It is used to pay the team/staff salaries, superannuation and each priest's car expenses, loan interest and loan repayment.

It is also used to provide for our pastoral and ministry outreach activities from the parish.

Money received in the 2nd collection is banked into the parish "Church Account".

If you would like to be a part of the church's plan giving program, an **SJ23rd form** (white) is available at the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Mass  
cards  
available  
at the  
parish  
office



If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

## Parish Pastoral Corner

*We are not here to guard a museum, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life.*  
— Pope St John XXIII

### FAITH FORMATION TEAM

#### † LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

There's still time to join or form a group to prepare yourselves for this time of Lent. If you have any questions, please contact Rose Franco on 0401387427. Notices are also located on the doors of the church.

† We continue to ask for host families to pray the **Rosary** at home and request our Blessed Mother's intercessions.

Tuesday nights beginning with Evening Prayer at 6.30pm, Rosary at 7.15pm, Mass and Novena prayers at 7:30pm with sung Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the novena mass.

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home contact Bart Sarlabus - [bart.sarlabus@gmail.com](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva Paguinto (after novena mass). Pick up the statue after the novena mass and return a week after before the start of the novena mass. A good time for the whole family to pray the rosary together and maybe invite other family members and friends to join in prayer.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights					
<b>March</b>	7 Paguinto	14 Sebastian	21 Shalini	28 Nobleza	
<b>April</b>	4 Jacinta	11 Olan	18 Sebastian	25 Jacinta	
<b>May</b>	2 Shalini	9 Cano	16 <i>Available</i>	23 <i>Available</i>	30 <i>Available</i>

### COMMUNITY BUILDING TEAM

† Knitting/crochet club meets twice a month in the parish kitchen.

(a) 2nd Saturday of the month at 2.00pm, and

(b) last Tuesday of the month about 10.30am

There's still room for anyone who would like to join. Contacts are Colleen McCunnie & Rita Mateazzi. Some projects are being planned

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are inviting all children who are in Year 4 and have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation to join our First Holy Communion program this May.

Enrolment forms will be available from Monday 27th March onwards from the Parish Office or our website: [www.john23rd.com](http://www.john23rd.com)

For all enquiries, please contact Jill via email [admin@john23rd.org.au](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au) or call 9852-0583.

### SUGGESTION BOX

The Parish Pastoral Council has installed a suggestion box in the front foyer. We value your opinion and would like to hear from you on how we can better serve the needs of our parish community.

Your constructive suggestions are most welcome.

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

The latest edition of Australian Catholics is available at the front entrance – free! This edition is devoted to the music of faith and contains many interesting articles relating to music in the church, including an interview with Fr Rob Galea. It should be required reading for all musos and choirs in the parish.

## Why we do what we do...

### Introduction: Discipleship: Our Fundamental Catholic Identity

*by Bishop Donald J. Hyning*

In the Gospels, Jesus confronts us with a fundamental question: Who do you say that I am? As Christians and members of the Church, we answer with Simon, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” In faith, we can add Savior, Light of the world, the Word made flesh, the Resurrection, the Prince of Peace. Through the saving activity of Jesus’ Incarnation, life, death and resurrection, we become adopted children of the Father, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, temples of the Holy Spirit, all in the mystery, communion and sacrament of the Church. The relationship that Jesus enjoys with the Father by nature of who he is, we receive as a pure offer of grace.

Baptized into the identity and mission of Jesus Christ, we proclaim Christ’s saving Gospel through a faith lived out in the words, actions, work, relationships and values of our lives. Our fundamental identity as disciples of Jesus Christ gives focus and method to the important activity of the new evangelization. As we painfully know, too many Catholics have not really been evangelized to know and experience the personal love of Jesus Christ, have been poorly catechized in the fundamentals of the Catholic faith, and do not participate in the sacramental life of the Church in any meaningful way. If we seek to change this disturbing trend, parishes must continue to grow in their fundamental identity as dynamic

communities of faith which form intentional disciples. If we are not focused on formation for discipleship, we are failing the mission of Christ.

What do intentional Catholic disciples look like? How do they act? What is qualitatively different about their lives and personalities? The answer is clear yet challenging. Disciples are ordinary people who have experienced the love, forgiveness, presence, consolation and challenge of God poured out through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. They have fallen in love with the Lord and find their deepest identity in their relationship with him. They find God and the mission of his Kingdom to be the fundamental purpose of their lives and, having a strong Catholic identity, find the whole Catholic experience of the Scriptures, sacraments, moral life and prayer to be the transformative means of their ongoing conversion. As Paul discovered on the road to Damascus, they are people loved and forgiven by Jesus Christ.

