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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 3, 2024**



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#### FOR THE NEW MARTYRS

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### HOLY CROSS

##### Sunday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Soul of Albina Pimenovna Rudakova

#### SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

##### Sunday, March 3

10:30 a.m. The People of St. Joseph Cathedral  
and Holy Cross Church

12:30 p.m. Soul of Chester Lones

5:15 p.m. Soul of Richard Lumpe

#### SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

##### Monday, March 4

12:05 p.m. Intention of Kelly Cooley

##### Tuesday, March 5

12:05 p.m. Soul of Louis Jouzeau

##### Wednesday, March 6

12:05 p.m. Soul of Jerzy Grelik

##### Thursday, March 7

12:05 p.m. Soul of Patricia Brennan

##### Friday, March 8

12:05 p.m. Soul of Mary Ann Olvera  
Stations of the Cross

#### HOLY CROSS

##### Saturday, March 9

11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Cullinan Family

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25*

#### Monday, March 4, 2024 – Saint Casimir

*2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30*

#### Tuesday, March 5, 2024

*Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35*

#### Wednesday, March 6, 2024

*Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19*

#### Thursday, March 7, 2024 – Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

*Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23*

#### Friday, March 8, 2024 – Saint John of God

*Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34*

#### Saturday, March 9, 2024 – Saint Frances of Rome

*Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14*

THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 3				
	9:00 a.m. HCC	10:30 a.m. SJC	12:30 p.m. SJC	5:15 p.m. SJC
<b>Altar Servers</b>	John Feher	Lisa Emrich	Zachary Smith	Trevor Foley
		Jason Yax	Antonio Tomasi	JP Pacis
		Nate Foley		
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**Cathedral Concert Series** ~ Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

**IMPROVISED MEDITATIONS ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Third Annual Presentation - Dr. Richard K. Fitzgerald, organist

**Office of Compline** ~ 9:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the Month. The next one is March 3, 2024.

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# There is Still Time to Redeem Your Lent

DEREK ROTTY



I recall one Holy Week, about a decade ago, when I began reflecting on how I had grown closer to the Lord and in my Catholic spirituality during the preceding weeks of Lent.

I was talking with my wife and had to admit that it really had not been a “good Lent.” Sure, I kept the practice of abstinence from meat on Fridays, I begrudgingly fasted on Ash Wednesday, and so on. I don’t think, however, that I gave up anything else that year. If I did, I probably lost steam and commitment at about Laetare Sunday.

In the ensuing years, I have not struggled to “have a good, productive Lent” quite as severely, but I have struggled nonetheless. My body and my temperament are not made for epic sacrifices. I have often said that my work as a parish minister offers enough opportunities for sacrifice, so I don’t need to give up anything else. Even if these are true to an extent, they are probably more of a copout for my weak will. Even with fifteen years as a Catholic under my belt, I am still not a saint who exudes heroic virtue.

Many of us, including myself, probably think that Lent is an all-or-nothing proposition. We might think that we engage fully for 46 days or we don’t engage at all. That leads to the situation I mentioned above, getting to Holy Week and recognizing Lent has not been a season of timely and rich spiritual growth. Instead of getting to that place, there are a few things that we can do in order to redeem Lent in the event that we look up halfway through and realize that it’s not going as well as it could have.

On the Third Sunday of Lent, Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia, tweeted:

“At this halfway point in Lent, we pause to reflect upon our faithfulness to the promises we made on Ash Wednesday. If you have stumbled or fallen, do not get discouraged. Our Lord always gives us the opportunity to rise and to begin anew. Make the most of the rest of this Lent.”

Bishop Burbidge’s point is to take stock.

It is good and necessary to find a time each day or each week to inventory whether or not we have been faithful to the Lenten commitments we’ve made. Maybe it’s during a weekly holy hour. Maybe it’s Sunday morning before Mass. Maybe it’s nightly for fifteen minutes before turning on Netflix. The point is to choose a consistent moment for reflection and stick with it.

