

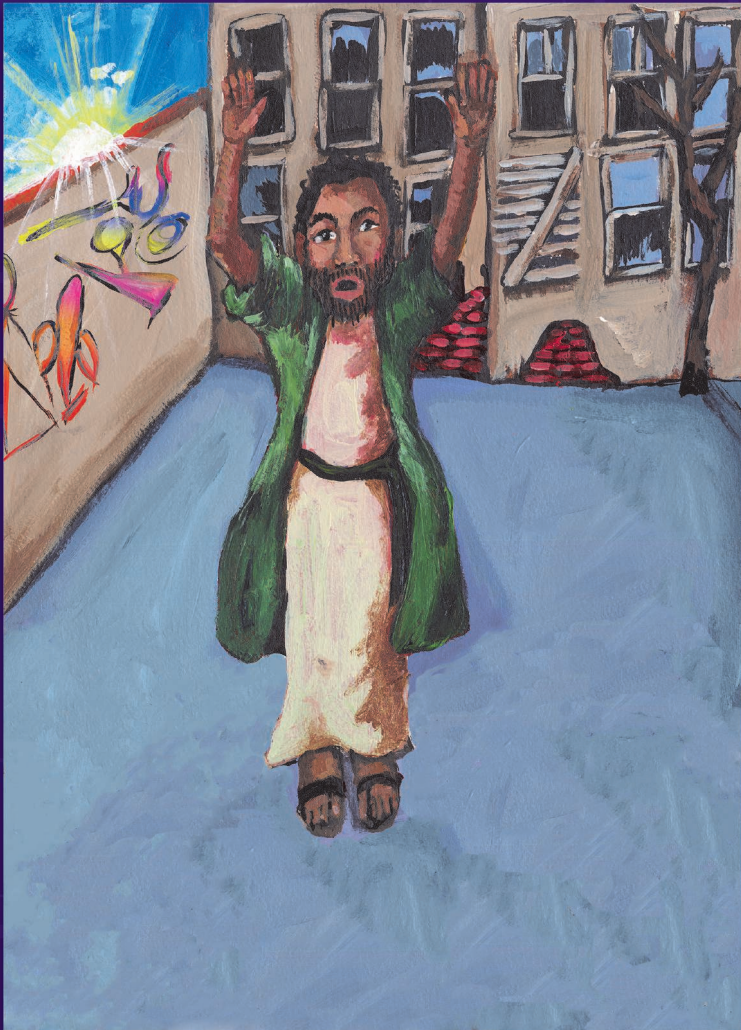
# St. Pius X Catholic Church

*"A Place to Call Home"*

#19: April 2, 2017  
Fifth Sunday in Lent



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### Release Us by Your Spirit

God of all life,  
who raised Lazarus from the dead,  
and released the poor from their suffering;  
you who lead us in the land of the living;  
bless us and give us your Spirit,  
your Spirit of generosity and holiness,  
of life and of creative energy.  
Lift us from our graves of sinfulness  
and raise us from our dry and  
wasteful ways.  
May our sins be left behind  
and our life in your Spirit bring us joy.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 3

7:00 am	+Henry & +Mary Klug	MB
5:30 pm	+John & +Doris Durkan	DS

### Tuesday, April 4

7:00 am	+Sr. Beatus Laible	MB
8:30 am	Diane Meisinger Aden	MB
5:30 pm	Sara Wilcox	ME

### Wednesday, April 5

7:00 am	+Alvin J. Siemek, Jr.	ME
8:30 am	+Lorraine Versch	JD
5:30 pm	+Ralph Hoffman	MB

### Thursday, April 6

7:00 am	Cathy Magee	ME
8:30 am	+Jack Meysenburg	ME
5:30 pm	+Veronica Gibney	DS

### Friday, April 7

7:00 am	+Marty Baye	ME
5:30 pm	+Craig Cockson	MB

### Saturday Vigil, April 8

5:30 pm	+Lawrence & +Olivia Ahlers	MB
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### Sunday, April 9

7:30 am	+Don & +Barb Pulte	ME
9:30 am	Pius X Parishioners	ME
11:30 am	+Iris Oswald	MB

## Please Pray for

### Our Sick

Stacie Robert, Terry Tomson, Don Duros,  
Terry White, Becky Husted, Christine  
Freyermuth, Fred Dohmen

To have a name listed in the bulletin: call the rectory at 402-558-8446.

