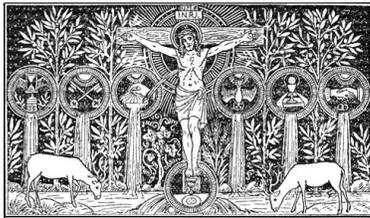




Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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Authentic faith, Welcoming and Engaging



**Think of Sacraments.
Think of Divine Life.**

Sacrament of Baptism.

The sacrament through which God, in Jesus Christ, makes us His sons and daughters. To prepare for

reception, call Father Edison @ 924-7111.

Sacrament of the Eucharist. The sacrament through which God, like a responsible parent, feeds us, with food from heaven: His Word, and the Body and Blood of Jesus.

- **Weekend Masses:** Saturday at 4:30 PM, Sunday at 8:30, 10:30 AM and 5 PM. Onsite and livestreaming on YouTube: Saint Patrick's Victor.
- **Weekday Masses:** Monday-Wednesday, Friday at 8:30 AM. Onsite and live on YouTube: Saint Patrick's Victor.
- For First Holy Communion, call Donna DeJoode at 924-2800 for more info.
- Family members may bring Holy Communion to other family members who are sick and homebound.

Sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament through which God by the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthens us to give faithful witness to our Catholic Faith. To prepare for reception, call Elizabeth Johnston @ 924-2800.

- Children, older than 7 y/o, and adults who needs to be baptized, receive Communion and/or be Confirmed, call Deacon John @ 924-7111.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament through which God's mercy and love, justice and truth heals the wound of human sin. *Generally offered an hour before each Mass.* Please give the priest fifteen minutes before Mass to prepare for Mass.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The sacrament through which Jesus continues to heal the sick among us. Anointing is offered at each Mass on the first weekend of the month. Or call Fr. Edison @ 924-7111 to schedule an anointing.

Sacrament of Marriage. The sacrament through which God calls a man and woman to become visible signs of His Love. Call Fr. Edison or Deacon John @ 924-7111 for more info.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. The sacrament through which the mission Jesus entrusted to the apostles is continued in the Church. To learn more about vocations to the ordained ministry, please call Fr. Edison or Deacon John @ 924-7111.

Never miss an opportunity to celebrate a sacrament.

Year of the Sacraments Christ, Catechesis, Celebration

XXIII. Conversion Leads to Holiness

Catechism 1426: *Conversion to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us "holy and without blemish," just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is "holy and without blemish." Nevertheless the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls concupiscence, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of conversion directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.*

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel!" These two attitudes set the way of life for those who belong to the Kingdom of God.

As paragraph 1426 notes, much happens to us when we go through the Sacraments of Initiation—we become sons and daughters of God, configured to Christ, through the Holy Spirit. We live out our configuration in Christ day after day. There are days when it is easy to be like Christ to and for others, and there are days when we fail to be like Christ. One can honestly say that to be configured to Christ is a life-long journey. It is a journey of falling and being raised and rising.

Repentance happens when we turn from a way of life that is not God's to a way of life that is God's.

Repentance involves recognizing the difference between good and evil, doing good and avoiding evil, and recognizing that there are times when we fail to recognize and fail to observe this.

Repentance involves openness to the way of God. Through life experience, one may gain more appreciation for the wisdom of God and see more the folly of sin.

Belief involves the opening of oneself to God. It opens us to an existence that is not self-enclosed. And this existence has its own meaningfulness because its Creator is wise.

Belief leads to a life that is lived in relationship - first and foremost, with God, and then, with others, including the Church as a community of disciples. These relationships seek to transform the believers and make and keep them *holy and without blemish*.

Belief is to incline one's heart to God and to live in goodness. To believe is to see myself through the eyes of God.

Liturgy & Sacramental Life

because Jesus taught us to pray

HOLY MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	Feb 6
4:30pm - Anne Goodfellow by Gerald and Betty Barry	
Sunday	Feb 7 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am - Ken and Ann Weigert	
10:30am - Giu Se	
5pm - William Kuchera Sr. by Gary and Margie Wood	
Monday	Feb 8 - St. Josephine Bakhita
8:30am - Call the Parish Office for your Mass intention	
Tuesday	Feb 9
8:30am - Call the Parish Office for your Mass intention	
Wednesday	Feb 10 - St. Scholastica
8:30am - Call the Parish Office for your Mass intention	
Thursday	Feb 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes
8:30am - No Mass	
Friday	Feb 12
8:30am - Call the Parish Office for your Mass intention	
Saturday	Feb 13
4:30pm - Call the Parish Office for your Mass intention	
Sunday	Feb 14 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am - Ken and Ann Weigert	
10:30am - Dick Abrahan by John and Darlene Butler	
5pm - Call the Parish Office for your Mass intention	
For Mass intentions, please email catherine.fafone@dor.org	

Parish Lenten Retreat
 Topic: 24 Hours of the Passion of Christ
 Retreat Master: Fr. Thomas Celso, BDV
 March 14, Sunday, 7 PM: Retreat
 March 15-16, Monday-Tuesday
 6:30 PM: Daily Mass, 7 PM: Retreat
 For in-person participation, use Sign-Up Genius.
 Virtual participation may be made through live-stream on our YouTube Channel.
 Sacrament of Penance is available during the retreat.



