

7 March 2021
III Sunday of Lent (Both Calendars)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM & 11 AM

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

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 8 Mar. ST. JOHN OF GOD, Patron of the Sick, Nurses, Hospitals
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 9 Mar. ST. FRANCES OF ROME, Patroness of motorists
8 AM For: Amerigo Bovi+
Req: Margaret Bovi
Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn

Wed. 10 Mar. FORTY HOLY MARTYRS OF SEBASTE
7 PM For: Gary Dunne+
Req: Sandra Vermeulen

Thu. 11 Mar. St. Dominic Cam, Vietnamese Priest & Martyr
8 AM For: Souls in Purgatory
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen van Lieshout

Fri. 12 Mar. St. Joseph Zhang Dapeng, Chinese Martyr
8 AM For: Kathleen Bracken+
Req: Frances McCauley

Sat. 13 Mar. Bl. Nicholas Owen, Ingenious creator of the Priest-holes
8 AM For: Special Intention

Sun. 14 Mar. IV Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
8 AM For: Kathleen Bracken+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Peter Judge
9:30 AM For: Spencer Williams+ & Cathy Kozlowski+
Req: Stella Williams, wife & mother
11 AM For: Parishioners of OLGCC

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS: Please come to the sacristy to volunteer your services to Our Lord when you come to Holy Mass.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION CLASS: TUE. 9 MAR. 7 PM

All students in Grades 9 & 10 are expected to attend these classes in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Class will **not** be held on the Tuesday of Holy Week, 30 March.

FIRST PENANCE: SAT. 13 MAR. 10 AM

Eleven young parishioners will make their First Confession next Saturday, and be enrolled in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (the Brown Scapular). Please pray for them!

THANK YOU FROM THE WOODCARVERS OF BETHLEHEM

The representatives of this charity were most pleased with your support and your response to their cause. They immediately emailed me and wanted me to set up a date for next year, for them to return!!! God bless you for all you have done for our fellow Catholics living in the Land of Jesus and Mary, and who are struggling to survive. The parish also gave them a \$500 donation for their work.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

For reliable information about the various vaccines that are being administered, and the Church's position on using them, please visit www.cogforlife.org. There, you will find helpful information for you in deciding whether or not to get the vaccine.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, BENEDICTION AND HOLY COMMUNION: FRI. 7 PM

"Come, all you who stand by the way, and see if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow," says our Blessed Lord. Won't you come to offer Him your love, contrition and consolation as He treads His way to Calvary for you?

OPEN HOUSE AT HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Sunday, 7 March, 1 PM-3:30PM. Now accepting registration for the 2021-22 academic year. For more information, call the school at 315 363 1369.

WHO ARE THE DOMINIONS?

Often, at Holy Mass, we hear in the Preface, "Through Him the Angels praise Your Majesty, Dominions adore, and Powers tremble before You." The Dominions are one of the nine Choirs of Angels, according to Hebrew and Catholic tradition. Each choir or rank of the Holy Angels has a specific role to play in God's governance and guidance of the universe. This makes for fascinating study and meditation.

The Dominions regulate the responsibilities of lower Angels and maintain the Divine Order. Rarely do they make their physical appearance to men, but when they do, they are described as extremely beautiful human beings. When they do, they can be distinguished from the lower levels of Angels because they have orbs of light fastened to the pommels of their swords or the heads of their scepters. They maintain order in the world, and bring justice where it is needed. They always show mercy to humans who deserve it. And they joyfully help the Angels of lower spheres to do their work well, and in order.

As an example of a Dominion chosen by God to show mercy, we can mention the Angel who stopped Abraham from sacrificing his son, Isaac.

In Sacred Scripture, it is the Dominions who destroy places full of sin. In Gen. 19:2, Lot calls the Angels who have entered the city of Sodom and Gomorrah "Lords". It was the mission of these two Angels to prepare the city for the fire and brimstone that would come down upon it from the Lord out of heaven, (Gen 19:24). This may seem harsh, but actually, God was restoring order to the world by destroying the two cities rife with sin. Out of mercy, the two Angels (Dominions) warned those who were faithful, and helped them escape, so that those who were killed were the sinful ones.

The Dominions are the protectors and helpers of leaders throughout the world. They fill them with the sense of justice and mercy, instilling wisdom and guidance when called upon. They also inspire us to confess our sins.

In the Chaplet of St. Michael, or Angelic Crown, we implore the Dominions: "At the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly Choir of the Dominions, may it please God to grant us the grace to have dominion over our senses and to correct our depraved passions."
