

---

---

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4900 Rialto Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069 • (513) 645-4212

www.sgg.org • www.SGGResources.org

Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

---

Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor • Rev. Anthony Cekada  
Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

---

## March 8, 2015

### LENT III

#### ST. JOHN OF GOD, C

---

---



#### ¶ OCULI SUNDAY

Sunday classes for adults and children are at 10:40 AM. At 10:45 AM in Helfta Hall, there will be an informal meeting of the Rosary Confraternity to discuss future plans. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



#### ¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$245 was received this month for the support and sanctification of priests. Thank you for your generous almsgiving!

#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT IV

The blessing of expectant mothers will be available at the Communion rail after all Masses. Sunday classes for adults and children are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Lent IV with collects of Our Lady and All the Saints and for the Living and the Dead. Preface of Lent.

#### ¶ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At **3:00 PM** each Wednesday during Lent, we offer the traditional **Children's Stations of the Cross** (*adults are most welcome!*) followed by the distribution of Holy Communion.

Every Friday of Lent, Stations are prayed at **7:30 PM**, as part of our Lenten Friday evening devotions.

Don't forget this beautiful devotion! Walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus, Mary, and St. Francis as often as you can this Lent. Come and carry His Cross with Him!

#### Lumen Christi

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament during the next fortnight for the following intention:*

**Karly Baisden**

(David Phillips)



BLESSED IS THE WOMB  
THAT BORE THEE

#### Come Quickly

Becky Mattingly has been ill of late, as has Gary Amyx. Of course many of the elderly have been unable to come due to weather. Viola Ripperger had a fall awhile back, and is near the end of her stay in a rehab facility. Elaine Pawinski of Milwaukee, known to many of us here, broke her femur and needs our prayers. Bea Lutkehaus has her good days and bad days, and appreciates your visits. Sr. Jeanne Marie has been wheelchair-bound of late, but the Blessed Sacrament is now reserved in the Sisters' chapel, and Holy Mass offered there every fortnight. Barb Steinmetz wears one of those alarms around her neck, and has had occasion to use it a couple of times, always

bringing help right away.

Each of us wears the presence of God like an alarm around our neck. When we fall, we often press the button for help. But sometimes we don't. We rely on our own resources. We don't want to bother other people. Or we forget that prayer can really help in our situation or even that God is ready to help us up.

Sometimes sounding the alarm brings results we had not foreseen. It may cause us to move down a different path than the one we thought was best. Moving on may threaten what we thought was a comfortable way to live, but still, whenever we need help, it's a good idea to press the button.

*Do not forsake me, O Lord;  
My God, be not far from me!  
Come quickly to help me,  
My Lord and my salvation!*

*Psalm 38:22-23*

Pray too, if you would this Lent, for all of those who have "fallen and can't get up." Some are struggling with sin, some with plain old laziness, some are fallen far from God, some are forgotten, no doubt. Pray for them all.

---

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*  
**† Carolyn McKenna,**  
*the grandmother of Fr. McKenna.*

---

#### Collection Report

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.....\$3,391.00  
Second Collection.....\$701.00

Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

---

---

# ✠ THE CALENDAR

<b>MON 03/09/15</b>	<b>ST. FRANCES OF ROME, W</b> ST. DOMINIC SAVIO, C
8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Happy Birthday, Darlene ( <i>The Fathers</i> )
11:20 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Thanksgiving to St. Blaise for Alex & Lindsey Soli, IV ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )
12:20 PM	<b>Vespers</b>
<b>TUE 03/10/15</b>	<b>FORTY HOLY MARTYRS</b>
☞ 7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Our teacher ( <i>The Brueggemann boys</i> )
8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Maria Ladd ( <i>Frances Mattingly</i> )
11:20 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Thanksgiving to St. Blaise for Alex & Lindsey Soli, V ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )
12:20 PM	<b>Vespers</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Pat & Charlie Cattani ( <i>Rob &amp; Jane Brockman</i> )
<b>WED 03/11/15</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b>
8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Nathan Clark ( <i>Frances Mattingly</i> )
11:20 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Thanksgiving to St. Blaise for Alex & Lindsey Soli, VI ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )
12:20 PM	<b>Vespers</b>
3:00 PM	<b>Children's Stations, Holy Communion</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Tom Corsmeier ( <i>Rob &amp; Jane Brockman</i> )
<b>THU 03/12/15</b>	<b>ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, PCD</b>
6:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Fabian Current & family—Happy Birthday ( <i>Samantha</i> )
8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Bernadette Current—Happy Birthday ( <i>Samantha</i> )
11:20 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Christopher & Rachel Oster ( <i>Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel</i> )
12:20 PM	<b>Vespers</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Ray Trower ( <i>Rob &amp; Jane Brockman</i> )
<b>FRI 03/13/15</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS
8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Albert Barre, Sr. – 57 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Feb. 26 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
10:55 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
11:20 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Jane Donadio ( <i>Rob &amp; Jane Brockman</i> )
12:20 PM	<b>Vespers</b>
5:15 PM	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Mother of the Sorrowful Heart & Poor Souls ( <i>Frances Mattingly</i> )
6:45 PM	<b>Lenten Potluck Supper</b>
7:30 PM	<b>Stations, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena &amp; Blessing of the Sick, Benediction, Distribution of Holy Communion</b>
<b>SAT 03/14/15</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b>
7:10 AM	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Wanda Fey – illness & conversion ( <i>Bob &amp; Becky Uhlenbrock</i> )
8:10 AM	<b>Opening of St. Francis Day of Recollection: Sermon, Low Mass</b> Andrew West ( <i>Patrick A. Omlor</i> )
1:15 PM	<b>Closing Stations &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>SUN 03/15/15</b>	<b>LENT IV ~ LAETARE</b> ST. CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER, C
7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>The Wilkers</i> )
9:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
10:40 AM	<b>Sunday Classes</b>

## Our Beloved Dead ~ March

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Lucy G. Meyer	3-03-1988
Catherine J. Bischak	3-05-2005
Claude E. Charles	3-10-1990
John J. Kolb	3-10-2004
Robert Duff	3-13-2013
Margaret Sandmayr	3-17-2006
Dorothy B. Spicer	3-18-1986
Marilyn L. Ryan	3-21-1997
Howard Elmlinger	3-22-1990
Williams J. Smith	3-25-2003
Jack Grimes	3-27-1993

## ☞ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS: 2015

Please note these important dates:

- **First Confessions & Testing: Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.** (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed. *Contact the church office for the necessary form.*)
- **Children's Day of Recollection: Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Confirmation: Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**
- **First Communion: Corpus Christi Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Parents, please note: the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office by **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. If your child is not enrolled in the school or in Sunday catechism, *please let us know if you are planning on bringing him to be tested on April 18<sup>th</sup>*.

It is sometimes difficult to know if the children are ready, but if they know their basics, and are reverent at Mass, they probably are! Please speak with Bishop Dolan.



## ☞ DON'T FORGET YOUR ENVELOPES!

If you miss your Sunday collection envelope, make sure to mail it in. Unfortunately, expenses never get 'snowed in'!

### Servers

SUN 03/15:

7:30 AM **LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.

9:00 AM **HIGH:** CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, N. McClorey

TH: P. Omlor ACs: N. & P. McClorey TORCH: C. Arlinghaus, C. Richesson, M. Simpson, A. Soli MC: B. Lotarski

11:30 AM **LOW:** A.D. Kinnett, N. Puglielli

5:15 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** G. Miller, J. Murray

5:45 PM **LOW:** G. Miller, J. Murray

11:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Jeanne & Dennis Hille & family ( <i>Joe &amp; Mary Kunkel &amp; family</i> )
4:45 PM	<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Philomena Current – Happy Birthday ( <i>Samantha</i> )

---

## ✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

---

Not just the first days of March, but all the last of Winter have been a roaring lion, stealthily stalking us again and again, its unexpected snowstorms devouring two weeks of our Lent, and the last three Sundays. Oh, Lenten life here has gone on very well, and thank God that most of you have been able to make it. But sixty or so of you were stranded, and thus missed Mass. We missed you. If you *missed* the Mass, and longed to be doing your Lent at Calvary's altar, it is good, and these will not be lost days for you, and your Lent. Now, on to spiritual Spring this time change Sunday... Time for a change in our souls, isn't it?