Daily 3 PM Prayer Intentions

Please include any of these intentions at your daily 3 PM prayer:

- That I may see and appreciate the gift that is the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation - essential to growing my relationship with God and with His Church,
 - That I, as Catholic, may become an instrument of reconciliation and peace, upholding the light of Christ,
 - That our nation may find guidance and strength in God, and under Him, live in truth, unity, and peace.
 - For the parishioners who are ill,
 - And for an end to the COVID pandemic.
- Let us be known by our praying for each other.*



Catechism 101

- **What is given to those who receive the sacrament of Penance?** (CCC 1422) To those who receive the sacrament of Penance are given: (1) pardon from God, and (2) reconciliation with the Church.
- **Why is the sacrament of Penance called “the sacrament of conversion”?** (CCC 1423) Because it makes sacramentally present Christ’s call to conversion, the first step in returning to God the Father from whom one has strayed by sin.
- **Why is the sacrament of Penance so called?** (CCC 1423) Because it consecrates the Christian sinner’s personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance and satisfaction.
- **Why is the sacrament of Penance called “the sacrament of Confession”?** (CCC 1424) Because the confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament.
- **Why is the sacrament of Penance called “the sacrament of forgiveness”?** (CCC 1424) Because by the priest’s sacramental absolution God grants the penitent forgiveness for his sins.

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of February 13 – 14

Ministry	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:00 PM
Sacristan (1)	Teresa Sheffer	Ken Reasoner	Ena Gill	Fransia Aguila
Lector (1-2)	Thom Rafferty	Sandra Brannigan	Ijeoma Nwugwo	George Heissenberger
Communion Minister (1)	Joyce Richards	Tom Gormel	Marge Jacobs	
Ushers (2)	Pat Bolger, Bob Pirrello	Mark Weigert,, Bob Kolb,	David O'Hare, Joe LeMark Adline Nwugwo	Phim Dalupang, Jack Miller
Cantor (1)	Joan Morrissey, JoAnne Caputo, Maureen Bolger, Karen Bodine	Darlene Butler, Nathan and Nerina Bellinger, Juliana Keller	Kate Sheridan, Charles Nwugwo, Elizabeth Johnston, Amy Kotlarz	Eva Moore, Lula Dalupang, Rob & Ruby Sokolowski

Note: Ushers/Greeters, we appreciate you helping parishioners to their pews during this time.

If interested in serving as liturgical minister during the weekend Masses, please give the coordinators a call. See page 5 for contact info.

Lenten Desert Days



This Lent we invite you to take time out of everyday life and spend some time reviewing your relationship with God. This past year has been challenging. What better way to put life in perspective than to seek God's guidance

through reading, reflecting, and praying. We will provide material or you may bring your own.

The day is yours to spend alone with God. We are offering six dates to make a retreat. Space is limited, so registration is required. In order to address social distancing requirements and needs, at this time we are limiting attendance on each date to fifteen (15) people.

For specifics on dates, retreat format, cost and how to register, please visit: www.notredameretreat.org Other inquiries, please contact us at (585) 394-5700 or ndretreat@rochester.rr.com

Did you know that since COVID started,

- We resumed public celebration of the Mass in the parish, with the initial 10 persons, on Pentecost Sunday, the weekend of May 30-31?
- 7023 is the cumulative head count at the weekend Masses (taking head count resumed last September 6)?
- 12 Baptisms have been celebrated at weekend Masses?
- 5 Funeral Mass have been celebrated in church?
- The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation has been consistently celebrated an hour before Mass, in the Family Room?

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday falls on February 17. We have the following services: 7 AM: Liturgy of the Word + Imposition of Ashes; Noon and 7 PM: Mass *Ad orientem*.

Due to COVID, the imposition of ashes will be made by making the sign of the Cross as the ashes are sprinkled on the crown of the head. This method of imposition follows after the biblical practice found in Nehemiah 9:1.

