

# HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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**Frist Sunday  
of Lent**  
**February 21, 2021**



## Parish Staff/Grupo Pastoral

**Pastor/Párroco:** *Rev. Thomas Baldonieri*

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### Mass Schedule:

*Weekday Masses—Monday thru Friday— 7:30 a.m.*

*Weekend: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.*

*Sunday: 9:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. (español)*

**Sacrament of Penance/Penitencia:** *Saturdays from 3:00pm - 3:45pm. Please make reservations for the Sacrament of Penance on our website.*

**Sacrament of Baptism/Bautismo & Sacrament of Marriage/Matrimonio:**

*The Sacraments of Baptism & Marriage arranged by appointment.*

### Registration of New Parishioners:

*To register as a parishioner of Holy Rosary, please fill out the registration form in the back of the Church and place it in the collection basket.*

Sunday Mass Collection: \$1,240.54  
Shortfall from Budget of \$4,000.00: \$2,759.46  
HR Meet the Budget Collection: \$50.00

Please consider using the Archdiocese link at: [www.archchicago.org/offertory](http://www.archchicago.org/offertory) for electronic giving to our parish. Your ongoing support is critical to our ability to support our ministries.

or

If you would like to make an online offering that goes directly to Holy Rosary Church via GiveCentral. Visit our website: [www.holyrosaryonwesternave.org](http://www.holyrosaryonwesternave.org). Your support is always greatly appreciated.  
Thank you!

## First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021

### Renewal in the Journey of Lent.

We have begun the journey of Lent. It is an important time for us as we reflect on the call for prayer, fasting and alms giving. These works of Lent set us on the right path for conversion and growth. We are filled with hope as we make this journey of Lent and accompany one another.



### Renew My Church: The Journey of Renewal

At the heart of our Renew My Church efforts is the renewal of vital, sustainable parishes that have the leadership, resources, and vision necessary to create an effective culture of evangelization that makes disciples, builds communities and inspires witness. This requires prayerful discernment and challenging conversations on our part. It also necessitates great trust that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, will lead us to where He wants us to go.

Our parish completed the first of three stages on the journey of renewal: working with St. Stephen of Hungary Holy Innocents, St. Mark, Santa Maria Addolorata, St. Helen and St. Malachy/Precious Blood as one group to discern and provide input into how we can best structure our parishes and ministries to make disciples, build community, and inspire witness. There are multiple stages on this shared journey of renewal:

1. Discernment & Decisions: The Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team reflected upon potential scenarios of how our local parishes and schools may be organized differently in the future and develop potential ideas to achieve the mission imperatives. This stage concluded when Cardinal Cupich made his final decisions regarding any structural changes affecting the grouping. Our parish completed this phase of Discernment and Decision. Now, we are reflecting on the decision for our parishes: Holy Rosary, St. Mark, St. Helen and St. Stephen, King of Hungary. This is an opportunity to come together for the strength of Catholics and evangelization in our area. Let us continue to accompany each other this Lent knowing that change and conversion are never easy. We come to a new awareness of ourselves as missionary disciples, who are ready to pray, share and grow.
2. Operations Transition: Once decisions are made that result in structural/organizational changes to the grouping, a dedicated support team from the Archdiocese works on-site to help pastors manage the transition - both the pastoral accompaniment to walk with people through this time of change and operational transition to ensure new parishes have strong, sustainable operational foundations, upon which the great work of ministry can be built to achieve our mission imperatives.
3. Building the New Reality: At this point in the process, with the structural, operational, financial, and personnel foundations in place, the grouping will focus its efforts on vibrantly living out the three imperatives. At the core will be a culture of evangelization that supports the work of making disciples, building community, and inspiring witness. This will be a journey over the next several years in our parish.

Along this journey, our Good Shepherd guides our steps. He is with us always and assures us in the Gospel, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (Jn 10:27-30). It's on us to keep our ears open and to listen with our hearts throughout this process.

As Always, for more information, visit [RenewMyChurch.org](http://RenewMyChurch.org), or ask Fr. Tom.



*After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."*

- Mk 1:24-25

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### Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

#### The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the Sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## CRS Rice Bowl

### WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl, Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the exit side doors on the table starting this Sunday, February 21, 2021. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

### FIRST WEEK OF LENT

#### HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger — it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

#### SUNDAY, February 21-1st Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM †Ciro & †Linda Bragagnolo

12:15 PM †Jose Alberto Paz, Conv. Pablo Molina, †Juan Molina Jr., †Yessenia Cano,

#### MONDAY, February 22-The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7:30 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed

#### TUESDAY, February 23-St. Polycarp

7:30 AM †Catherine Spina (A)

#### WEDNESDAY, February 24

7:30 AM People of the Parish

#### THURSDAY, February 25

7:30 AM †Jean Whalen

#### FRIDAY, February 26

7:30 AM †Elba Florez

#### SATURDAY, February 27

4:00 PM †Chi Chi Kowalczyk, †Marie Porrello

#### SUNDAY, February 28-2nd Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM †Vito & †Grace Nardiello,

†Al & †Anna Smith

12:15 PM †Jose Alberto Paz, †Yesenia Cano, Juan Molina Jr., Conv. Pablo Molina

**Mass  
Intention**