

2 March 2025
VIII Sunday of Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
Quinquagesima Sunday (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/Fri. 6:30-6:55PM
Sat. 7:30-7:55AM; 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 3 March St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin, Religious, Foundress (1955+)
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 4 March **FEAST OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS**
8 AM For: Gary C Dunne+ (Birthday)
Req: Wife
Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn

Wed. 5 March **ASH WEDNESDAY** (Day of Fast & Abstinence)
8 AM Liturgy of the Word with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

12 Noon Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

7 PM Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes
For: Abe Terpening+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Allen Kraeger

Thu. 6 March St. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin
8 AM For: Wanda Hutchings+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof

Fri. 7 March Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs, Patrons of Widows
8 AM For: Child Slaves of Sex Trafficking
Req: Sheila Mills

7 PM Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion and Benediction

Sat. 8 March St. John of God, Religious, Founder
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

Sun. 9 March I Sunday of Lent (Both Calendars)
8 AM For: Alan Van Auken+
Req: James Masset
9:30 AM For: Christopher Dunn+
Req: Kathy Bonanza
11 AM For: Charles Anderson (L.)
Req: The Andersons

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME TUE. 4 MARCH

Jr. High School Class 7 PM Adult Education 8 PM

Those students who will be confirmed on 21 May this year are to come to class this week with their Confirmation Saint selected; with their Confirmation Sponsor, and a certificate from the Sponsor's parish priest, if the Sponsor is from a parish other than Our Lady of Good Counsel.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 5 MARCH THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT BEGINS

See the schedule on the opposite page for the Distribution of Blessed Ashes.

It is a **DAY OF FAST** for those between the ages of 18 and 59.*

The law of Fast means that only one main meal is taken, with two smaller meals allowed. Nothing is to be eaten outside these meals.

It is also a **DAY OF ABSTINENCE** for those who have reached their 14th birthday.

The law of abstinence means that no flesh meat is to be eaten on the day of abstinence.

ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 6 MARCH 7 PM RECTORY

THE FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE ALSO DAYS OF ABSTINENCE for those who are 14 and older.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, HOLY COMMUNION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 7 PM.

CATECHETICAL REVIEWS FOR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Next weekend, after every Mass, I will review the catechism lessons for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion in May.

PARENT MEETING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: THU. 13 MARCH 7 PM

This meeting will help parents plan for the First Holy Communion of their child, and give details of the Mass of First Holy Communion. Every child who is going to make their First Holy Communion this May is to have at least one parent present at this meeting.

FIRST PENANCE: SAT. 15 MARCH AT 10 AM CHURCH

*These are the current regulations for Lent officially established by the Church. They are ridiculously minimal, and represent a radical surrender of the Church to the spirit of the world. Serious Catholics who want to make a more penitential Lent are encouraged to follow the traditional Lenten fast: That is, every weekday of Lent is a day of fast, and partial abstinence. Partial abstinence means that meat may be eaten only at one meal each day. Remember, Our Lord said, "Unless you do penance, you shall all likewise perish."

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Bishop Strickland's Open Letter to the Cardinal Electors

Your Eminences,

Very soon, you will travel to Rome with the intention of electing a Successor to St. Peter. I know that you take your responsibility to elect a true and holy pastor seriously. Yet, as the conclave approaches, I feel bound in conscience to share my deep concern-which I know is shared by many bishops, clergy and members of the lay faithful-that this conclave will attempt the election of a man ineligible to hold the office of pope.

Therefore, with the greatest humility, I ask you to keep in mind that the papacy is not a human political institution to be passed between factions but rather a divine institution established by Our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls. This is also why I take this opportunity of recalling to your mind that there are conditions established by divine law that govern papal elections.

Only an individual of the male sex who possesses the use of reason and is a member of the Catholic Church can be elected to the Roman Pontificate.

And, as Pope Pius XII and the whole tradition of the Church teaches us, there are three conditions for membership in the Church: (1) valid baptism, (2) public profession of the Catholic Faith, and (3) obedience to the legitimate authorities of the Church, (Pius XII, *Mystici Corporis*, #22). A man who does not fulfill these conditions is not a member of the Catholic Church and cannot be elected her visible head. Any attempt to elect him as pope would be null and void.

Your Eminences, I would also recall to your mind that you have a grave obligation before God to refuse to give assent to the election of any candidate who does not fulfill the conditions established by divine law. If a public heretic, or a man who is reasonably suspected of being a public heretic, receives sufficient votes, faithful cardinals have an obligation to refuse to accept the validity of his election.

The suffering and confusion of the faithful have now reached a level unparalleled in the history of the Church. As you and I both know, this crisis is causing many men, women and children to lose their faith, and many more are falling into mortal sin. These are the souls for whom Our Lord died and with whom he wishes to spend eternity in eternal bliss.

Your Eminences, if a false pontiff is presented to the world as the pope, I fear many more souls will be lost. All those cardinals who consent to this invalid election will share that responsibility with him...

I beg you, on behalf of the suffering faithful, not to place your trust in political strategies or human prudence, but only in the Divine Wisdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He is God; he can do all things. Our part is simply to follow His commandments and leave the rest to Him. May God bless you at this moment in the Church's history, and may He give faith and peace in the midst of trial.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Joseph E. Strickland,
Bishop-Emeritus of Tyler, TX

