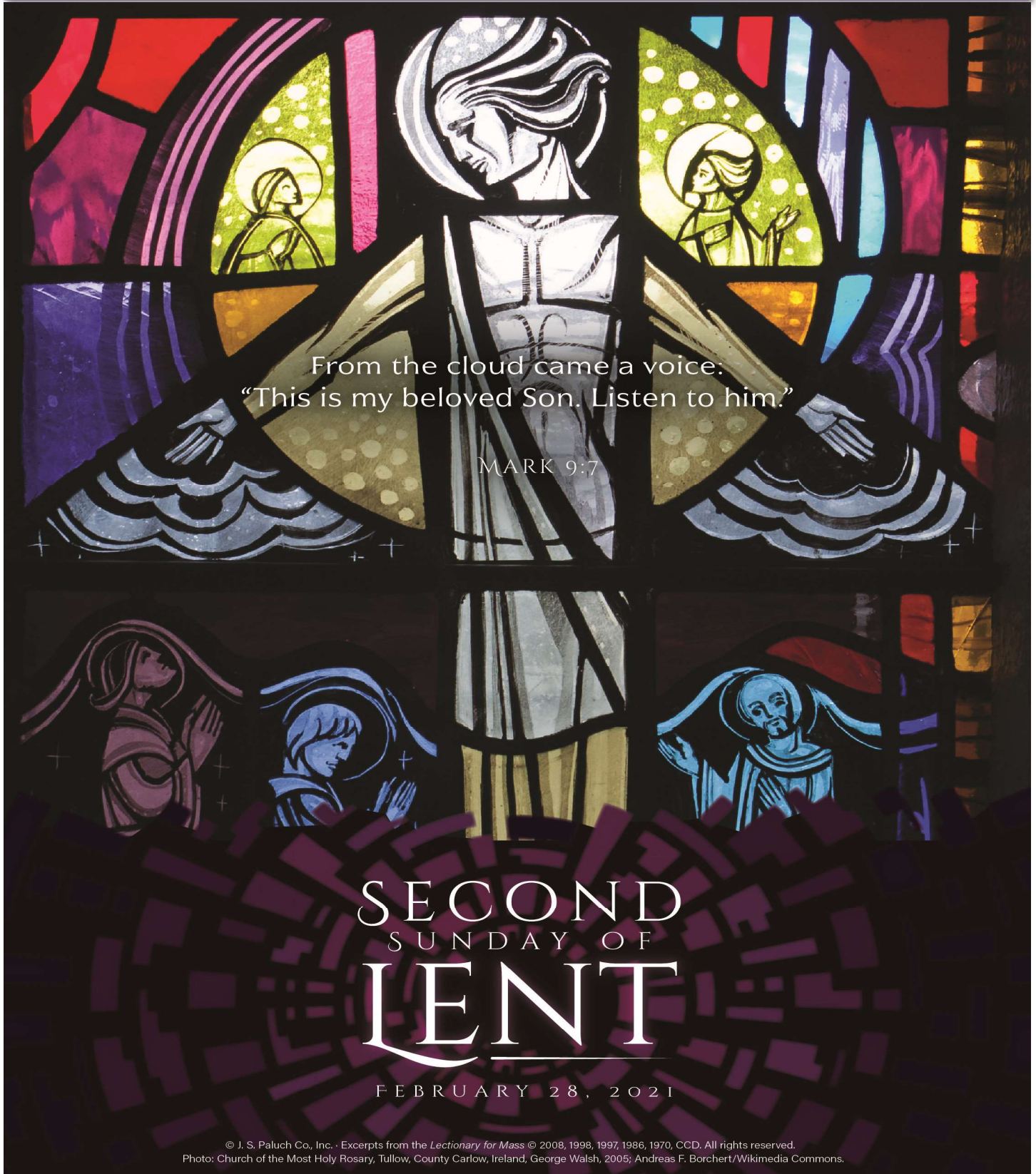


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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

DAILY MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY: 11:30AM-12NOON

SATURDAY: 3:15 - 4:00 PM.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 28, 2021

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Katherine Kale - Mary Jablonskis
†Adele Randell - Ginny Grane
†Aurora Abiao - Bessie & Nilda
†Joselito Jara - Family
Intention of Lilia Jacinto - Dungca Family

