

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ MARCH 15, 2009 • LENT III •

Today is the third Sunday of the month. The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** takes place after all Masses. Make a sacrifice (that's the idea) to attend Lenten Vespers and Benediction this afternoon with your family soon after the **11:30 Mass**. Please patronize our gift shop, which has a wonderful selection of Lenten reading. Remember to take a Jog-a-thon Pack home with you and work with us to make it a success.

✠ THIS WEEK

St. Patrick turns the calendar green on Tuesday, but you should try to hear Mass in his honor – how the Irish have suffered in loyalty to the Mass! **Mass** is offered **daily** at **11:25 AM**, Monday through Friday, and at **5:00 PM** through Thursday as well. **Thursday** we celebrate great **St. Joseph**, and Friday our **Lenten Friday** draws us back. Stay for Supper! **St. Benedict** comes **Saturday**.

✠ TUESDAY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Sure 'tis the Feast of St. Patrick! His Holy Mass is offered at **11:25 AM** and **5:00 PM**. The fast is traditionally dispensed this day.

✠ THURSDAY - SAINT JOSEPH'S TABLE

Plan to celebrate St. Joseph's Day with us on Thursday, March 19th. St. Joseph's Bread will be blessed and distributed after the High Mass at 11:25 AM. Bring some food for the poor to be put at the St. Joseph's Table in Helfta Hall, and stay for a Parish Potluck and Festive Vespers and Benediction. Those who *attend* St. Joseph's Day may consider themselves dispensed from the fast.

✠ **SATURDAY MARCH 21ST** please join us at the Auburn street Abortion Clinic for a **Rosary Procession** starting at **10:00 AM**.

✠ HOUSE FOR SALE

4 Bedrooms; Bedroom in basement recently finished 2 full bathrooms, Located on 3/4 acre and 5 minute walk From St. Gertrude. Asking \$125K Contact Tom Kunkel 513-860-5069

Collection Report

Sunday March 8th\$4,822.00

✠ POETRY CORNER

A LEGEND OF EDEN

Did you ever hear the story
How loved Erin came to be
Land of mist and silver glory,
Isle of emerald in the sea?

Long ago when sin had driven
Mortals from fair Eden's bowers,
No one but the portal guardian
Walked among the fruits and flowers.

Never there the serpent entered,
Never there was the dimmed the sheen
Of that paradise of beauty, –
Golden setting, gem of green!

And as long the angel pondered
On the beauty wasted there,
Pity for poor sinful mortals
Rose on high, a wordless prayer.

Lo! in answer, swift an army
Of God's messengers of light
Lifted from the earth this garden
And to westward winged their flight.

And the morning saw the ocean
Gleaming round the Emerald Isle,
Lovely in its Orient splendor
As the daydawn's first sweet smile.

Thus it is that Erin ever
Than all lands must fairer be;
For it is the olden Eden
Shining in the Western Sea.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

THE LENTEN TIME

Full forty days in the desert waste
Spent Our Lord in fervent prayer,
Nor took of food or drink a taste
All the weeks He tarried there.
No need had He to fast or pray,
Since His grace and strength were ample;
But He wished for us to trace the way –
to leave us His example.

And so each year comes Holy Lent,
Come days of fast and prayer,
When Mother Church bids us repent,
And follies past repair.

We all may fast from wilful sin,
Our souls with grace adorning,
Resolved a goodly share to win
Of the joy of Easter morning.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday: Fr. McGuire will be with us for **Confession** Sunday. Confessions will be heard before and/or during all Masses. Children's Confessions are at **10:30 AM**, as part of catechism class. Adult Education is at **10:30 AM** as well. Early Vespers for Lactare Sunday is at **1:05 PM**.

Set your Missal: **Lent IV** with the collects of **Our Lady and All Saints**, and the Living and the Dead, Preface of Lent. Please note that Fr. McGuire will be offering Holy Mass in the Lexington, Kentucky area Sunday afternoon, March 22nd. Call Kirby or Jean Bischel for all particulars: #502-868-5468.

✠ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

Join us every Friday evening after the Stations of the Cross and Sermon for the Sorrowful Mother Novena and Blessing of the Sick. Call or write in to the office the *first names* of those who are sick, and those for whom you would like us to pray.

✠ STATIONS IN LENT

At **3:00 PM on Wednesday**, we offer the traditional **Children's Stations of the Cross** and Holy Communion.

At **7:30 PM every Friday in Lent** we offer the **Stations of the Cross**, Sermon, Sorrowful Mother Novena and Blessing of the Sick, Benediction and Holy Communion.