## Calendar Club Winners

March 26th	3345	Betty Cronican
March 27th	4381	Zach Sauer
March 28th	3014	Sandy Frye
March 29th	4240	Mary Ramirez
March 30th	3041	Weiss Family
March 31st	4125	Amy Noon
April 1st	4169	Becky Klipfel

## From your Pastor's Desk

Fr. Mike Eckley



As we began Lent we were encouraged from the first lines of the First Reading on Ash Wednesday from the Prophet Joel, ***“Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God.”*** Our prayer, fasting and works of charity throughout the Lenten Season are meant to turn our hearts back to the Lord. As we come closer to the Lord we begin to realize more and more the obstacles that keep us from the Lord.

This Lent I have been reading *My Life With The Saints*, by Fr. James Martin along with many others in the parish. One of the things that I’ve seen before and continues to challenge me as I look at my own life is that the saints had a keen sense of their own sinfulness. Certainly, the saints are holy men and women but they are also sinners. The closer they came to the Lord the more they were aware of their shortcomings and sins. Last week in the Gospel Jesus proclaimed He was the Light of the World. As we come close to the light our failings are exposed even more.

The Lord desires us to return to Him, to rend our hearts and open them to his forgiveness and grace. He is the one who can give us new life. The readings this weekend attest to this as Jesus proclaims in the Gospel of the Raising of Lazarus, ***“I am the resurrection and the life.”*** He gives Lazarus a new beginning. This same theme is also reflected in the First Reading as God promises through the Prophet Ezekiel that he will give Israel new life by calling them from their graves and placing them back in their homeland.

The question before us is whether or not we recognize our own need for a new beginning. Are we convinced that we are sinners in need of rending our hearts? Are we in need of a new beginning with the Lord?

The Lord offers us this new beginning in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we come and admit our sin we are not only forgiven and freed from sin but we are given a new beginning filled with God’s grace. I encourage you to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lenten Season.

**Penance Services:** This week between St. Pius X and St. Leo the Great Parishes we have 3 Communal Penance Services. The First will be **Monday afternoon, April 3rd, at 1:30 pm at St. Leo.** The next two will be evening Services, **Monday evening, April 3rd, at 7:00 pm here at St. Pius X** and the other **Tuesday evening, April 4th, at 7:00 pm at St. Leo.** Come and celebrate God’s Mercy and Forgiveness and receive the new life and new beginning that God desires for you.

If these services do not work for you I want to remind you that we always have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available on Saturday evening from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Church. Also, Fr. Mark and I are available by appointment or if you ask before or after any of the masses. You can also catch me in the Multipurpose Room on the days and times that are listed below. The Lord wants to offer to each of us the gift of new life and the gift of a new beginning. Let us not pass it up this Lenten Season but take full advantage and rend our hearts to Him.

**Discussions with the Pastor:** You are invited to come and visit with an idea, concern, question, or just to talk. Feel free to come alone or with others. This week I will be available in the Multipurpose Room/Library just off the Narthex of the Church on Tuesday, April 4th from 4:30 to 5:30 pm and Saturday, April 8th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

# On the Cover

## Spirit Dwelling Within

*Today's Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45.*

The Spirit of God gives life. The Spirit, given by God, is all about life. Today's readings emphasize the role of the Spirit in those apparently dead. Ezekiel emphasizes this quite vividly: graves will be opened and we will rise from them. That is only the beginning, though. God will settle us in our land by putting his Spirit within us.

