



# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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## February 27, 2022 QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY



### ¶ HOLY FACE SUNDAY

Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

### ¶ THIS WEEK

**Monday** we continue our Holy Face Triduum. **Tuesday** we close our Triduum with the Feast of the Holy Face. Don't forget to feast a little for Mardi Gras. You will find the full **Ash Wednesday** schedule elsewhere in the bulletin. **Friday** is the first of our Lenten Evenings of Recollection, with Mass at 5:45, followed by a supper, Stations at 7:30, Sorrowful Mother Novena and Blessing of the Sick, and All Night Adoration. **Saturday** we call all of our Altar Boys for a fun and informative day, beginning with Low Mass at 8:40 AM and ending at 2:30.

### ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

**8:00 AM** Low Mass

**10:55 AM** Confessions

**11:25 AM** Low Mass and Benediction

**5:00 PM** Exposition

**5:15 PM** Confessions and Rosary

**5:45 PM** Low Mass, Devotions

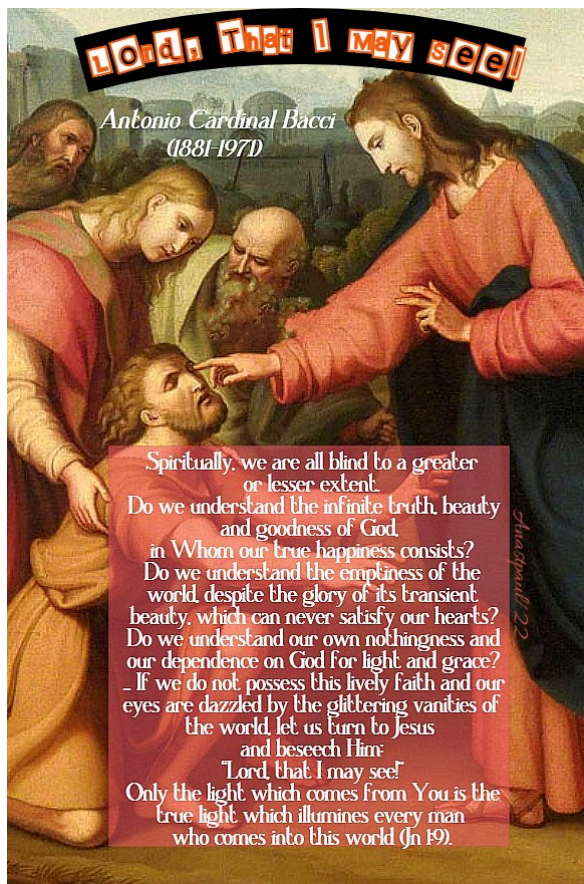
**6:45 PM:** Lenten Supper

**7:30 PM:** Stations, Meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, Holy Communion

#### All Night Adoration

*First Friday Intention: All of our needs, and our neediest souls, through the Five Wounds and the Holy Face of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

**THE MUSIC ROOM** is the last on the right down the school hall, and is a quiet place for you and baby as needed.



### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT I

The second collection for our seminarians will be taken up at the offertory next Sunday. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail. Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, ending early for our Lenten **Short Stations** at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** First Sunday of Lent, second collect of Ss. Perpetua & Felicity. Preface of Lent.

### ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:10 AM** Confessions

**7:30 AM** High Mass

**8:10 AM** Devotions & Benediction

**8:40 AM** (approx.) Sermon, Low Mass

*First Saturday Intention: Reparation for "the blasphemies of those who publicly seek to place in the hearts of children indifference or scorn or even hatred towards this Immaculate Mother."*

### ¶ HOLY COMMUNION

Remember to take your time and swallow the Sacred Host *at the Communion Rail* if possible, but not on your way back to your seat. Fold your hands the whole time, walk reverently, receive reverently, and see that your children do as well. When you get to your place, cover your face with your hands and pray quietly, *closely* to Our Lord. Talk to Him and listen. Only then, use a prayer book for other prayers of thanksgiving. Do not kick and never slam the kneelers. A reverent quiet should prevail.

### ¶ EMERGENCY LINE

Sometimes I worry about people reaching a priest in an emergency. The deacons will keep an ear out for the Emergency Line (513-509-0424), day and night. You may still leave a message on the regular church line, but this number, please, is for *emergencies only*, nothing else. — Bp. Dolan

### Lumen Christi

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

**Louis XVI & Marie Antoinette**  
(Irena Uderska)



### FOLLOW-UP OF LAST SUNDAY'S EPISTLE

We shall be blessed with clear vision if we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, for He, as Paul teaches, is our head, and there is in Him no shadow of evil. St. Paul himself and all who have reached the same heights of sanctity had their eyes fixed on Christ, and so have all who live and move and have their being in Him.