✠ CONGRATULATIONS

Our prayers and best wishes to Daniel and Mary Brueggemann, whose son, Vincent Alexander was baptized on 3/7/09.

Serbers

MARCH 16 - MARCH 22, 2009

•MON 3/16 5:00 PM Low: C. Ritze
•TUE 3/17 5:00 PM Low: J. Bayer
•WED 3/18 5:00 PM Low: G. Keaveney, G. Wnek
•THU 3/19 5:00 PM Low: C. Ritze
•FRI 3/20 5:45 PM Low: T. Simpson, T. Simpson
STATIONS & BENEDICTION: T. Simpson, G. Keaveney,
T. Simpson, J. Simpson
•SAT 3/21 7:30 AM Low: C. & T. Simpson
8:00 AM Low: G. Keaveney, M. Briggs
7:30 AM Low: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: J. Lotarski
TH: R. Hill ACS: G. Wnek, T. Simpson
TORCH: P. Duff, J. Simpson, D. Wnek, N. McCloy
11:30 AM Low: M. Brugger, J. Brugger
1:05 PM: VESPERS & BENEDICTION: MC: G. Miller
TH: S. Cozzens ACS: B. Lotarski, S. Cozzens
5:45 PM Low: M. Derksen

Ushers

MARCH 22, 2009

7:30 AM Joe Andreotta, Kent Maki, Jim Kolenich, Volunteer
9:00 AM Dale Wilker, Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Bernie Brueggemann
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Will Wiegand, Kirby Bischel
5:45 PM John Seyfried

✠ THE CALENDAR

- MON 3/16/09 FERAL DAY**
11:25 AM High Mass *Anastasia Kolenich 7th Birthday (Jim & Barbara Kolenich)*
12:20 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass †*Poor Souls - Most Forgotten (GPK)*
- TUES 3/17/09 ST. PATRICK, BPC** Lenten Fast is Dispensed
ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA
11:25 AM High Mass *Our Family /Friends Salvation (Larry & Anne Brugger)*
12:20 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass †*For the repose of the soul of Beverly Rugg (Patrick & Ann Marie Omlor)*
- WED 3/18/09 ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BPCD**
11:25 AM High Mass *Intentions of Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock (The Duff Family)*
12:20 PM Vespers
3:00 PM Children's Stations, Benediction and Holy Communion
5:00 PM Low Mass *Marie Brendle (Aimee Wnek)*
- THUR 3/19/09 ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY**
 The fast is dispensed for those who assist at Mass
11:25 AM High Mass *In Honor of St. Joseph (Tom & Stella Simpson)*
2:00 PM Vespers of St. Joseph & Benediction
5:00 PM Low Mass *In Honor of St. Joseph*
7:00 PM Compline
- FRI 3/20/09 FERAL DAY**
ST. PHOTINA & COMP MM, THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass *T.G. Simpson Family Intentions*
12:20 PM Vespers
5:15 PM Confessions/Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass, †*Barbara Schnelzer (The Duff Family)*
Sacred Heart Novena, Confessions
6:45 PM Parish Lenten Supper
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Sermon, Sorrowful Mother Novena VI, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction, Holy Communion
- SAT 3/21/09 ST. BENEDICT, AB**
7:15 AM Confessions/Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass *Special Intention (Dan Beaven)*
8:00 AM Sermon and Low Mass
Gerry K's Intentions (Bernie B.) Confessions
- SUN 3/22/09 LENT IV, LAETARE SUNDAY**
7:30 AM Low Mass †*Joseph Wilson (Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze)*
9:00 AM High Mass *For the People of St. Gertrude*
10:30 AM Adult Religion and Children's Catechism Classes
11:30 AM Low Mass *John Donadio (Rob & June Brockman)*
1:05 PM Early Lenten Vespers and Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass †*Helen R. Morris-18th Anniversary of Death (Carol M. Niehaus)*

"No one will pass out of this Lent as he entered it. A season of special grace leaves us nearer to God or farther from Him than it found us.

- Cardinal Manning

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

I write these lines on a busy blessed Wednesday, as we conclude our excellent Children's Day of Recollection under the patronage of St. Joseph. Over seventy children attended, and received some wonderful reading/activity books dedicated to St. Joseph. I thank Mark Lotarski (already very busy as a principal!) for his burgeoning printing apostolate, as well as for providing the hot lunch. Fr. Ramolla joined me for the spiritual talks and confessions. May our children always remember the important lessons they have learned.



I read a story to the little ones after lunch, and we chatted a bit about spiritual matters. "Could you write that down?" one little girl asked me as I left. Happily: The soul is more important than the body. The most important thing is never to commit a sin, never to commit a mortal sin.