We missed you, but we hope you will not miss your weekly contribution. We will certainly need all of you to make up for any missed envelopes, and even some Lenten sacrifices to make the king's ransom the Duke will be sending round to collect. For the rest, do make it to something extra this week, Stations or Mass, just to show you're still in the land of the living, and onboard for Lent.

Saturday I'll be giving a Lenten Retreat. No charge, just a few hours of your time to pray and reflect and recharge your batteries in the quiet of church. We'll spend the day with St. Francis, starting with Mass at 8:10, and ending about 2 PM after the traditional Stations and Benediction.

Prayerful silence is always welcome, of course, but Internet problems do complicate life. Last week along with the arrival of the new organ, we lost some Internet, and much time working around it, and trying to diagnose and repair it. But it returned mysteriously on Thursday morning, it seems. **Fr. Cekada** thinks it may have been the raccoons, (who are back again, too) chewing in just the right place.

**Fr. Nkamuke's** email was hacked by a fairly clever hacker last week when he was in Ghana. But of course Nigeria is the nirvana of email fraud, so this is to be expected. Father reports that all is well now. He is spending the rest of Lent in Oweri and Porthartcourt before returning to the capital city for Holy Week.

**Fr. McKenna** left the frozen Midwest for frozen Boston last week for his grandmother's funeral. With the help of the CMRI Sisters he sang the Requiem Mass for her on Friday, and then returned to Milwaukee. **Fr. Lehtoranta** is getting in on Heaven after all, as he has taken up feeding the hungry, and very well indeed. We ran out of Lenten food last week, and Father has proven a most talented and creative vegan cook. He fed us "hamburgers" one night, and pasta and "meatballs" another, and all without the meat! Fr. Cekada was delighted by the vegan mayonnaise, and we were all charmed by many such small touches that make for a great meal. I am grateful for the relief, as I used to be terribly distracted during Vespers by the thought of what to feed the Fathers. Now I can concentrate on the psalms, hymns, and antiphons, with the

altar boys, who are continuing to pick it up. One of the crew, Peter McClorey, turned 13 last week, as did one of our homeschooler servers a while ago, Patrick Omlor. Time to be thinking about recruiting fresh torchbearers. Altar boys, remember your special day on Saturday March 21.

When we eat dinner together at the Convento, we now sing the long Latin grace before and after, as they used to do at the seminary. Puccini often assists at the meals, and shocks me with his naughty behavior. He's good as gold when he visits the "bishop's palace" for the breakfast buffet and the odd sleepover. Well, the other night he made a terrible ruckus during grace, as though he were objecting to it. I've never seen him behave this way, howling like an alley cat, jumping on my chair. Fr. Cekada says it was our singing! Cats have sensitive ears, and I'm sure our chanting does leave something to be desired...

Fr. Cekada is in seventh heaven with our new old organ, a model from 1996, but one whose technology is considerably advanced over the previous one, given by a devout lady from Kentucky, the late Dorothy Spicer, a great admirer of Archbishop Lefebvre. This time many of you, and our Internet friends contributed to cover the comparatively modest costs. The difference in tone and sound is remarkable, although the fearsome array of speakers on the back wall *is* rather intimidating. We're all looking forward to Easter.

But first, welcome to Lent for those who missed it. Thursday is already Mid-Lent. Let's make each one of these blessed days count, as we count down to the glorious days of Holy Week and Tenebrae and Easter with its vigil. May your soul know Spring.