Monday, March 1, 2021

12:00PM †William and Lucille Moore - Raj Family

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

12:00 PM Intention of Nicholas Morris Klazura - Loving Family

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

12:00 PM Intention for Thanksgiving - Roberto and Flora Behena

Thursday, March 4, 2021

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino & Demma Families - K & M Demma Families

Friday, March 5, 2021

12:00 PM †Patricia Giannini - Dr. Barbara Santucci

Saturday, March 6, 2021

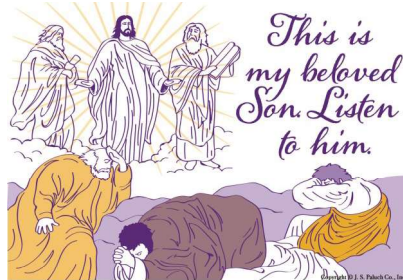
4:00 PM †Maria & Giuseppe Loiotile - Children
†Diosdado Galang, Jr. - Vrlec Family
†Konstantians Jablonskis - Mary Jablonskis

Sunday, March 7, 2021

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Marie Cordero - Vilma Tionloc
†Joseph Discipio - Mariani Family
†Godofredo Mabilangan - Joseph & Gloria Palisoc

† Denotes Deceased



Dear Padre,

Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.



Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 3, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 1

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

Friday

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,

17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

MARCH 7

Third Sunday of Lent

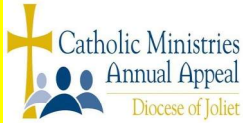
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20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

Parish News



Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2020 CMAA goal of \$42,200. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815)205-1949. **THANK YOU!**

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

For those who desire the Eucharist but are not comfortable coming to Mass, Father Jose will be available on Tuesdays by appointment from 9am—2 pm (excluding the time of the Noon Mass) when he will come to your car to give you the Eucharist *and* to give a blessing. Please meet at Rectory garage. **Please call the office to schedule a time.**

Minister Schdzulz

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Jose

SUNDAY, MARCH 7- 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Bob

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 - 10:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose



STEWARDSHIP

February 21, 2021 - \$8,671

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH.

Newly Baptized

***Ascension of Our Lord Parish
Welcomes***

***Nico Giovanni Mullen
Son of Frank & Ariana Mullen
Baptized Sunday,
February 14, 2021***



Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

If you or a family member are ill and would like to be placed on the Ascension of Our Lord Prayer List, please call the Parish Office. The name will be added for one month. Due to privacy issues, we will only honor requests made by you or a family member. The name will remain on the list for one month only!

**Please call the Parish Office at
630-629-5810 to add a name to the
"Pray for the Sick" list.**

**PRAY FOR:
ALBERT, DAN, SHIRLEY AND MITCH**



**"God never tires of
forgiving us; we are the
ones who tire of seeking
his mercy." -Pope Francis**

This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 1: MASS 12NOON

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2: BLESSING & SPECIAL COMMUNION
9AM-2PM (REGISTER), 12NOON MASS, 6:00PM RE, 7:30PM
LENTEN ZOOM PROGRAM**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 12NOON - MASS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4: 11:30AM CONFESSION -
CLASSROOM, 12NOON MASS**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5: 12NOON MASS, 12:30PM
CONFESSION, 12:30PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6: 3:15PM-4:00PM CONFESSION -
CLASSROOM, 4:00PM MASS**

SUNDAY, MARCH 7: 8:00AM AND 10:00AM MASS



A Reflection on Lenten Fasting by Rev. Daniel Merz

In the early Church and, to a lesser extent still today, there were two fasts. There was the "total fast" that preceded all major feasts or sacramental events. The ancient name for this fast was "statio" from the verb "sto, stare" to stand watch, on guard or in vigil. The second fast was a fast of abstinence from certain foods, e.g., meats or fats. This was more an act of self-discipline and self-control. The statio fast was total and a means of watching and waiting...i.e. for something. The fast of abstinence was more general and personal, to help oneself be more disciplined or self-controlled. The total fast is still kept today prior to reception of Holy Communion. Following Holy Communion, the total fast ceases because Jesus had explicitly stated that we don't fast when the bridegroom is here, in other words, what we're keeping vigil for has arrived, the wait is over. On the other hand, the fast of abstinence was allowed on Sundays because the continuity of abstinence can be important for it to be effective.