As no darkness can be seen by anyone surrounded by light, so no trivialities can capture the attention of anyone who has his eyes on Christ. The man who keeps his eyes upon the head and origin of the whole universe has them on virtue in all its perfection; he has them on truth, on justice, on immortality and on everything else that is good, for Christ is goodness itself.

The wise man, then, turns his eyes towards the One who is his head, but the fool gropes in darkness. No one who puts his lamp under a bed instead of on a lamp-stand will receive any light from it. People are often considered blind and useless when they make the supreme Good their aim and give themselves up to the contemplation of God, but Paul made a boast of this and proclaimed himself a fool for Christ's sake. The reason he said, *We are fools for Christ's sake* was that his mind was free from all earthly preoccupations. It was as though he said, "We are blind to the life here below because our eyes are raised towards the One who is our head."

And so, without board or lodging, he travelled from place to place, destitute, naked, exhausted by hunger and thirst. When men saw him in captivity, flogged, shipwrecked, led about in chains, they could scarcely help thinking him a pitiable sight. Nevertheless, even while he suffered all this at the hands of men, he always looked towards the One who is his head and he asked: *What*

*can separate us from the love of Christ, which is in Jesus? Can affliction or distress? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, danger or death?* In other words, "What can force me to take my eyes from Him who is my head and to turn them towards things that are contemptible?"

He bids us follow his example: Seek the things that are above, he says, which is only another way of saying: "Keep your eyes on Christ."

— *A sermon on Ecclesiastes by St. Gregory of Nyssa*



### ¶ LENTEN FRIDAY SUPPERS

If you'd like to help with a Lenten Dinner... In menu planning, please remember that this will be the main meal for many, so do be sure it's generous and filling.

Volunteers will be cooking meatless and for about 50 people. Your meal cost can be reimbursed; just turn in your outlay to the office. No dessert, but fruit may be provided. Drinks are usually water, tea, coffee, or maybe fruit juice. Each party signing up will pick the Friday that works for them, provide the set up, meal, and clean up. Paper products are supplied and located in the movable counter. Have a friend to help? A partner really lightens the load. It is suggested that one person make the main dish, the other partner provides drinks, bread, sides, and fruit.

March 11: Beverly Simpson & helper.

March 18: Karla Lawrence. She needs a helper.

March 25, April 1, and April 8 still need volunteers. Team up and take your pick. Please let us know your date and menu so we can keep everything in order. We like to publish the menu ahead so everyone knows the easy delights available to them. You can email [sggbookstore@gmail.com](mailto:sggbookstore@gmail.com) or the office [parishoffice@sgg.org](mailto:parishoffice@sgg.org) with questions and signup. Please help!

### COURTESY

Of Courtesy, it is much less  
Than Courage of Heart or Holiness,  
Yet in my Walks it seems to me  
That the Grace of God is in Courtesy.

On Monks I did in Storrington fall,  
They took me straight into their  
Hall;  
I saw Three Pictures on a wall,  
And Courtesy was in them all.

The first Annunciation;  
The second the Visitation;  
The third the Consolation,  
Of God that was Our Lady's Son.

The first was of Saint Gabriel;  
On Wings a-flame from Heaven he  
fell;  
And as he went upon one knee  
He shone with Heavenly Courtesy.

Our Lady out of Nazareth rode—  
It was her month of heavy load;  
Yet was Her face both great and  
kind,  
For Courtesy was in Her Mind.

The third it was our Little Lord,  
Whom all the Kings in arms adored;  
He was so small you could not see  
His large intent of Courtesy.

Our Lord, that was Our Lady's Son,  
Go bless you, People, one by one;  
My Rhyme is written, my work is  
done.

— *Hilaire Belloc*





Everything is war these days. Last week's raw February weather, the headlines and what is behind the headlines; and soon coming Lent, all speak of conflict. Winter and Spring always have a battle or two before the new season is allowed in. The Organized Forces of Naturalism, Communism, has declared it's time for a war in which all sides are part of the Communist Revolution. Don't be deceived. Don't be distracted. But Wednesday comes Christ, the Light in our darkness. He will fight Satan, the old Accuser, with and in and for our soul. Our Lenten prayer and alms and fasting represent our cooperation with Christ our Commander, our Liberator. Whose side are you on? Christ requires more than cheering. "Take up your cross."

