

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 First Saturday
2 Quinquagesima Sunday 1st Communion class	3 Bible Study 7 p.m.	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7 First Friday	8 Roses of Mary Men's Schola
9 1st Sunday of Lent Confirmation class	10 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	11	12 Ember Day	13	14 Ember Day Pro-Life Vigil	15 Ember Day Altar Guild Men's Schola
16 2nd Sunday of Lent 1st. Communion class	17 St. Patrick Bible Study 7 p.m.	18	19 St. Joseph	20	21 St. Benedict	22
23 3rd Sunday of Lent Confirmation class	24 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	26	27	28 All-night Adoration	29 All-night Adoration
30 4th Sunday of Lent 1st Communion class	31 Bible Study 7 p.m.	1	2	3	4 First Friday	5 First Saturday

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Please pray for:

Rest of the Soul of:
Jeff Nelson

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

MARCH 2, 2025

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY




Sunday Schedule:
Low Mass: 7 a.m.
9 a.m.
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

Confessions:
One-half hour before Mass
Saturdays 4 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday: 8 a.m.
Thursday: 6 p.m.
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Hour:
Thursday: 7 p.m.

PASTOR:
FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.

ASSISTANT PASTOR:
FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.

"O Mary, through thine Immaculate Conception make my body pure and my soul holy."

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Liturgical Year, by Abbot Guéranger, O.S.B.

Yesterday, the world was busy in its pleasures, and the very children of God were taking a joyous farewell to mirth: but this morning, all is changed. The solemn announcement, spoken of by the prophet, has been proclaimed in Sion: the solemn fast of Lent, the season of expiation, the approach of the great anniversaries of our Redemption. Let us, then, arouse ourselves and prepare for the spiritual combat.

But in this battling of the spirit against the flesh we need good armor. Our holy mother the Church knows how much we need it; and therefore does she summon us to enter the into the house of God, that she may arm us for the holy contest. What this armor is we know from St. Paul, who thus describes it: "Have your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of justice. And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. In all things taking the shield of faith. Take unto you the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (*Ephesians 6:14-17*). The very prince of the apostles, too, addresses these solemn words to us: "Christ having suffered in the flesh, be ye also armed with the same thought" (*1 Peter 4:1*). We are entering, today, upon a long campaign of the warfare spoken of by the apostles: 40 days of battle, 40 days of penance. We shall not turn cowards, if our souls can but be impressed with the conviction, that the battle and the penance must be gone through. Let us listen to the eloquence of the solemn rite which opens our Lent. Let us go whither

our mother leads us, that is, to the scene of the fall.

The enemies we have to fight with are two kinds: internal, and external. The first are our passions; the second are the devils. Both were brought on us by pride, and man's pride began when he refused to obey his God. God forgave him his sin, but He punished him. The punishment was death, and this was the form of the divine sentence: "Thou art dust, and into dust thou shalt return" (*Genesis 3:19*). Oh, that we had remembered this! The recollection of what we are and what we are to be, would have checked that haughty rebellion, which has so often led us to break the law of God.

And if, for the time to come, we would persevere in loyalty to Him, we must humble ourselves, accept the sentence, and look on this present life as a path to the grave. The path may be long or short; but to the tomb it must lead us.

Remembering this, we shall see all things in their true light. We shall love that God, who has deigned to set His heart on us notwithstanding our being creatures of death: we shall hate, with deepest contrition, the insolence and ingratitude, wherewith we have spent so many of our few days of life, that is, in sinning against our heavenly Father: and we shall be not only willing, but eager, to go through these days of penance, which He so mercifully gives us for making reparation to His offended justice.

This was the motive the Church had in enriching her liturgy with the solemn rite, at which we are to as-

Upcoming Parish Events

March 3 ~ *Bible Study*

Fr. Dennis Gordon begins a new study on the book of Exodus, 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

March 7 ~ *First Friday Home Schooler Event*

Catechesis and potluck breakfast for home-schooled children of the parish. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Mrs. Wike, cosfssp.homeschoolgroup@gmail.com.

