

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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**SACRAMENT OF  
BAPTISM**  
SECOND & FOURTH  
SUNDAYS  
1:15 PM ENG  
2:15 PM PL

Please arrange the date  
of baptism through the  
Rectory office after  
the birth of your child

**SACRAMENT OF  
MARRIAGE**

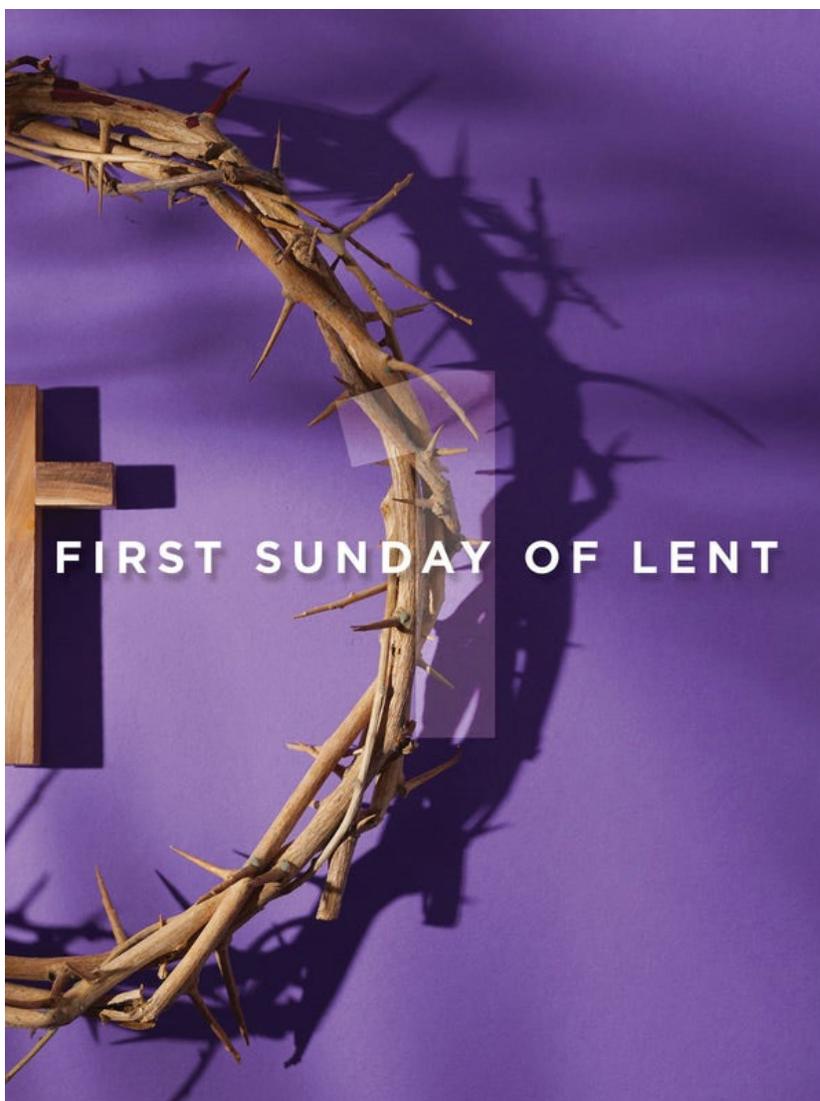
Please call the Rectory  
for an appointment at  
least **six months** prior  
to the desired date.

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**  
SATURDAYS

4:00 to 4:45 PM and  
THURSDAYS BEFORE  
FIRST FRIDAYS  
4:00 to 5:00 PM  
Other times by  
appointment.

**1<sup>ST</sup> FRI. DEVOTION**  
7 to 10 PM

**1<sup>ST</sup> SAT. DEVOTION**  
AFTER 8:00 AM MASS



**LITURGY OF THE  
EUCHARIST**

WEEKDAYS 7:00  
AM

SATURDAYS 8:00  
AM

SATURDAY EVE-  
NINGS

VIGIL MASS 5:00  
PM

SUNDAYS 8:00 &  
9:15 AM, 10:30  
(Polish) 12:00 Noon

**RECTORY HOURS  
WEEKDAYS**

9 AM to 12 Noon  
& 1 PM to 4 PM

**EUCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

**MILLIONS OF  
MONICAS**  
TUESDAY 1 PM to 2  
PM

**PL PRAYER  
GROUP**

**W/ ADORATION**  
2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAYS 7  
PM

**LAY CARMELITES**  
1<sup>ST</sup> SAT. AFTER

### *Our Mission Statement*

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.  
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

