

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2nd Sunday of Lent	2 Catechumen Class	3	4	5	6 First Friday Homeschooler's Event Stations of the Cross	7 First Saturday
8 3rd Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings begins	9	10	11	12	13 Pro-Life Vigil Stations of the Cross	14 Roses of Mary
15 4th Sunday of Lent	16	17 St. Patrick	18	19 St. Joseph	20 Stations of the Cross	21 St. Benedict
Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma						
22 Passion Sunday	23	24	25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	26	27 Stations of the Cross	28
Lenten Parish Mission						All-Night Adoration
29 Palm Sunday	30	31	1	2 Holy Thursday	3 Good Friday Stations of the Cross	4 Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil

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Rest of the Souls of:

Pope Francis
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + CATHOLIC CHURCH +

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 8, 2026



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

Sunday Schedule:

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

Daily Mass Schedule:

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

Confessions:

One-half hour before Mass,
Saturdays at 4 p.m.

Holy Hour, Benediction:

Thursday: 7 p.m.

Pastor: FR. JAMES J. GORDON, F.S.S.P.

The Sufferings of Our Lord Jesus Christ: the DEFECTS of His Apostles

The Sufferings of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
by Fr. Thomas of Jesus

After having overcome satan, our Savior began his much more violent war against the world with its errors and malice.

When He had resolved to go through the towns of Judea preaching and working miracles and manifesting Himself to the world, to show it its errors and to bring it back into the way of salvation, He had chosen 12 apostles and several other disciples. He had chosen them after a whole night spent on a high mountain in communion with His eternal Father. He did this to teach us, firstly, the infinite care He took about those things which affected our salvation; secondly, to show us from whom we ought to ask counsel in our affairs, which cannot achieve real success unless they have the support of God's blessing and guidance.

Although the evangelists do not distinctly describe the vocation of each of the apostles, it is certain that our Lord declared to them, in His discourse at the Last Supper, that He had chosen them to be princes and pillars of His Church. "You have not chosen me," He said to them, "but I have chosen you; and have appointed you that you should go and should bring forth fruit; and your fruit should remain" (*John 15:16*).

He chose also, some time after, 72 disciples whom He sent through all Judea with the power of working miracles, commanding them to go to all the cities and villages whither He was to come after them, declar-

ing the kingdom of God and healing the sick. They executed His orders with great zeal, and those among them who remained with Christ until His death, greatly assisted the apostles in the preaching of the Gospel. St. Matthias was chosen from among them to take the place of the traitor Judas, and the whole world was filled with the admiration of their sanctity, with the fruits of their labors, and with the fame of their miracles.

St. Paul exhorts us to consider, as a subject for astonishment, the choice of men our Savior made for converting the world: "For see your vocation, brethren, that there are not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble: but the foolish things of the world hath God chosen, that He may confound the wise; and the weak things of the world hath God chosen, that He may confound the strong. And the base things of the world, and the things that are contemptible, hath God chosen, and things that are not, that He might bring to naught things that are: that no flesh should glory in His sight. But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and justice, and sanctification, and redemption: that, as it is written: he that glorieth, may glory in the Lord" (*1 Corinthians 1:26-31*).

Therein appears the divine power which erects so magnificent an edifice upon such weak foundations.

Upcoming Parish Events

TODAY ~ Confirmation Class

Class begins half an hour after the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom.

MARCH 13 ~ Pro-Life Vigil at Noon

One-hour Rosary prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, located at 3480 Centennial Blvd. Contact Michael Smiley, (719) 502-9149 or, Michele Smiley, (719) 447-7236.

MARCH 13 ~ Stations of the Cross

Traditional Stations of the Cross devotions 7 p.m. every Friday of Lent. There is an additional Mass 6 p.m. every Friday of Lent.

MARCH 15 ~ First Holy Communion Class

Class begins half an hour after the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom.

MARCH 16-19 ~ Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma

Nuestra Misión Parroquial anual de Cuaresma en español será de 16 a 19 de Marzo. Misa será a las 18:00 con una conferencia a las 19:00.

MARCH 23-26 ~ Lenten Parish Mission

Our annual Lenten Parish Mission in English will be March 23-26. Mass will be at 6 p.m. with a conference at 7 p.m.

JUNE 30 - JULY 7 ~ Girls' Camp: Register Now

Accepting applicants now for girls aged 12-17 for Camp St. Rita. Sign up sheets and information available in church vestibule.

One of the greatest debts of gratitude we owe to Christ is for having communicated His gifts to us through such channels, whereby we can acknowledge the hand whence all blessings come. Because He foresaw that this corrupt world would not submit to faith, and would contradict His doctrine, Christ was pleased that the sages of the world, who could not arrive at the knowledge of God by the light of their own intelli-

gence, should be instructed by poor fishermen.

But all that could not be done without a great deal of labor. What pain and humiliation was it not for our Lord to be always with men who were uncultivated, dull, ignorant and unworthy in every respect; who possessed none of the attributes necessary for so great a work; whom He was consequently obliged to instruct, polish and cultivate continually with ex-

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 9 ~ Feria of Lent

8 a.m. — + Brandon Carder

Tuesday, March 10 ~ Feria of Lent

8 a.m. — Sr. Antonia of the Holy Ghost, by Greg & Kate Truta

Wednesday, March 11 ~ Feria of Lent

8 a.m. — + Robert K. Hunter, by Lisa Schmitz

Thursday, March 12 ~ Feria of Lent

6 p.m. — Andrew Covich Family, by the Russ Family

Friday, March 13 ~ Feria of Lent

8 a.m. — Reparation for Sins of Priests
6 p.m. — Private Intention

Saturday, March 14 ~ Feria of Lent

8 a.m. — Joe TeGrotenhuis, by John TeGrotenhuis

Sunday, March 15 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Fr. Gordon may accept Mass intentions

treme care and indefatigable patience in order to render them capable of receiving the fullness of the Holy Ghost.

It may be thought, perhaps, that I am unfair to the apostles when I put their backwardness among the sufferings of Christ, who always treated them as His children and who foresaw that, having received the Holy Ghost, they would labor in the Lord's vineyard, even to the giving of their lives for His glory.

But I am sure they will not think this when I relate what their origins were and how much their instruction cost that heavenly Master, since

they themselves acknowledged it afterwards. That thought was to them a continual subject of humiliation and surprise. They could not be wearied with admiring the divine mercy, which had raised them from extreme weakness to so high a degree of perfection; they tenderly remembered Him who had overlooked and supported with a most paternal goodness such gross defects, in order to draw such great advantages from them. And they did not think that their services, labors or the shedding of their blood sufficiently repaid so loving a Father for the pains they had cost Him. + + +