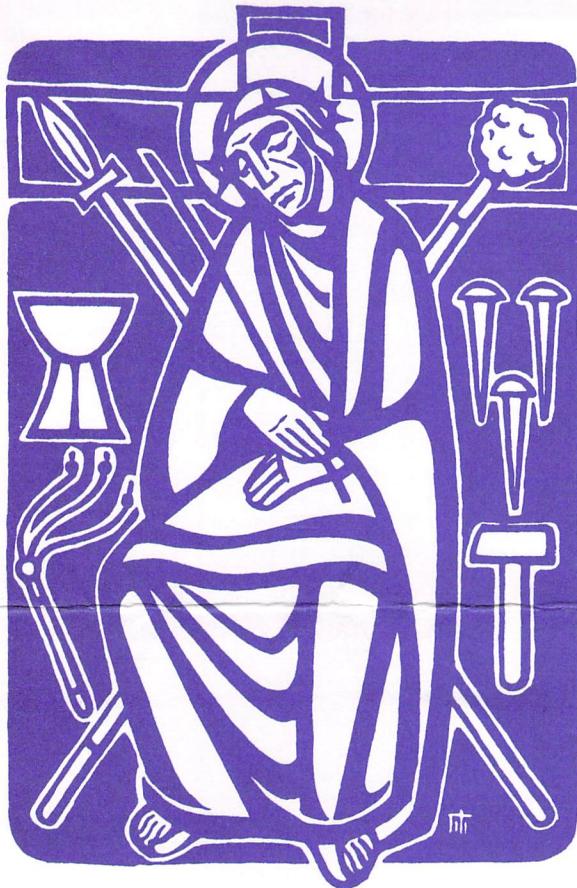
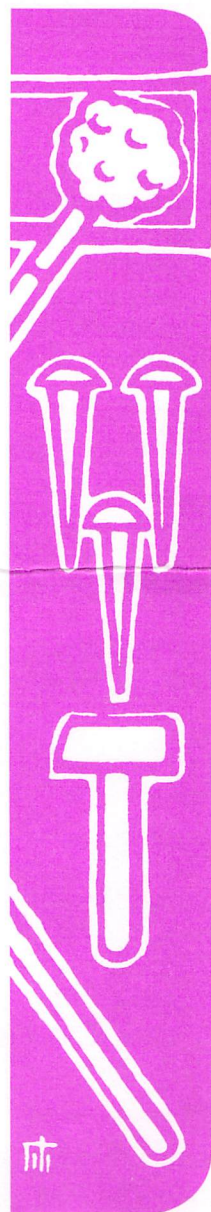




2003
Lent



Easter
Calendar



We are too weak without Jesus Christ. These days are spent with Him. We feel like running from it all. But Jesus has gone before us. And every minute, He renews His love from the cross. There is no crown without the cross. The cross renews His death. The Resurrection renews his life. Our suffering and sacrifices are a share in His cross. In His strength, we die to whatever in us is not of Christ. This preparation in the winter of our souls give birth to the springtime of the Church. Easter, Resurrection, Life!

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March 5
Ash Wednesday
(fast) The time for penance is now, a time to atone for our sins and seek God's forgiveness. Feel His love for you!
(1 Cor. 1:18-19).

6
Pick one area in which you have NOT been following Christ's voice. For Lent, turn it around starting today.
(MK. 14:66-72).

7
Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
Humbly accept God's word in your life. Never put a question mark where God puts a period.
(Psalm 27:1)
(World Day of Prayer)

8
St. John of God
The Lord does not wish the sinner to die, but to turn back to Him and live! HE LOVES YOU.
(Ez. 33:11).

9
Trust God to care for you! The best things in life are NOT things. If you want peace in your life, work for justice!
(Hosea 12:6).

10
How great... if we spent as much energy LIVING our religion as we do arguing about it.
(Jn. 5:31,36).

11
Today is in your grasp to use or lose for eternity. Take stock of your life. Take up your cross.
(Deut. 30:15-20; Lk. 9:22-25).

12
Nothing is too difficult for one who loves. Saints are sinners who keep trying. Why not YOU?
(Lk. 4:24-30).

13
Fast from bitterness, feast on kindness. Fast from impatience, feast on calmness. Fast from laziness, feast on diligence.
(Mt. 6:17-18).

14
If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything. Never excuse yourself for standing for the principles of Jesus.
(Lk. 6:36-38).

15
Time to confess your sins. GO NOW. Ask for God's healing. Start with yourself if you want to put the world right!
(Psalm 31).

16
Be careful how you live; you may be the only Bible some person ever reads.
(Lk. 4:17-19; 21-22, 29-30).

17
St. Patrick
Christ is not valued at all, unless he is valued ABOVE all! Is that true with you?
(Lk. 19:3-5).

18
St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Humility and self-denial are always admired but rarely practiced.
(Mt. 23:11-12).

19
St. Joseph
Joseph was strong and faithful. Today, tell your Dad, wife, husband, children how much you love them. SHOW IT!
(Mt. 1:16-24).

20
Some "open minds" should be closed for repairs. Faith is NOT a matter of "opinion" or "situation ethics," but submission to God's will.
(Is. 1:19; 16-20).

21
What direction is your heart taking? There are no detour signs along a straight and narrow path. Say an act of contrition.
(Psalms 32).