March 7 ~ *Stations of the Cross*

Traditional Lenten prayers will follow the 6 p.m. Mass.

March 8 ~ *Young Roses of Mary*

Girls' group (ages 8-18) to meet 7:45 a.m. for Mass, with tea and breakfast to follow. Contact Mrs. Seltzer, caseltzer@gmail.com.

March 8 ~ *St. Gregory Men's Schola*

The men-only schola will rehearse Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. For more information or to join, contact Miss Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

March 9 ~ *Sacrament of Confirmation Class*

Confirmation class will be one-half hour after the end of the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom. Enrollment is now closed.

New Parish e-mail Address: cosfssp@pm.me

All parishioners will be moved to the new e-mail group unless your registration has not been filed or updated.

sist this morning. When, upwards of 1,000 years ago, she decreed the anticipation of the Lenten fast by the last four days of Quinquagesima week, she instituted this impressive ceremony of signing the forehead of her children with ashes, while saying to them those awful words, wherewith God sentenced us to death: "Remember, O man, that thou art dust and into dust thou shalt return!"

But the making of the ashes as a symbol of humiliation and penance, is of a much earlier date than the institution to which we allude. We find frequent mention of it in

the Old Testament. Job, though a Gentile, sprinkled his flesh with ashes, that, thus humbled, he might propitiate the divine mercy: and this was 2,000 years before the coming of our Savior. The royal prophet tells us of himself, that he mingled ashes with his bread, because of the divine anger and indignation. Many such examples are to be met with in the sacred Scriptures; but so obvious is the analogy between the sinner who thus signifies his grief, and the object whereby he signifies it, that we read such instances without surprise. When fallen man would humble himself

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 3 ~ *Feria*

8 a.m. — For F.S.S.P., by Lee Kartes

Tuesday, March 4 ~ *St. Casimir*

8 a.m. — In honor of St. Benedict

Wednesday, March 5 ~ *Ash Wednesday*

8 a.m. — For F.S.S.P., by Linda Kartes
6 p.m. — Holy Lent for the Parish

Thursday, March 6 ~ *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

6 p.m. — Private Intention

Friday, March 7 ~ *St. Thomas Aquinas*

8 a.m. — Private Intention
6 p.m. — In Reparation to the Sacred heart of Jesus

Saturday, March 8 ~ *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

8 a.m. — Rachel Murphy, by Kelly Joyce

Sunday, March 9 ~ *First Sunday of Lent*

7 a.m. — Private Intention
9 a.m. — Private Intention
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

The priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.

LAW OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Current Practice:

- ◆ Begins on one's 14th birthday.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent.
- ◆ Obliges abstinence from flesh meat.

Discipline of 1962:

Begins on one's 7th birthday.

Complete abstinence:

All Fridays throughout the year, Ash Wednesday, Vigil of Christmas, Holy Saturday.

Partial abstinence:

(meat, soup, meat gravy permitted once a day at the principle meal) all days of Lent, Ember Days, Vigil of Pentecost and the Assumption.

FAST DAYS

Current Practice:

- ◆ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:
- ◆ Applies to all aged 18-59, inclusive.
- ◆ One full meal permitted and two collations which, if combined, are less than a

full meal.

Discipline of 1962

- ◆ Applies to all aged 21-59, inclusive.
- ◆ All days of Lent from Ash Wednesday, inclusive, Ember Days, Vigils of Christmas, Pentecost and the Assumption.
- ◆ One full meal permitted and two collations which, if combined, are less than a full meal.

DAYS OF PENANCE

Applies to all the Faithful. Lent and all Fridays.

before the divine justice, which has sentenced his body to return to dust, how could he more aptly express his contrite acceptance of the

sentence than by sprinkling himself, or his food with ashes, which is the dust of wood consumed by fire? + + +