—Bishop Dolan



### THE FRANCISCAN POET

Be a poet like your Father,  
Toiling not for earthly years:  
Sing your lyrics in your sorrow,  
Write your poems with your tears.

Then appear before the Master,  
Fearing neither woe nor curse;  
For the Book of Life will open  
And reveal—a Book of Verse!

—Manuel E. Chavez

---



HOW TO RESIST

We ought to protect ourselves from temptation by assiduous work, by keeping our thoughts fixed upon God, and by continual self-conquest.

In order to hold a fortress against the enemy two things are necessary: (1) Strong fortifications and well-guarded gates; (2) In case of attack, valiant defense. In like manner we must protect our soul, to prevent the entrance of the evil enemy. Our fortifications will be: Continual occupation; this is the surest means of holding temptations aloof. Thieves do not break into a house where work is going on. Idleness is the parent of crime. We shall also find it easy to resist temptation, if we keep our mind fixed on God. A traveler journeying towards a fixed destination meets with few difficulties on his way, whereas the vagrant, wandering hither and thither, is sure to get in trouble. So it is with the Christian who makes God his final end, and one who has no aim in life. Hence Christ exhorts us: "Watch ye and pray, that you enter not into temptation" (Matt. xxxvi. 41). Wolves do not approach a watch fire and the devil leaves those alone who are on their guard. When Moses stood with arms uplifted to God, Israel was victorious; but when through weariness he let them fall, that moment the enemy prevailed. The majority of the sins good people commit come from forgetfulness of God's presence; the habit of self-control also greatly helps us to conquer temptation. He who is accustomed to repress his impulses is like a soldier, well trained in the use of arms before he goes into battle. Practice in self-conquest strengthens the will. But attachments to creatures makes a man an easy prey for the devil; just as one who carries a heavy load cannot run away when robbers attack him.



**JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH!**

*Indulgence of 7 years*

**Make Allowances for the Shortcomings of Others**

We meet people in the street and hear their laugh, and think everything is going well with them; did we but know, our sympathy would often be called forth, for they have many disabilities in their home, health or are perhaps in anxiety over loved ones.

Look at it in another way. How often we condemn a person for his hasty temper or sullenness; we seldom try to discover the cause of these failings. If we had to suffer in a similar way as the one we condemn we should perhaps be much more disagreeable.

If we are to get the best from people we must take good care not to fasten them down to their faults. A little generosity in thought would help us in sound judgment. A man is usually better than his worst manner and action.

If we want to find fault we shall be able to do it without magnifying glasses; but think of the struggles some have.

Learn to make allowances for the old and young, the wise and illiterate, the wealthy and impoverished. Temper judgment with kindness; help instead of condemning. Many people never get out of the shadow. Penury pulls at their heartstrings and ill-health discolors their outlook.

So long as a man is trying, though he may fail, he is worth help and tolerance, for such a man is doing his best.

Be less critical of and more charitable to those who are fighting to conquer themselves. Many men emerge victorious after a prolonged struggle.

The noblest of men are molded out of their own faults.

—*The Echo*

JUDGMENT DAY

They put my body in the ground  
My soul went flying over the town:

Went flying to the stars and moon  
I shouted God, I'm coming home soon:

Oh Jesus

Lord in Heaven  
Crown on His head;  
Says don't be afraid  
Because you're not dead:

King Jesus

And now I'm setting clean and bright  
In the sweet of my Lord's sight:  
Clean and bright  
Clean and bright

—*Joseph Murphy, our prisoner*



HUMILITY

A holy friar enraptured praying  
The thrones of Heaven saw one day,  
And heard a voice celestial singing:

"Yon vacant throne in bright array  
Was once an angel's dwelling place,—  
'Til pride had plunged him from God's grace;—

'Tis now for Francis safe in keeping,  
Befitting God's poor, humble son,—  
Gem-studded with his tears of weeping,  
Emblazoned with self-conquests won."  
The vision o'er, the friar praised God,  
And hoed again his garden sod.