If we have failed to keep our promises, we have the opportunity to begin again. The Lord is merciful with us and so we should be merciful with ourselves. We should simply recommit, instead of foregoing the whole experience. If I have eaten donuts during the last thirty-four days, I simply should commit to not eating donuts for the next eleven. (Eleven is less than thirty-four, so it should be easier to keep, right?)

Another important point to keep in mind about Lenten promises is that they are not the same as marriage vows. It is possible to cease one practice and begin another, even during the course of a single Lent. If it turns out that giving up social media is “too hard” or it is not the thing that God calls for, we can shift to giving up fast food or some other things that is detrimental for our natural or spiritual lives. Again, taking stock daily and weekly will help us make this decision.

We should not only talk about beginning again or giving up something different during Lent. We should also talk about positive, concrete actions that can help us grow. Perhaps some actions will help us grow more than anything we might excise from our lives.

The prophet Hosea preaches a message from God: “For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings” (Hos. 6:6). This should remind us that the purpose of Lent is not to heap up sacrifices, but to grow in knowledge of God and his steadfast mercy. Obviously, one of the best ways to do that is to engage in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

We have the opportunity for the final weeks of Lent to be saturated with the love of God known by the outpouring of his love. Each of us (even those who have faithfully kept their first promises) should find at least one work of mercy to do for the final weeks of Lent, so that we come to know God's mercy and love more deeply.

Finally, we must remember perhaps the most important point about Lent: God does not expect us to be perfect right now. Indeed, he knows that we cannot be perfect right now. God will always make up by his grace what we lack in perfection.

So, instead of focusing on our failures for the first half of Lent, we should focus on beginning anew each day and asking for God to reveal his mercy and grace ever more fully.

Happy Lent!



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Each year our historic Saint Joseph Cathedral and Holy Cross are decorated so beautifully for Easter Sunday and the Easter Season, appropriately so to celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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# Suffering With Mary in Lent

JEANNIE EWING



“O divine Savior, it was not your purpose to console [Mary] as much as it was to make her grief immortal. She was accustomed to loving God and now found in his place only a mortal man, and she was well aware of the difference.”

– Jacques-Benigne Bossuet, *Meditations on Mary*, p. 99

As a child, Mary was always a distant mother figure to me. Because of her perfection in virtue and the Immaculate Conception, I couldn't relate to her. My struggles seemed so far removed from her life. I

always pictured her docility, her meekness and patience, and her humility. Imagining the Holy Family with their quiet days and evenings, it just wasn't relevant to my life.

Then I became a mother. Motherhood has changed me in countless ways, but there is one significant way in which Mary has truly become My Lady, My Mother, and so dear to me. It is in understanding more deeply about her suffering.

## *The White Martyrdom of Mary*

During Lent, we often focus on the Passion of Christ, and rightly so. But do we realize that absolutely everything He experienced was concurrently suffered in the heart of His Mother? Jesus suffered a literal death that day, but Our Lady underwent a white martyrdom — a martyrdom of the heart.

It is widely accepted by most Mariologists that the Blessed Virgin did not experience the pangs of childbirth, nor did she struggle with any sort of pain in her death. But she was not spared from the most horrific heartaches and crosses. The Cross of her Son was her cross, too. Grief pierced her heart the instant Simeon prophesied about Jesus being a contradiction in the world Who would cause the rise and fall of many who would oppose Him.

From that moment onward, Our Lady was given her own passion, which was not lifted from her heart until she was assumed into heaven body and soul. At the foot of the Cross, when Jesus said, “Behold your son,” she knew her suffering was being transferred from experiencing the affliction of her Divine Son to bearing the grief of mortal man who was riddled with sin.

## *The Three Types of Afflictions We Experience*

Bishop Jacques-Benigne Bossuet, a gifted spiritual writer of the nineteenth century, shared in his classic, *Meditations on Mary*, a beautiful reflection about what we can learn from the Blessed Virgin's ongoing suffering. He claims there are three types of afflictions we also experience and how God works on our souls to come to perfect peace in each situation:

### **1. Sorrow is entirely dismissed.**

In this case, Fr. Bossuet explained that “the passion is entirely appeased, and we are consoled” (p. 89). It is as if our grief is somehow taken away altogether, which is an incredible grace. Some of us may understand this, while others have not experienced this at all. It is a rare supernatural grace, for which we should be grateful, should it happen upon us.