Our **Fr. Valerii Kudriavtsev** is perhaps trapped behind Russian lines now, outside of the Ukrainian capitol of Kiev. Father suffered through this gruesome experience once already, when the Russians first invaded. We pray for his safety and that of his family, and that we can stay in touch with him. On Friday, the bombs were half a kilometer away.

The clergy have all been sick, but mildly so. **Fr. McKenna's** ailment was the last, and perhaps the lightest. Part of it must be exhaustion after a big trip. But he leaves again on Shrove Tuesday, and **Fr. McGuire** has already decamped to Milwaukee for the Day of Ashes. Each year we try to reach as many of the faithful as possible, since there are no "virtual ashes," just Masses.

But I know of one family which, when they couldn't make it to church, did their own ashes, just as a private family devotion in the evening. They would not be blessed, but it would still be something. They would burn last year's palm. The father would read some of the prayers in English, and give his family the ashes, just as he gives them his blessing, with the thumb on the forehead. In the case of those who have no church or are impossibly far away, it's a good solution, when properly understood.

But do come on Wednesday. Make it a proper church day, even if you can't stay for all of Mass or Stations. It is a busy church week, with First Friday and All Night Adoration and First Saturday, and the Altar Boys' Day as well, to say nothing of the First Friday first Evening of Recollection.

**Fr. Lehtoranta** had another generous and fun-filled Sodality of Charity meeting for the girls yesterday. They learned something about flower arranging for the altar,

with Marlys' help. Father's health seems to be holding on. Winter is his natural habitat as a Finn. Father teaches the deacons four times a week, and the high schoolers daily. His two "supernatural" habitats are the confessional and the classroom. In between the many Sunday confessions he hears, Fr. Lehtoranta also finds time to teach the First Communion Catechism class. Blessed are those little ones to have a priest for a teacher.

Congratulations to one of our St. Gertrude the Great schoolteachers, Miss Colleen Eldracher, for the fine Twitter campaign she conducted to promote the annual July Young Adult Get-Together, or YAG. Her well-drawn and positive tweets are a good example to others of the proper use of the medium. I hope these tweets will draw many young people to this great Catholic experience. It's always so encouraging to meet fellow Catholics from all over, especially the next generation, spend some time with them, and get to know them a bit.

The young ladies are organizing Girls Camp for July 12-14, the week following the YAG. But first, for all of us, Lent...a good Lent, the best Lent ever. It may be our last, and its graces must be great enough to last who knows what these coming twelve months. Smile! It's the best time of the year.

God bless you and yours,

**Bishop Dolan**

*When Communism took over China, the Chinese Catholics prayed the following prayer every day. Those who survived the mock trials of the Communists attributed their release to the power of this prayer said daily:*

O my God, I fear only my fear; it could make me abandon Thee.

O my God, I fear only my fear; it could make me lose courage before the end.

O my God, do not forget me in Thy Glory, but give me Thy love and the strength to give my life for Thee. Amen.

O Mary conceived without sin, of Thee I ask a perfect love for Jesus Christ!

There is a 0.0296% chance that your child will become a professional athlete.

There is a 100% chance that your child will stand before Jesus.

Get them to church.

Mark 9:42



## PRACTICE YOUR PATER

You may very well have lived a long life, saying the Lord's Prayer daily, and when you came to the words *and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*, your soul was completely quiet and unruffled. Then one day something happens. It may be all your own fault. You may have a bad argument and the other one walks out on you, bitter and full of wrath. Before you can think twice, you have an enemy. At first, you don't want to believe it. You say to yourself, he'll come around, just wait a little. But this happens to be one of those unfortunate cases where he does not come around. After awhile you may say that it is perfectly ridiculous, and you may earnestly try to meet him, and in a casual way get things straightened out. But then you find out that he's fed up with you and he has no intention whatsoever of having things as they were. Soon you will hear how he spoke about you on this or that occasion, and from those remarks you know now that you have an enemy.