Have you already died, buried in a grave of apathy or disillusionment or sinfulness? Have you allowed a negative attitude or an overly judgmental nature to cut you off from God? If so, you have dug your own grave. If the Spirit of God is within you, now is the time to release that Spirit, for it is the spirit of life. The First Reading reminds us that God's Spirit is in us that we might live; and we are not just to live, but live and "settle" in the land of the living.

We who have been baptized carry

within us the Spirit of Christ, as St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading, and therefore have life—Christ's life—dwelling in us. That is not just a calling, but a reminder that we are sustained by our baptismal graces throughout our ups and downs, our joys and our failings. We do not need to remain in the graves we have dug. We must settle in the land of the living.

Belief in Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life is at the heart of today's Gospel passage about the raising of Lazarus. In the dialogue between Jesus and Martha, Jesus states clearly, "Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." Martha, Mary, and Lazarus had lived the life of the Spirit of God. They not only believed that Jesus was the Messiah, they lived that daily. Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead, then, is an affirmation that the grave had no power over a life lived in the Spirit.

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Debbie Otwell  
Amanda, Audrey, Isaac, Adam

Lolita Schumacher  
Joel, Isaac

### Women of Faith Building Bridges St. Pius X Women's Spring Brunch:

Saturday, April 29th, Mass in church at 9:00 am. Brunch catered by Farmhouse at 10:00 am, Parish Center. A panel of women, Muslim, Jewish and Christian will share their involvement in Omaha's Tri-Faith Initiative Project. Purchase tickets next weekend or April 22-23 after Masses (\$12/person). The Tri-Faith Initiative is Jewish, Christian and Muslim people of faith who are committed to celebrating their "holy stories" as neighbors.

### Holy Week Liturgies Need YOU!

The Liturgy Committee needs help preparing, setting-up, cleaning-up, and maintaining a prayerful environment for Holy Week and Easter. If you like carpentry, engineering, sewing, setting out palms, putting candles in hand-held holders, laundering towels – well, you get the idea – we can use your help. If you are available as a lector, server, EMHC, sacristan, all-around helper, hospitality minister for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, or Easter Sunday morning, be sure to let the Liturgy office know. We have a good start with those who have responded, but we need a few more of all ministries. Anne McGuire will let you know how you can best contribute this year: [annem@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:annem@stpiusxomaha.org) or 402-558-1847.

**Attention all golfers:** The St Pius X Men's Golf League is looking for golfers. Please contact Rod James 402-670-9181, [rojames@cox.net](mailto:rojames@cox.net) for more details.

## GARAGE SALE

Do you have furniture to donate for the parish garage sale?  
Call Joyce Cockson 402-391-8931.

## Events this Week

### Sunday, April 2

9:30am Sunday Preschool (KB)  
2:30pm First Eucharist

### Monday, April 3

9:15am Tai Chi (P4)  
6:30pm Coping with Life Alone (P1/P2/P3)  
7:00pm Parish Penance Service (C)  
7:00pm RCIA (MPR)

### Tuesday, April 4

10:00am Bible Study (P2/P3)  
1:00pm Shawl Ministry (P2/P3)  
6:30pm AA (Sch. Cafeteria)  
7:00pm Alleluia Choir (C)  
7:00pm KofC Meeting (P2/P3)

### Wednesday, April 5

6:00am Men's Bible Study (MPR)  
11:00am Mass at Skyline  
4:00pm Human Needs (P3)

### Thursday, April 6

7:00pm Benson Garden  
Neighborhood Assoc. (PC)

### Friday, April 7

10:30am Mass at Maple Crest  
4:00pm Marriage Prep (PC)  
5:00pm Pasta Friday (PC)  
6:00pm Stations of the Cross (C)

### Saturday, April 8

Dusting Disciples Crew #6 - Martins  
7:00am Marriage Prep (PC)

### Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday  
9:30am Sunday Preschool (KB)  
11:30am Youth Mass  
12:30pm Youth Group (PC)



# St. Pius X/St. Leo School

## Joyce Gubbels, Principal

We are pleased to announce the names of the 8th grade students who have made Honor Roll for the third quarter of this school year. In order to be placed on the honor roll, the family handbook states the criteria as: "If the average of all subjects is 94.5% or above and there are no N's or U's in general conduct, the student will be placed on the First Honor Roll for the quarter. If the average of all these subjects is 89.5% to 94.4% and there are no N's or U's in general conduct, the student will be placed on the Second Honor Roll for the quarter. Students on either Honor Roll receive a special certificate of Academic Achievement in their report card each quarter they are on the Honor Roll."

