

Third Sunday of Lent

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 7

Violet

Third Sunday of Lent, *I Class*

8:00 AM Tim Evans

11:30 AM Pro populo

Monday, March 8

Violet

Feria of Lent, *III Class*

Commemoration of St. John of God, Confessor

7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

7:30 PM Corinne Kessler +

After a stormy youth, he converted at 40 and devoted himself to the care of the mentally ill, showing himself to be a real innovator and a saint of superhuman heroism. He died in 1550.

Tuesday, March 9

Violet

Feria of Lent, *III Class*

Commemoration of St. Frances of Rome, Widow

10:15 AM Marie Therese Miller +

After the death of her husband, she founded a monastery of Oblates under the Benedictine rule. She was favored with the visible presence of her guardian angel with whom she conversed familiarly. She died in 1440.

Wednesday, March 10

Violet

Feria of Lent, *III Class*

Commemoration of the Forty Holy Martyrs

No scheduled Mass this day.

Thursday, March 11

Violet

Feria of Lent, *III Class*

12:10 PM Erin Martin +

Friday, March 12

Violet

Feria of Lent, *III Class*

Commemoration of St. Gregory the Great, Pope

11:30 AM *Stations of the Cross*

12:10 PM Joseph McShane

One of the greatest Popes the Church has ever known, England owes its conversion to him. At a period when the invasion of the barbarians created a new situation in Europe, he played a considerable part in the transitional stage, during which a great number of them converted. He watched over the holiness of the clergy and preservation of discipline, together with the temporal interests of Rome and the spiritual interests of all of Christendom. To him the liturgy owes several of its finest prayers, and the name "Gregorian chant" recalls his work in the development of the Church's sacred chants. His commentaries on Sacred Scripture exercised considerable influence on Christian thought, especially in the Middle Ages. He is one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church. He died March 12, 604.

Saturday, March 13

Violet

Feria of Lent, *III Class*

11:00 AM Miriam Lewis

Sunday, March 14

Rose

Fourth (Laetare) Sunday of Lent, *I Class*

8:00 AM Mary Marquis +

11:30 AM Pro Populo

Season of Lent

Lent is 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, an evening at the Crab Pot 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.

All the weekdays of Lent are of third class and take precedence; saints of the same rank are commemorated at the Masses on weekdays..

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.

Fr. Saguto Away

Fr. Saguto will be away Tuesday afternoon through Thursday to preach the Lenten mission at the Fraternity's parish in Sacramento, CA. Due to flight arrangements, please note that Mass on Tuesday will be at **10:15 AM** rather than 12:10 and that there will be no scheduled Mass on Wednesday. We welcome Fr. Ray Cleaveland to cover the Mass and confessions on Thursday.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next Sunday for Catholic Relief Services.

St. Joseph's Day—March 19

Friday, March 19, is the feast of St. Joseph. In addition to the morning Mass and stations, there will be a High Mass with all due solemnity that evening at 7:30 in honor of the great guardian of the Holy Family and patron of the Universal Church. Plan to attend!

Evening of Recollection—March 23

The next evening of recollection is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30. The recollections consist of two preached meditations on a related subject with Exposition, Rosary and Benediction. All are invited.

Young Adults Group Starting

The Young Adults Group will begin meeting on the third Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM, beginning with a Holy Hour with a spiritual conference, Rosary and Benediction. The group is open to Catholic adults between 20 and 30 years of age who are interested in meeting other Catholics for Scripture study, topical discussions, and social activities. For more information, please contact Thomas Osen at (406) 580-1683 or a cetmsu@gmail.com.

Holy Week Schedule

The Holy Week and Triduum schedule will be available in next Sunday's bulletin. We are expecting to have an extra priest and seminarian for the week which will enable the rites and ceremonies to be conducted in their Solemn forms, a most powerful conclusion to the Lenten season.

Stations of the Cross

The traditional Stations of the Cross are 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 and indulgenced devotion during Lent.

Sunday Catechism Presentations

Fr. Saguto is presenting again the 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. 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.

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:

Adele Ritter, Dan Laggazino, David Hobbs, Rosemary Newton, Anna Schindler, Brian Buttigieg, Charles Barber, Jr., Mary Lynn Kenary, Louis Leclizio, Anita Aylard, Liz Rote, Carolyn Barber, Stephanie Brusich, Mai-Trang Thi

Huynh, Nicholas Scheetz, Mary McKinsey, Mark Hillis, Ralph McNerny +, Marie Miller +, Patricia Fazio +, John Hillis +, Alfredo Du +, Helen Groves +, Will Raymond +

Contributions *May God reward your generosity.*

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Calendar of Events

March 7	First Communion Class
March 7	Sunday Adult Catechism
March 8/12	Stations of the Cross
March 14	Potluck
March 19	St. Joseph's Day (High Mass)
March 20	Young Adults' Group
March 23	Evening of Recollection
March 28	Palm Sunday/Holy Week
April 4	Easter

A Final Thought...

Children need not only to be told—insistently—that life is a struggle. They also need to be told not to be surprised if the struggle turns out to be a hard one and not to be dismayed if at times they get the worst of it. They will face up to their defeats if we have told them, no less insistently, that God understands us, that He loves us even with our weaknesses, and that He wants to help us. We should therefore have limitless confidence in Him. They should be taught to ask Him for pardon many times a day (a practice that, far from being burdensome, is a constant reminder that a life lived in God's presence is a life lived in the presence of Love, and that to ask for forgiveness is the reaction of a person in love—the person who has stopped asking for forgiveness has stopped loving.

[...] But if parents want their children not only to have well-formed consciences but to follow them, parents need to give them clear examples. Parents whose children never see them struggling to improve—with ups and downs, but determinedly and with a resilient spirit—will never educate their children well. If the children do not see, for instance, that their father or mother is fighting so as not to give way to nerves—and that *both* say they are sorry when they fail—then they are not receiving much in the way of example.

An important part of this example lies in the readiness of the parents to impose restrictions on themselves. Children should see that their parents too are prepared to deny themselves things, even though they find them attractive: that their parents can say No—also to themselves—even when it is hard. If a mother, for example, wants to form her daughters with a strongly independent attitude toward fashions, she herself must have that same attitude and be accustomed to saying No to the imperative of fashion. The same goes for fathers. If what moves a man when he buys a bigger and more powerful car is no real family or professional need, but simply the fact that his colleague has bought a similar model, are his arguments likely to carry much conviction when he tells his son that a motorcycle is not a “need” for a sixteen-year old? Parents, then, who want to have children with a sensitive conscience and a strong will for the good must keep up a constant struggle to acquire it themselves.

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