Disciples instinctively evangelize, that is they naturally share their experience of God and their faith in him with others. The power of moral example itself evangelizes, as others intuitively sense that such a person lives from a very different center of meaning and purpose than secular society. In addition to witnessing by example, disciples are both courageous and articulate in their proclamation of Jesus and the difference he has made in their lives. They will freely pray with others, do volunteer work, witness to how the Lord has worked in their daily

## Why we do ... (con't)

experience, offer moral advice when asked, share spiritual books, CDs and DVDs with family, friends and co-workers, all the while actively cultivating a discipleship response in those around them. The power of one Catholic who knows, practices and proclaims the faith is truly remarkable.

An intentional disciple is a good steward, knowing that everything in life is a superabundant gift freely bestowed upon us by the Lord, both to enrich us but also to bless and benefit others. This deep conviction of existence as a gift leads to a profound gratitude that pours itself out in deeds of mercy, love and healing. Like Mary who anoints the feet of Jesus with an extravagant costly perfume that cost 300 days' wages, we are compelled to break open and pour out the gifts of our lives in loving service of others and so fill the world with the sacred fragrance of Christ.

An intentional disciple is a Catholic maximalist, not asking what the minimum is that must be done in order to be saved, but rather asking what can be done for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Like St. Paul, a disciple has moved from the obligation of the law into the astonishing freedom of Christ, who liberates us to do every good work. In this context, the Blessed Virgin Mary is clearly the first and premier disciple who responds in total faith to the seemingly impossible proposal of the angel, places her entire being at the service of God and gives flesh to the Incarnate Word.

St. Augustine insists that when a Christian disciple places the whole mystery and gift of life at the service of God, the Lord Jesus takes flesh within that person and is offered to the world once again. For us as Catholics, in this critical moment in history, we cannot afford to proceed with business as usual. All over the world, millions of Catholics are asking the same questions:

- How can I have a deeper and more authentic relationship with Jesus Christ?
- How can I more effectively live out my faith in such a way that it actually makes a difference in the lives of others, especially my family and friends?
- How can we continue to insert Gospel values into the public square of politics, economy, health care and education?
- How can we bring back all of those Catholics who have fallen away from the practice of the faith?

In millions of different ways, intentional disciples are living out the exciting answers to these important questions. If the Gospel is the script of our lives, the new evangelization is the urgent challenge to act out with fresh enthusiasm and generosity the great drama of Christ's salvation.

<https://www.archmil.org/Synod-2014/District.../Intro-Discipleship-Bishop-Hying.pdf>

## Youth Corner

### IGNITE - *Enkindling the fire of faith*

Young adults from 18 - 35 years of age meets every 4th Sunday of the month after the 6:00pm mass. Meet new people, enjoy some food and develop your relationship with God and those around us through prayer, reflection and good discussions with insightful guest speakers.

### WHY?

Why do people order cheeseburgers, large fries, and a **diet coke**?



Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

### BLAZE

If you're in Years 7 to 10, come and join us. Brochures at the foyer for more information.

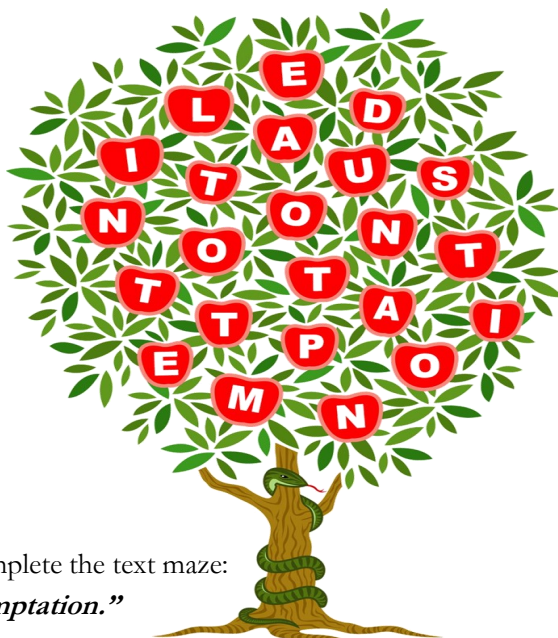
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### CRL (*Community of the Risen Lord*)