These initial observations, then, teach us that the Eucharist is always the end of a preparation. It is always the fulfillment of an expectation. In the Orthodox Church during Lent, they have Eucharist only on Saturday and Sunday. But because Wednesdays and Fridays are total fast days, those two days are also days for the Communion service (Liturgy of the PreSanctified) which are held in the evening, i.e., after the day of preparation. Fasting is always preparatory.

But how did fasting become such an important means of preparing for the Eucharist and of learning virtue through self-discipline? Christian fasting is revealed in an interdependence between two events in the Bible: the "breaking of the fast" by Adam and Eve; and the "keeping of the fast" by Christ at the beginning of his ministry.

Humanity's "Fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation. Food perpetuates life in this "physical world, which is subject to decay and death. But God "created no death." (Wis. 1:13) Humanity, in Adam and Eve, rejected a life dependent on God alone for one that was dependent rather on "bread alone." (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) The whole world was given to man as a kind of food, as a means to life, but "life" is meant as communion with God, not as food. ("Their god is their belly." Phil. 3:19) The tragedy is not so much that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake, "apart" from God and to be independent of Him. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God." And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone."

Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone." (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting: From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.

For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

*THIS LENT WE INVITE YOU TO TRY SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
AS AN AVENUE TO DRAW CLOSER TO CHRIST.*

Spiritual direction is a process of self discovery and awareness to the workings of God in one's life. The spiritual director, with the help of the Holy Spirit, prayerfully listens as a persons shares the joys and struggles of one's faith life. Through shared dialogue, they discuss the action of God's abiding presence at work in the directee's life.

Call Dr. Mary Amore at 630-852-9000 to schedule your spiritual direction session, online or in person. Suggested donation \$60
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

LENT and THE PANDEMIC

Several years ago Pope Francis suggested Lenten alternatives to physical fasting for the sick, the elderly, and those too poor to give up their basic necessities. In the current season of Lent, he now urges us to look at other WAYS OF FASTING in this period facing pandemic conditions of isolation, illness, limited mobility, and perhaps financial hardship. For our Members and the poor around us we can all look at these different ways of sacrificing or giving up something in Lent yet not endangering ourselves or others. With a prayer in our hearts the new ways of fasting are:

- Fast from hurtful words and speak kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

— Pope Francis (Ash Wednesday 2017)

In this way, we can all give up some or all of the above “wrongs” and with a prayer for the poor, the disadvantaged, and those suffering from Covid-19 we can continue “Fasting” throughout THIS Lenten Season.

In a totally different vein, the Members of our parish SVDP Conference are considering helping those more vulnerable to Covid-19 in finding and being registered for appointments to receive the vaccine. This area now has identified vendors and sites that will soon or are already giving the shots in the arms. If we can get a group of individuals willing to spend a little of their day on the computer or telephone from the safety of their home, we might be able to provide greater access and health security for our parishioners and the community at large. If you are interested in helping, give us a call at the parish office or at the SVDP voice mail line of 630-953-4419.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

ST. KATHERINE DREZEL

Feastday: March 3

Patron: of racial justice and philanthropists

Birth: November 26, 1858

Death: March 3, 1955

Beatified: November 20, 1988 by Pope John Paul II

Canonized: October 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II

Author and Publisher - Catholic Online



St. Katherine Drexel

ST. CASMIR OF POLAND

Feastday: March 4

Patron: of Poland and Lithuania

Birth: 1461 Death: 1484



ST. CASIMIR
OF POLAND
March 4th

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Act of Contrition

Act of Contrition:

(From *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*)



O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Prayer, Fasting,
and Almsgiving



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Monday –Friday

12noon Mass

Tuesdays – February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23

April 6

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion -

7:30pm zoom -

Contact Vince Zaprzal if you would like to participate

Fridays, February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

12:30pm Stations of the Cross and Confession following the noon mass

Confession - Classroom

Thursdays – 11:30am – 12noon

Fridays – After 12noon Mass

Saturdays -3:15pm-4:00pm

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



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