5:00 pm + Lena Guardino & Gary Antonetti  
+ Betty Valek & Deceased Members of the  
Cichanowicz Family

### 1ST SUN. OF LENT, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

8:00 am Birthday Blessings for Paula George  
9:15 am + Frank L., Bertha M., Frank L., Jr. Ostroski  
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
(PL) + Antoni Karwowski  
+ Stanislaw Zalewska  
+ Kamil Wnorowski  
+ Jerzy (15 A), Irena, Zbigniew, Margaret and  
Bernard Aleksandrowicz & Family  
+ Jadwiga i Jan Zawadzcy i Rodzina  
12 Noon + William T. Raffel

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

7:00 am + Ted Victoria

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

7:00 am + Bertha Stepnoski (A)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

7:00 am + Carol Block (A)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

7:00 am + Karl Kohler

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

7:00 am + Antone and Frances Zambrzycki and Family

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

8:00 am Intentions of the Leopard Family  
5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased

### 2ND SUN. IN LENT, MARCH 1, 2026

8:00 am + Albert Stepnoski  
9:15 am + Dariusz Kalicki  
10:30 am + Kamil Wnorowski  
(PL) + Sylwia Brozio  
+ Dariusz Andruszkiewicz  
Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja  
12 Noon Intentions of the Domitrz Family

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of February 22, 2026

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/  
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt  
25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,  
2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20,  
22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## OUR COLLECTIONS

**Today, February 22** Sunday & Debt Reduction  
**Next Week, March 1:** Sunday & Monthly School

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, February 23, 2026

Youth Group—6pm

### Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Adoration 12 to 1PM  
Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM

### Wednesday, February 25, 2026

First Reconciliation Practice Level 2  
Church 4:30 to 5:30 PM

### Friday, February 27, 2026

Stations of the Cross  
English 6:00pm Polish 7:00pm



## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Joseph Lacava*

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Victoria Weiner \* Frank Stepnoski \* Mary Jane Macarthur \* Bruno Sidor \* Nancy Kruszon Walters \* Joanne DeMarco \* Sandra Kuhlman \* Albert Stepnoski \* Richard Abbott \* Beverly Bullock \* Joseph O'Shea \* Baby John Krepps \* Dottie Bugdin \* Jadwiga Luniewska \* Wanda Tuminska \* Etta Jean Otis \* Richard Anderson \* Eric Frak \* Andrew \* Chris Bonocore \* Ethan Donahue \* Irene Monahan \* Jodi Ponce \* Catherine & Charles J. Sehy \* Ben G. & Elizabeth \* Wm. Snyder \* Nancy McDonald \* Brendan Gallagher \* Kristy West \* Josephine Barker \* Paul Farber \* Nicholas Steinkamp \* Teresa Muenkel \* Ron Danowski \* Peter Kraljic \* Carson Whible \* Dave Zazeski \* Faye Anderson \* James Gibson \* Jim Kenna \* Daryl Alec \* Paula George \* Christina Donovan \* Joan Zaleski \* Gillen Family \* Blythe Fickenwirth \* Jody Breitfeller \* Benjamin Gonzalez \* Dominique Tirado \* Diana Perniciaro \* Sammy \* Brodie \* Joseph Stepnoski \* James Kenna \* Douglas Clark \* Jan Suchta \* Justin \* Dakota Harmon \* Cole Faller \* Halikias Family \* Liana Forstein \* Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini \* Thomas Ryall \* Anne Marie Donlon \* Dorothy Sousa \* Thomas McEnany \* Mary Khulman \* Michael Alperti \* Roseanne Murphy \* Barbara Kozlowski \* James West \* Elizabeth Farruggia \* Kelly Wine \* Mary Van Duesen \* Thomas DeGirolamo \* William Berenger \* Daria Quarlena \* Eileen Borchart \* Sheila Nolan \* Jeffrey Clark \* Tom Wisniewski III \* James, George & Barbara Jaeger \* Ernest & Alex Aponte \* Helen Long \* Michael Miglionico \* Ralph Conforti \* The Barauskus Family \* Hope & Brittany Williams \* John Marion \* Emilia Andrychowski \* Augie & Georgianna Lucente \* Johanna Benthall \* Michelle Giaccone \* Howard Seifert \* Ed Kennedy \* Kit Z. \* Dolores Contino \* Agnes Brown \* Anders Ryden \* Kevin C. Cook \* Anita Costi \* Doriane Bay \* David Vallone \* Brittany Schacor \* Karen and Kim Finocchiaro \* Grace Mary Schulteis \* Victor Sechyshyn \* George Angle \* Melissa Alexandra \* Christian Vidal \* Suzanne Thompson \* Anna Grefe \* Anthony Mannino \* Marcella Frisen \* Theresa Puglia \* Brian Darmody \* Leigh Anne Brown \* Dan Modjeska \* Judy Zakorski \* Marie Miley \* John Shuot \* Patrick Murphy \* Brian Crowley \* Louise Pampinello \* Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:  
Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa, Garrett Bracht and Hunter Bahnke

—————  
Please keep Deacons,  
**Nicholas Waldron** and **Patrick O'Brien**,  
in your prayers.