Soon after this startling discovery, these words emerge from the depths of your memory and they take on a completely new meaning: *You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.* And now a new period in your life begins. You try, you really try, to love your enemy—but how? There have been a number of different loves in your life and these you try to apply now to him. How you loved your parents when you were very young yourself, how you loved your best friend in school, how you loved in those unique weeks before your wedding, how you now love your own children. Then there is in your heart love for your country, for your hometown,

for your old school, and your neighborhood. It is perfectly amazing how many shades of love move a human heart during one short life. But, as hard as you may try, not one of them fits your purpose. Now, you almost get worried because there is that command—*But I say to you*—and you haven't yet found a way to fulfill it. This much you have learned, however, that the love for your enemy is a completely new love in your life and you have to discover it step by step.... It is completely different from all other loves, and it is very anxious and very unemotional. It resides mostly in your will, but let us hope that in the eyes of God it is a soaring fire which, in His own good time, will melt all the ice or resistance, and Our Lord's wish will be fulfilled: *That they may be one...that they may become perfectly one.* — Maria von Trapp



## Lenten Thought

*"Let us strive to observe this holy season with the utmost devotion, and let us occupy ourselves during these days in repairing our spiritual arms. For now the Savior, with all the children of the universal Church, as with His whole army, wages war against the devil."*

— St. Bernard

## Pray for Your Dear Ones

*"Have mercy, Lord, on all my friends and relatives, on all my benefactors, on all who pray to Thee for me and on all who have asked me to pray to Thee, for them. Give them the spirit of fruitful penance, mortify them in all vices and make them flower in all Thy virtues. Amen."* — St. Peter Damian

## ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **St. Joseph's Feast Day with St. Joseph's Table for the poor:** Saturday, March 19.
- **Children's Day of Recollection:** Wednesday, March 23.
- **The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Friday, March 25.
- **Seminarian Sunday:** March 27 after morning Masses.
- **YAG:** July 8-10
- **Girls Camp:** July 12-14

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DRESSES

New, "immodesty training" dresses are sold now, sleeveless or with cap sleeves and see-through lace. These are never appropriate and are always forbidden. Resist the promotion of creepy immodesty at so sacred a time.

## How soon after birth should an infant be baptized?

Apart from the case of necessity, infants should be baptized as soon after birth as is consistent with the safety of the child. Diocesan prescriptions regulate the matter in some localities, and the common opinion of theologians is that an infant should be baptized within about a week or ten days of its birth. St. Alphonsus taught that a delay without reason beyond ten or eleven days would be a grievous sin, but, in view of modern custom, the infant's Baptism would have to be unnecessarily delayed for a long period before the parents would be guilty of serious sin. It would not be wrong to delay the sacrament for two or three weeks, although it is to be strongly urged that parents arrange for the Baptism of their children before that time. (*Moral and Pastoral Theology*, Davis.)



## Collection Report

Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> .....\$6,512.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



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# SEMINARIAN SUNDAY, MARCH 27th

*Proceeds will buy items needed for the priesthood, chalice, vestments, etc.*



## **Are you too far away to participate in person? Do you want to donate money?**

Monetary donations will be represented by pieces of a large paper monstrance, which will gradually be assembled as the donations come in. Kind of like a puzzle coming together!

Our parish artists & youth will construct a beautiful representation of one aspect of the priesthood. This will be a floor to ceiling display and a perfect background for photos of our new priests!

*Donation amounts will not be displayed. You can donate any amount.*

A ray of the monstrance would be a suggested donation of \$10, a cherub for \$20, add jewels for X \$, etc. Your name will be written discreetly in silver or gold to show your support but no dollar amount will be mentioned.

**This is a unique & creative way to visualize support for the priesthood.**

***Help us build something spectacular!***

Cash donations can be sent to the SGG office, 4900 Rialto Road, West Chester, OH 45069  
Or use PayPal marked for Seminarian Monstrance Project.

**Questions about this project can be directed to Colleen Eldracher.**

**General questions or event information - Email [sggbookstore@gmail.com](mailto:sggbookstore@gmail.com) or call Arlinghaus family at 859-801-7143**

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# ∞ HIT LENT RUNNING ∞

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**RUN THE RACE  
WIN THE PRIZE**



## **Ash Wednesday: March 2, 2022**

*Begin your Lent well by receiving Ashes at one of the many services we will offer on that day.  
Ashes are distributed before AND after all Masses.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: 7:00** (*Special Workers' Mass, no sermon!*) & **11:25 AM; 5:45 PM.**

**ASHES: 6:45 AM, 11:25 AM** (and *after* the Masses, as well), **3:15 PM, 5:45 PM** and the final distribution at **6:45 PM.**

**STATIONS:** There are **Children's Stations of the Cross** at **3:00 PM**, followed by distribution of ashes.



## **Come to Stations**

*Stations are available on Wednesdays at 3 PM, Fridays at 7:30 PM,  
and Short Stations on Sunday at 11:15 AM.*

*Daily Mass, or as often as possible, is an excellent Lenten observance.*

*Maybe this Lent you could finally start the family Rosary?*

*And what about spiritual reading—10 minutes?*

*Your Lent will only be as good as the effort you put into it.*

## **First Friday**

Masses: 8:00, 11:25 AM, 5:45 PM

**Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection – March 4th**

**5:45 PM:** Low Mass

**6:45 PM:** Lenten Supper: Seafood Lasagna, Mac-n-cheese, Salad, Bread, Fruit

**7:30 PM:** Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, All Night Adoration

## **First Saturday**

7:30 AM High Mass, Benediction, 8:40 AM Low Mass (approx.)

