



Meet Him In Ashes ~ Wednesday, February 22



6:45 AM	Liturgy
9:00 AM	Mass
4:00 PM	Liturgy
5:30 PM	Liturgy
7:00 PM	Mass

Ashes distributed at all five celebrations.

"The sign of the cross we wear on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday is not there only one day a year. It is the cross that is burned on our foreheads by the fire of the Holy Spirit to mark us as God's own lambs in Baptism. We show it once a year to remind ourselves that we belong to God. We remind ourselves that we die, daily to sin. We remind ourselves that Jesus' resurrection is our future. We will return to dust, but God is not finished with us. We renew the Baptismal covenant of God in this season of repentance, renewal and rejoicing. We all will be cleansed in the Vigil's Baptismal Flood." - L. Bouman

Meet Him Around The Table, Friday Lenten Suppers ~

Join us for a great meal, prayer and deepening your community connection to your St. Mary's family!

**Fridays: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31
at 6 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.**

Our Lenten Suppers will take place in Fr. Haley Hall and will include a range of food options while observing Friday's abstinence from meat - as well as child friendly food.

Families with young children are encouraged to come and not feel burdened about bringing a meal, please let your St. Mary's community lift you up. This also applies to any individual / couple / family feeling burdened where bringing a meal would prevent you from attending. We are all in different seasons of life, let your St. Mary's family be a safe landing spot for you this Lent!



If you'd like to help, please email Natalie Pomarico at st.maryslentensuppers@gmail.com. You will be added to the Lenten Supper Volunteer Group. A weekly 'Sign Up Genius' goes out in the bulletin and people sign up for food and drink as they're able (which we are aware varies week to week). Thank you!



Meet Him Passionately! Parish Mission March 5, 6 & 7

"Life of Passion, Life of Love," Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights from 7-8 PM in the church, Tuesday followed by a reception in Fr. Haley Hall.

In this three-night Parish Mission, Adam Storey will show how a life of passion must be rooted in a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. It is in Jesus where we encounter the most passionate love conceivable. It is in Him where we find fulfillment of the heart's deepest desires. This vision might sound appealing, but what does this relationship actually look like, what things tend to hold us back, and how can a passionate life be pursued in the midst of the daily grind?

Adam will explore this vision and these questions in depth, and he'll offer practical and simple ways for everyone to grow in this most precious relationship with God.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 - FIRST NIGHT, *PASSIONATE HEARTS*: The heart of the Christian life is about entering into a loving relationship with God - who first seeks us. During this first evening, Adam will explore why we must open our hearts to God, helping participants see that He is what our hearts most long for - for it is in this relationship where we are most alive. Using the lives of the saints and personal stories, Adam will show that our relationship with God truly has the power to transform us.

MONDAY, MARCH 6 - SECOND NIGHT, *WHEN THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD*: It's easy to think that a vibrant relationship with Jesus is a gift only offered to a few. Not so. In this talk, Adam will show that developing and nurturing this relationship with Jesus is accessible to all of us. We'll explore in depth the lay vocation, and how each of us can grow in holiness precisely in the hustle and bustle of daily life.

In this second evening, Adam will explore common misconceptions and challenges every Catholic faces, including struggling to find time, feeling awkward, and attempts to hide ourselves from God, and what we can do about it.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 - THIRD NIGHT, *LET'S GET REAL*: Every love story is different, and so is every relationship with the Lord. However, there are small patterns of holiness every Christian can embrace each day. Drawing from the spiritual riches of the Church, in this final evening Adam will offer five simple and concrete disciplines a disciple of the Lord Jesus can incorporate into their day, helping them grow as disciples and deepen their Faith. This final Mission evening is followed by a reception in Fr. Haley Hall.

LIFE OF PASSION

LIFE OF LOVE

A Parish Mission

ADAM STOREY



"Adam's unique and passionate gift for sharing his Catholic faith will leave you changed."