Soon Francis strolled nearby soft singing  
The glories of his God in prayer,  
And twittering birds around him winging  
Gave token God was dwelling there....  
"Dear Francis," spake the brother then,  
"How regard'st thyself 'midst other men?"  
With streams of tears his cheeks descend-  
ing,

The seraph Saint made low reply:  
"Of all great sinners God offending,  
The greatest sinner,—that am I...."  
The brother wept, again praised God,  
And mutely hoed his garden sod.

—*Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M.*





Inasmuch as the faithful servant of Christ, St. Francis, was in certain things well-nigh another Christ, given to the world for the salvation of mankind, God the Father willed to make him in many actions conformed and like unto His Son Jesus Christ; as is made manifest in the venerable College of the Twelve Companions, and in the admirable mys-

tery of the sacred stigmata, and in the unbroken fast of the holy Lent which he made on this wise. On a time, St. Francis being, on the day of Carnival, hard by the lake of Perugia, in the house of one of his disciples, with whom he had lodged during the night, he was inspired by God to go and keep that Lent in an island of the lake; wherefore St. Francis besought this disciple of his that, for the love of Christ, he would carry him in his skiff to an island of the lake, whereon no man dwelt, and that he would do this on the night of Ash Wednesday to the end that none might know thereof; and he, for the love of the great devotion which he bore St. Francis, diligently fulfilled his request and carried him to the said island; and St. Francis took with him nothing save two small loaves. And, when he had landed upon the island, and his friend was about to depart and to return to his house, St. Francis besought him lovingly that he would not reveal to any man that he was there, and that he would not come for him until Holy Thursday; and so he departed. And St. Francis remained alone, and, in that there was no dwelling there, wherein he might find shelter, he entered into a very dense thicket, which many brambles and bushes had made like unto a cave or little but; and in this place he set himself in prayer to contemplate celestial things. And there he abode all Lent without eating and without drinking anything save only half of one of those little loaves, according to that which his disciples found on Holy Thursday when he returned to him; for he found of the two little loaves one whole and half of the other. It is believed that St. Francis ate for reverence of the fast of Christ the blessed, who fasted forty days and forty nights without taking any earthly food; and on this wise, with that half loaf, he cast forth from himself the poison of vainglory, and after the example of Christ fasted forty days and forty nights. Thereafter, in that place where St. Francis had shown such marvelous abstinence, God did many miracles through his merits; for which cause men began to build houses there and to dwell there; and, in a little while, a walled village, fair and great, was made there, and withal the Place of the friars, which is called the Place of the Island, and the men and women of that village still have kept great reverence and devotion for that place where St. Francis kept the said Lent.

(Chapter VII from "The Little Flowers of St. Francis")

(Continued from last week) The fourth thing necessary for salvation, is the practice of Good Works.

The good works which we are obliged to perform are contained in the Gospel, in the Commandments of God, and those of the Church.

The two principal things which the Gospel commands are, to avoid evil, and to do good.

The principal good works which we have to perform, consist in the practice of spiritual and corporal works of mercy, which we ought to exercise towards our brethren, assisting them in their necessities, and forgiving their trespasses against us.

The Gospel commands us also to mortify ourselves, to practice humility, to despise the world, to do penance, to endure all sorts of evils with patience, to keep ourselves pure, to watch and pray.

The evil which we should especially avoid is sin. We should fly from it, and hold it in horror, as the greatest of all evils.

Sin is a thought, word, or action against, or an omission of, any one of the commandments of God or of the Church.

There are seven capital sins: Pride, Covetousness, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Anger and Sloth.

The Sacraments are sensible signs, instituted by Our Lord Jesus Christ for the sanctification of our souls.



### ASSISI'S FOOL

Messer Francesco went to war  
 But came back soon.  
 Some said it was a star  
 (Others, the moon)  
 That made him melancholy,  
 The once so boon  
 And once so jolly  
 Son of Bernadon.