### GORZKIE ZALE

Every Sunday during Lent  
After the 10:30 AM Polish Mass

### STATIONS

Every Friday during Lent  
ENG 6 PM / POL 7 PM

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

By Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA—EWTN

Our First Parents (Adam & Eve) didn't trust God and somehow thought He was depriving them—and so they chose to put themselves in His place, leading to the loss and brokenness we all now experience. And because humanity is one body, we all share in the deprivation of the inheritance that would have been ours if our First Parents had not lost it (see Romans 12:5). However, because of "so great a Redeemer" it is a "happy fault," for our human nature is to be raised up to something greater! (see CCC 412).

Temptation is an invitation to distrust God, to be suspicious of His motives toward us, and so put ourselves in His place. Jesus said, "When the devil lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). Let us see temptation for what it is: a BIG FAT LIE. God is neither miserly nor indifferent nor unaware of what is going on in our lives. There is no one who loves us like He does.

Love is healing. Do not believe the lies that God cannot be trusted, that you are somehow being "short changed" by your Father in Heaven. "Fear not, little flock, for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

*Jesus, Victor over the tempter; help us, we pray, to see through the lies and to **find healing in Divine Love** (see John 14:23). Amen.*

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**Action: Identify one temptation that weakens you and ask Jesus for strength.**

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

### **From the beginning,**

God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch *Foretold* to rediscover God's providential love for you.

### **Saint Peter**

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.

### **St. Polycarp**

Catholic Saints Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop and martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, and offered his life like Christ as a martyr.



## BAPTISM

We welcome:

*John Henry Terranova*

## ON THE LACK OF SECURITY FROM TEMPTATION IN THIS LIFE (Chapter 35) *(The Imitation of Christ)*

**C****HRIST:**

My child, you are never secure in this life. As long as you live you will always need spiritual weapons. You are in the midst of enemies, who may attack from the right hand or the left. If you do not make use of the shield of patience on all occasions, it is certain you will be wounded before long.

Moreover, if you do not fix your heart on Me, with the sincere will to endure all things for My sake, you will be unable to stand up under the heat of battle and will fail to win the palm I reserve for My Saints.

Therefore, you must bear all courageously, using a strong hand against all that stands in your way. The person who overcomes is fed with the Bread from heaven, but to the coward is left much misery.

2. If you seek rest in this life, how can you expect to deserve eternal rest? Do not look for rest here, but for much patience. True peace is found only in heaven, not in the human person nor any other creature, but **in God alone**.

You must be willing to suffer all things gladly for the love of God: labors, sorrows, temptations, afflictions; all anxieties, needs, infirmities, injuries, detraction, rebukes; all humiliations, confusions, corrections, and contempt.

Such things are aids to virtue and test those who are in the service of Christ, preparing them for a heavenly crown. For this short labor I will give an eternal reward, and for passing confusion, infinite glory.

3. Do you believe that spiritual consolations will be yours for the asking? It was not so with My Saints. They had many afflictions and various temptations, and great desolation as well. But they bore up patiently through it all, trusting in God and not themselves; for they considered *the sufferings of the present to be as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us* (Rom 8:18).

Do you expect to have here and now what others just managed to obtain after many tears and great labors? *Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord* (Psalm 27:14).

Do not despair, do not give up; but with perseverance offer both body and soul for the glory of God. Your reward will be abundant, and I will be with you in all your tribulations.

## AGAINST THE VAIN JUDGMENTS OF HUMANS (Chapter 36)

**C****HRIST:**

My child, firmly cling to the Lord and do not fear the judgments of humans, when your conscience assures you that you seek to be devout and innocent. Consider it a good thing and rejoice when you suffer that way.

It will not be burdensome to you if you are humble of heart, nor if you trust more in God than in yourself. A lot of people utter many things; therefore attach little importance to what they say.

Neither is it possible to satisfy everybody. St. Paul tried to please everyone in the Lord and became all things to all. Nevertheless, he paid little attention to being judged by humans.

2. He worked for the formation and salvation of others, as much as he could and found possible. In spite of all that, he was unable to prevent others from sometimes judging or despising him.

