



THE GUARDIAN

Right now our full attention is on Holy Week. We have just concluded our Third Quarter school work, so the tests are behind us and we can concentrate on our part in the liturgy during this important week.

March has been a busy month. Earlier in the month Father Philip purchased a milk cow, along with her calf. The milking is usually done by the upperclassmen, and we have all been enjoying the fresh milk every day.

On *Laetare* Sunday we had the annual parish breakfast, with the sale of “blarney stones.” We are grateful for all the parishioners who attended and supported our seminary. A few days later we had our Irish talent show

is our school feastday, there are no classes on Saint Joseph’s Day.

Now we are looking forward to the spring vacation, which is always the week of Easter. But first, we will spend Holy Week in the spirit of the liturgy, learning our parts and meditating on the Passion of Our Lord. We wish all of you a joyous Easter!

It is good to wait in silence (Lamentations, 3:26)

by Jesse Sand, gr. 12

The day had finally arrived. Back in the middle of March this great day came. After much anticipation, I’m glad to announce we have finally acquired a cow and calf pair.

The cow is a Jersey breed and her young bull calf is crossed with a Black Angus. We have named the cow Matilda because that was the feast on the day we bought

her. Her calf we have unofficially named Bobby, though this might change.

When we first brought the pair to their new home, they seemed very shy and cautious. Matilda even seemed a little cross. In a few days, however, they warmed up to their new home. Now occasionally we can see Matilda

April Calendar

- 1-2 – Holy Thursday/Good Friday; special schedule
- 3 – Holy Saturday; Anthony’s 14th birthday; Easter Vacation begins
- 4 – Easter Sunday; Children’s Easter Egg Hunt
- 5-8 – Outing to Western Washington
- 12 – Classes resume; Gabriel’s 17th birthday
- 16-18 – Annual Forty Hours Adoration
- 25 – Procession of the Greater Litanies
- 26 – Our Lady of Good Counsel; chanted Vespers
- 28 – Feast of St. Louis Marie de Montfort; begin preparation for Holy Slavery



We honored Saint Joseph with a Solemn High Mass on his feastday.

on Saint Patrick’s Day, which was a lot of fun.

We also had our final trip to Silver Mountain on March 18th. The conditions were ideal for skiing, as the weather was particularly warm that day. The next day, for the feast of Saint Joseph, we had a solemn high Mass and then went bowling. Since it

roam across her respectable pasture, while Bobby walks behind her or sprints on ahead. Usually, however, Matilda is by her trough of hay, munching away.

Currently, we have let Bobby continue to nurse during the day, while we milk in the evenings. We learned almost right away that Matilda will do anything for grain. Thus, we easily can lock her head in the stanchion and milk her. The first few days were tough as Matilda was “angry” with us. Soon, however, she got used to us and settled down.

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Originally, Father Philip trained us older seminarians; lately, we have taken over the operation. Right now, we are getting a little over a gallon every day, but eventually we should be getting more, once we have weaned Bobby. As it is, Matilda can't keep up with the demand and often all the milk is gone by lunch. Someday, however, we hope to start making cheese, butter, yogurt and ice cream.

Irish Talent Show 2021

by Joseph Strain gr. 10

For some time now here at Saint Joseph Seminary, we have been having an Irish Talent Show every year on the feast of St. Patrick. I am assuming that this tradition started the year that one of our favorite teachers, Mr. Gerard Keaveney, first came to the Seminary. I feel that the Talent Show this year was quite successful, and it is for this reason that I will write briefly about the First, Second and Third place winners for this article.

The First place winner this year was Thiet Nguyen. Thiet sang a very well-known Irish song called "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." This would have been Thiet's fourth year of participating in the annual Irish Talent show. I have a feeling that this record will be hard for people to attempt to break. Some are destined to set a high record that is nearly impossible to break.

For Second place, we have two identical winners. Yes, you guessed it, the Wertish twins, Andrew and Arlin. They performed a jig that they called "The Silent Jig." They were both closely in sync with each other during their performance. Overall, they did extremely well for trying something new.

Closing in at Third place was everyone's favorite French-Canadian, Lionel Gamache. Lionel performed a lively jig on the violin called "The Irish Washerwoman." Everyone was happy to hear something played on the violin this year. This and all of the performances earned a special thanks from Mr. Keaveney, a very high praise indeed!

There were many other performances that were close to winning. There were many other very good songs that were sung by various seminarians during the Talent Show. I tried to liven it up a bit with a funny song. Even

though I didn't win, it was fun just to sing and try to sound like a funny Irishman at the same time.

As we spend what time we have left during Lent to prepare as best we can for Easter, we will also make schedules for Holy Week ceremonies as well as some plans for what we shall do during Easter week either at home or here at the Seminary. God bless you all and have a blessed Easter!

St. Gabriel the Archangel

by Lionel Gamache, gr. 12

Do you know who is the angel of revelation, who played a major role in revealing the mysteries of our faith? Where did Saint Gabriel appear in the New and Old Testaments? There are reasons why we should invoke him, as you will soon realize. This is because of his power and specialty to come to those who ask his help. For example, if you have difficulties to write an article, humbly and fervently ask and he will come to assist and strengthen you. This nonfictional prose will be separated in four parts: his presence in scripture and in the Church, to whom he was sent by God, and why and how he acted.

