

6 April 2025
V 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. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 7 April St. John Baptiste de la Salle, Priest, Founder
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 8 April St. Agabus, Prophet
8 AM For: Timothy Secor+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof
Holy Rosary for the Unborn & Newborn

Wed. 9 April St. Valdetrudis, Wife, Mother of Four Saints
7 PM For: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Austin+
Req: The Anderson Family

Thu. 10 April **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**
8 AM For: Marion Bracken+
Req: Frances McCauley

Fri. 11 April The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady/St. Gemma Galgani, Virgin
8 AM For: Sr. Mary Emmanuel (L.)
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Allen Kraeger

Sat. 12 April St. Zeno, Bishop of Verona/St. Giuseppe Moscati, Physician
8 AM For: Special Intention
4 PM For: Rosalie Maneen+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Maciag

Sun. 13 April Passion (Palm) Sunday
8 AM For: Katherine Mazor+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Maciag

9:30 AM For: Susan Yokely+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen van Lieshout

11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS: TUE. 8 APRIL

Jr. High School 7 PM Adult Education 8 PM

There will be no class next week, which is Holy Week (the 15th).

The following week, schools are out for Easter vacation (no class the 22nd).

Our next class will be Tue. 29 April.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Rehearsal for Confirmation will be Tue. 20 May at 6:30 PM at St. John the Baptist Church in Rome. The Mass of Confirmation will be Wed. 21 May at 7 PM at the same Church.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 10 APRIL 6:30 PM RECTORY**CARLO ACUTIS MOVIE: SUN. 27 APRIL**

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized (declared a Saint) during this Jubilee Year of Hope. He is a model for our youth, as he died at 15 years of age, having a great love for the miracles of the Blessed Sacrament.

A movie has been produced about his life, and we will be taking a bus full (hopefully) of any of our youth, 12 years and older, who would like to see it. Tickets are \$12.50 each, the parish is providing the bus. If you are committed to going, please print your name on the list on the bulletin board. Please print only one name per line. You can pay on the night of the movie. We will leave from the parking lot of the Rectory at 4:45 PM. The movie will start at 6 PM.

WELL, WHADDYA KNOW?!?!

According to the latest update on the 2024 HOPE Appeal, our parish has exceeded its \$15,537.00 assessment by \$350.00! Thank you to all who stepped up to put us "across the goal line". This means that sometime in the future, the Diocese will have to remit to us the \$1900.00 they billed us for the outstanding amount that we were short of the assessment. That amount had to be paid by the end of March. May God bless you all for your generosity.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER:

Mon. 14 April 4-7 PM Thu. 17 April 11AM-12 Noon Fri. 18 April 1-2 PM
Sat 19 April 3-4 PM

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Sun. 13 April (Palm Sunday) 11 AM Procession from outside

Thu. 17 April Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 PM

Fri. 18 April Good Friday: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3 PM

Sat. 19 April Holy Saturday: Solemn Easter Vigil 8 PM (Note: No 4 PM Mass)

FRENCH BOY, CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENT LOOKING FOR A SUMMER IN THE US.

Through a family that is trying to immigrate to the US and who attend our Frassati Home School Co-op when they are here, a French family is seeking a good Catholic family for their son Antoine, 14 years old, to experience 3 weeks with this summer, starting as early as 7 July. His mother writes that Antoine is a 10th grader in the local Catholic High School. He is very athletic, and excels in soccer, tennis and ping pong. He is sociable, calm, kind and reserved. They would like him to develop his English skills while visiting here. If you are interested in hosting this boy, please speak to Father or to Ryane Murnane, and we will put you in touch with the contact.

An Open Letter from Bishop Strickland to President Trump

Dear Mr. President,

In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I write to you as a successor to the Apostles, compelled by my duty to speak the truth in charity and justice. The worsening crisis in the Middle East, from the war in Gaza to the growing regional conflicts-including US military actions in Yemen-demands-demands urgent moral reflection. As a shepherd of souls, I cannot remain silent while thousands suffer the consequences of escalating violence.

The Catholic Church upholds the sacred dignity of every human life, made in the image of God. The Catechism teaches us that “actions deliberately contrary to the law of nations and to its universal principles are crimes” (CCC#2313). This applies to all parties engaged in warfare, whether nations, militant groups, or coalitions. While a nation has the right to defend itself and protect its people, such actions must remain within the bounds of justice, proportionality, and moral law. In Gaza, the indiscriminate killing of civilians-including women and children-has reached an intolerable scale. The people of Palestine, many of whom have no affiliation with terrorist organizations, suffer immensely. War cannot be waged without regard for the innocent. The same applies to Yemen, where US military actions against the Houthis risk inflaming an already volatile situation. Each missile launched, each bomb dropped, threatens to push the region further into chaos, with untold humanitarian consequences.

The principle of just war is clear: war must be a last resort, waged only in defense, with proportional force, and never targeting civilians. It must aim not at conquest or retaliation but at restoring a just peace. Pope Pius XII warned that war often “creates more serious evils than it eliminates”. Today, as conflicts multiply across the Middle East, I fear we are seeing this tragic truth unfold before our eyes.

I urge this administration to reconsider its path. If America desires to be a force for good in the world, it must act not with unchecked military aggression but with justice, prudence and a sincere pursuit of peace. A nation cannot claim the moral high ground while contributing to the escalation of human suffering. I call upon you to seek diplomatic solutions, to demand an immediate end to the destruction in Gaza, and to approach the crisis in Yemen with restraint, lest the fires of war consume even more innocent lives.

The United States has long been shaped by Christian principles, yet it stands at a crossroads. Will it choose the path of justice and peace, or will it allow the cycle of violence to continue unchecked? I pray that our leaders will seek the wisdom of Christ, the Prince of Peace, and work toward a just resolution that respects the dignity of all peoples.

Respectfully in Christ,

Bishop Joseph E. Strickland

Bishop Emeritus of Tyler, TX

28 March 2025