Assisi saw him walk with Peace,  
 And near and far  
 Old feuds began to cease.  
 "Touched by a star,"  
 Said some, "the moon," said others  
 Still waging war  
 Against their brothers,  
 As people are.

—Fray Angelico Chavez

# St. Francis Day of Recollection

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

8:10 AM – 2:00 PM

8:10 AM Mass and Sermon

Morning Spiritual Talks and Quiet Time

1:15 PM Closing Stations and Benediction

A mini-retreat offering Holy Mass, confessions, spiritual exercises and conferences. Continental breakfast will be provided, as well as lunchtime beverages. Those attending should bring “brown bag” lunches.



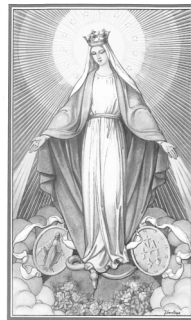
---

---

## CONVERSION THROUGH ACTS OF PENANCE

Fear and honor,  
Praise and bless,  
*Give thanks* and adore  
The Lord God Almighty in Trinity and in Unity,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
The Creator of all.  
Do penance,  
Performing worthy fruits of penance  
Because we shall soon die.  
*Give and it will be given to you.*  
*Forgive and you shall be forgiven.*  
*If you do not forgive people their sins,*  
The Lord *will not forgive you yours.*  
*Confess all your sins.*  
Blessed are those who die in penance,  
For they shall be in the kingdom of heaven.  
Woe to those who do not die in penance,  
For they shall be *children of the devil*  
Whose works they do  
And they shall go *into everlasting fire.*  
Beware of and abstain from every evil  
And persevere in good till the end.

—St. Francis of Assisi



## Modesty & Fashions

Think you know it already?  
You may still need a refresher!

At Fatima, Portugal in 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary condemned in advance the pagan fashions of our day, warning us: “*Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend our Lord very much.*” At a later date, Our Blessed Mother made known what standards of modesty in dress she requires of women and girls, through the Holy Father, Pope

Pius XI, her Divine Son’s Vicar, who set this norm:

“**A dress cannot be called decent which is cut deeper than two fingers’ breadth under the pit of the throat, which does not cover the arms at least to the elbows; and scarcely reaches a bit beyond the knees. Furthermore, dresses of transparent materials are improper...**” By Donato, Cardinal Sbaretti, Pref. of Congregation of the Council; Feast of the Holy Family, Jan. 12, 1930.

Until this mandate from the Holy See, as to what constitutes modesty in dress, is revised, modified or rescinded by the Holy See itself, **these minimum standards are binding on everyone**, regardless of any opinions to the contrary held by so many people these days—even within the Church.

**N.B. Q:** *What about “modest” pants? No mention is made in the above.*

**A:** Pants on women weren’t a fashion until after WWII, after the above mandate was made. Certainly given the above standards, pants on women would have been a fashion **not approved** for Christian women.

### **Prayer to St. Francis**

O glorious St. Francis, who, loving above all things suffering and the cross, didst merit to bear in thy body the miraculous stigmata, by which thou didst become a living image of Jesus Christ crucified. Obtain for us, we pray, the grace to bear in our bodies the mortifications of Christ, that we may merit one day to receive the solid and unfailing consolations which are infallibly promised to all those that now weep.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*



*This week: The “Pater Noster” of St. Francis of Assisi*

---

### **MONDAY IN LENT III**

*OUR FATHER* Most Holy, our Creator, Redeemer; and Comforter:

*WHO ART IN HEAVEN*, in the Angels and in the Saints, illuminating them unto knowledge, for Thou O Lord, art Light; inflaming them unto Love, for Thou, O Lord, art Love; dwelling in them and filling them with blessedness, for Thou, O Lord, art the Highest Good, the Eternal Good, from Whom is all good, and without Whom is no good.

**All ye works of The Lord: bless ye The Lord: *Let us praise and exalt Him forever!***

“True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice.” —*Attributed to St. Francis*

---

### **TUESDAY IN LENT III**

*HALLOWED BE THY NAME.* May Thy knowledge shine in us that we may know the breadth of Thy Benefits, the length of Thy Promises, the Height of Thy Majesty, and the depth of Thy Judgments.

