



**ST. IGNATIUS, SACRED HEART
& ST. JOHN BERCHMANS/JOCKO MISSIONS**

**First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024**

PRESIDER THIS WEEK: Fr Paul Cochran, SJ (Deacon Childs Preaches)
PRESIDER NEXT WEEK: Fr. C. Hightower, SJ
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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:
ST. IGNATIUS
9:00 am
5:00 pm**

**SACRED HEART/ARLEE
11:30 am**

**TUESDAY & FRIDAY
Daily Masses: 7:15 am
St. Ignatius Mission**

**CONFESSIONS:
Sunday
ST. IGNATIUS
8:15 am, 4:15 pm
ARLEE
11:00 am**

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Pastor in Residence**

**Fr. C. Hightower, SJ
Canonical Pastor**

Deacon Ted Childs

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A SYMBOL OF GOD’S COVENANT AS A RAINBOW from today’s first reading, is meant to exist in perpetuity as a constant reminder for future generations. “I have set my bow in the clouds,” reads Genesis, “to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth” (Gn 9:13). The presence of a rainbow after or during a rainstorm is hauntingly poetic and beautiful. In other words, God’s constant reminder of his presence on earth is a beautiful snapshot from nature. Simply put, the power of this depiction of the covenant as a rainbow after the flood waters remains in the reader’s mind like a painted image. This painting draws the person of faith deeply to reflect over and over again what it all means, which is the point: A covenant must be renewed over and over again.

While only a few verses in length, today’s passage from the Gospel of Mark provides a completely different picture but oddly similar to Noah’s flood. Jesus begins his ministry from ground zero, in the desert landscape, “At once the Spirit drove him into the desert” (Mk 1:12). Completely opposite from the flood waters, but the desert’s dryness provides the same sense of vast horizon evoking the question: **Where do we go from here?** Jesus, like Noah, is not alone, “Tempted by Satan, he was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him” (Mk 1:13). In Scripture, the desert is the place where existential realities take precedence. The desert as metaphor is many things, but foremost it is a place of testing. Lent, too, is place of testing with a specific question: **How is our covenant with God going so far?** – Fr. Victor Cancino, SJ

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY ~ GRIEF SUPPORT

GROUP...MEETINGS will be held in St. Ignatius Rectory on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and in Arlee on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024 (**cancelled – Sr. Edith away**) at 3:00 p.m. Need more information ...please contact Sr. Edith at 406-745-2768.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to our Mardi Gras party on Tuesday evening. It was very well attended and lots of fun for all. Good Food Too! **Dave Orr, Pastoral Council Chair.**

It [baptism] is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Pt 3:21)

LITURGICAL DAY

First Sunday of Lent (B)

READINGS

Gn 9:8-15, Ps 25, 1 Pt 3:18-22,
Mk 1:12-15

PRAYER

Into what are you being invited to enter more deeply this Lent?

**A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT
WITH THE PSALMS**

*Lenten Prayer
Series:
Learn to Pray
and Discern with
the Psalms*

Alternates between St. Ignatius Mission and Sacred Heart Arlee each Wednesday

**WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT
BEGINS FEB 21, 2024
6PM AT SIM - SOUP POTLUCK
(OPTIONAL: STATIONS OF THE CROSS
AT 5:30PM FOR SIM)**

The evening begins with soup and fellowship, followed by prayer and discussion. For those interested Stations of the Cross only at SIM at 5:30pm.

SALISH HYMN PRACTICE- Next Session 2/24/2024 from 2pm to 4 pm in the Social Hall at St. Ignatius Mission we will practice Salish Hymns each Saturday of the week. All are welcome, beginners friendly with books provided. If you have any questions, please call Chelsea Arlee at 406-745-3525 Ext 5065.

MEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP Will be on pause until after Easter. The group will resume on April 10th.

BLACK AND INDIAN SECON COLLECTION WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK February 25th. The Black and Indian Mission Office Awards Grants to Diocese, Schools and Religious Education Programs to Support the Evangelization Of African American, Native American And Alaska Native Communities. Grant Funds Are Used To 'Shine the Light of Christ' In the Communities by Enlivening Parish Life and Catechesis, Helping Educators Reach Students, Empowering Evangelizers And Encouraging Vocations. These three Missions are currently being awarded funds from their office. These funds help run our RE Program and the salaries of Sr. Edith and our RE people. Please give generously.

AWAY...Sr. Edith will be away from Feb. 29, 2024, through March 11, 2024. She plans to attend her Dominican Chapter meetings in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Please pray so that the Holy Spirit leads and guides the Dominican Sisters through their discussions and during their decision-making process. Thank you!

RICE BOWL HAS BEGUN. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR RICE BOWL IN THE ENTRYWAY OF THE CHURCH

ARLEE INFORMATION

SACRED HEART PASTORIAL COUNCIL WILL MEET NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH. AFTER MASS. PLEASE PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR.

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP - Thank you for your response wonderful women. Many of you responded and shared your excitement. As of now we will have a group meet at St. Ignatius Mission. We will meet on Thursday, April 5th at 6pm in the social hall. In Arlee the group will meet on Sunday March 3rd at 12:30 pm after Mass. If you are interested to find out more information, please contact me at (562) 665-7023 or email me at mmartinez@stignatiusmission.org. In the meantime, let's begin to pray for one another. - Mayra Martinez, Pastoral Assistant.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2/21	SIM	Lenten Series	6PM
2/26-3/5	SFX	Novena of Grace	
		<i>Weekday Novena Mass 12pm & 6pm</i>	
		<i>Saturday and Sunday 12pm</i>	
		<i>(Livestream planned for 12pm)</i>	
2/28	SHC	Lenten Series	6pm
3/6	SIM	Lenten Series	6pm
3/13	SHC	Lenten Series	6pm
3/14	SIM	Reconciliation Service	6pm
3/20	SIM	Lenten Series	6pm
3/21	SHC	Reconciliation Service	6pm
3/24	SIM	Palm Sunday	9am & 5pm
	SHC	Palm Sunday	11:30am
3/28	SHC	Holy Thursday	7pm
		<i>(Mass of the Lord's Supper)</i>	
3/29	SIM	Good Friday	7pm
		<i>(Salish Stations of the Cross)</i>	
3/30	SIM	Easter Vigil	8pm
3/31	SIM	Easter Mass	9am
	SHC	Easter Mass	11:30am
		<i>(no 5pm Mass)</i>	



SIM/SUN 9:00 am Dan Callahan+
SIM/SUN 5:00 pm Joanne Blood+
SHC 11:30 am People of the Parish
SIM/TUE 7:15 am Azaylia Louise Moran Garza+
SIM/FRI 7:15 am Dominican Sisters

(TAX DEDUCTIBLE). February 11, 2024 (What our budget says for COLLECTION OF OFFERTORY Fiscal yr. July/June) Goal: \$162,714.00 - Weekly Offertory Goal: (This is what we theoretically would need to collect the figure above) \$ 3,129.00 (Thank you for your generosity!)

To Date: \$127,334.00

Holidays: 5,291.00

Env: \$ 63,334.00

Loose: \$ 40,122.00

On-line Giving: \$ 18,570.00

St. Ignatius: \$ 2,006.00

Sacred Heart \$ 722.00

Total \$ 2,728.00

(Last Sunday)