We are thrilled to say that 76% of

our 8th grade students made the Honor Roll for the third quarter. There were 42% of the 8th grade students on the First Honor Roll and 34% on the Second Honor Roll. This is outstanding for the 8th grade students! The students are:

### First Honors for 8th Grade:

Jenna Abbott, Rachel Achola, Sydnee Baysa, Cece Behrens, McKenna Blaine, Alessandro Bressani, Sofia Bressani, Abbie Brewster, Kaleb Brink, Will Buechler, Quinlan Coté, Adrian Cuevas, Rylee Gregg, Aryannah Harrison, Megan Hoppe, Ellee Houghtaling, Claire Kastl, Anna Kidder, Kyra Knudsen, Cassidy Lang, Lauren Luedtke, Eleanor Mangan, Zoey Mihulka, Grant O'Doherty, Ethan Owens, Alexis Perlman, Naomi Piskorski, Anna Preston, Lauren Roecker, Lydia Rose, Olivia Rowe,

Paulina Salzman, Audrey Saucier, Elena Sullivan, Anthony Tripp, Isabela Weber, Chloe Whiddon and Claire Wilson.

### Second Honors for 8th Grade:

Catherine Alvarez, James Borer, Iris Cunningham, Emma Ehrhardt, Bridget Gerards, Joey Glantz, Bella Goaley, Isabelle Hansen, Paul Hayes, Sam Herek, Omaira Lado, Jason Larson, Phong Le, Sophia Maciejewski, Kelsey McLaughlin, Murphy Mertz, Bailey Miller, Daniel Osborn, Luke Papa, Ashley Rhoads, Abby Russell, Emily Salzman, Grant Saucier, Mia Sharrar, Justin Sitti, Bryce Stutzman, Alexis Townsend, Garrett Vosika, Isabel Whittinghill, Cole Wilber and Alex Yosten.

Congratulations to all!



# High School Youth Ministry

## Janet Drvol, Director

**St. Pius X Church Youth Group** is a gathering for all 9-12th Grade Students. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 12:30. It is an opportunity to meet new people, learn about our faith, and have fun, too. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Janet Drvol at janetd@stpiuxomaha.org or 402-558-8446.

**Youth Group April 9:** Join St. Pius Youth Group next Sunday to experience the Passion of Jesus in a different way. We continue looking at how our faith

can stick with "Lament and Lose." Lunch starts at 12:30.

**Senior Graduation Dinner:** All high school Seniors and their families are invited on May 7 to the 11:30 pm Mass followed by a Graduation celebration dinner. No cost; gift from the parish included. Invitations to be mailed soon! RSVP by May 1 to Janet at janetd@stpiuxomaha.org

**Upcoming Events and Deadlines:** All forms and information are found online or in the youth office. Contact Janet with questions. All checks made

out to St. Pius Youth Ministry and turned in with form.

- **Youth Serve Junior High Service Camp** (3 dates available) - Deadline to register April 15
- **Worlds of Fun** (June 1) - Deadline to register April 23
- **Winnebago High School Service Trip** (July 9-13) - Deadline to register extended to April 30
- **National Catholic Youth Conference** (November 15-19) - Deadline to register May 15

### Flowers for the Easter Season

Donations for Easter flowers, to be used on Easter and throughout the Easter season, are welcome! Just drop off at the parish office or the liturgy office. Donations MAY be memorials, or simply a donation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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# Religious Formation Ministry

Colleen Ciciulla, Director

## Remember Your First Communion?

Do you remember your first communion? What detail from that day sticks out in your memory? Today is a special day for 45 children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time. May the awe and joy that they experience today fill their hearts every time they receive the body of Christ.

