

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 8, 2026**

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

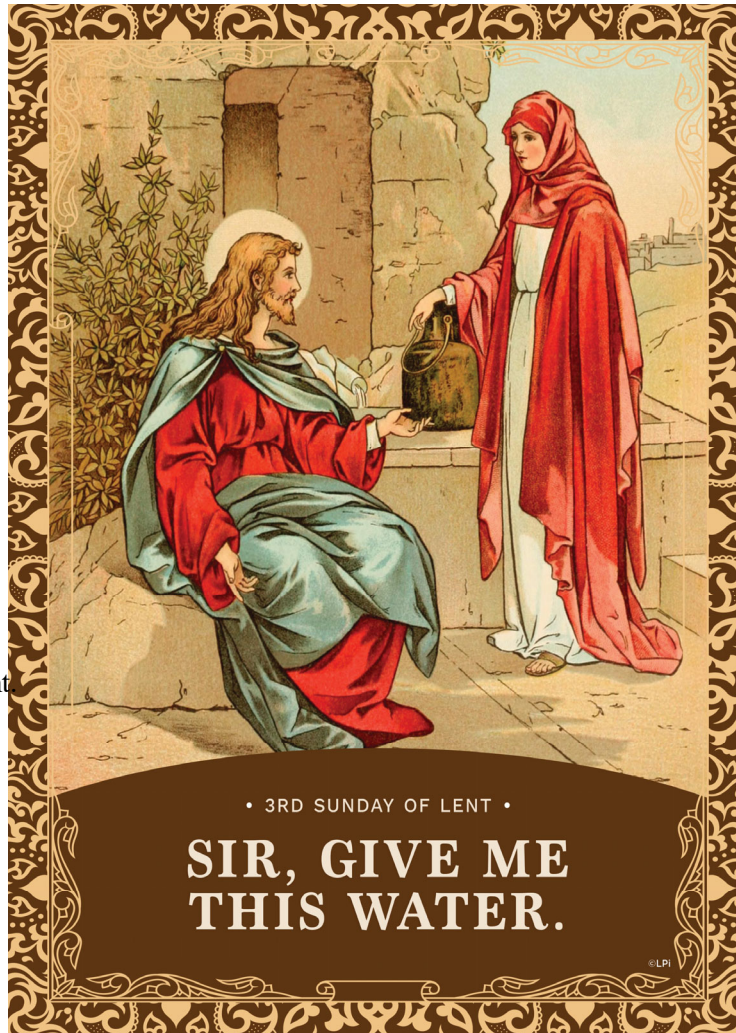
**SACRAMENT OF  
MARRIAGE**  
Please call the Rectory  
for an appointment at  
least **six months** prior  
to the desired date.

**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**  
7:30 to 10 PM

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

**3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY 7:30**  
EUCCHARISTIC HOLY  
HR. & MASS FOR  
VOCATIONS



**LITURGY OF THE  
EUCCHARIST**  
WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM  
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM  
SATURDAY EVENINGS  
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

**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**  
TUES. 12 to 2 PM

**MILLIONS OF MONICAS**  
None During Lent

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

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

**ALTAR ROSARY**  
1<sup>ST</sup> WED. 6:30 PM  
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,  
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

**YOUTH GROUP**  
2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> MON. 6 PM

### *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, MARCH 7, 2026

5:00 pm + Aram Latour (A)  
+ Benjamin R. Densieski (A)  
+ Ed and Helen Truskoski

### 3RD SUN. IN LENT, MARCH 8, 2026

8:00 am + Carol Goodwin  
9:15 am + Carolyn Merendino (25th A)  
10:30 am + The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
(PL) + Kamil Wnorowski  
+ Czeslawa Zakrzewska i smarlych z rodziny  
Sawickich i Zakrzewskich  
+ Monika Baldowska i rodzina  
+ Czeslaw Drozdowska (1st A)  
+ Jan i Stanislaw Andrychowski  
+ Jozef Mikucki, Franciszek Orzech i  
Witold Miler  
12 Noon + Gale Durney

### MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

7:00 am + Ziggy Wilinski (5th A)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

7:00 am + Stanislaw Andrychowski (2nd A)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

7:00 am + Gerald St. Onge  
+ Maryann Matlak

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

7:00 am Birthday Blessings for Colleen Carini

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

7:00 am + Antone & Frances Zambrzycki and + Family  
+ Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

8:00 am + Edward Swiatkowski  
5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
+ Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary  
Society  
+ Lawrence Taylor (A)