God allows our souls in this case to experience perfect peace, because He has removed all sorrow. Perhaps the Blessed Mother received this consolation herself, but it is more likely that her own passion existed because she chose it out of love for God.

### **2. The soul is troubled by evil but bears it patiently.**

Fr. Bossuet wrote that the soul in this condition is still aware of the sorrow and grief but has come to a place of resignation. Here is where we may wrestle with our crosses, perhaps out of fear or disdain for suffering. According to Fr. Bossuet, it's important for us to remain at peace and not give in to the agitation we may feel.

The Blessed Mother's peace was never disturbed, regardless of her afflictions and troubles – even when she told Jesus after searching for Him for three days that “your father and I have been searching for you with great anxiety.” Her anxiety was not the worry we feel. It was more a concern at not knowing where Jesus was; still, she was not interiorly disturbed.

### 3. We are aware of the suffering but not troubled by it.

The third level of affliction is when we are both aware of our suffering but are not at all troubled by it. At this point, it seems that God has granted specific graces of “illumination” so that He “gives us great strength,” though we still “suffer its violence, but our peace of soul is not lost” (p. 89).

Imagine, during your own Lenten journey, that the Blessed Mother walks with you as you follow Jesus on Calvary. Your heart, like hers, may be pierced with a thousand pains and agonies, but you beg her intercession to permeate your soul with still more graces that will leave you calm and without tumult as you experience this suffering for love of God.

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## Cultivate the Right Attitude to Sin this Lent

FR. NNAMDI MONEME, OMV



I had concluded Holy Mass in a parish and was rushing for my next engagement when I noticed that a parishioner had packed behind my car in the parking lot making it impossible for me to depart immediately as I had planned. I waited anxiously for the owner to arrive and move the car. The owner casually arrived about half an hour later, entered her car, and drove out without a single word of apology to me. By then I was already way too late for my next engagement.

I could feel the anger rising within me. The thoughts of offense were going full throttle in my mind, “How rude, proud, selfish, arrogant, and insensitive she is.” It was only after a few minutes that I realized that while focusing so much on the annoying attitude of the parishioner, I had completely forgotten the presence of the Lord Jesus that I had just received in Holy Communion. As long as I was giving in to and nurturing the angry thoughts in my head, the more I disconnected myself from God's loving presence with me and within me.

Nothing affects our relationship with God more than our attitude towards sin – our own sins and the sins of others against us. When we do not have a good attitude towards sin, our relationship with God is wounded and our faith in Him begins to dwindle.

Jesus in Mk 1:12-15 shows us the two attitudes that we must have towards sin if we are going to have a healthy relationship with God – Resist and Repent. We must resist and overcome temptations to sin now. Jesus, the Holy One of God, freely chose to be tempted by the devil because He wanted to be faithful to His Father who had recently declared to Him at His baptism in the Jordan, “You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” All the temptations that Jesus faced were aimed at rupturing His filial relationship with His Father. But Jesus came and left the desert of temptation an ever-faithful Son of His Father.

St. Augustine reminds us that we too share in the victory of Jesus over temptations, “He (Christ) suffered temptation in your nature, but by His own power gained victory for you.” Because of the victory of Jesus, we too can and should resist and overcome temptations by His grace. His victory is both an example and an inspiration for our own victory over temptations. Jesus even promises that we will overcome greater temptations, “Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these.” (Jn 14:12)

We should also begin to resist now, no matter the past defeats and failures. We should not postpone the day of our resistance to sin as if we can resist tomorrow while giving in to sin today. The truth is that we become spiritually weaker the more that we give in to sin. We must repent of our sins in the past. Jesus declared this truth, “The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.” No repentance, no real faith in the reality that we belong to God and His kingdom. When we ignore this ongoing repentance, we begin to doubt or even question the love, wisdom, and power of God in our daily lives.

There are five sure ways in which we can begin to cultivate these two attitudes of repentance and resistance toward sin.