*Congratulations to:*

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RAYLA VOOR VART

And thanks to the teachers and catechists who prepared them for this sacrament: Nella Brown, Alice Gerraughty, Denise Johnston, and Heather Owens.

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next week**

**Thanks for your help!**

### Development Dialogue

If you are planning to donate to our parish or SPSL School and you have some stock investments, do not donate stocks or funds

that are losers. Instead sell the shares and donate cash. You can use your capital losses to offset capital gains, dollar for dollar. If you have more losses than gains, you can deduct up to \$3,000 of your losses from this year's income. If your losses are over \$3,000, you can carry forward those losses into future tax years. Please contact Bob Nowaczyk, SPSL's Development Coordinator at 402-551-6667 for more information or talk with your broker or accountant. They will help you determine the best time to make a cash gift to help our School and/or Parish.

## Pius Pasta Fridays 2017

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## Theology Matters:

***Conversations about Climate Change:  
or How to Love God and the World at the Same Time***

Dr. John O'Keefe, Professor of Theology,  
Creighton University

**Wednesday, April 19  
6:30 - 8:00 PM**

St. Pius X Parish Center  
6905 Blondo Street

Join in a conversation about questions like these:

- What does the Church teach about climate change?
- What are our moral obligations regarding care for our common home?
- What current cultural forces resist this message and why?



## PARISH CLEAN UP

*raking, trimming, sweeping, etc.*

**Saturday, April 22**

8:00 am-2:00 pm

Lunch Provided

Contact Dave Ludwig 402-616-0060

To volunteer for ministries in Holy Week, please contact Anne McGuire at [annem@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:annem@stpiusxomaha.org) or 402-558-1847

## Ministry Schedule for April 8 - 9

	5:30 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Deacon				
EMHC	L. Ehlers L. Lazure M. Vana	E. Borowiak J. Kresl B. Kirkpatrick	G. Tollo F. Tollo T. Zenk J. Hoffman J. Ferguson	K. Schinker M. Milota S. Pugh
Lector	J. Vreugdenhil—1 Sr. Rosalie—2		J. Walet—1 M. Gray—2	P. Franks—1 S. Pugh—2
Server			N. Peaselee	
CARE	K. Papa	P. Juszyk	B. Schulte	M. Martins
Music	C. Johnson		Alleluia / Children's	Youth
Maple Crest	D.A. Bayer, D. Bayer			



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**Office Hours:** Weekdays 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturdays 8:30 am - noon

**Pastor:** Rev. Michael Eckley

**Associate:** Rev. Mark Bridgman

**Deacons:** Mike Leick, Jim Nardini (Cindy), & Gene Schimonitz (Carol)

**Weekend Masses:** Saturdays 5:30 pm & Sundays 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am

**Daily Masses:** 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm

**Marriage Preparation:** Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance

**New Parent Baptismal** Second Thursday of the month, 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Parish

**Class:** Center. This class is required for baptism. *Pre-registration is required 1 week in advance. Call 402-558-1898.*

**RCIA:** For those interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office, 402-558-8446.

**School:** 402-551-6667

**Religious Ed:** 402-558-1898

**Liturgy Office:** 402-558-1847

**Youth Ministry:** 402-558-8446

**Pastoral Ministry:** 402-558-8446

**Prayer Line:** 402-558-8446

**Bulletin Deadline:** One week in advance.

**Bulletin e-mail:** [bulletin@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:bulletin@stpiusxomaha.org)

### Vocations Summit, April 8, 2017: 9:00

am to 2:30 pm at St. Patrick Church, Delaney Hall, Fremont. Mass at 8:00 am for those able to attend. We invite all Priests, Vocation Committee members, Serra Club Members, Knights of Columbus Vocations Coordinators, Youth Ministers, Deacons, Pastoral Assistants, Consecrated Life & Religious Vocation Representatives, DRE's, or any parishioner with a heart for vocations. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Omaha Vocations Office and the Serra Club. Lunch will be provided, RSVP to: [kmweinfurtner@archomaha.org](mailto:kmweinfurtner@archomaha.org)

