

**Liturgical Calendar at a Glance**

- March 15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
- March 22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
- March 29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
  
- April 2 Thursday at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
**Lenten individual confessions**  
**-guest priests will be available**
  
- April 5 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion:  
Mass – **10:00 am only**
  
- April 7 Tuesday at 7:30 pm Chrism Mass  
at the Cathedral on Sussex Drive
  
- April 9 Holy Thursday Mass – 7:00 pm
- April 10 Good Friday Service – 3:00 pm
- April 11 Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 pm
- April 12 Easter Sunday Mass – **10:00 am only**
- April 19 Divine Mercy Mass – **10:00 am only**

**March Social Weekend**

**Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22**

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**We pray for God's healing:**

Tess Lam; Lina Peters; Pauline Doyle;  
Deacon Norm; Roy Conrod;  
Aurelio Balaba; Ike Ukwu; Sylvia Carter;  
Jim Sutton; Alicia and Frank Gutsch;   
Ron Delaney; Donald MacKenzie;  
Jane Dominic; Simon Jacques;  
Marilyn D'Amour; Carlos Quiroz;  
Eddy So; Helen Smith.

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Thursday and Friday – 9:30 am to 12:00 pm  
Weekends – before and after all Masses

*Second Sunday of Lent*



*Mass Intentions and Schedule*

† Denotes Repose of the soul

**Saturday, March 7**

- 11:00 am Funeral Mass for † Paul Capello
  
- 4:30 pm † Julianna de la Cuesta  
by the de la Cuesta Family

**Sunday, March 8**

- 9:00 am For the people
  
- 11:00 am † Joselito, Emmanuel and Loreto Lumabi  
by Ana Paquette  
† Ivan Joachim by Cynthia Serrao

**Tuesday, March 10**

12:00 pm Mass intention available

**Wednesday, March 11**

12:00 pm Mass intention available

**Thursday, March 12**

- 9:00 am † David Graham by the family
- 9:30 am Socials

**Friday, March 13 --- No morning Mass**

- 7:00 pm Mass intention available
- 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Prayer to Saint Michael  
the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our safeguard  
against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray; and do you,  
O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God cast into hell  
Satan and all the evil spirits  
who wander through the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## Lenten Penitential Service Thursday, April 2

As listed in the Liturgical Calendar, the parish Lenten Penitential Service will take place **Thursday, April 2 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Guest priests will be available to hear confessions following a short service.

Kindly mark your calendars and plan on attending.

### Second Week of Lent

One thing that is very important for us to do during Lent is to ask for forgiveness. This is a three- fold forgiveness:

1. Forgiving others
2. Asking others to forgive you
3. And, Forgiving Yourself as you ask our merciful God for Forgiveness.

### A Prayer for the Second Week of Lent *Forgiveness of Sins*

O Lord, Jesus Christ,  
Redeemer and Saviour,  
forgive my sins,  
just as you forgave Peter's denial  
and those who crucified you.

Count not my transgressions, but  
rather, my tears of repentance.

Remember not my iniquities,  
but more especially,  
my sorrow for the offenses  
I have committed against you.

I long to be true to Your Word,  
and pray that you will love me  
and come to make your dwelling place within me.

Give me the grace and strength to always give you  
praise and glory in love  
and in service all the days of my life. Amen.

## Lenten Scrutinies

During Lent, all Christians are called to strengthen their resolve to turn away from sin and to embrace God's grace.

During Lent adults who are **seeking to become Catholics** enter into a period called "purification and enlightenment". These adults are called the "**Elect**". They are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist – at the Easter Vigil Mass.

On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the Elect will perform three successive rites called "the Scrutinies." They are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect. They are also meant to bring out and then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good in the Elect. The Scrutinies give the Elect strength in Christ and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

Each Scrutiny takes place during Mass, and is thematically linked to the Gospel reading for that Mass. The persons preparing for the sacraments ("the Elect"), along with their sponsors, bow before the celebrant and the assembly, who pray for them silently and with a series of intercessions.

Culminating in a prayer of cleansing and protection with the laying-on-of-hands, each Scrutiny is a step in preparing the Elect for the celebration and initiation soon to come.

The Scrutinies are mainly for the Elect, but the faithful are encouraged to join in the Scrutinies as we can all benefit from them. We are all in need of conversion throughout our lives, so we join with the Elect in scrutinizing our lives and pray for the grace to overcome the power of sin that infects our hearts.

This year our parish "Elect" is Raoul Soulard. Two other parishioners, Glodi Mukoswa and Gregory Kasenge, will be recognized as baptized Catholics who have been preparing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and First Communion). They are referred to as "**Catechumens**" since they are already baptized.

**The Scrutinies will take place at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 29<sup>th</sup>.**