First, we must have patient trust in Jesus always. He suffered and died for our sins, and He is with us now, leading us to God along the same path of loving obedience that He has traveled victoriously, "Beloved, Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God." (1Pet 3:18) We must place all our trust in Him and not in ourselves, our firm resolves, past victories, deep sorrow for the past sins, etc. Remember His words, "Without me, you can do nothing." (Jn 15:4)

We must also be patient in temptations because no temptation lasts forever. Faith matures in patience. Besides, God knows our limits in facing temptations, "God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (1Cor 10:13) The temptations will come and go but Jesus remains with us, whether we are faithful or unfaithful to Him in the temptations.

Secondly, we must pray always. Prayer opens our hearts to receive the light and grace that Jesus offers us in our temptations. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane and He invited the disciples to do the same, "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation." (Mt 26:41) We do not stand a chance against temptations when we are not praying fervently.

Through authentic prayer that is focused on Jesus, we also begin to desire the same things that Jesus desires. We can resist sins only when we have a deep share in the desires of Jesus. Praying to Mama Mary and with her in times of temptation is powerful because, as the Mother of Jesus who never ceased contemplating Christ, Mary helps us to focus on Jesus with receptive hearts ready to receive all that He offers to us at the moment of temptation.

Thirdly, we must practice self-denial and fasting. We are so weak against temptations when we are indulging in material things like food, drink, pleasures, gadgets, entertainment, etc. Though these things are good and innocent in themselves, overindulgence weakens our wills, making them slaves of our senses, and sluggish in regards to the things of God.

Practicing moderation in these things and even denying ourselves what is sometimes necessary train our wills to obey God and resist temptations. Unless we train our wills, we cannot respond to the graces that God is always offering to us.

Fourthly, we must know and love the truth always. We cannot resist temptations to sin when we are making choices only based on our emotions or on public opinions. We must study the sacred scriptures and know our Catechism well enough to know what is right and wrong, and why they cannot change. We can no longer depend on the priests to teach us everything at Mass without making our own personal efforts at knowing and growing in our knowledge of truth.

This knowledge of the truth is indispensable today when we are witnessing widespread deception even in the Church. For over two thousand years, the Church has been calling and equipping her children to repent and to resist sin. For the very first time in the history of the Church, a declaration, ***Fiducia Supplicans***, completely deviated from scripture and tradition in giving permission for the blessing of people in homosexual relationships without any call whatsoever to repent and resist homosexual actions. It is more saddening to note how some Catholics remain oblivious to the wicked deception in that declaration. We just cannot hope to resist any temptation when we have a warped and ever-changing sense of good and evil.

Lastly, we must examine our conscience frequently and approach the sacrament of confession. We must get accustomed to dealing with the small sins before they become big sins that completely destroy our freedom and close our hearts to the life of God's grace.

Our sins grow and multiply in the dark when we try to hide them or ignore them. We need the grace of sacramental confession to enlighten us, cleanse us of our sins, and give us strength to resist the sins that we have confessed. We will be remiss to ignore the frequent reception of this sacrament.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, our relationship with God by faith is the most powerful thing in this world, "The thing that conquers the world is your faith." (1Jn 5:4) This relationship is the source of all the many blessings and benefits we deeply need and desire – joy, hope, strength, peace, etc. We lose all these and more because of our bad attitude towards sin.

Jesus Christ suffered and died for our sins to bring us into this relationship with God as His beloved children. He comes to us in each Eucharist to strengthen us in this relationship with God by giving us a share in His Holy Spirit, the very Spirit that led and empowered Him to victory over temptation and the devil. He knows our sins of the past and our present struggles with sin. With His Spirit in us, our own victory is possible and paid for already. All we need to do is cultivate and maintain the right attitude to sin – Resist and Repent now and always.

Glory to Jesus!!! Honor to Mary!!!

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## Returning Love for Love: A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus

**MAY 31 – JUNE 9, 2024**



To commemorate the 350th anniversary of the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Paray-le-Monial, a Jubilee Year has been declared, beginning on 27 December 2023 and continuing through 27 June 2025, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

Please consider joining the Diocese of Columbus and Bishop Fernandes on this extraordinary pilgrimage to France during the Jubilee Year.