22
No person stands so tall as when that person stoops to help another. Is that YOU?
(Lk. 9:48).



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23 Jesus says: "Do not keep judging according to appearances, let your judgement be according to what is right." Think about that! (Jn. 7:24).	24 People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do! It is up to YOU. (Jn. 10:38).	25 Annunciation of the Lord Submit your will to God, just as Mary submitted hers. Say "yes" as she did, that God may become man. (Is. 7:10; Lk. 1:26-38).	26 Saints never deny Hell; they fear it. Unrepentant sinners never fear it; they deny it. To yourself and God be true! (Psalms 38 & 51).	27 To repent is to alter one's way of looking at life; it is to take God's point of view instead of my own. (Jn. 19:16,23).	28 Depression of the heart has no better remedy than prayer. It is like asking God for a match. He will light your way. (Psalm 102:4).	29 Your outer life reflects your inner life. Examine your conscience. Jesus is our healing, our Light, our Way, our Truth. (Mt. 20:29-34; Jn. 14:1-6).
30 It is good to let a little sunshine OUT as well as IN. Be kind. Thank others. Let your light shine! (Lk. 17:11-19;8-16).	31 It is smart to pick your friends, but not to pieces! Love them for who they are. Be kind, not jealous. (1 Cor. 12:12-31; 13:1-13).	APRIL 1 Don't be a fool. Who loses money, loses much. Who loses a friend, loses more. But who loses faith, loses all. (Eccl. 31:1-11; Mt. 10:37-39).	2 St. Francis of Peola, hermit. Do I think of loving God and loving other people as two completely unrelated things? Are they? (1 Jn. 2:1-11).	3 When young we listen to stories. When older, we realize we are living one. What kind of story is your life? (Luke 24:32).	4 St. Isidore "Fear not!" said Jesus. Yet we worry so much! Do not worry. There is no softer pillow than a clear conscience. (Mt. 6:27).	5 Jesus is condemned Are you honest? Truth stands the test of time. Judge not and you shall not be judged. (Phil. 4:4-9).
6 Jesus takes up His Cross Do you accept your cross in life with courage and faith? Jesus never shuts one door, that He opens another (Mt. 7:7-12).	7 Jesus falls Take his hand and rise with Him. Failure is no disgrace — only STAYING down. He will help lift us. (Jn. 12:37-50).	8 Jesus consoles His Mother Her loss was our gain. It is never the wrong time to do the right thing. Turn to Him. How deeply do you love Him? (Mk 12:30)	9 Simon helps Jesus carry the cross. Extend yourself for another in need. Love sees through a telescope, not a microscope. (Lk. 10:29-37).	10 Veronica wipes Jesus' face His image is on her cloth but also on the faces of the sick and the needy you meet. Phone/visit them. (Pet. 1:22-25; Jam. 2:14-26).	11 Jesus falls again Who forgives most, shall be most forgiven. How might this apply to your life? (Lk. 15:11-12, 20, 32).	12 St. Stainislaus Women weep for Jesus. Jesus tells us to weep for our sins. Have courage to speak up on moral issues! (Jn. 8:12-20).
13 Passion/Palm Sunday Sin is the betrayal of our love for Jesus. Those who stand for nothing fall for everything. Repent. Observe Holy week. (Lk. 11:1-4)	14 Jesus falls the third time. When have you last been to confession? Be contrite. Take courage, get up and go now. (Jn. 12:1-11).	15 Stripped of His clothing We must not look down on anyone. The greater sin could be ours! Strip yourself of sinful habits. (Lk. Chap. 15).	16 Jesus nailed to the cross. Don't seek to take the splinter from your neighbor's eye, until you have removed the plank from your own! (Mt. 7:1-5)	17 Holy Thursday Be washed by Him. Receive His Body and Blood. Recall the Last Supper. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. (Prov. 3:5; Jn. 13:7)	18 Good Friday (fast) It was LOVE that held Jesus to the cross...not just nails. He suffered and died for your sins. Reflect quietly in prayer. (Jn. Chaps. 18-19)	19 Holy Saturday The Gospels do not explain Easter. Easter explains the Gospels. Jesus' power will transform you , if you let Him. (Eph. 3:20; Jn. 20:17-18).

Easter Sunday

Let no one mourn that he/she has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled the power of Hell when He descended there. Isaiah fortold this when he cried, "Death has been frustrated in meeting Him below." It is frustrated, for it has even been done away with.



But the angel spoke and said to the women
 Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified+
 he is not here, for he has risen even as he said

O Death, where is your sting? O Death, where is your victory? Father, we come to you this Easter Day in 2003 from the passion of our lives in the midst of sin and death that still threaten us, disease and moral corruption which could destroy us, and an unsteady world not yet secure at peace. We come and we proclaim the resurrection. We shout with all our hearts: CHRIST IS RISEN!

(Acts. 10:34;37-43;Col. 3:1-4; Jn. 20:1-9).

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Monday 21
 Rejoice!
 If we tap the best in ourselves, we will bring out the best in others. (Mt. 6:22-23).

Tuesday 22
 Work to lift another's spirit. Bring cheer! A smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight. (Lk. 24: 13-35).

Wednesday 23
 Don't think there are no crocodiles because the water is calm! Be prepared to defend your spiritual life! (Lk. 22:31-34).

Thursday 24
 Why not let Jesus take over my life? He can do more with it than I can! Have I ever felt God's hand on me? (Mt. 9:38).

Friday 25
 I am truly poor, not when I have nothing, but when I DO nothing. What profit — to gain the world and lose your soul! (Mt. 9:13; 16:24-27).

Saturday 26
 In 2003, many are still in need, homeless, destitute, troubled. Pray for justice for all and PEACE in the world. (Lk 25:35-48).