Therefore he committed everything to God, Who is all-knowing, and put on the armor of patience and humility against the onslaughts of evil tongues, or against those who thought or expressed vain or bad things about him. Sometimes, however, he answered his accusers, when his silence might scandalize the weak.

3. Why be afraid of mortals? A human being is here today and gone tomorrow. Keep up a wholesome fear of God and you will not find it necessary to be afraid of humans. What can others really do against you by words and insults? Those who thus attack you hurt themselves more than you, and wherever they may be, they will not escape God's judgments.

Endeavor to walk always in God's presence and refrain from arguments. And if at times you have been overcome and undeservedly suffer confusion, do not be downcast and do not lessen your future reward by yielding to impatience. But rather look up to Me in heaven, for I am able to deliver you from all trouble and injury, and to repay all persons according to their works.

# NEXT WEEK... LENTEN RETREAT

**Journey into a deeper relationship with Jesus  
by encountering His Real Presence.**

**A Lenten Retreat at  
St Isidore R.C. Church**

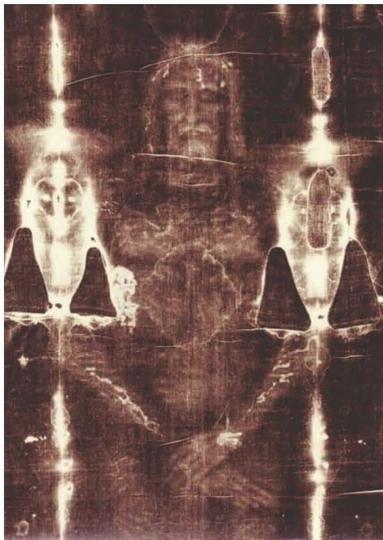
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Riverhead

**Sunday, March 1 and Monday, March 2, at 7 pm  
presented by Dr. Vince Manzello**

**"Who Do You Say I AM?"**

(Matthew 16:15)

***Does new scientific evidence point  
to the presence of Jesus on the  
Shroud of Turin?***

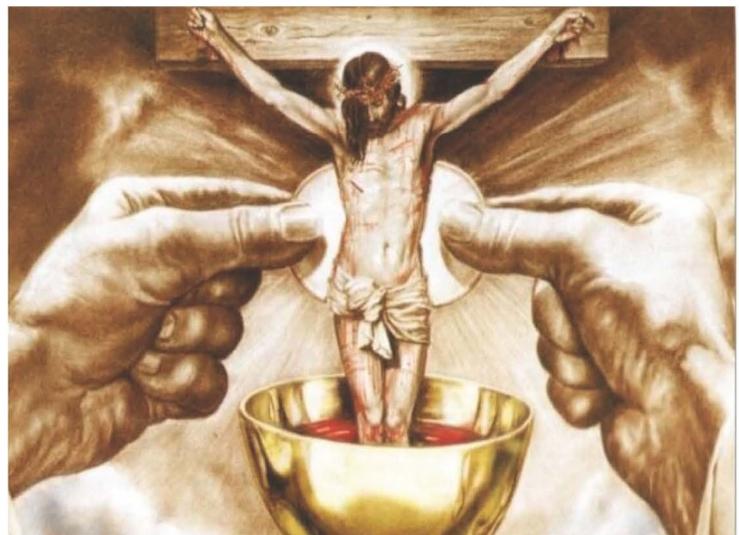


**Sunday  
March 1st  
7 pm**

**"I am the Bread of Life"**

(John 6:35)

***A Scriptural Journey of the Real Presence of  
Jesus in the Eucharist.***



**Monday  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7 pm**

***All are Welcome!***



From the Diocese of Rockville Centre

## ROBLOX: Be Aware

**Roblox** is a gaming platform hosting over 40 million games. These games, created by gamers on **Roblox**, are not regulated, many contain violent, sexual, frightening material.

Users of Roblox must be at least 13 years old, however there is no age verification.

Provide a name, create a password and a birthdate and you are in!

Children as young as 5 years old have created accounts.

Roblox has a chat feature-allowing gamers to 'chat on line' with each other. There is also a Voice Chat which only requires you enter a phone number for access.

**This is concerning: you don't know who your child is connecting with, what your child is being exposed to!**

Most recently a 15-year-old boy from Long Island was reported missing after friending someone on Roblox.

**Be Aware Roblox is extremely popular among children.**

For more information-Google: Roblox

International  
**WOMEN'S**  
*Day*

7 March, 2026, 3PM - 7PM

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Polish Town Civic Association

Tickets **\$40**, available until **February 28th**  
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