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## SCHEDULE FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

### THE SEASON OF LENT

- Every Friday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass - The Stations of the Cross
- Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. IMPROVISED MEDITATIONS ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
Third Annual Presentation - Dr. Richard K. Fitzgerald, organist  
Stations of the Cross with Musical Meditations by Dr. Richard K. Fitzgerald
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
  - Sunday Confession: 9:15-10:00 a.m.
  - Tuesday Confession: 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
  - Thursday Confession 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
  - Wednesday Holy Hour & Confession - 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Reconciliation Monday: March 25th 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

- Palm Sunday – March 24 – Mass times at the Cathedral are 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.  
Mass time at Holy Cross is 9:00 a.m.
- Holy Thursday Mass (March 28) – Mass of the Lord's Supper - 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral  
NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY THURSDAY
- Good Friday (March 29) - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord - 12 noon at the Cathedral  
FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS  
Tenebrae – 8:00 p.m. at the Cathedral
- Easter Vigil (March 30) - 9:00 p.m. at the Cathedral
- Easter Sunday (March 31) - Mass times at the Cathedral are 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.  
Mass time at Holy Cross is 9:00 a.m.
- Easter Monday (April 1)– Cathedral & Cathedral Square Offices are Closed.  
There will be no 12:05 p.m. Mass

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

*The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph.*

***“If we look forward to receiving God’s mercy, we can never fail to do good, so long as we have the strength. For if we share with the poor, out of love for God, whatever He has given to us, we shall receive according to His promise, a hundredfold in eternal happiness. What a fine profit, what a blessed reward! With outstretched arms He begs us to turn toward Him, to weep for our sins and to become the servants of love, first for ourselves, then for our neighbors. Just as water extinguishes a fire, so love wipes away sin.”*** +SAINT JOHN OF GOD

**Monday, March 4 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent**  
**Optional Memorial: Saint Casimir of Poland**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 4:24-30** Jesus said to the people in the synagogue at Nazareth: “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But he passed through the midst of them and went away.

**Meditation:** When Jesus spoke in his hometown synagogue he startled his listeners with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. He then angered them when he complimented the gentiles who seemed to have shown more faith in God than the “chosen ones” of Israel. They regarded gentiles as “fuel for the fires of hell.” Jesus’ praise for “outsiders” caused them offense because they were blind-sighted to God’s mercy and plan of redemption for all nations. The word of warning and judgment spoken by Jesus was met with hostility by his own people. They forcibly threw him out of the city and would have done him harm had he not stopped them. The Lord offers us freedom and pardon and the grace to walk in his way of truth and righteousness. His discipline is for our good that we may share his holiness (Hebrews 12:10). “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates reproof is stupid” (Proverbs 12:1). Do you seek the Lord for instruction and help so you can grow in holiness and grace, and become a stronger disciple of Christ?

**Prayer:** May your unfailing compassion, O Lord, cleanse and protect your Church, and since without you she cannot stand secure, may she be always governed by your grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** What limits God’s grace and power in our lives to undergo change and transformation of mind and heart? Indifference and lack of faith for sure! The prophets confronted God’s people with their indifference and unbelief. God’s grace and mercy is offered freely to those who seek it with sincerity, repentance, and faith. When Naaman, a non-Jew went to Jerusalem to seek a cure, the prophet Elisha instructed him to bathe in the river. In faith he obeyed and was healed. Jesus did not hesitate to confront his own people with their indifference and unbelief. Have you looked at where your faith life is? Are you indifferent? Are you lukewarm about your faith, and how you live out your faith? If so, it’s time to set your faith on fire. But you need first to rid yourself of those things which hold you back – whatever they may be. Pray that you will rid yourself of these barriers. Then free from those things which hold you back, may your faith life flourish and bear much fruit.