The archangel appeared to three humans before the Redemption. The first time happened when by visions



Mr. Dan Prado (front, center) visited the seminary to give a guest lecture.

the prophet Daniel was wondering in himself. At that confused moment he asked God's help in a heartfelt prayer and asked pardon for the sins of his fellow Israelites. The second time was when Zacharias ministered in the temple and was frightened by the angel announcing the coming birth of his son. The last is the first joyful mystery or the Annunciation. Gabriel

delivers God's message and receives the humblest answer from the perfect creature, who became Mother of Almighty God.

The points to notice are the following facts. Gabriel was sent to people in prayer. We already know for Daniel. For Zacharias, the archangel presented himself by saying, "Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth (she was in her eighties and barren) shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John." At last, it says in the Gospel that the Blessed Virgin was in prayer when he appeared to her.

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A group of seminarians pauses before another run down the slope.



The seminarians cooked and served a parish breakfast on Laetare Sunday.



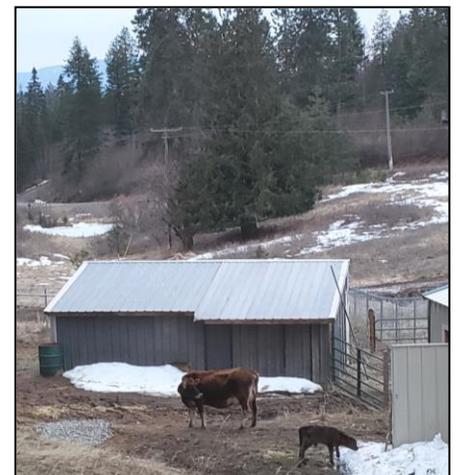
Night prayers conclude with the candlelight procession to Our Lady's shrine.



The seminarians enjoy playing board games during their free time.



Our new front gate will keep unwanted vehicles from driving into our parking lot at night.



Matilda and Bobby inspect their new home.

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“People sometimes ask for Gabriel's help to clear away confusion and achieve the wisdom they need to make decisions, obtain the confidence they need to act on those decisions, communicate effectively to other people, and raise children well.” In his mercy, God will send His Strength, that is, Gabriel, the strength of God, which is the meaning of his name. He comes in response to supplication.

One surprising occurrence is that, in naming babies, Gabriel is a name often chosen, because both Jesus and Saint John the Baptist were predicted by him, through God's will. We should pay more attention to him.

Saint Gabriel the Archangel's festival day celebration was previously celebrated on March 18th according to many sources, dating between 1588 and 1921. But in 1921 Pope Benedict XV fixed the feast of Saint Gabriel to March 24th. Saint Gabriel, pray for us!

The Persecution of the Church

by Arlin Wertish, gr. 8

“**T**he blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.”
The persecution of the Christians started under the

Roman Emperor Nero who ruled from 54 through 68 AD. There were many Roman Emperors who persecuted the Christians but the main three were Nero, Marcus Aurelius, and Diocletian. Diocletian was the last Roman Emperor to persecute the Christians.

Emperor Nero was envious of the Christians' growth and so it is believed that he started a fire in Rome and blamed it on the Christians. He ordered that the Christians had to sacrifice to the Roman gods under pain of death. The Christians, of course, refused and it led to a bloody persecution. Many other Roman Emperors followed Nero's example in persecuting the Christians. But little did they know that the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church.

Now I would like to write about one of the martyrs, St. Pancras. He was born around 289 to Roman parents. But his mother died while giving birth to Pancras and his father died when he was only eight years of age. Pancras' uncle

took him in and raised him. Both were converted to Christianity.

Then during Diocletian's persecution of the Church, Pancras was randomly brought before Diocletian to sacrifice to the Roman gods. Pancras, to Diocletian's surprise, boldly refused. Diocletian was impressed by Pancras' boldness and tried to bribe him with riches and power to reject the faith. Soon his favorable impression turned to rage as Pancras outwitted him, and so he ordered for Pancras to be beheaded. Saint Pancras was martyred in the year 304 at the young age of fourteen.

The Willing Prisoner

The term “prisoner” is often applied by spiritual writers to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, where He remains permanently in the tabernacle. Jesus instituted this most holy sacrament out of His great love for us and the desire to be with us. But how often do we visit Him to give thanks for this gift?

It is to honor our Eucharistic guest, to show our gratitude and love, and to make reparation that the practice of the Forty Hours' adoration was first instituted in Italy in the 16th century. Although many parishes are too small to have this Adoration with proper safeguards and attendance, we have been able to do so here each year at the *City of Mary*.

(Last year was the lone exception, due to the coronavirus lockdown.) I have chosen the month of April, during the Easter season, for this annual event.

It is truly a blessing for seminarians to be able to participate in the Forty Hours. One day as priests, God-willing, they will be called upon to offer Mass, to handle the sacred Body of Christ, and to distribute Him to others. How could they properly fulfill these grave responsibilities, unless they possessed a deep love

and reverence for the Holy Eucharist?

We thank you for your support of our seminary. May our seminaries produce priests who love Our Lord and who delight in spending time with Him, the Prisoner of Love in our tabernacles! And may we all grow in our devotion to Our Blessed Lord, who willingly remains with us in the sacrament of His love.

Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI



Father Philip speaks to the seminarians during the annual Lenten retreat.