### 4TH SUN. IN LENT, MARCH 15, 2026

8:00 am + Sophie Anderson  
9:15 am + Dariusz Kalicki  
10:30 am + 16 rocz. Smierci Edwarda Gorskiego  
(PL) + Kamil Wnorowski and Stefan Najmula  
+ Jerzy, Irena, Zbigniew (5th A), Margaret &  
Bernard Aleksandrowicz & + Family  
Birthday Blessings for Mieczyslaw Wasilewski  
12 Noon + Peter Kruszon

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### Missalettes

Walter and Michael Kielkowski

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2,  
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8  
-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-  
20/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-  
23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,  
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk  
18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a,  
3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9 13-17, 34-38

## OUR COLLECTIONS

**Today, March 8:** Sunday & Debt Collection

**Next Week, March 15:** Sunday & Catholic Relief Services

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, March 9, 2026

Youth Group 6:00 PM

### Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Adoration 12 to 2 PM

1st Reconciliation 4:30 PM

### Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Grades 3 & 4—Stations of the Cross

### Friday, March 13, 2026

Stations of the Cross

English 6:00 PM Polish 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour and Mass for Vocations

7:30 PM to 10 PM

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Peter Milovich \* Valerie Ainsworth \* 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 Pernicario \* Sammy \* Brodie \* 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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

By Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA—EWTN

Is this world enough for you? I know it's not. How could it possibly be? For our hearts are made for the infinite, that which transcends this world. And if we do not look for healing transcendence in God Who is above all and Who has made all, then we will look for it in something that ultimately is empty, deforming or destructive: perhaps by dabbling in the occult; or in the temporary euphoria of drugs; or maybe in an immoral or licentious lifestyle. This, however, only leaves us desolate and miserable.

"Why do you spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?" (Is 55:2).

What we deep-down desire is that which **truly** elevates us, what Jesus offers the Samaritan woman in the Gospel: "whoever drink the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water **welling up** to eternal life."

If you are experiencing the desolation and misery of sin, **the Lord has a healing gift for you today.** He offers you a "hope that does not disappoint." He wants the love of God to be "poured into your heart" and to quench your thirst for meaning, for love, for life—for that which transcends this world and satisfies the thirsty soul.

*Jesus, give us a deep drink of the **healing water** you have to give that wells up to eternal life. Amen.*

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**Action:** Ask Jesus what "empty wells" you turn to.

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

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

### **How to Lent**

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.

### **St. Frances & Liturgical Living**

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup."

Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year.

<https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.

### **The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud**

The Holy Shroud of Turin was called the greatest relic in Christendom by Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Peffley presents new, detailed scientific and medical evidence for the authenticity of the Holy Shroud.

## “Lent Is Inconvenient”

Pope Leo XIV

An excerpt from the newsletter from ST. BENEDICT’S ABBEY  
Benedictine Monks at Benet Lake, WI

By Fr. Macario Martinez, O.S.B. – Prior

Would it surprise you to know that Pope Leo XIV used those exact words? It’s what many people might think but so few would ever dare say out loud.

***“Yes, Lent is inconvenient,” Pope Leo wrote. “But in our inconvenience, we get the chance to know more about Jesus and His love for us.”***

Think about it! When we choose to give up something during Lent, we gain something far more important. Here’s more of what Pope Leo said: ***“Praying, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent is for our benefit! And with these little sacrifices of ours, we can share the love of Christ with others. In our penance, we recognize and carry our cross; and we somehow join Christ in passion for our sake and the sake of the whole world.”***

I love what Pope Leo writes! To ***“join Christ in passion”*** is such a beautiful and highly personal expression of what Lent represents. It’s a chance for you and me to slow down and focus on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on the cross.

Any inconvenience we may happen to endure, through whatever Lenten sacrifice we make, certainly pales in comparison! Even so, every Lenten sacrifice large or small that we heartily accept does, in fact, bring us that much closer to the Risen Christ. This is exactly how we join Christ in passion!

I wanted to share Pope Leo’s words with you because it’s time to think about your own Lenten Journey. Easter arrives early this year on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Yes, Lent may seem inconvenient for a short time but consider the rewards! Who would ever turn down a chance to know Jesus better?

Yours in Christ & St. Benedict,

*Fr. Macario Martinez, O.S.B.*

## *Lenten Detachment Challenges*

Detach (yourself) from noticing what others do or failed to do.

Detach (yourself) from correcting other people.

Detach (yourself) from the need to be right.

Detach (yourself) from the need to constantly express your opinion.

Detach (yourself) from the need to control others’ behavior.