Year of the Sacraments

July 2020-June 2021

February: On Penance and Reconciliation

- February 6-7: Everyone is Looking for You
- February 13-14: You Can Make Me Clean
- February 20-21: Repent and Believe
- February 27-28: It is Good that We are Here

- March: Anointing of the Sick
- April: Holy Orders
- May: Matrimony



*When you think of the sacraments,
Think of the divine life we receive through them.*

We Lift Each Other in Prayer



Louise Therrien, Carol Estes, Jim & Kathy Heilmann, Bill & Marlene Goodermote, Frank Acquilano, Daniel Haldeman, Joseph Felice, Helen White, Jerry Martin, Ann Amico, Dick Ashlaw, Michael Keane, Carole

Annessi, Martin Neenan, Ann Spadaro, Jim McMahan, Caroline Gillen, John Becker, Christine Palmer, Bev Henehan, Stephen Melenric, Karen Wicks, Linda Gensiejewski, Duane Pancoast, Pat Cargnoni, Sam Barron, Vickie Petilli, Alice Rizzo, Paul Sanelli, Stephen Vacanti, Charles Callari, and Hernando Ambubuyog.

Note: This list of parishioners who are ill appears once a month in the bulletin. Please help keep this list up-to-date by informing the Parish Office at the end of the month if you want your name to be kept.

Into the Breach



Like the Apostles, Catholic men are called to educate, evangelize and engage in spiritual combat to protect those we love against the onslaughts of the devil. We

must lead the way.

How do we do this? Join me in the Knights of Columbus video presentations that defines and examines the crisis in religious faith and how men can reverse and combat the destruction of Christ's Church.

Please contact Bill Clifford no later than March 1, 2021 with your interest and availability so that the groups can be formed. Bill can be reached at (585) 742-2358 or billbarbclifford@aol.com

Membership & Parish Life because Jesus called a community

Saint Patrick's Cemetery Update

For the safety of motorists and pedestrians, the cemetery will close on February 8th, Monday, for construction work. The work is estimated to take 2-3 weeks.

Saint Patrick's Cookbook



Have you been preparing more meals at home these days, and want to try some new "family heirloom" recipes? The parish will be compiling a parish cookbook using your favorite recipes! If a fun or nostalgic family story pertaining to the recipe comes to mind, please share that as well.

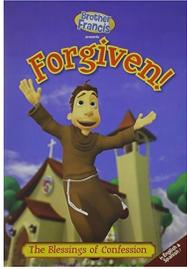
You are welcome to contribute by either dropping the recipe off at the Parish Office, emailing Cathy Fafone at catherine.fafone@dor.org, or by going to the following website: Fundcraft.com and using the Wed ID: 926-20FT.

If you are using the website to submit, feel free to use the "notes" section of the recipe to add a family story.

Ongoing Christian Formation because Jesus taught us his way of life

Formed.org

1. It is easy and free! Go to [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org/)/register.
2. Enter access code: 3KRJJK (capitalized).
3. Enter your email and password (you need these to log in later). Enjoy and share the faith.



Featured Resource
Brother Francis: Forgiven. This joyful presentation reminds old and young alike about the great gift of God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation!



Bible Verse for the Month of February

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."
1 John 4:8

Happenings This Week

- ★ Parent-led Catechesis: Sun 2/7, 3:00p-4:45p
- ★ Confirmation Year 2: Sun 2/7, 11:45a-1:00p
Tues 2/9, 6:30p-8:00p
- ★ LifeTeen: Sun 2/7, 5p Mass & 6p Zoom
- ★ Beginning Confirmation: Tues 2/9, 6:30p-8:30p
- ★ **NO CLASSES 2/14-2/21**
- ★ Family Community Gathering: Tues 2/23, 6p Zoom



Preschool Registration NOW OPEN!

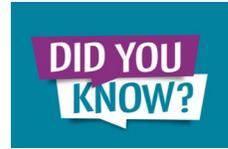
St. Patrick's 2021-2022 Preschool Registration is open! Both the registration form and non-refundable registration fee are required to hold a spot. Children who are age 3 by December 1, 2021 and potty-trained are eligible for our program. See website for more information.



Saint for the Month of February -

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. She was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes.

Scriptural Origin of Confession

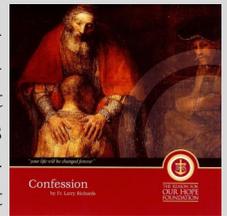


Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Confession in John 20, when He appeared to His disciples after His Resurrection. He said to them, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23).