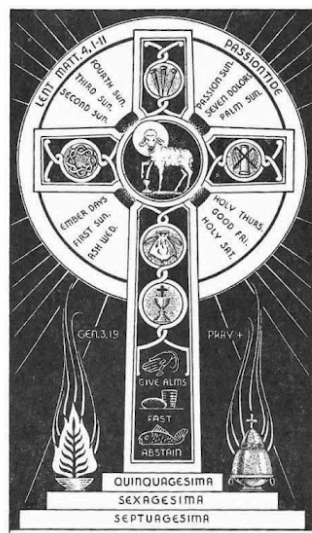
## **ALTAR BOYS DAY**

**Begins after the Low Mass on Saturday, concludes at 2:30 PM**

*Servers, come attend a fun and informative day specially  
dedicated to the privilege of serving God's altar.*







LENT

Our Lord tells us, as recorded in Scripture, “Unless you shall do penance, you shall all likewise perish” (*Luke 13:3*). And St. John the Baptist announced the coming of the Savior with the ominous admonition, “Do penance: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (*Matt. 3:2*).

With regard to prayer, St. Paul tells us to “Pray without ceasing.” (*1 Thess. 5:17*) And our dear Lord advises us, “Amen, amen I say to you: if you ask the Father anything in My Name, He will give it you.” (*John 16:23*) Also He said, “If you abide in Me [i.e., “live in Me,” or “stay in the state of grace”], and My words abide [“live”] in you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you.” (*John 15:7*) Further, Our Lord has said, “Watch ye, therefore, praying at all times, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are to come, and to stand before the Son of man.” (*Luke 21:36*) And in the Book of Judith we read, “Know ye that the Lord will hear your prayers if you continue with perseverance in fastings and prayers in the sight of the Lord.” (*Judith 4:11*)

Our obligation to do apostolic work, no matter who we are, is seen in the general admonition of St. John the Baptist, “...make straight the way of the Lord...” (*Jn. 1:23*; *Is. 40:3*) The Church has used this counsel in her Advent liturgy, so we know it applies to all—at least to the extent that all must pray and do penance for the success of the Church’s missionary activity, help support it financially—and wherever possible take an active part in the conversion or reversion of those we know.

The primary purpose of Lent, of course, is to help us become truly holy—and we should work toward this goal during Lent by extra prayer, penance, good works, almsgiving, attendance at Mass and reception of the Sacraments (the chief sources of grace). When many Catholics neglect to practice Lent to the fullest, here are some ways to improve your Lent and to observe a Traditional Catholic Lent.

**Pray:** Pray for those in danger of dying. Pray for anyone you may have had the misfortune to lead into sin. Pray and work for the end of abortion.

**Go to weekly Confession.** If you are out of the habit of going regularly, now is the opportune time. Encourage others who have been away for awhile to use this time to receive true forgiveness.

**Make an Examination of Conscience at lunch and before sleep.** As recommended in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, make your examination of conscience at lunch and then again before sleep. At lunch, reflect on your words, thoughts, and deeds (or lack thereof) for each hour of the day up until then. If you have sinned, make a sincere Act of Contrition. Remember to confess these sins at your next Confession. In the evening, again make an examination of conscience on each hour of the day starting with lunch until the present moment. This practice helps us notice trends in our life and helps us know what to confess.

**Make voluntary acts of daily penance.** To Sr. Lucy of Fatima, Our Lord revealed that “The penance I now ask and require is that necessary for the fulfillment of My law and the performance of one’s daily duties.”

**Perform good Works of Mercy.**

**Do apostolic work.** Take someone to Mass with you. Take someone to Confession with you. Invite someone to become a Catholic—start talking to him about it. Buy him access to an online education course to instruct him in the teachings of the Faith. Visit a fallen-away Catholic, especially an elderly one. Distribute Catholic books and booklets.