**When:** 2nd & 4th Saturdays  
Praise & Worship

**Time:** after 6:00pm vigil mass

## Form the Word



Join up the fruit to complete the text maze:

***“Lead us not into temptation.”***

# Word Find

Jesus fasts and is tempted by the devil

C M L J M F U B R E A D E R K O K  
H X U X E A M Q L I O L I G U N Z  
M H D A P O C U B O P Y C N Y J N  
X O D V F O V N F M S T U L X Y E  
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*Find these words*

Bread city desert devil feet food forty  
Mountain Satan stones temple test

## Diocesan News

### **10-12 March—Retreat for Mature Catholic Women – Food for Mind & Soul**

Retreat led by Andrea Dean. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Early bird registration: \$420, includes course, individual sessions, accommodation, linen and all meals. The retreat program will invite reflection on personal faith stories, a healthy Catholic spirituality, a 'second half of life' spirituality and the various ways that women can nurture and develop their spirituality. Registration and further details at [www.andreadean.com.au](http://www.andreadean.com.au) or 0487 388 873.

### **12 March - Pilgrimage Information Session**

Fr Wim Hoekstra, Parish Priest of St Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills, is accompanying a pilgrimage 'Of Celtic Saints, English Martyrs and Aussie Links'. The pilgrimage to Ireland, Scotland and England will depart on 25 September and return on 25 October. Some of the saints are: John Henry Newman, Patrick, Oliver Plunkett, Catherine McAuley, Columba, Mary MacKillop, Hilda of Whitby, Venerable Bede and Thomas Becket. English martyrs Margaret Clitheroe, Edmund Campion and John Fisher. Places include Birmingham, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, Glastonbury, Dublin, Knock, Fort William, Iona, Holy Island (Lindisfarne), Durham, York, Cambridge, Walsingham, London and Canterbury.

Information afternoon starts 2.30pm in Downey Room, St Michael's Parish Offices, 1-3 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. Brochures available via e-mail to Fr Wim at [wimb@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:wimb@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au) or PO Box 1501, Baulkham Hills, NSW, 1755.

### **18 March - St Patrick's Family Festival**

Everyone is welcome to this festival hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta and the Life, Marriage & Family Office. Rides, food and entertainment from 2.00pm-5.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct. Visit [parramf.org.au/st-patricks-day](http://parramf.org.au/st-patricks-day)

### **24-25 March 2017—24 Hrs for the Lord - Living Water @ Schoenstatt Shrine**

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and His Mother in the Schoenstatt Shrine during this very special 24 hours. This annual gathering will begin with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday 24 March and finish with Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday 25 March. Reflection and music every hour for 30 minutes followed by silent prayer time. Reconciliation available. Tea & coffee available.

Accommodation at the retreat house is available for anyone who might wish to immerse themselves in this 24 hours. Join us on Facebook Mt Schoenstatt Shrine a Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. The Schoenstatt Shrine - 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Inquiries & bookings tel (02) 4773 8338 or [emailmanager@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:emailmanager@schoenstatt.org.au)

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### Mass Times

*Monday to Friday* 9:00am  
*Also Wednesday* 9:00am Holy Cross  
 Primary during school term

*Saturday* 9:00am, 6:00pm (Vigil)  
*Sunday* 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am  
 6:00pm (Youth)

**Baptism** 12:00pm *Sunday by appointment*

### Reconciliation (First Rite)

*Saturday* 5:00 - 5:45pm  
*And after any weekday masses*

### Parish Office Hours

*Tuesday to Friday* 8.30 - 4.00pm

### Parish Office Contacts

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## Devotions & Prayers

### Novena Masses

*Tuesday* 7:30pm  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help

*First Friday* 7:30pm  
 Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*Tuesday* after the 7:30pm novena mass

*First Friday* 6:30pm followed by  
 7:15pm Benediction

*Saturday* 8:00 - 9:00am (*Vocations*)

### Sacrament of the Sick

*First Saturday* 9:00am Mass or upon request

### Divine Office

*Friday* 12:00pm with Adoration

*Sunday* 8:15am

### Praise & Worship

*3rd Saturday* 7:30pm  
 led by SJ23rd Prayer Group

*2nd Saturday* 7:30pm  
 led by CRL (*Community of the Risen Lord*)

*Friday evenings* 7:00pm  
 led by Christ Catholic Community Prayer  
 Group at the church kitchen



**Bart Sarlabus** Chairman  
**Chris Drummond** Deputy Chairman  
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