What sins would the disciples (and their successors) know to forgive or retain if they didn't hear them? The Catechism beautifully explains it: "Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance...for if the sick person is too ashamed to show his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know" (CCC 1456)

Adult Formation Resource

Fr. Larry Richards' Confession has become the #1 talk in North America dealing with one of the Catholic faith's most misunderstood sacraments. Confession is humorous (even hilarious), riveting, honest, human and often touchingly gentle. It confronts without being confrontational.



It persuades without being manipulative. Most importantly, it provides listeners with humility, sincere contrition and hope for a closer, healing relationship with Jesus Christ. Ideal for practicing Catholics and those who may have fallen away. Confession brings souls to Christ in one of the most glorious, rejuvenating and intimate ways imaginable.



Parish Mission

Please mark your calendars for the Parish Mission, March 14-16! The Parish Mission will be our Family Gathering for March. We plan to see you all there! Signup Genius will be available soon.

Have mercy on me, Oh Lord, a sinner.

Social Ministry & Outreach because Jesus called us to serve

Nourish New York

The Nourish New York initiative ended December 31, 2020. It is imperative that this effective program, created to alleviate the impact of the pandemic, continue.

Therefore, we call on New York State leaders to provide \$50 million for state fiscal year 2021-2022 to make Nourish New York an ongoing program to respond to the need for hunger relief and farm survival across New York State.

You may access the online petition through our parish website. Thank you for your support.

Stewardship

because Jesus gave us gifts to share



We are grateful

- To *ushers* who serve at the weekend Masses. We thank them for implementing the protocols for safety. If you can help, particularly at the 5 PM Mass, please see Elizabeth Johnston before the 5 PM Sunday Mass.
- To *Judy Klein and Nerina Bellinger* for gathering resources for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Check out these resources on the display table and in the Confessional at the back of the church.

Sunday Collection Revenue			
July 2020 - December 2020			
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Regular Envelopes	\$ 121,069	\$ 135,500	\$ (13,931)
Loose Plate	\$ 7,625	\$ 25,000	\$ (17,375)
Electronic (EFT)	\$ 111,560	\$ 103,500	\$ 8,060
Holy Days	\$ 2,456	\$ 4,500	\$ (2,044)
Christmas	\$ 14,153	\$ 14,000	\$ 153
Easter	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ 35
Total	\$ 256,898	\$ 282,000	\$ (25,102)

We're glad you're here with us!



We warmly welcome a new members to our parish: Mackela Slowe and Andrew Pasek.
We are glad you are here with us.
Your presence is a blessing to us.



2020-21 CMA Update

As of January 26, we are just \$ 32K close to our goal!
We need the help of every household to make our goal.
To make your donation online, visit stpatriksvictor.org.



Gift of Presence

January 30-31
Sat 4:30: 72 (51% of capacity)
Sun 8:30: 98 (70% of capacity)
Sun 10:30: 60 (43% of capacity)
Sun 5:00: 60 (43% of capacity)

Gift of Treasure

January 30-31: \$6,440.97
Budgeted, without EFT: \$3,980.00

Our Parish Ministries: Serving God and Neighbor

Call. Ask. Discern. Serve like Jesus.

I. Liturgy and Sacramental Life

- Altar Linen Sue Stehling / 924-3409
- Altar Servers Pat Bolger / 924-9351
- Baptism Preparation Team Judy & James Miller / 924-8158
- Children's Liturgy of the Word Lynn Foley / 259-3823
- Church Cleaners Lei Dalupang / 224-6091
- Communion Ministers (EMHC) Liz Gartland / 329-3168
- Funeral Liturgy Team **Coordinator Needed**
- Lectors Thom & Margie Rafferty / 734-2818
- Liturgy Committee Nerina Bellinger / 742-8023
- Marriage Preparation Team Gayle & Brian Reh / 924-4804
- Music Ministry (choirs, cantors) Carl Galland / 924-7111
- Sacristans Ena Gill / 733-6650
- Ushers & Greeters Sante DiCarlo / 742-3118
- Visitation Ministry Helen Barnes / 298-2247

II. Membership and Parish Life

- Coffee Hour Team Patty Weigert / 924-7393
- Funeral Brunch Team Kelly Mason / 924-3532
- Knights of Columbus Wayne Brotsch / 924-3855
- Membership Team **Coordinator Needed**
- Parish Life Committee **Coordinator Needed**
- Women's Group Judy Klein / 924-7022

III. Ongoing Faith Formation

- Adult Faith Formation Group Sam & Tina Condo / 678-4472
- Bible Study Anne Leitner / 742-3417
- Catechists & Aides Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Carolyn Robinson/ 924-2800
- Confirmation Coordinator Elizabeth Johnston/ 924-2800
- Faith Formation Advisory Board Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
- Parish Christ Life Team Sam Condo / 678-4472
- Preschool Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
- RCA Team Deacon John Payne / 924-7111
- Youth Ministry Elizabeth Johnston / 924-2800