Detach (yourself) from the need to have the last word in any discussion.

Detach (yourself) from the habit of criticizing others to their face or behind their back.

Detach (yourself) from the habit of putting others down.

Detach (yourself) from the habit of interrupting others while they are speaking.

Detach (yourself) from the habit of focusing attention on yourself.

Detach (yourself) from the habit of impressing upon others how holy you are.

Detach (yourself) from the habit of comparing yourself to others.

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### The Third Sunday of Lent: Its Meaning and History (The Catholic Voice)



The Third Sunday of Lent marks a deep call towards inner conversion and repentance. This sacred day invites us to reflect on our spiritual journey as we prepare our hearts for the glory of Easter. Rooted in centuries-old tradition, the Church teaches that Lent is a time for sincere penance and renewal. The legacy of the Church Fathers, such as St. Augustine, reminds us that through heartfelt prayer and sacrifice, our souls are healed, and we draw nearer to the mystery of Christ's redemptive love.

- **Contemplation:** A moment to pause and reassess our lives in light of God's mercy.
- **Penance:** Encouragement to confess our sins and seek the grace that transforms our hearts.
- **Hope:** An ever-present reminder that through sacrifice comes the promise of renewal and eternal life.

On this day, we are invited to examine our lives, seek forgiveness, and embrace the renewal of our spirit as we journey toward the joy of Easter. Embracing this day with devotion not only deepens our understanding of suffering and redemption but also strengthens our commitment to live in the light of Christ. May the spirit of this holy season inspire us towards true conversion and a richer faith.

This sacred Sunday is also associated with numerous testimonies of divine intervention. Many faithful recount experiences of **miraculous healings** and unexpected blessings that date back centuries. Legends and personal stories alike celebrate the special patronages of saints who intercede on behalf of those who pray with a contrite heart, reaffirming the ever-present love and care of our Lord.

- **Renewal of Hope:** Encourages believers to trust in God's promise of redemption and new beginnings. In celebrating the Third Sunday of Lent, we are invited to experience the fullness of God's mercy, where mourning transitions to joy, and the promise of resurrection shines forth in our lives.

The liturgical celebrations on the Third Sunday of Lent are filled with profound symbolisms. The readings, prayers, and sacred hymns all emphasize themes of sacrifice, renewal, and hope. Churches are often adorned with symbols that recall the passion of Christ, creating a serene atmosphere that inspires deep devotion and prepares the community for the approaching joy of Easter.

### Third Sunday of Lent Prayer

*Almighty and merciful God, in this sacred season of Lent we come before You with humble hearts, seeking Your grace and renewal. Through the example of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ—who embraced the cross with unwavering love and obedience—we learn the beauty of sacrifice and the depth of Your infinite mercy.*

*O Lord, as we reflect on the message of repentance and conversion, guide our steps in the way of truth and light. Inspire us with the fervor of St. John the Baptist, whose bold witness prepared hearts for the coming of the Redeemer. May we, too, be filled with the spirit of conversion and commit ourselves anew to the path of holiness.*

- **Grant us the courage** to renounce sin and to seek reconciliation with You.
- **Enkindle within us** a fervent desire for prayer and meditation on Your holy Word.
- **Help us, O Lord,** to embrace the purifying fire of penance that transforms our hearts.

*We ask You, O God, to strengthen our resolve to seek Your will above all, that each step in our Lenten journey may bring us closer to the mystery of the Paschal joy. By the intercession of the Church's saints and through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, let our lives be a living testimony to Your boundless love and mercy.*

*May our souls be opened to the whispers of Your Holy Spirit, and may our hearts be ever ready to serve You with a contrite spirit and a joyful heart. We pray all this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

**“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:2)**

**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” (Mt 5:6)**

**“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” (James 4:8)**



We want to take a moment to acknowledge the important role you play in your parish community and express our gratitude for your unwavering commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable individuals.

Diocesan Safe Environment Protocols include attendance at a Virtus class: Protecting God's Children, acknowledgement of Diocesan Codes of Conduct; Background Screening at five year intervals for those in active ministry.

If you are involved in a ministry in your parish and your background screening was prior to 2020, you will receive an email from Virtus advising you to log into your Virtus account and complete the background screening application which is attached to your Virtus account. Screening is conducted by Sterling.

Please remember we are here to assist you, if you have any questions or need support, reach out to us at [cprotection@drvc.org](mailto:cprotection@drvc.org).

Your participation in this essential process is vital to our shared mission of ensuring safety and well-being for all.

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