**Tuesday, March 5 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35** Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven

times but seventy-seven times. That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

**Meditation:** Who among us doesn't have debts that need to be paid off? And who wouldn't be grateful to have someone release them from their debts? But can we really expect mercy and pardon when we owe someone a great deal? The prophet Amos speaks of God forgiving transgression three times, but warns that God may not revoke punishment for the fourth (see Amos 1:3-13; 2:1-6). When Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he characteristically offered an answer he thought Jesus would be pleased with. Why not forgive seven times! How unthinkable for Jesus to counter with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times that. Jesus made it clear that there is no reckonable limit to forgiveness. And he drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money – millions in our currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province – more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however bring himself to forgive his neighbor a very small debt which was about one- hundred-thousandth of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater!

**Prayer:** May your grace not forsake us, O Lord, we pray, but make us dedicated to your holy service and at all times obtain for us your help. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** There is no way we could repay God the debt we owed him because of our sins and offenses. Only his mercy and pardon could free us from such a debt. Despite how we may feel at times toward people in our lives, there is no offense our neighbor can do to us that can compare with our debt to God! If God has forgiven each of us our debt, which was very great, we too must forgive others the debt they owe us. Through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross – which atoned for our sins – each one of us has been forgiven a debt beyond all reckoning. It cost God his very own Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to ransom us with the price of his blood. Jesus paid the price for us and won for us pardon for our sins and freedom from slavery to our unruly desires and sinful habits. God in his mercy offers us the grace and help of his Holy Spirit so we can love as he loves, pardon as he pardons, and treat others with the same mercy and kindness which he has shown to us. God has made his peace with us. Have you made your peace with God? Have you reconciled yourself with God? Especially during Lent we are called to reconcile ourselves with God and with one another. A healthy trip to the confessional to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a first and important start. Have you been to confession lately? If not, why not?

### Wednesday, March 6 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19** Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

**Meditation:** Jesus taught reverence for God's law – reverence for God himself, for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbor lest wrong or hurtful desires master us. Folks, reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love – love of God and love of neighbor. What is impossible to men and women is possible to God and those who put their faith and trust in God. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord transforms us and makes us like himself. We are a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17) because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans



5:5). God gives us the grace to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think as he thinks, and to act as he acts. The Lord loves justice and goodness and he hates every form of wickedness and sin. He wants to set us free from our unruly desires and sinful habits, so that we can choose to live each day in the peace, joy, and righteousness of his Holy Spirit (Romans 14: 17). To renounce sin is to turn away from what is harmful and destructive for our minds and hearts, and our very lives. As his followers we must love and respect his commandments and hate every form of sin. Do you love and revere the commands of the Lord?

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, schooled through Lenten observance and nourished by your word, through holy restraint we may be devoted to you with all our heart and be ever united in prayer. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** How do you view the laws of God? Negatively? Positively? A pick-and-choose ("cafeteria Catholic") approach? Do you allow the human laws of any local, state or federal legislative body or the human decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court to supersede the divine laws of God and the divine teachings of Jesus Christ – especially when these laws or decisions are contrary to God or Jesus? Jesus' attitude towards the law of God can be summed up in the great prayer of Psalm 119: "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." For the people of Israel the "law" could refer to the Ten Commandments or to the five Books of Moses, called the Pentateuch, which explain the commandments and ordinances of God for his people. The "law" also referred to the whole teaching or way of life which God gave to his people. The Jews in Jesus' time also used it as a description of the oral or scribal law. Needless to say, the scribes added many more things to the law than God intended. That is why Jesus often condemned the scribal law. It placed burdens on people which God had not intended. Jesus, however, made it very clear that the essence of God's law – his commandments and his way of life – must be fulfilled. So, once again, how do you view God's law? How do you put God's law into action and practice in your daily life?