Fr. Cekada has returned from his seminary teaching week, and now it is my turn to travel. I leave for Mexico on Tuesday (St. Patrick's Day!) and will be gone for almost a week. I will be confirming and visiting our priests, including Fr. Saavedra, still stuck in Mexico. Please pray for a safe journey for me, and I promise to pray for you, especially to Our Lord of the Third Fall, Our Lord of the Expiration, and the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick.

Persevere in your Lent, and your life. Do not sin. Especially do not commit any mortal sins.

God bless you, and St. Joseph protect us!

-Bishop Dolan



We should pray fervently and perseveringly: "Have mercy on me, O Lord;...my daughter (my soul) is grievously troubled by a devil." Bowed down and full of remorse we pray at the foot of the altar: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Turning from our own unworthiness we approach the heavenly mother, Mary, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, blessed John the Baptist, and all the saints in Heaven, and implore them to ask God to forgive us our sins. Then we turn to the celebrating priest and through him to the whole Catholic Church that they also may include us in their prayers to God. And the Church answers through her priests, "May the almighty God have mercy on you and forgive you your sins." "Show us O Lord Thy mercy, and grant us (in this holy season of Lent) Thy salvation." Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison. The Church's prayer for mercy is heard.

✠ PRAYER FOR CONVERSION OF JEWS AND MOSLEMS

Every time we hear of "Arab-Israeli" conflicts, "War on Terrorism," and Jewish controversies in public life, we should say a prayer for the conversion of Jews and Moslems. Save this prayer, and recite it sometimes. You will do much good.

INDULGENCED PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF JEWS AND MOSLEMS

O most loving and most lovable Heart of Jesus, prostrate before Thee, we earnestly beg of Thee to pour forth upon the Church and upon the world those streams of living water which flow from thee as from an inexhaustible fountain welling up unto life everlasting. O Jesus, Son of David, and true Son of God, have pity on us the children of Thy pierced Heart. Take not away from us, as we richly deserve for our sins and our ingratitude, the gift of Thy Holy Faith, hide not Thyself from our eyes, Thou Who art our true light and our only hope; instead, abide with us, O Lord, while more and more the darkness of error thickens about us, and make us glow again with the fire of charity which Thou didst come to cast upon the earth and willest to be enkindled in the hearts of all men. O Jesus, immolated for us on the altar of the Cross, draw us to Thyself, and with us draw as well the Jews and the Moslems, for whom also Thou didst shed Thy Blood even to the last drop.

May the Blood once called down in malediction by the former, descend in benediction upon their heads and save them. May that Blood, despised and profaned by the latter, send up for them a cry of mercy and purify them. Help, O Lord, help, we entreat Thee, the unfortunate children of Isaac and of Ismael, for whom, as well as for us, thou didst will to suffer Thy most bitter passion and death. We plead in their behalf those most Holy Wounds which Thou dost still retain, living and open, in Thy hands, Thy feet and Thy side, as the price of the world's ransom. To their mighty voices may the prayers that arise from the heart of Thy most loving Mother be united.

That heart, pierced by a sword of sorrow, immersed in a sea of anguish, martyred with Thine at the foot of the Cross, we offer Thee, O Jesus, for the salvation of so many needy souls.

Sweet heart of Mary, speak to Jesus as we cannot; since we know not how, and He will hearken to Thee. To overcome the resistance of those for whom we pray, a miracle is needed, for which we pray, O Virgin Immaculate, by that love beyond measure which thou bearest toward Jesus. Oh, if thou wouldst but deign to appear to the Jews and Moslems as thou didst to Ratisbonne, they too, like him, at one mighty stroke of thy hand would straightway be converted. May the day come soon when Most Holy Trinity will reign through thee in every heart, when all will know and love and adore in spirit and in truth the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth through all eternity. Amen.

Indulgence: 100 days once a day (12.18.1899)



Merciful Jesus, Thou didst not withhold from me one drop of Thy Blood; how couldst Thou then refuse me entrance into Heaven? The mercy of Thy Precious Blood endureth from generation to generation. By the bloody sweat of Thy agony, grant me, I beseech Thee, the grace of a perfect contrition before I die. With the liquid fire of thy Sacred heart consume all my iniquities and wipe out all my hidden sins. Let me die a victim of Thy love that I may sing Thy mercies forever and ever!



I am in the midst of you as He that serveth.

