



# Holy Presence Newsletter MARCH 2024

*What if we view this desert time of Lent as not just a time to reflect or to lament or to confess or too fast, but a time where we learn to be free. -- Megan Westra*



*” Remember that purple is one of the rarest dyes in the world, and for millennia it has signified royalty or one’s royal nature. Purple is hardly penitential. It is the color of Lent because it is intended to lift our hearts and minds to our truest nature, to be one holy people.”*

*~Alexander John Shaia*

Thanks to Kathy Matthews

## Said the Reverend...

Let there be peace...let it begin and grow here.

Continuing prayers for all our loved ones and friends who are sick, recovering, having surgery, or facing struggles of any kind. Our prayers are potent and more powerful than we realize. So, let's continue to pray for everyone who may need our help.

Faithfully, Reverends Joan & Colleen

### UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

#### *Embracing Dignity at the End of Life*

Thursdays, March 7th, and March 14th, in the Chapel and on Zoom.

We will begin with mass in the chapel at 6:00 and move to the Fireside Room for light refreshments and discussions.

#### March 7: Regular Mass and discussion of SF 1813:Minnesota End-of-Life Option Act

The Minnesota Legislature is beginning to hear this bill in committees and in sessions. Rev. Colleen will share the bill and lead a discussion regarding the research behind it. We would love to hear your experiences and thoughts on this critical bill facing us right now.

#### March 14: We will have a Mass of Healing and discussion about our own hopes, beliefs, and experiences of End-of-Life care

Rev. Colleen will facilitate a discussion, answer questions, and provide resources for End-of-Life needs.



## Dear Friends of Holy Presence...

Our Native community is in a food crisis and can use our help. Below is a note from Interfaith Action and since we are members, we are asking for any help you can provide over the next two Saturdays. Please bring food donations which we will deliver to the food bank. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Faithfully, Revs Joan & Colleen

### *An Urgent Appeal to Our Congregations From Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul*



The rising cost of food, compounded by the loss of pandemic supports, has hit our community hard, leaving more families in need than ever before. At our Department of Indian Work food shelf, we've seen a 47% increase in families seeking food.

We've had to implement limits on how often families can shop with us and reduce the amount of food they receive to ensure that we have enough to serve all the families who come through our doors.

We believe that by coming together as a community of faith, we can make a significant impact in addressing this pressing issue.

**Most-needed items are cooking and baking items, rice, pasta, soups, and side dishes**

## Zoom Update

It's been brought to our attention that Zoom does not always work during Mass the way we would like it to. Knowing our limitations, we contacted a professional sound person and were given this knowledge...

- Without a sound costly system, we will not have consistent quality sound. What we have works most of the time.
- Other issues include the fact that the Wi-Fi in our building is also used by other groups including the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and St Paul's United Church of Christ. These entities have priority in our space.
- Another factor may be due to everyone at home using a variety of devices and different internet providers.

We are asking for the grace to accept what we have with the knowledge we are doing our best. We will be asking if there are issues BEFORE mass and attempt to solve them. We will also be muting everyone as mass starts, so you will need to communicate with one another via chat.

It is difficult for any of us (Joan, Ellie, or Colleen) to troubleshoot any issues while we are praying. Whoever is presiding does not have their phone and the rest of us generally have our devices muted or elsewhere. So, if you are having difficulties, please try to adjust your device or turn your volume down.

We want our masses to be accessible always, to everyone. We will do our best to address any issues and find solutions, just not during mass.

Thank you for your continued blessings and your holy presence.

## Come To Me, All Who are Weary....

To allow our ministry teams to rest after the Triduum and Easter celebrations, the **church will be closed from Sunday, March 31 – Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no prayer services on Zoom that week, no Holy Grounds.