### **Thursday, March 7 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent**

#### **Optional Memorial: Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-23** Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute, and when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke and the crowds were amazed. Some of them said, "By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he drives out demons." Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe. But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

**Meditation:** Jesus' numerous exorcisms brought freedom to many who were troubled and oppressed by the work of evil spirits. Jesus himself encountered personal opposition and battled with Satan when he was put to the test in the wilderness just before his public ministry. He overcame the evil one through his obedience to the will of his Father. Some of the Jewish leaders reacted vehemently to Jesus' healings and exorcisms and they opposed him with malicious slander. How could he get the power and authority to release individuals from Satan's power? They assumed that he had to be in league with Satan. They attributed his power to Satan rather than to God. Jesus answers their charge with two arguments. There were many exorcists in Palestine in Jesus' time. So Jesus retorted by saying that they also incriminate their own kin who cast out demons. If they condemn Jesus they also condemn themselves. In his second argument he asserts that no kingdom divided against itself cannot survive for long? We have witnessed enough civil wars in our own time to prove the destructive force at work here for the annihilation of whole peoples and their land. If Satan lends his power against his own forces then he is finished. How can a strong person be defeated except by someone who is stronger? Jesus asserted his power and authority to cast out demons as a clear demonstration of the reign of God.

**Prayer:** We implore your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as the feast of our salvation draws ever closer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly towards the worthy celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** We live in a world of compromise. And yet, there are some aspects of our life that we just cannot afford to compromise on – especially our faith life, and the teachings of the one, holy, Catholic and

Apostolic Church. The teachings of the Church are based on the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Jesus makes it clear that there are no neutral parties. We are either for Jesus or against him, for the kingdom of God or against it. Once we start going down the road of compromise, we turn against God and Jesus, because we begin to place our will above and before the will of God (sound familiar – Adam and Eve?). There are two kingdoms in opposition to one another – the kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness under the rule of Satan. If we disobey God's word – if we compromise God's word – then we open to door to the power of sin and Satan in our lives. If you want to live in freedom from sin and Satan, then your house – your life and all you possess – must be occupied by Jesus where he is enthroned as Lord and Savior. Is the Lord Jesus the Master of your home, heart, mind, and will?

**Friday, March 8 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent**  
**Optional Memorial: Saint John of God, Religious**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 12:28-34** One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, He is One and there is no other than he. And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

**Meditation:** How do love and obedience to God's law go together? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will. What, then, makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart? Remember and reflect on what Saint Paul the Apostle said: "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

**Prayer:** Pour your grace into our hearts, we pray, O Lord, that we may be constantly drawn away from unruly desires and obey by your own gift the heavenly teaching you give us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The following prayer by Saint Anselm is worth contemplating on this day: "We love you, O our God; and we desire to love you more and more. Grant to us that we may love you as much as we desire, and as much as we ought. O dearest friend, who has so loved and saved us, the thought of whom is so sweet and always growing sweeter, come with Christ and dwell in our hearts; that you keep a watch over our lips, our steps, our deeds, and we shall not need to be anxious either for our souls or our bodies. Give us love, sweetest of all gifts, which knows no enemy. Give us in our hearts pure love, born of your love to us, that we may love others as you love us. O most loving Father of Jesus Christ, from whom flows all love, let our hearts, frozen in sin, cold to you and cold to others, be warmed by this divine fire. So help and bless us in your Son."

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## TAKING PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH AND HOLY CROSS

### THIS WEEKEND IS FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL:

Coffee/Tea/Punch and Light Refreshments will be served at a reception following this Sunday's 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please come to meet and welcome our new parishioners and enjoy a time of Christian fellowship and sandwich making for the Backdoor Ministry Program. Take the elevator or follow the signs to the staircase leading to the lower level.

### THIS WEEKEND IS FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY AT HOLY CROSS:

Light Refreshments will be served at a reception following this Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us after 9:00 a.m. Mass in the building next to the rectory as we share in fellowship. All are welcome!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Following the 12:05 p.m. Mass on Fridays at the Cathedral, we will have the Stations of the Cross.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:** St. Joseph Cathedral & Holy Cross happily announces the coming nuptials of Genevieve Harding and Christian Bray on March 23, 2024 at the Cathedral. Please keep them in prayer as they prepare for their wedding.

### CHOIR: THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

**3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral. This liturgy will feature improvisations on each Station featuring Dr. Richard K. Fitzgerald, organist.

**WE INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF THE BEAUTIFUL LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL & HOLY CROSS CHURCH.** Consider joining the Liturgical Ministry Volunteers as altar servers, lectors, and hospitality ministers. Please fill out a form in the sacristy or email the form to JP at [sjcmistryscheduler@gmail.com](mailto:sjcmistryscheduler@gmail.com).