—St. Luke xxii 27

✠ WORKS OF MERCY

¶ I WAS SICK:

Lent is a wonderful time to visit our shut ins. Here are a few who may enjoy a visit — be sure to call first: Althea LeBlanc is at the Loveland Health Care Center located at 501 N. Second St. Loveland, Oh # 513-605-6000, Marty Lirel is at the Maderia Health Care Center located at 8372 Wicklow Ave. (in room 202) Cincinnati, Oh. # 513-527-3823.

¶ I WAS HUNGRY:

Could you fix a dinner for the poor, starving priests from time to time? Reimbursement for costs happily provided, and Jesus promises divine recompense!

¶ I WAS NAKED:

From time to time it might help promote modesty to network in the bulletin. Ladies, girls if you have an idea or a source which may be helpful, please share it, with others: Send your notes to the church, or e-mail the office at parishoffice@sgg.org, even the encouragement is bound to be helpful!

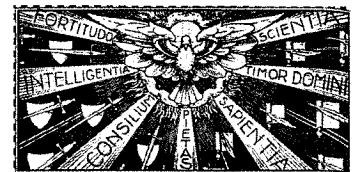
There are several points to keep in mind about wearing modest dress:

Make sure the fabric isn't unduly clingy or see-through. Pay close attention to the fit of the garment. Remember, you want it to fit loosely, not tightly. Are the sleeves long enough to cover your arms appropriately? After the sleeves look at the neckline. The shape of the neckline or collar is not as important as the depth of its cut. The last part to consider is the fullness and length of the skirt. The standard is that the knee must be covered. In order to sit modestly, the skirt needs to be full and long enough to cover you neatly.



¶ TO INSTRUCT:

Remember the wonderful **Lessons in the Faith** classes given each Saturday in Lent at **11:00 AM**, with plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. Come to the High School Classroom.



*Thank you for your generosity!
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

✠ A DAILY THOUGHT FOR LENT:

SUNDAY

Our Lord says that whoever wishes to become greatest of all must make himself least of all. This is a truth that all Christians believe; how happens it, then, that so few practice it?

—*St. Vincent de Paul*

The same Saint was one of these few. As he had always but a low opinion of himself and had taken so much pains to lower himself beneath all, God continually exalted him by the many great works which He entrusted to him, by the high regard in which he was generally held and by the abundant benedictions which God bestowed on all his actions.

MONDAY

Vain self-complacency and the desire of making a show of being spoken of, of having our conduct praised, and of hearing it said that we succeed well and are doing wonders—this is an evil which makes us forget God, which infects our holiest actions, and is, of all vices, the most injurious to progress in the spiritual life. I do not understand how anyone can believe and hold it as a truth of faith that he who exalts himself shall be abased if he desires to pass for a man of worth, a person of prudence, foresight and ability.

—*St. Vincent de Paul*

The widely known Franciscan, Brother Justin, entered the Order of St. Francis after refusing great favors and most honorable offices which the King of Hungary offered him. He then advanced so far in religion, that he has frequent ecstasies. One day while dining at the table in the monastery, he was raised in the air and carried over the heads of the Religious, to pray before a picture of the Virgin which was painted high on the wall. On account of this wonder Pope Eugenius IV sent for him and embraced him, not allowing him to kiss his feet; then, seating him by his side, he had a long conversation with him, and gave him many presents and indulgences. This favor made him vain, and St. John Capestran meeting him on his return, said: "Alas! thou didst go forth an angel, and thou art come back a demon!" In fact, increasing every day in insolence, he killed a monk with a knife. After a term of imprisonment, he escaped into the kingdom of Naples, where he committed many crimes, and finally died in prison.

TUESDAY

From his earliest years, St. Thomas Aquinas was always opposed to receiving praise, and he never uttered a word which might lead to it. Therefore, he never felt any temptation to vanity or self-complacency, as he himself testified to Brother Reginald, saying he rendered thanks to God that he had never been tempted by pride.

What is it, O my God, that we expect to gain by appearing well before creatures, and by pleasing them? What does it matter to us if we are blamed by them, and considered worthless, provided we are great and faultless before Thee? Ah, we never come fully to an understanding of this truth, and so we never succeed in standing upon the summit of perfection! The Saints had no greater pleasure than to live unknown and abject in the hearts of all.

—*St. Bernard*

DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR TRUE HUMILITY

Dear and humble Saint, spouse of the Virgin Mother of God, foster father of the Word Incarnate, obtain for us, we ardently pray, the beautiful and sublime virtue of true humility. Make us candid, truthful, and sincere to ourselves as well as others, and frank to admit our own faults and imperfections, to acknowledge before God and men our nothingness and sinfulness, and to refer all good that we possess or do to God the Author of our being and the supporter of our weakness.