**Give praise to The Lord, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, little and great: *Let us praise and exalt Him forever!***

“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”

—*Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi*

---

### **WEDNESDAY IN LENT III**

*THY KINGDOM COME*, that Thou mayest reign in us by Grace, and mayest make us come to Thy Kingdom, where there is the clear vision of Thee, the perfect love of Thee, the blessed company of Thee, the eternal enjoyment of Thee.

***Let the Heavens and the earth praise Him, The Glorious, and every creature which is in Heaven and on earth, and under the earth, arid in the seas, and all that are in them:***

*Let us praise and exalt Him forever*

“No one is to be called an enemy, all are your benefactors, and no one does you harm. You have no enemy except yourselves.”

—*Attributed to St. Francis*

---

### **THURSDAY IN LENT III**

*THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN*, that we may love Thee with the whole heart by thinking always of Thee; with the whole soul, by desiring always Thee; with the whole mind, by directing all our intentions to Thee, and seeking Thy Honor in all things and with all our strength, by spending all the powers and senses of body and soul in the service of Thy Love, and not in anything else; and that we may love our neighbors even as ourselves, drawing, to the best of our power, all to Thy Love; rejoicing in the good of others as in our own, and compassionating them in troubles, and giving offense to no one, unjustly.

**Glory be to The Father, and to The Son, and to The Holy Ghost:**

*Let us praise and exalt Him forever!*

“A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.”

—*Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi*

---

### **FRIDAY IN LENT III FEAST OF THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS**

*GIVE US THIS DAY*, through memory, through understanding, through reverence for the Love which He had for us, and for



those things which He said, which He did,  
and which He suffered for us.

*OUR DAILY BREAD*, Thy Beloved Son, our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

*AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES*, by  
Thy ineffable Mercy, in virtue of The Passion  
of Thy Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and through the merits and intercession of the  
most Blessed Virgin Mary, and of all the  
Elect.

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be, world without end: amen.*

*Let us praise and exalt Him forever!*

“Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ  
gives to His beloved is that of overcoming  
self.”

—Attributed to St. Francis

---

### SATURDAY IN LENT III

*AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS  
AGAINST US*: and what we do not fully forgive,  
do Thou, O Lord, make us fully forgive, when it  
please Thee, that for Thy Sake we truly may  
love our enemies, and devoutly intercede for  
whom Thou wouldst with Thee; that we may  
render no evil for evil, but in Thee may strive to  
do good to all Thou wouldst.

*Almighty, Most Holy, Most High and Supreme  
God: Highest Good, all Good, wholly Good,  
Who art alone Good: to Thee we render all  
Praise, and all Glory, all thanks, and all  
Honor, all Blessing: and we shall refer to Thee  
all good always: amen.*

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.”

—Attributed to St. Francis

---

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY

*AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION*,  
hidden or visible, sudden or continuous:

*BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL*—past, present,  
and to come: Amen.

TO CONFORM TO THE WILL OF GOD  
God Almighty, Eternal, Righteous, Merciful:  
Give to us poor sinners to do for Thy Sake all  
that we know of Thy Will, and to will always  
what pleases Thee, so that, inwardly purified,  
enlightened, kindled by the fire of The Holy  
Spirit, we may follow in the footprints of Thy  
Well-Beloved Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ:  
Amen.

“Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify soci-  
ety.”

—Attributed to St. Francis

---

*We adore Thee, most holy Lord Jesus Christ,  
here and in all Thy churches that are in the  
whole world, and we bless Thee; because by  
Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.*



St. Gertrude the Great Church  
4900 Rialto Rd., West Chester, Ohio 45069  
(513) 645-4212 www.sgg.org

# Lent with St. Francis of Assisi



## Daily Thoughts and Prayers for Lent 2015

### Third Week of Lent