

Quinquagesima Sunday

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 14 Violet

Quinquagesima Sunday, *II Class*

8:00 AM Fr. Luan Tran

11:30 AM Pro populo

Monday, February 15 Red

SS. Faustinus and Jovita, Martyrs, *IV Class*

7:30 PM Elizabeth M. Scheetz +

Both born in Brescia (Italy), SS. Faustina and Jovita were brothers and of noble origin. During the persecution, they stood the assault of sufferings and disgrace and would be tortured to death at the beginning of Pope Hadrian's reign in 117.

Tuesday, February 16 Violet

Feria, *IV Class*

12:10 PM Ron Semrau +

Wednesday, February 17 Violet

Ash Wednesday, *I Class*

12:10 PM Josie Wilson +

7:30 PM Charles Barber Sr. +

Thursday, February 18 Violet

Thursday after Ash Wednesday, *III Class*

12:10 PM Joseph Curtis +

Friday, February 19 Violet

Friday after Wednesday, *III Class*

11:30 AM *Stations of the Cross*

12:10 PM Walter Lobo +

Saturday, February 20 Violet

Saturday after Ash Wednesday, *III Class*

11:00 AM John Ritter + (30-day anniv.)

Sunday, February 21 Violet

First Sunday of Lent, *I Class*

8:00 AM Manuel Aranda +

11:30 AM Pro Populo

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Season of Lent

Lent begins this Wednesday, the penitential season of the year. All Fridays of Lent are days of complete abstinence from meat and meat products (nonetheless, in keeping with the spirit of the season, succulent lobster dinners on Friday should also be avoided). As the Church restricts the organ during Mass to accompaniment only, we will do without the organ completely until Easter except for Laetare Sunday and the feast day of St. Joseph.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Along with restriction from meat, all Catholics from 18 to 59 years of age, inclusive, are bound to fasting. On these days, only one full meal is permitted with two lighter supplements to maintain strength; eating between meals is not permitted, although water (and medicine, even if needed to be taken with some food) does not break the fast.

Traditionally, all the other days of Lent (except Sundays) were days of partial abstinence from meat; on these days meat was permitted once, and only at the principal meal. With this in mind, it is encouraged that other forms of penance be taken on, which can also be done in positive ways such as attendance an extra time or two at Mass during the week, attending Stations, family rosaries in reparation to the Sacred Heart, etc., all good practices which can be easily carried into the Easter season, whose joys we are preparing for by these penances.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday is February 17. There will be two Masses that day at 12:10 and 7:30 PM with the blessing and distribution of ashes, the evening Mass being a High Mass.

Stations of the Cross

The traditional Stations of the Cross will be conducted on both Monday evenings at 7:00 PM and also on Friday mornings at 11:30 AM, confessions beginning at 6:30 PM and 11:00 AM, respectively, and continuing after Mass if needed. It is hoped that having the Stations twice during the week will permit more to assist at this most salutary devotion during Lent.

Special Topics Lecture—February 23

From time to time, a single lecture will be given on topics of specific interest, especially in reference to certain dangers and challenges in society which Catholics need to

navigate. Fr. Saguto will present a lecture *Pornography: Its Danger and Solutions* on Tuesday evening, February 23, from 7:30-8:45 in the school cafeteria. Due to the subject matter, appropriate maturity for attendance is asked.

Sunday Catechism Presentations

Taking into consideration the distances traveled for Mass as well as the difficulty at times to make a class on a weeknight, Fr. Saguto will present a catechetical series of lectures on the explanations and ceremonies of the Latin Tridentine Mass on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 in the school cafeteria beginning next Sunday, February 21. If you ever wondered why the priest does all the things he does at the altar, these will serve to answer a lot of those questions. All are invited.

Young Adults Group Interest

As there has been some interest and initiative recently in the parish to form a young adults' group, we are now looking to see what level of overall interest there is for the purpose of development. The group would be open to Catholic adults between 20 and 30 years of age who are interested in meeting other Catholics once or twice monthly for Scripture study, topical discussions, and social activities. If interested, please contact Thomas Osen at (406) 580-1683 or a cetmsu@gmail.com.

Sunday Potlucks Help

Potlucks follow the 11:30 Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the months in the school cafeteria. These prove successful in building camaraderie in the parish and providing a forum to meet new parishioners and visitors. Please be sure to bring a lunch dish to share so there is plenty to go around! Also, those attending are asked to simply make sure the area around where they ate is tidied before leaving as this will greatly help with the general cleanup. Thank you!

Please Keep In Your Prayers:

David Hobbs, Rosemary Newton, Anna Schindler, Brian Buttigieg, Charles Barber, Jr., Mary Lynn Kenary, Louis Leclezio, Anita Aylard, Liz Rote, Carolyn Barber, Stephanie Brusich, Mai-Trang Thi Huynh, Nicholas Scheetz, Mary McKinsey, Mark Hillis, Ralph McInerny +, Marie Miller +, Patricia Fazio +, John Hillis +, Alfredo Du +, Helen Groves +, Judith Hilterman +

Contributions *May God reward your generosity.*

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Calendar of Events

February 14	First Communion Classes Begin
February 14/28	Potluck
February 17	Ash Wednesday
February 19/22	Stations of the Cross
February 21	Sunday Catechism begins
February 23	Special Topics Lecture

A Final Thought...

The world has one supreme test for character and that is the possession of a virtue in a high and eminent degree. Many generals, for example, in our national history are ranked as great characters because of their valor, and many scientists are ranked as great characters because of their wisdom. Some are judged noble because of their love of peace, others because of their bravery in war; some because of their majesty and others because of their gentleness; some because of their wisdom, others because of their simplicity.

But this is not the real way to judge character. The possession of one virtue in an eminent degree no more makes a great man than one wing makes a bird. Just as an eagle's power is measured by the distance from the extremity of one wing to the extremity of the other, so a man's character is judged, not by the possession of one extreme virtue but by the expanse between that virtue and the opposite one which complements it. Christian character is nothing more nor less than the reconciling of opposite virtues. In other words, a really great character is not just a brave man, for if a man were brave without being tender, he might easily become cruel. Tenderness is what might be called the other wing to bravery. In like manner, majesty alone does not make character, for majesty without gentleness might soon degenerate into pride. Love of peace alone does not make character, for without the opposite virtue of courage, peacefulness could very easily slip into a spineless cowardice. Wisdom without simplicity makes a man proud; simplicity without wisdom makes a man a simpleton. A real character therefore does not possess a virtue on a given point on the circumference without, at the same time possessing the complementary virtue which is diametrically opposed to it; for what is character, but the tension between opposites, the equilibrium between extremes. [...] It is in this sense that the character of our Blessed Lord rises above all men and makes Him the perfect Exemplar of goodness and the paragon of virtues.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen, *The Eternal Galilean*