Teach us to love what is simple and poor, to be willing to be unknown and despised for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord; help us to welcome humiliations with delight because they make us more like to Him who said, "Learn of Me, because I am meek and humble of heart, and you shall find rest to your souls."

Model of humility, hidden Saint, whose exalted dignity as head of the Holy Family and protector of Jesus and Mary makes the meekness of your spirit all the more beautiful, obtain for us, also, this treasure which drew down upon you the love of the Holy Trinity. Make us meek and humble of heart, here on earth, that we may be glorious and triumphant in Heaven, with Jesus Christ, your foster Son, our Lord and God, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, the King of Heaven and earth, world without end. Amen.

✠ A DAILY THOUGHT FOR LENT:

WEDNESDAY

When you see anyone who desires esteem and honors and avoids contempt, and who, when contradicted or neglected, shows resentment and takes it ill, you may be sure that such a one, though he were to perform miracles, is very far from perfection, for all his virtue is without foundation.

—*St. Thomas Aquinas*

That the Angelic Doctor held this belief truly before God is certain, for his conduct proves it. Not only did he not desire honors and applause, but he abhorred them and avoided them as far as he could. He was offered the Archbishopric of Naples by Clement IV, at a time when his family, being out of favor with the Emperor, had fallen into great poverty. He was, therefore, earnestly entreated by them, as well as by the others, to accept it. However, he not only refused it but obtained from the same Pope a promise that no dignity should ever be offered him for the future. Besides, he entreated his superiors not to compel him to take the degree of Doctor, as he greatly preferred being learned to being called so; and if he finally took it, it was purely from obedience. But instead of avoiding contempt, he always accepted it with a tranquil soul and a serene countenance. When he was a student, he did not disdain to receive as monitor a fellow student who, finding that he talked but little, attributed it to ignorance and want of talent, and called him “the dumb ox.” But he was soon undeceived, and he saw that he had so much talent that could easily serve not only as a monitor but even as a master to himself. One day when the Saint was reading aloud in the refectory at dinner, he was corrected for mispronouncing a word, and though he knew he had pronounced it properly, he nevertheless repeated it in the way he was told. Being afterwards asked by his companions why he had done so, “Because,” he replied, “it matters little whether we pronounce a syllable long or short, but it matters very much to be humble and obedient.”

THURSDAY

St. Philip Neri never seemed grieved or displeased at any insult or contempt he might receive. This was a trait so visible and so well known among his associates, that they used to say, “Anything can be said to Father Philip, for nothing ever troubles him.” When it was one day reported to him that some people had called him an old simpleton, he laughed and was much pleased at it.

St. Anthony, hearing a monk very much praised, treated him contemptuously; and when he saw that he took this ill, he said: “This man is like a palace, rich and elegant without, but within, plundered by robbers.”

FRIDAY

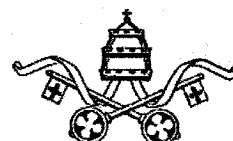
I am despised and derided, and I resent it; just so do peacocks and apes. I am despised and derided, and I rejoice at it; thus did the Apostle. This is the deepest grade of humility, to be pleased with humiliation and abjection, as vain minds are pleased with great honors; and to find pain in marks of honor and esteem, as they find it in contempt and affronts.

—*St. Francis de Sales*

St. Dominic remained more willingly in the diocese of Carcassone than in that of Toulouse, where he had converted so many heretics. On being asked his reason, he replied that in the latter he received many honors, but in the former only injuries and insults.

SATURDAY

St. Constantius, when he had taken minor orders, served in a church near Ancona, where he had lived so much apart from the world that he had a widespread reputation for sanctity, and people came from different countries to see him. Among others came a peasant, and inquired for him. The Saint was standing upon a ladder, trimming the lamps; but as he was of a small and delicate figure, the peasant, on looking at him, was sorry that he had made the journey, as it seemed to him for nothing, and ridiculing him in his heart, said to himself, but aloud: “I supposed this would be a great man; but for anything that I can see, he has not even the shape of a man.” Constantius, hearing this, instantly left the lamp, and coming down with great haste and gladness, ran up to the rustic and embraced him, saying, “You, alone, out of so many, have your eyes open and have been able to recognize me as I am.”



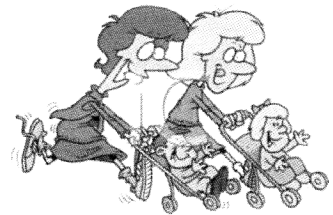
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