- Jon Leonetti
Catholic Speaker and Author



Meet Him In Adoration And A Good Confession ~

In addition to the usual Saturday Noon to 12:45 PM Confession time, during Lent St. Mary's Thursday night Eucharistic Holy Hours will also have the opportunity for Confession, 7-8 PM in the church. Each Lenten Holy Hour includes an intention for which we ask you kindly to pray during your time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:



- February 23: Pray for the people of our Sister Parish in Beit Sahour, Palestine.
- March 2: Pray for peace in Ukraine.
- March 9: Pray for those experiencing addiction, and their loves ones.
- March 16: Pray for Catholics who have fallen away from their faith.
- March: 23 Pray for married couples in difficulty.
- March 30: Pray for those fighting cancer.

Meet Him For Forty Hours ~ Sunday, March 26 - Tuesday, March 28

40 HOURS DEVOTION: In celebrating this devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at St. Mary's for forty continuous hours. The church will be open throughout and people may stop in at any time to visit with the Lord in prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, three special dimensions surround this devotion:

- the protection from evil and temptation;
- reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory;
- and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities.



Sunday, March 26

- 11:30 AM Opening Mass
- 6:00 PM Evening Prayer
- 8:00 PM Scripture Reflection

Monday, March 27

- 9:00 AM Morning Mass (Hall)
- Noon Holy Rosary
- 6:00 PM Evening Prayer
- 8:00 PM Scripture Reflection

Tuesday, March 28

- 9:00 AM Closing Mass with Benediction

Anyone and everyone is welcome at any time without signing up. But we need a minimum of two people committed to each specific hour the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed for Adoration. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-40hours2>.



Meet Him In Our Sister Parish In Beit Sahour ~

SCHOLARSHIP AID: On the weekend of January 28 and 29, the good people of St. Mary's donated \$3,171.25 for the Holliston – Holy Land Friendship Scholarship. Well done! This annual Scholarship fully funds the education of one boy and one girl for a year at the Patriarchate School of our Sister Parish, Our Lady's in Beit Sahour - the Shepherd's Fields outside Bethlehem. The Scholarship recipients are Andrea Elias Salim Jaraisseh, (Andy), 13 years old, Grade 7; and Malak Majdi Hanna Odeh, 17 years old.



PILGRIMAGE PRAYERS: At all Masses the weekend of February 18 and 19, we are collecting prayer intentions that will be carried by our thirty-five St. Mary's Pilgrims to the Holy Land. Your intentions will be prayed faithfully every day in the various holy places and shrines as we walk in the very footsteps of Jesus, March 10-19. We will say Mass in Beit Sahour!

BECOME A SISTER PARISH PEN PAL FAMILY: In order to deepen connections between St. Mary's and our Sister Parish in Palestine, families in both parishes will be participating in a digital pen pal relationship. They will learn about each other's families and what life is like in their respective homelands. They will also pray for one another. Would you like to represent St. Mary's Parish in this beautiful way? Contact Paula O'Brien for more information at stmarysre1870@gmail.com, or apply to be connected to a family in Beit Sahour through <https://forms.gle/s12FgtesxdK35yVM9>.

RAFFLE FOR PATRIARCHATE SCHOOL: To advance the education in our Sister Parish's school, St. Mary's members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem have committed to raising funds to purchase an Interactive Projector and Smartboard Epson 695 WI for classroom use.

To help fund this exciting and much needed item for our Sister Parish, we will be raffling a Bose Smart Soundbar 600 with Dolby Atmos (Retail price of \$449.00). Donated by our Order Members, this system offers full immersion sound for movies, TV, and music! Use Wi-Fi® to access integrated music services in the Bose Music app, or stream songs with Bluetooth®, Apple AirPlay 2, Spotify® Connect, or Chromecast built-in. For more information open this link: [https://www.bose.com/en_us/products/speakers/home_theater/bose-smart-soundbar-600.html#v=bose smart soundbar 600 black](https://www.bose.com/en_us/products/speakers/home_theater/bose-smart-soundbar-600.html#v=bose%20smart%20soundbar%20600%20black).



Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or 3 for \$10 after all Masses the weekend of Palm Sunday, April 1 and 2, including during Donuts, Juice and Coffee after the 9:30 AM Mass that Sunday. Tickets are also available anytime in the Religious Ed Office during the week. The Raffle will continue until enough funds are collected to support this outreach mission.