

16 March 2025  
II Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM  
Confessions: Wed. & Fri. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:45 AM  
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

Mon. 17 Mar. St. Patrick, Bishop  
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
For: Special Intention

Tue. 18 Mar. St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church  
8 AM For: Special Intention  
Req: Steve & Mary Anderson  
Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn

**WED. 19 MAR. ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF BVM, PATRON OF THE CHURCH**  
7 PM For: Special Intention  
Req: Nancy Reina

Thu. 20 Mar. St. Cuthbert of Linisfarne, Bishop  
8 AM For: Crescent Amodeo+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof

Fri. 21 Mar. St. Nicholas von Flue, Swiss Hermit  
8 AM For: Marion Bracken+  
Req: Frances McCauley

Sat. 22 Mar. St. Nicholas Owen, Martyr, Fabricator of Priest-Holes  
8 AM For: Special Intention  
4 PM For: William Breckenridge+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Breckenridge

Sun. 23 Mar. III Sunday of Lent  
8 AM For: James & Joan Broat+  
Req: Dr. & Mrs. Francis Bianchi

9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

11 AM For: Conversion of Pro-Choice Parents, Doctors, Nurses  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Steven Anderson

### **STORY-TIME AND LIMA BEANS:**

Bring your child(ren) downstairs into the church basement after Mass today, where they will hear a tale for Lent and get a cup of Lenten porridge!

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: TUE. 18 MARCH**

Jr. High School Class: 7 PM      Adult Education: 8 PM

In our Adult Education Class we are now going through the various parts of the Mass to explain their meaning and relevance.

### **SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH WED. 19 MAR. HOLY MASS 7 PM**

In these critical times in the life of the Church, how urgent it is for us to “Go to Joseph”, as Scripture says. Let’s fill the church this Wed. for our beloved St. Joseph. SJS Men are to attend in a body.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS, HOLY COMMUNION AND BENEDICTION**

Every Friday during Lent at 7 PM. The question is often asked: “May I receive Holy Communion at the Stations if I have been to Mass and received already?” The current law of the Church states that one may receive the Blessed Eucharist twice on any day, **as long as it is within Mass**. In other words, one may **not** receive a second time if there is not a Mass celebrated. So, no, one should not receive a second time at Stations of the Cross if one has already communicated at Mass that day.

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL LITURGICAL FUNCTIONARIES**

Bishop Lucia has directed that anyone who volunteers for a role in the Liturgy must now undergo Safe Environment training certification. This applies to all lectors, ushers, and singers in the Choir. This training is done by attending a two-hour session given by one of the Diocese's Safe Environment facilitators.

To see the list of when the upcoming training sessions are being held and their location, please go to [www.catholicdioceseofsyracuse.org](http://www.catholicdioceseofsyracuse.org), and click on the “Ministries” tab. Then click on the Safe Environment tab, and go to the bottom to find the “Safe Environment Training Schedule.” You must pre-register to attend one of these sessions.

### **COCKTAILS, DINNER AND CONVERSATION: SAT. 22 MARCH 5-7:10 PM**

Enjoy an evening of fun and laughter with your Valentine at this event sponsored by the Diocese's Office for Family Life and Mary, Mother of our Savior Church.

The evening will include dinner, dessert and “meaningful conversations”.

Cost: \$20/person. For more information, please call Kristen Dievendorf at 315 472 6754 Opt 2. The event will be held at the Seton Center of Mary, Mother of Our Savior Church, 2 Barton Ave., Utica, N.Y. 13502.

### **INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

To be a Catholic, one must believe all that Christ our Lord teaches us through His Holy Church. To someone who expresses an interest in the Catholic Faith, we explain those teachings, and the inquirer must discern whether or not he/she can believe those teachings. No one is ever forced to become a Catholic. If you would like to explore the teachings of the Catholic Church, why not give Father a call (315) 363 7696. He will be happy to hear from you and help you.

## Bishop Strickland on the Appointment of Cardinal McElroy as Archbishop of Washington, DC

(Bishop Strickland posted this statement on his Facebook page, Thu. 13 March 2025).

As shepherds of Christ's flock, bishops are called to be vigilant in safeguarding the integrity of the Church and the souls entrusted to our care. It is with deep concern and a profound sense of duty that I address the appointment of Cardinal Robert McElroy to Washington, D.C., a decision that raises serious moral and pastoral questions.

The grave scandals of abuse and their cover-up have wounded the Body of Christ, and trust in the hierarchy has been deeply shaken. The faithful have the right to demand accountability, transparency, and leadership rooted in truth and justice. The placement of any prelate with a history of failing in these areas-particularly in one of the most influential sees in the country-risks furthering the erosion of trust at a time when the Church desperately needs to heal and to stand firm in her witness to Christ.

The faithful deserve shepherds who will lead with unwavering commitment to the teachings of Christ, defending the innocent, upholding the sacred deposit of faith, and refusing to bow to political pressures that contradict the Gospel. Any bishop or cardinal who has enabled abuse, minimized its severity, or failed to act decisively to protect victims must be held accountable-not elevated to positions of greater authority.

I call upon the Holy See to reconsider the appointment in light of the grave responsibilities entrusted to those who serve in apostolic succession. I also urge my brother bishops to stand firm in the defense of truth, regardless of the cost. We must not remain silent when justice and the good of souls are at stake.

Let us pray for the purification of the Church, for the victims of abuse and their healing, and for true shepherds who will lead with holiness and courage.

Bishop Joseph E. Strickland  
Bishop Emeritus of Tyler, Texas

*(Cardinal McElroy has been very public about his positions: he says climate change and unlimited immigration are more crucial issues than abortion; he calls the Church's teaching on homosexuality unfortunate and offensive; he has called for the ordination of women to the priesthood, and has been complicit in the cover-up of sexual abuse by priests under his authority).*