**We will be back to continue the celebration of the Risen Christ on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>** at our in-person/zoom mass. Thanks to all who are making this season so holy!! Pastoral emergencies, of course, are the exception!! Call or text please.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

#### **March 28 @ Noon: Holy Thursday - Celebrating together the Last Supper.**

*We will gather in the Fireside Room for a light lunch at 12:00 pm and will have our service at the table.*

**\*NOTE:** THERE WILL BE NO 6:00PM MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY.

#### **March 29 @ 1:00 pm: Good Friday - Tenebrae Service**

*We will gather in the Chapel and on Zoom at 1:00 pm to celebrate the passion of Jesus through word, song, and the extinguishing of candles.*

#### **March 30 @ 4:00pm: Celebration of the Risen Christ**

*We will gather in the Chapel and on Zoom at our regular 4:00 pm time to celebrate Easter.*

### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE:

All in-person weekly masses are held at the chapel of St Paul's UCC, 900 Summit Ave.

Evening Prayer	Mondays & Wednesdays, 8pm via Zoom
Holy Grounds	Tuesdays from 1-3pm at Amore Coffee
Rosary	Wednesdays at 2pm via Zoom
Mass	Thursdays at 6pm via Zoom Saturdays at 4pm in-person & Zoom

## March Birthdays

Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month following Mass is our celebration of birthdays, etc. Coffee & cookies served.



Bryan Beggin  
Deni Berigan-Pirro  
Rick Craft  
Gary Davis  
Connie King Homer  
Ian Hutchinson  
Melia Hutchinson  
Kathy Matthews  
Nancy Palma  
CJ Weinriech

Also remembering the feasts of  
Patrick, March 17<sup>th</sup> and  
Joseph, March 19<sup>th</sup>



## NOTEWORTHY:

- ✚ **Are you in need of a Notary?** Reverend Colleen has been a Notary for several years and will be happy to notarize documents for you. Saturdays 3:00-3:30 at Holy Presence or Tuesdays at *Amore Coffee* from 1:15-2:30 work well or you can call or text her for other arrangements.
  
- ✚ If you have something you would like to **add to the newsletter**, please contact our editor, Lori Pedro Kimm @ [kimml55@yahoo.com](mailto:kimml55@yahoo.com) Thank You.
  
- ✚ **Want to make changes to your auto pay?** \*If anyone wants to make changes to their auto pay web donations through our ICheck system here is what you need to know ...
  - 1) Send an email requesting the desired changes to our “minister of accounting”, to [geriannk@gmail.COM](mailto:geriannk@gmail.COM) , she is authorized to make the changes you request in the ICheck system.
  - 2) Geri will send you an email verifying the changes made.
  - 3) She will keep a copy of all emails in our financial record.
  - 4) Geri has done this previously with a donor, and it has worked perfectly.

## Helpful Links to our Friends and Affiliates:

<b>Apostolic Catholic Orthodox Church:</b> <a href="https://www.apostoliccatholicorthodox.faith/">https://www.apostoliccatholicorthodox.faith/</a>  Holy Presence is an active church within this “Communion of people gathered for worship, public ministry and outreach within the Christian Apostolic Tradition.  The ACOC is renewal oriented in the spirit of The Second Vatican Council.”	<b>Walking with a purpose:</b> <a href="http://walkingwithapurpose.org">WalkingWithaPurpose.org</a> <a href="http://walkingwithapurpose.org">http://walkingwithapurpose.org</a> <a href="http://walkingwithapurpose.org">Walking With a Purpose – Transforming Homelessness One ...</a>
<b>Hallie Q Brown:</b> <a href="https://www.hallieqbrown.org/site/">https://www.hallieqbrown.org/site/</a>	<b>Casa Guadalupe:</b> <a href="https://www.casaguadalupe.org">Casa Guadalupe</a> <a href="https://www.casaguadalupe.org">https://www.casaguadalupe.org</a> <a href="https://www.casaguadalupe.org">Casa Guadalupe</a>
<b>Neighbors Inc:</b> <a href="https://www.neighborsmn.org">neighborsmn.org</a> <a href="https://www.neighborsmn.org">https://www.neighborsmn.org</a> <a href="https://www.neighborsmn.org">Neighbors Inc.</a>	<b>Alight</b> is an organization that we have donated to in the past and will be involved with again in the coming months: <a href="https://wearealight.org/">https://wearealight.org/</a>
<b>Interfaith Action of St Paul:</b> <a href="https://interfaithaction.org">Interfaith Action</a> <a href="https://interfaithaction.org">https://interfaithaction.org</a> <a href="https://interfaithaction.org">Interfaith Action – We unite the people, resources, and voice of the...</a>	