**Perform 15 minutes of spiritual reading daily.** Read from the Bible daily or the Lives of the Saints. The monks of the order of St. Benedict have long required spiritual reading by all of their

members during Lent. Spiritual reading helps us turn to the Lord and become deeper in our prayer life. In the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, “Union with God consists in knowing God perfectly. For the better one is known, the more perfectly one is loved.” There are many traditional Catholic books freely available online for reading.

**Consecrate your life each day to God.** Each day of Lent, pray and renew both your Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and your Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Talk as little as possible.** Vain speech is of little avail for eternal life. During Lent, mirror the practices of the religious orders and speak only when necessary. As said in the Rule of St. Benedict, “Indeed, so important is silence that permission to speak should seldom be granted even to mature disciples, no matter how good or holy or constructive their talk, because it is written: *In a flood of words you will not avoid sin* (Prov 10:19); and elsewhere, *The tongue holds the key to life and death* (Prov 18:21). Speaking and teaching are the master’s task; the disciple is to be silent and listen.”

**Pray the Stations of the Cross.**

The Stations of the Cross are prayed on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday during Lent. Make it a resolution to go to the Stations. If you can’t attend in person, you can still pray the Stations at home. Also, keep in mind the necessary requirements for earning an indulgence for the Stations of the Cross.

As you can see, none of these practices included “giving up” candy, chocolate, dessert, et cetera. There is a modern misconception that Lent is about dieting or about “giving up” time wasters in order to increase productivity. This could not be further from the truth. For those of you out there who think Lent is about getting in shape and increasing efficiency, “you have received your rewards” (cf. Matthew 6:5) and the discipline of Lent has done little to help your immortal soul.

This Lent, use these last days leading up to Lent to get a plan in place. What sacrifices will you make? What alms will you give? What fasting and abstinence will you undertake? What additional prayers will you say?



MON	2/28/22	FERIAL DAY • HOLY FACE TRIDUUM II
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Happy 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination Fr. McKenna ( <i>Judy</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> All poor souls in Purgatory ( <i>Patrick Omlor</i> )
TUE	3/1/22	FERIAL DAY • ST. DAVID • THE HOLY FACE
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Sebastian Smith ( <i>Collin Smith</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Fr. Lehtoranta – Happy Anniversary ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> )
WED	3/2/22	ASH WEDNESDAY <i>FAST &amp; ABSTINENCE</i> <i>DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES.</i>
	6:45 AM	<b>Blessing &amp; Distribution of Ashes</b>
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Faithful departed of the Bumgarner family ( <i>Kolenich family</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> For the health of our Bishop, priests & seminarians ( <i>N. Andreotta</i> )
	3:00 PM	<b>Children's Stations of the Cross, followed by Distribution of Ashes</b>
	5:00 PM	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b>
	5:20 PM	<b>Penitential Litany</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Joan Fey ( <i>J. Hille</i> )
	6:45 PM	<b>Final Distribution of Ashes</b>
THU	3/3/22	FIRST THURSDAY • FERIAL DAY <i>FAST</i>
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Bishop Rodrigo da Silva – congratulations on your consecration ( <i>Judy</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> For the sanctification of priests ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> )
FRI	3/4/22	FIRST FRIDAY • ST. CASIMIR, C <i>FAST</i> ST. LUCIUS I, PM • THE CROWN OF THORNS
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Richard Rentschler
	10:55 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	11:25 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †George C. VandeRyt – anniversary, 25 years ( <i>Doloris Ritze</i> )
		<b>First Friday Devotions &amp; Benediction</b>
	5:00 PM	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	5:15 PM	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Fr. McGuire & his family ( <i>TRCS</i> )
	6:45 PM	<b>Lenten Supper</b>
	7:30 PM	<b>Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena IV, Blessing of the Sick</b>
	8:30 PM	<b>(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion</b> <i>All Night Adoration</i>
SAT	3/5/22	FIRST SATURDAY • FERIAL DAY <i>FAST</i>
	7:00 AM	<b>Rosary</b>
	7:10 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Mass of Thanksgiving for our Bishops, Priests & Seminarians ( <i>K. &amp; M. Christensen</i> )
	8:10 AM	<b>Ave Regina, First Saturday Devotions, Benediction, Meditation</b>
	8:35 AM	<b>(approx.) Low Mass</b> †Richard VandeRyt ( <i>The Servers</i> )
		<b>Servers' Day</b>
	2:30 PM	<b>Conclusion of Servers' Day</b>
SUN	3/6/22	LENT I • SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY, MM
	7:05 AM	<b>Rosary</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Joe Andreotta ( <i>K/V</i> )

## WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC MUST BELIEVE

We must believe that the Risen Christ will come from heaven in glory at the end of the world to judge the living and the dead; that on this day both the good and bad will rise from the dead and in their risen bodies be consigned to eternal glory or to eternal punishment; that at this final or general judgment men will be judged in so far as they are members of society and that their eternal lot will be made known to all; that there is a particular judgment, which takes place immediately after death, at which the person is judged as a particular individual and at which his lot is irrevocably determined.

