



**MASSES**

**Saturday** [anticipated] 4:30 pm

**Sunday** 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am

*Mass Tuesday-Friday in the chapel at 9 am*

**CONFESSIONS**

**Tuesday** 7-7:30 pm

**Saturday** 3-4 pm

*in the chapel*

**& ST IGNATIUS  
ST LUKE'S**

**7 February 2021**

## PREPARATION FOR LENT

We are not yet in Lent, but we must not let that season catch us unprepared. As we move through the Gesima Sundays, we should be looking forward to the ways in which we can prepare ourselves for a joyous Easter through a fruitful Lent. Indeed, the very purpose of Gesimatide is the transition from Christmas and Epiphany into Lent.

An unnamed cleric in North Ireland writes: “We need time to prepare ourselves for the fasting and discipline of Lent. Indeed, without a time of preparation, there is an implication that Lenten fasting and discipline is not a particularly serious matter, that it is a matter which does not require from us preparation....”

The Rev'd Dr. Peter Toon says that the Gesima Sundays “serve to place worshippers today in a long tradition of regarding Lent to be so important as a preparation for Easter, the Feast of Feasts, as to require for itself a preliminary preparation. So the ‘Gesimas’ are a preparation for the Preparation.”

So what is this Preparation that we are to prepare for?

Fr. Steve Grunow writes:

“It is important to remember that the preparation of Lent is not simply meant to inculcate in the faithful faith-based ethics or self-improvement, but to prepare us for worship. The reception of ashes is not intended to be a sign of a vague, cultural association with the Catholic Church, but an external reminder that from the day of Ash Wednesday forward, you are preparing yourself for the awe-filled observances of Holy Week.

“Just as the season of Advent prepared the Church for the celebration of the revelation that God in Christ accepted a human nature and allowed himself to be born into this world in the same manner we are born into the world, in its own way the season of Lent prepares the Church for a revelation that was implicit in Christ’s birth: that in his acceptance of a human nature, God in Christ accepted for himself the experiences of the facts of suffering and death.

“The Incarnation is not a kind of ruse, in which God in Christ revels in only positive experiences and exempts himself from what is negative and off-putting. Instead, in his Incarnation, God in Christ reveals himself as present to us in all things, in all of life, even in the experience of death.

“If this has ceased to astound us, we have likely allowed ancillary concerns to cloud our vision of the Gospel.

“Lent prepares us to let go of the superficiality and lack of attentiveness that can so often inhibit our appropriation of the Church’s faith. Heightened attentiveness and intensified reflection concerning the startling culmination of Christ’s Incarnation in suffering, death, and resurrection highlights that what is revealed to us in Christ are not merely ideas about God or feelings of a spiritual nature, but how God has chosen to relate to us in the most extraordinary, unexpected, and undeserved way.

“The Church asks us to accomplish three practices that are integral to our observance of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.”

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To assist you in making a good Lent, there are pamphlets available called *My Lenten Rule*. In these are suggestions of traditional and/or suitable penitential practices which can help you detach from the things of this world and turn your attention to the kingdom of God and its ways. Lent can be a time of transformation and renewal if embraced and practiced with intention and devotion.



The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

*1 Peter 4:7*

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Joanne Newsom, Jackie Chancio, Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Victoria P.; D.K.C., M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

*Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list.*

***Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [for a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.***

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are looking for men 18 years old and older that are in good standing with the Catholic Church to join the parish's own St John Fisher Council 16499. If you are interested, please contact brother Knight Joe Chancio at 301-751-2368 or email jchan319@comcast.net.

## **HELP BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH**

Join us in praying that the work on repairing and beautifying the church will go quickly and smoothly, with no Covid or other delays in permitting or contracts.

*O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with loveliness; Grant, we beseech Thee, a swift consent to our bid to beautify thine house, giving the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in authority in this matter. Vouchsafe to hear our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, 6 February**

*Anticipated Mass for Sunday*

4:30 pm Meta Ann Guinivan +

### **Sunday, 7 February**

*Sexagesima*

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Juliana Manlapaz + [Susie Martinez]

11 am godchildren of Rafael A. Madan

### **Monday, 8 February**

*Jerome Emiliani, Priest*

*Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

9 am *no public mass*

### **Tuesday, 9 February**

*Pre-Lenten Feria*

9 am living and deceased friends of the Madan-Casas family

### **Wednesday, 10 February**

*Scholastica, Virgin*

9 am Tony Flacco +

### **Thursday, 11 February**

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

9 am Jane Slattery [Rosemary Collier]

### **Friday, 12 February**

*Pre-Lenten Feria*

9 am Marcella Pe + [anniversary commemoration]

### **Saturday, 13 February**

*Anticipated Mass for Sunday*

4:30 pm those for whom Rafael A. Madan is obliged to pray

### **Sunday, 14 February**

*Quinquagesima*

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Burtt Richardson +

11 am Lilian Madan Gamble +

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