**CATHEDRAL & HOLY CROSS BIBLE STUDY:** The Bible Study meets every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral in the Undercroft. There is interest in having a daytime Bible Study as well. If you are interested in joining either session, please contact Carol at 614-224-1295 or at [cathedral@sjchcc.org](mailto:cathedral@sjchcc.org).

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH COFFEE MAKING AND SETTING UP FOR FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS.** Please contact Ed Hueckel at [Emmett2381@yahoo.com](mailto:Emmett2381@yahoo.com).

**LITTLE LARRY SANDWICH MAKING AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH** On March 10th after 9:00 a.m. Mass, we will be making sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven. Please join us.

**HOLY CROSS PRAYER GARDENS:** Thursday mornings in April, May & June, from 9:00-11:00 a.m., all parish members and their friends are invited to visit the Holy Cross Prayer Garden to help it become a peaceful place of prayer and respite for the parish and the neighborhood.

**THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE** will meet at 9:00 a.m. on March 12 at Holy Cross Church Rectory. All are welcome to join.

## IN, AROUND AND NEAR THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

**LAGHI CHAIR LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM:** The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2024 Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture will feature a presentation by alumnus Father Thomas Petri, OP, STD, President of the Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. He will present "Grace, Freedom, and Beauty: Saint Thomas Aquinas on the Blessed Mother" on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, call 614-985-2274. The Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair was inaugurated at the Josephinum in 1992 in honor of Pio Cardinal Laghi, then Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education. American cardinals and presidents of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops promoted the funding of this chair in recognition of Cardinal Laghi's dedicated service to the Catholic Church in the United States.

**ST. CHARLES PREPARATORY SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S AUDITIONS** for its spring production, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time on Tuesday & Wednesday, March 5 & 6 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad Street (You need only attend one of the two days.) Auditions are open to all area high school women in Central Ohio. Production Dates: April 25-28, 2024. For more information, email Doug Montgomery at [dmontgomery@scprep.org](mailto:dmontgomery@scprep.org).



**THE FUTURE OF OUR FAITH:** As retirement nears, there are opportunities to make broader plans for assets that have carefully accumulated over a lifetime. A planned gift is an intention that can be made when you are updating insurance beneficiaries; when you are meeting with your lawyer to update your will; or when you are meeting with your financial planner about your IRA. No gift is too small to make a meaningful, lasting impact on St. Joseph Cathedral. For more information on how you can incorporate St. Joseph Cathedral into your estate planning and leave a legacy that will be felt forever, please contact Campbell Smith at 614-443-8893 or [csmith@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:csmith@catholic-foundation.org).

### "COME AND SEE" WEEKEND AT THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM:

The Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio, has scheduled a "Come and See" Live-in Weekend for March 7-10, 2024. The weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-age students) to visit the seminary for a few days. Live-in participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty and staff. Live-in weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program. The Weekend begins with arrival at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, and concludes with departure at Noon on Sunday, March 10. All meals and recreation are included. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the Vocations Office, 614-221-5565, or email [vocations@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:vocations@columbuscatholic.org) or contact your parish priest.



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**SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL**  
 Updated February 26, 2024  
 2023 Appeal Report

Goal established by the Diocese	\$ 42,645.24
TOTAL PLEDGES TO DATE	\$ 65,365.38
EXCEEDS DIOCESAN GOAL BY	\$ 22,720.14

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TOTAL	\$ 8,184.06

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**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**  
 Updated February 26, 2024  
 2023 Appeal Report

Goal established by the Diocese	\$ 21,018.43
Enhanced Goal	\$ 26,018.43
TOTAL PLEDGES TO DATE	\$ 22,168.43
EXCEEDS DIOCESAN GOAL BY	\$ 1,150.00

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**OFFERTORY FOR HOLY CROSS**

Total Collected for February 18, 2024	\$ 3,807.00
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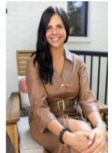


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