### The Famous Spaghetti Dinner at St.

Frances Cabrini is Sunday April 9th from noon until 6:00 pm. Enjoy fabulous Italian cuisine the way grandma made it for only \$9.00. Located just south of the Old Market at 10th and William St.

### Art of Living with Cancer Conference on April 22, 2017.

Come for a day filled with hope, help and how-to's as A TIME TO HEAL offers information and resources for anyone whose life has been touched by cancer. This year's conference, includes 3 keynote speakers. \$35 for General Admission; \$50 for Medical Professionals obtaining CE's. To register, go to [atth.org](http://atth.org) or call 402-401-6083.

## School Lunch April 3 - 7

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Crispito w/ Cheese Bread & Butter Corn Fruit Choice	Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Fruit Choice	French Toast Sausage Links Tri-Taters Rosy Red Applesauce	Chicken Patty on Bun Green Beans Fruit Choice	Mac & Cheese Romaine Mix Baby Carrots Garlic Toast Fruit Choice

**Crew #4 Has Cafeteria Duty this Week**



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 3

#### In the Dark Valley I Fear No Evil

Today, both readings from the Old and New Testaments speak to ancient punishments for women, but they also speak of Daniel and Jesus going beyond first-glance assumptions, and finding justice that is built on faith and truth, not first impressions. If anything, we often need to look two, three, four, or more times at people and situations before deciding where God is in the experience or relationship. *Today's Readings: Daniel 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; John 8:1–11.*

### Tuesday, April 4

#### St. Isidore of Seville

Isidore was from a family that had many bishops. He was known for his vast knowledge and his use of that knowledge to guide the priests under his charge in Seville, Spain, in the early seventh century. He wrote the first complete compilation of knowledge, and is now patron of the Internet. His gift was the ability to use what he knew to guide laity and clergy alike in how they were to live their faith devoutly. *Today's Readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 102:2–3, 16–18, 19–21; John 8:21–30.*

### Wednesday, April 5

#### St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

A Dominican priest, Vincent Ferrer was a gifted preacher. Living in the late fourteenth century, he was caught up in the Great Schism of the Church, a time when disagreements were so volatile that more than one pope reigned at the same time. St. Vincent, however, preached Christ, and evangelized throughout Europe, drawing people to the faith through the Paschal Mystery and not politics. *Today's Readings: Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31–42.*

### Thursday, April 6

#### Abraham's Covenant

The use of the word covenant in today's readings might seem ancient and impractical to some. Yet our Baptism is a type of covenant. Each year during Easter Time, we renew our baptismal promises, saying I do to our commitment to a life of faith to which we continually strive. During this Lent, take to time prepare for that renewal, thinking of the place of that covenant in your life. *Today's Readings: Genesis 17:3–9; Psalm 105:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 8:51–59.*

### Friday, April 7

#### St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Known for his tireless work educating the poor, St. John Baptist de la Salle built schools. He founded the Christian Brothers and the first school to train future teachers. He called his work an outpouring from God, who “guides all things with wisdom and serenity.” He died on Good Friday 1719, in his native France. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 18:2–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6, 7; John 10:31–42.*

### Saturday, April 8

#### I Will Be Their God

If we are not careful, the unity expressed in today's readings can elude us. The unity is of “the dispersed,” of a land previously divided into two kingdoms. How do we work for unity among the wide diversity of peoples, neighborhoods, and faiths that we know? As we approach Holy Week, let us focus on the Cross as our symbol of unity among peoples, as well as between earth and heaven. *Today's Readings: Ezekiel 37:21–28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11–12abcd, 13; John 11:45–56.*



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