IV. Social Ministry and Outreach

- Assisi Ministry Marcie Hamilton / 924-1528
- Community Dinner Jean Acquilano / 645-7998
- Giving Garden Dan & Karen Lynch / 314-5098
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Mary E 742-2949/Mary S 924-7724
- Prison Ministry Helen Barnes / 298-2247
- Social Ministry Committee Joan Muto / 924-2501
- Family Promise of Ontario County Joan Trost / 924-3092

V. Stewardship

- Buildings and Grounds Committee Joan Oliphant / 742-3452
- Cemetery Board John Butler / 924-7111
- CASE Review Board Cathy Fafone / 924-7111
- Finance Council Richard VanKuren/ 742-2317
- Parish Gardens Becky Fountain / 281-8004
- Parish Magazine Father Edison / 924-7111
- Parish Office Volunteers Ev DeVelder / 924-2903
- Pastoral Council Thomas Kolb / 662-7126
- Money Counters Marge Gawronski / 398-7802
- Stewardship Committee Dave Keebler / 208-6923

Looking for second collection envelopes?
Please find them at the entrance tables
a week before the collection weekend.

Let there be light...

Understanding Redemptive Suffering

Job spoke, saying:

Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?

Are not his days those of hirelings?

*He is a slave who longs for the shade,
a hireling who waits for his wages.*

*So I have been assigned months of misery,
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.*

*If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"
then the night drags on;*

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.

- Job 7:1-4

Having lost his family and livelihood, Job was seeking to know why God allowed these to happen to him? The prevailing mentality, being explored by the book through his friends - Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar, and also through a bystander, Elihu, was that if one received punishment from God, then that person must have sinned against God. Job, however, was firm in his belief that he had not offended God, and so he did not deserve losing his family and livelihood.

In these few verses, Job reflects on the reality of life as drudgery and recognizes its misery and troubles. He paints a real picture of life and he seeks to understand how this life could make some sense according to the mysterious plan of God.

Is God a just God? How does the apparent injustice committed to Job reflective of the just God?

Enter Jesus.

On leaving the synagogue

Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.

They immediately told him about her.

He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

Then the fever left her and she waited on them...

*Simon and those who were with him pursued him
and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you."*

*He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages
that I may preach there also.*

For this purpose have I come."

*So he went into their synagogues,
preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.*

- Mark 1:29-31

From the exorcism of the man with unclean spirit, we witness Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law. From the man with unclean spirit and the mother-in-law with fever, Jesus was told, "Everyone is looking for you," to which Jesus responds and informs us that his ministry is for the whole of Galilee.

How does Jesus respond to the question of Job?

- That God knows the human condition. And through Jesus, God reminds us that we are not abandoned in our human condition.
- That God responds to the human condition. Through Jesus, we are taught the "logic" of God, we can be released from unclean spirits that hold us bound, and be healed of our infirmities. Therefore, not only God knows about our human condition, God seeks to heal our hu-

Parish Office & Preschool Information

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

(lunch time: 12:30 PM - 1 PM)

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Parish Office Phone: (585) 924-7111

Parish Office Fax: (585) 742-3296

Faith Formation & Preschool: (585) 924-2800

Stay Connected

- Parish Website: www.stpatricksvictor.org
- Parish Facebook Pages:
St. Patrick's Church /
Saint Patrick's Victor Youth Ministry
- Parish Youtube Channel:
St Patricks of Victor NY
- Parish App: Text 'App' to 88202



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John Butler <i>Cemetery Manager</i>	john.butler@dor.org
Cathy Fafone <i>Parish Secretary</i>	catherine.fafone@dor.org
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Keep your parish staff in your daily prayers.

man condition.

- That God, through Jesus, can take on the human condition, and once-for-all, renew it. Through his own suffering and death, Jesus took on our human condition. Jesus need not suffer and die because he did not offend God. Jesus chose to suffer and die so that he may transform these through his resurrection. So, God is just because *He sets suffering and death aright with the resurrection*. Also, God *in carrying out His justice chooses the righteous to bring about redemptive suffering* - Job, in the Old Testament is a specific example, and Jesus, as he is the Son of God, is the universal example.

Are you among those looking for Jesus? What do you need from him? What do you want him to do for you?

Had there been times when you found yourself suffering as a consequence of your own wrong doings? What have you learned?

Had there been times when you found yourself suffering with no apparent reason? In your innocence, would you consider uniting your innocent suffering to that of Jesus, that he may make your suffering redemptive?

- Father Edison