## SUNDAY SEVEN: Seven Priceless Gifts Which Cost Us Little

1. A happy face, a kindly smile.
2. A happy gentle manner, a thoughtful act.
3. An impatience suppressed, a cheerful word.
4. A grateful acknowledgement for trifling services.
5. Service without looking for gratitude.
6. Honestly acknowledging that we are unprofitable servants.
7. Willingly sharing our blessings with others.

## All Night Adoration Guard of Honor: March 2022

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Doby Curran, David Swinney

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor

10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Andrew Prell, Nick McClorey

11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli

12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Collin Smith

1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: David Marko, Keith Elflein

2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann

3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, *Volunteer needed*

4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Zachary Doyle

5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman

6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

*If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

*If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Rev. Mr. Brueggemann (859-443-4745) or Rev. Mr. Simpson (513-478-7906) to substitute.*

## Servers

FRI 3/4 5:45 PM LOW: Simpson Bros. STATIONS: Volunteers

SAT 3/5 7:30 AM HIGH: Seminarians

8:40 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.

SUN 3/6 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.

9:00 AM SOL. HIGH: MCS: Na. McClorey, P. Omlor CROSS: B.

McGinnis TH: C. Arlinghaus ACS: T. England, T. Lawrence

TORCH: J. & C. McGinnis, J. & M. Kolenich

11:30 AM LOW: A. McClorey, N. Kolenich

4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller

5:45 PM LOW: A. Capetillo

9:00 AM **High Mass** †Mike Briggs (*Rosary Confraternity*)

10:40 AM **Catechism Classes**

11:15 AM **Short Stations**

11:30 AM **Low Mass** For God's mercy and conversion of America (*Dan, Mary & family*)

4:45 PM **Vespers & Benediction**

5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



## CONSIDERATIONS ON THE PASSION OF OUR LORD FOR EACH DAY OF LENT

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Before Our Lord's suffering took place, He disclosed to His disciples the story of the cross. It was good for them to understand and to remember what the sufferings of Jesus were to be. The prophets of the Old Testament had declared that the Son of man must suffer. Daniel, especially, describes the Passion of Our Lord very minutely. This was the future that was before Our Lord, and it was well that the disciples should know it and think of it. So it should be with ourselves. We, too, are the disciples and followers of Christ, and we, too, must make the Passion a subject of serious thought. The Church has chosen the Lenten time as the most appropriate for this exercise. She joins penance with this meditation, as being the most efficacious means of stirring ourselves up to a pious life. Let us approach these meditations with a conviction that we are really unworthy to be admitted to the graces of this holy contemplation; but Jesus will help us.

### THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

It is not hard to understand why the Lord desires us to think of His Passion. St.

Francis Xavier is said to have gone over the Passion once every month; but we know, too, with what love he was attached to the Lord, with what wonderful patience and perseverance he continued to labor. It was the effect of the meditation on the Passion. We, too, should grow in the love of Our Lord. But how will we grow, unless by contemplating all that Jesus has done for us in His Passion, until He died on the cross? As the Apostle says, "He loved me, and delivered Himself up for me." In this way the Lord wants us to study His Passion, so that we may learn how intensely He loved us; that although He was God, and we poor miserable creatures, still He did not hesitate to sacrifice His life in order to redeem us from eternal perdition.

### FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY *THE CROWN OF THORNS*

Our Lord desires that we should think of His Passion in order that we may imitate Him in our own sufferings: for we have many things to endure in this life on account of the original fault of our first parents. You will learn to die with Christ, and your sympathetic heart will avoid sin. By the frequent thought of the Passion the Lord will have you love the sacrifice of the Mass, where in an unbloody manner the Passion of Our Lord is repeated, and we begin to appreciate it more the better we understand their relation to each other.

The Lord will have you show sympathy for Him in His sufferings; for you must remember that it was for you that He suffered, that you caused His suffering by your sins. Now, if you have inflicted these punishments on the Lord, would it not be an act of horrible ingratitude if you were not to show your sympathy for Christ? Another effect of the contemplation of the Passion will be that you shall be stirred up to do great things for Christ. Your time of labor will be sanctified, and your life will be given to the service of Jesus.

### SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

We should think often of the Passion of Our Lord, but not with coldness or repugnance. It is a sad subject, and not at all pleasing to the human feelings, but when we have learned to love Jesus it will be an exercise that will make us very happy. We are dreadfully poor spiritually, and nowhere will we be able to find more spiritual wealth than in the Heart of Jesus in His Passion. "There flow living fountains of blessed waters, there is the bread of life." Approach, then, with a lively faith to the foot of the cross, and remain there faithfully; let the Blood of the Lord flow upon your body and soul, realize that Jesus died for you, see Mary, our dear Mother, with some other faithful followers of Christ at a short distance



from it; associate yourself with them and study what were their sentiments; try to bring them home to yourself, and your heart will surely fill up with love, gratitude, and confidence.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The feeling of love towards Our Lord must be specially aroused. We are supposed to have the faith: but we need more to love, so that we may understand why Our Lord underwent such terrible sufferings for poor humanity. Let us look upon the Lord: He is an innocent, holy person, an untiring benefactor, a true friend, a wonderful consoler, a man of peace and of blessings, the noble Son of the great King, the Son of God Himself. This good Jesus has saved you from eternal damnation. He descended from heaven and did the work of a miserable slave. And the worst and bitterest consideration is that you really, individually and personally, are the cause of the sufferings of Christ. You have struck Him in the Face and spit upon Him, you have crucified Him, you have mocked and derided Him, and cried out, "Vah; if Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." The Lord, reflecting upon all His sufferings, declared that all this happened in the house of His beloved ones. What did the Lord do to you, that you should treat Him in this manner? Now then return Jesus love for all this, and He will be satisfied.

### FAST & ABSTINENCE

**RULES OF FAST:** The laws of fast apply to persons between the ages of 21 and 59. On a fast day one may eat one full meal and two light meatless meals, which together would not equal the main meal. Meat may be taken at the principal meal, except on days of complete abstinence. Liquids such as water, milk, and fruit juices may be taken between meals.

**RULES OF ABSTINENCE:** The laws of abstinence apply to everyone seven years of age and over. On a day of complete abstinence no meat, meat gravy or soup made from meat may be taken. On a day of partial abstinence meat may be taken once.

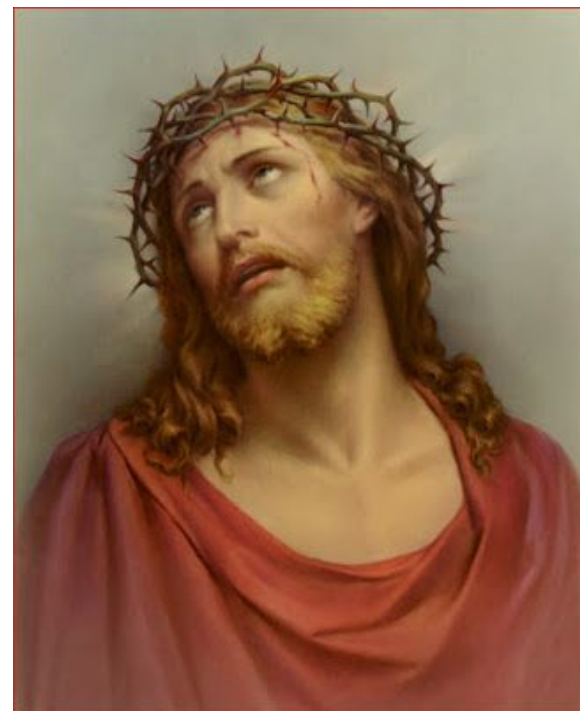
**TRADITIONAL DAYS OF FAST:** All the weekdays of Lent (Monday through Saturday) up until noon on Holy Saturday; Ember Days; the Vigils of Pentecost, the Immaculate Conception, and Christmas.

**TRADITIONAL DAYS OF COMPLETE ABSTINENCE:** Every Friday of the year; Ash Wednesday; Holy Saturday (until noon); the Vigils of the Immaculate Conception and Christmas.

**TRADITIONAL DAYS OF PARTIAL ABSTINENCE:** Ember Wednesdays and Saturdays, and the Vigil of Pentecost.

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## The Passion of Our Lord



## 2022 Lenten Daily Thoughts and Prayers

*For the restoration of the Church  
and the salvation of our country.*